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Pine Tree Quilt Guild
Presents

HOLIDAY PARTY TIME



Prizes!

Time to Celebrate!

Food!

St. Canice Center, Reward St., Nevada City
Tuesday, December 1st
Doors Open 5:30PM,
Party begins at 6:00PM

Fun!

Games!

We have lots of fun in store and a quilt to be raffled off!
We ask that you please bring: a dish to share and a donation for the Food Bank of Nevada County. See page two for information about the Food Bank of Nevada County.

NOTE:
There will be no Quarter - Yard raffle, Mystery Gift raffle or Treasure Table.

Bring a Holiday themed quilt for show and tell!

See page two for important information about By-Laws and the Budget, both of which will be voted on at the December 1st meeting.

Add to Your December Calendar

Holiday Party	6:00PM	Tuesday, December 1st	St. Canice Center, Reward St, NC
PTQG Board Meeting	3:00 pm	Thursday, December 10th	Ben Franklin Classroom
Newsletter Deadline	Evening of	Sunday, December 13th	sierrasue@icloud.com
Community Service	9 am - 1 pm	Thursday, Dec 3rd	161 Nevada City Hwy, Nevada City
Skill Share/Home Workshop	9 am - 3 pm	Holiday Break	Sierra Presbyterian
Quilting 101	9:30am - 2 pm	Holiday Break	Grass Valley Methodist Church

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By-Laws and 2027 Budget

Please review the proposed 2027 budget and the newly revised By-Laws which will be presented for a vote at the Holiday party. Both the Budget and the By-Laws are available to review on the website…

Future Event

Tuesday, January 5th, 6:00 PM Meeting

Our January meeting is the time you can learn about all the different ways you can be a part of the 2027 Quilt Show. The Quilt Show is one of our premiere events, and 2027 looks to be another successful show, but not without your help! Join us in January to see what strikes your fancy!

MIni-Groups

For those of you who are still wanting to be in a mini-group, the Holiday Party is a great time to connect with others and see if they are interested in joining you to form a group.

Remember there are no rules, you make your own as a group decision.



Community Service Nancy Holtz

Dog beds will be picked up soon by Maggie from Keller-Williams Realty in Penn Valley. She takes them to local shelters every year. This is the third year that PTQG Community Service has donated dog beds from our scraps of fabric and batting.

In December quilts will be delivered to Living Well Medical Clinic (baby quilts), Child Advocates (juvenile quilts), and Golden Empire Convalescent/Rehab. We have begun getting ready for next year's Quilt Show by making Jelly Rolls and Charm packs for Country Store.

As always, we need lap and twin size quilts to be quilted.



There are kits available to make tops only and pillowcases.
We meet the first and third Thursday every month (no 3rd Thursday in April or Dec) from 9-1 at the back of the Nevada County Historical Society Building next to Sierra Presbyterian Church at the wonky corner of Nevada City Hwy and Ridge Rd.

Food Bank of Nevada County

Have you ever missed a meal and felt real hunger?
There are adults and children in Nevada County who experience this daily. At our Holiday Party we will be collecting food for those who are less fortunate than most of us. In the past we have collected for IFM, but this year we will be sharing the wealth and supporting the Food Bank of Nevada County.
Please avoid expired, opened, or glass packaged items.
Checks and cash donations are always welcome.



President's Message…….



Hello, lovely people, and Happy December!

Another year of quilting, sharing and learning together is in the books! Looking back, we had a wonderful year for PTQG! The speakers, Jamboree, Retreat, Quilting 101, Skill Builders, the pillowcase drive, Round Robin, and Row by Row were all fun and fantastic times!

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard and made our time and efforts so successful. Thank you also to everyone for participating. You guys rock!

Now onto the December plans. It's Holiday party time! December is our annual holiday pot luck! Bring a dish to share. Plates, forks, drinks, etc, will be provided. The Bent Needle Devas are running things, and we have plans to help make our party time enjoyable. There will not be any Treasure Table, Quarter Yard, Mystery Gift, or signups for our normal activities. We will have show and tell for any holiday themed quilts you wish to share with us, and voting on the bylaws and proposed 2027 Budget. After that, it's just food and fun.

Also remember, this meeting will be at St Canice Hall in Nevada City. Doors open at 5:30. Meeting starts at 6:00.

If you need a ride, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you. Don't stay home because you can't drive at night .

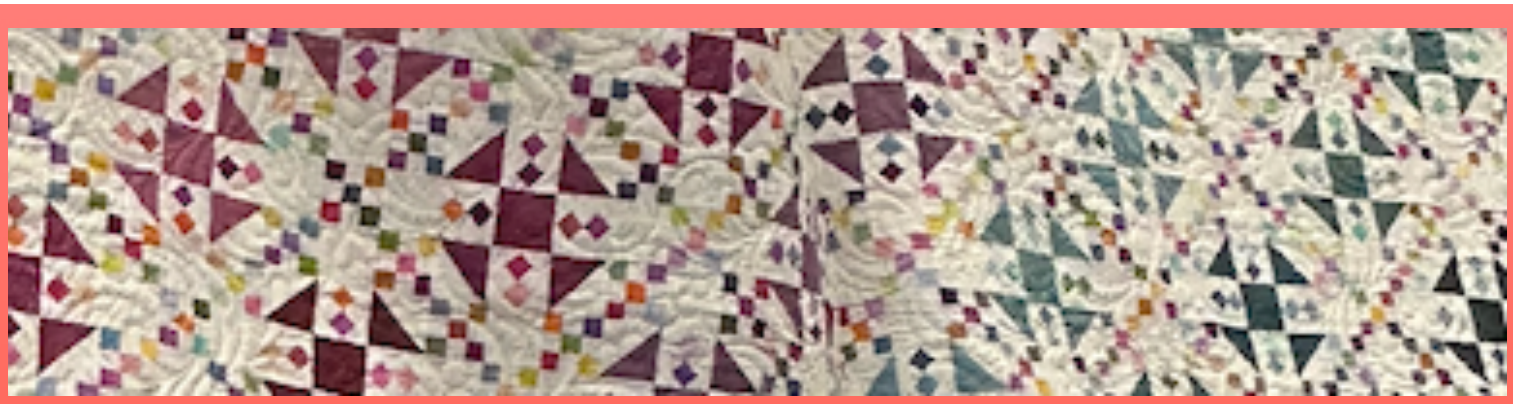
I hope to see you all at the meeting on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00!

Cheers

Frances O'Brien







Quilt Show 2027 Chair Committee

Springtime in the Pines Quilt Show will be April 24-25, 2027. The quilt show committees have been working hard projecting the budget.
There will not be a quilt show meeting in December. The quilt show committees will meet next on January 19, 2027 at 1:00 at Eskaton.

There will be a Zoom meeting on December 8th to plan January's meeting. Watch for connecting information in an email blast.

Desiree Davila (530-798-8441), Sue Colbert (530-263-8656),
Jude Parry-Jones (707-318-5220) Karen Smith (650-793-3268).









Silent Auction

It's never too early to start thinking about donations to the silent auction. We are accepting new and lightly used equipment, quilts-new or vintage, table, runners, placemats, sewing notions, quilt kits, and other items that you feel would benefit the silent auction. We always appreciate your generosity.



Michaele King and Laura Greenman, Silent Auction co-chairs.



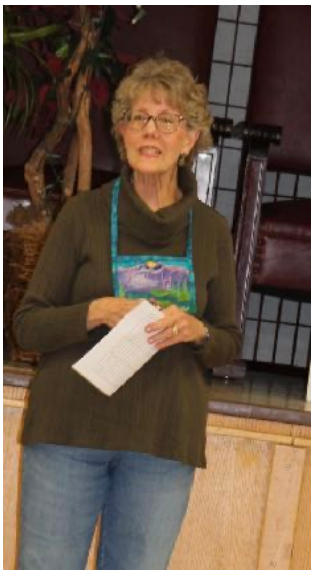






MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Ruth Bertaccini



Early renewals are coming in--20 early birds so far to date! Thank you! If you feel comfortable renewing online with your credit card, please do so as it makes the processing so much easier. If not, I can process your renewal with check or cash and a new membership. application form. These can be mailed or dropped off at Community Service, Ben Franklin fabric counter or sign in at December's meeting.

Note, dues still remain at $30 for the year and January 15 is the deadline to be listed in the 2027 printed roster.

A big welcome to Mary Peak who is our newest member bringing our total membership to. 233 strong. Remember, getting involved in the guild's activities, meeting new quilting friends, learning new skills and volunteering in an area that. fits your talents and interests is what makes our guild the best!!

"A Little Quilt, A Lot of Love
Helping Welcome New Babies at Western Sierra Medical Clinic

My name is Marie Hippsley, I am a new Guild member and I work as a Clinical Medical Assistant at Western Sierra Medical Clinic's Women's Health in Grass Valley.

Every month, our clinic cares for approximately 40 + expectant mothers and their growing families. We would love to welcome each new baby with a handmade quilt, something special that families can take home and treasure for years to come.

For many of the women we care for, a handmade baby quilt would mean so much more than a simple gift. It would be a reminder that their community cares about them and their little ones. A small gesture of kindness can make a big difference, especially for families who may be going through difficult times.

This is why I am reaching out to the talented and generous members of the Pine Tree Quilt Guild. Our hope is to receive enough baby quilts to offer one to every new baby welcomed through our clinic.

The women who come to our clinic for pregnancy and postnatal care often bring us their little bundle of joy. As you well know, babies come in all sizes: some are born prematurely, and some are 9+lbs. We used to have a lady that brought us blankets made from a church group, but they have stopped, and I thought the Guild would be a great resource.

We would be grateful for handmade baby quilts in cheerful colors, soft fabrics, and baby-friendly designs. The completed quilts can be brought to Community Service or dropped off at Western Sierra Medical Clinic--Women's Health at 150 Glasson Way (across from the hospital).

Thank you for considering this as an activity for your Guild. Your creativity, time, and generosity would bring warmth, comfort, and a little extra love to so many families in our community. Every baby deserves to be welcomed with love.

Marie Hippsley













Hints From Scissortail Quilting

Scissortail Quilting is another online blog. While "surfing" this morning I found her hint for perfect Half Square Triangles and Flying Geese. When making Flying Geese and Half Square Triangles where you have drawn a line on the diagonal of a square, and you are supposed to sew on the line. Her "Fix' is a aim the needle a hair to the right. Instead of sewing directly on the line, position your needle just a hair to the right. When the seam is pressed open, you will find that you will have nailed it. This works because the thickness of your fabric eats a bit into your 1/4' seam and that hair took that into account.

https://scissortailquilting.com/quilting-info/tips/

Happy Birthday!

1	Dawn Donnenwirth
1	Florence Mintzlaff
1	Holly Champagne
1	Kelly Jensen
4	Anne Wilson
4	Betsy Smith
6	Anita Dall
7	Debora Totoonchie
8	Denise King
8	Lorna Tiller
9	Desiree Davila
14	Lettie Lewis
15	Janet Palmer
16	Diane Klose
16	Julia Sugg
17	Maryann Klingman
18	Carol Bentley
20	Althea Espenshade
20	Deborah Demuynck
20	Valerie Hixson
21	Velda Newman
22	Joy Waggener
23	Michelle Brown
24	Rita Behr
28	Susan Hollenback
29	Debbie Dusart
29	Maggie Garcia
29	Marjorie Woodall
30	Denise Buckbee
31	Heidi Powell







Do you know someone in the Guild who is under the weather and can use some cheering? Whether it is an illness, surgery, or a loved one, please let me, Anne Wilson, know so I can send an appropriate card.

SHARE AND CARE

Thank you!

Anne Wilson, Chairwoman

(See roster for Anne's phone and email.)



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A huge thank you to all of our 2026 Affiliate members.
thank you for your support to the Guild.

We encourage all members to express their appreciation when patronizing our Affiliates.



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