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Prez Sez...

Whether you are a cup half full, half empty, empty, or over the top person, our 2018 Legacies of Love Quilt Show was over the top! We can all brim over with gladness and pride for the beauty, artistry, technique and work hours that went into all the spectacular quilts on display and for all the volunteer hours and expertise that went into organizing and running our Quilt Show. Extra special thanks go to Pat Carlson and Elin Thomas, our Quilt Show co-chairs, and their committee leaders: Amy Gunnarson, Linda Marglon, Shirley Froidevaux, Darlene Cano, Wendy Mueller, Marilyn Moss, Toni Mathues, Jan Evans-Longo, Florence Beauchemin, Elaine Vallecillo Miller, Diane Crawford and Kathleen Fennelly.

Additional thanks go to those family members and everyone who volunteered for multiple shifts, multiple days. We can all brim over with joy for each member who helped create the 60 quilts that we gave away to local community service organizations, each member and local business who contributed to the 48 over-the-top raffle baskets, our 2018 vendors, and the Dominican Center for a beautiful venue and their over-the-top facilities/food service staff. Our fundraising was over-the-top thanks to those raffle baskets

and our boutique. To every member, past and present, who have contributed to our quilting arts, thank you!

Our Ice Cream Social/ Christmas in July meeting was over the top too. It was wonderful seeing you all smiling, leaning in, and laughing together. Elaine Vallecillo Miller and her Hospitality volunteers fed us delicious sundaes. Vice President Linda Probst created a delightful evening filled with fun games, yummy recipe exchanges, great gift ideas, and enjoyable socializing. Thank you!

Our over-the-top programming

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will continue this month with Lynn Koolish presenting "Make Basic Design Principles Work For You" at our August meeting, and Mel Beach teaching her "Pebble and Play" workshop. Read the articles in this newsletter for more details about our over-the-top upcoming guild activities, including retreats, LAFS, Block of the Month, and Community Quilt opportunities. Please be sure to sign up to white glove and/or sell our Opportunity Quilt tickets at PIQF and "Quilting in the Garden." These are beautiful quilt shows with wonderful vendors and enjoyable times to talk with our members and potential new members.

Cindy Sojourner
President

Next Guild Meeting
August 7 2018 7:00
Holy Redeemer Church Hall

Sunshine

Do you know someone who needs cheering up? Call me so that I can express our concern, joy and caring.



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PIECEMAKERS CALENDAR

Date	Event	Place	Time
Tuesday August 7	Guild Meeting	Holy Redeemer Church Hall	7:00 pm
Saturday Aug 11	Mel Beach Workshop	Holy Redeemer Church Hall	9:30-3:30
Saturday Aug 18	LAFS	Holy Redeemer Church Hall	noon-10 pm
Tuesday Aug 21	Board Meeting	Holy Redeemer Church Hall	7:00-9:00 pm
August 24-26	Retreat Lite	Homewood Suites, Newark	9 am Fri-6 pm Sat
Sept 14-15	Camp Stitches	Holy Redeemer Church Hall	6 pm Fri-10 pm Sat

Programs

Lynn Koolish Presents "Make Basic Design Principles Work for You"

At our Tuesday meeting on August 7, Lynn Koolish will break open basic fiber art design principles for us. She will identify these principles in the intuitive, improvisational and planned-out fiber art of 5 fiber artists with vastly different styles. She will also provide a mini trunk show to help us choose which of her collage, multi-media, stenciling, or dying classes that we might enjoy attending. Come and enhance your design process by learning how premier fiber artists make their decisions from start to finish. Identify which design principles that you have used, which ones that you will definitely try, and which workshop we could fill with our members. Lynn Koolish is an accomplished fiber artist, author and teacher. She has taught in the San Francisco Bay area, at the International Quilt Festival In Houston, and at Quilters Affairs in Sisters, Oregon. She is the author or co-author of 5 books, which cover the topics of fabric dying, color, innovative imagery, photography and printing. Check out her dying techniques, collage, and fiber art design at www.lynnkoolish.com.

Enjoy Quilting in the Mel Beach "Pebble and Play" Workshop

There is room for more students to sign up and attend this quilting class. Mel Beach will teach us to quilt a variety of pebble motifs into dynamic quilting patterns on Saturday, August 11, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, 35660 Cedar Blvd., Newark, CA. Any skill level is welcome. Check out her work and the details of the class at our meeting or www.melbeachquilts.com. This will be a fun workshop. We have enough people signed up to make the class a sure thing. The sign-up form will be in the back of the room with Cynthia Kearney. Fees for members are \$50 and non-members are \$60. There is some pre-homework and a deposit is required to hold your spot.

Looking Forward To Alex Anderson and Nancy Brown

You will want to arrive early for our September 4 meeting, because our speaker will be internationally acclaimed Alex Anderson. She will be presenting her "Secrets of Successful Fabric Selection" lecture and trunk show. Alex has authored 30 books in four languages and sold

over 1 million copies. She is an avid quilter, pattern maker, fabric designer, teacher, and the founding partner of TheQuiltShow.com and [The Quilt Life](http://TheQuiltLife) magazine. She is an ongoing featured artist and teacher at Quilting in the Garden at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. Check out her website, alexandersonquilts.com. At our October 2 meeting, Nancy Brown will present her lecture and trunk show, "Animal Quilt Design." Nancy Brown has exhibited her art and taught classes around the country and won awards at some of these shows. Check out her website, www.nancybrownquilts.com.

--Program Team: *Dawn Scott, Elin Thomas, Cynthia Kearney and Cindy Sojourner*

August Birthdays

Luz Banuelos
Lisette McBride
Marilyn Moss
Marilyn Prows
Sue Y Wong
Gwen George
Lynn Hickman
Margaret Mclain

It's Secret Pal Time again in August

Hello, Ladies. Please remember to bring a Secret Pal gift to your August meeting. Maybe something nice to help beat the heat on hot August nights? Thanks!

Diane Crawford

Raffle Basket Committee

A very big thank you to Lisette McBride, Chris Montez and Elaine Vallecillo-Miller for their positive, can-do attitude and persuasive spirits while participating on the Quilt Show Basket Committee. These women were the backbone of our push to obtain support from community businesses. They obtained gift cards, certificates, and merchandise from dozens of local vendors. They also participated in frequent basket committee meetings and were "all in" when it was time to design and package the baskets. They did an absolutely amazing job that benefited us all.

Amy Gunnarson

Quilt Show Basket Committee Chair

What's Your Feedback?

How was the quilt show? Do you have any ideas for improvements for 2020? Let us know. We welcome your input!

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Quilting in the Garden and PIQF

Looking back on our recent quilt show, it's clear what made it such a success. Yes, it is the quilts and the vendors of course...but really...it's our members. Your work on your quilts and the volunteering you do is a key reason we have such good shows. Thank you all so much.

I hope we haven't tuckered you out too much because we have two more big events to staff. Alden Lane's Quilting in the Garden is Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23 followed a month later by PIQF (Pacific International Quilt Festival) on Thursday through Sunday, October 11-14.

In order to participate in either event and market our incredible Raffle Quilt, we must help each organization by donating time. At Alden Lane it requires folks to help hang and take down the quilts each day. At PIQF, we get to white glove on Thursday, the first day of the event...when all the vendors have their biggest offerings!

Some of you have already signed up for Alden Lane. But I'll be back to recruit more of you for both events at our upcoming meetings. AND - a piece of good news...the SF Forty-Niners are not playing the weekend we are in Santa Clara...hurray - we should have some parking!
READ ON FOR MORE

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW YOUR QUILTS!!!!

Both of these events encourage us to submit our own quilts to be shown at these incredible shows! Following are the links to more information:

PIQF: <http://www.ncqc.net/new-quilts-of-northern-california2.html> or you can go to the NCQC (Northern California Quilt Council) website and click on "Meetings" and then "Events." Alden Lane's Quilting in the Garden: <https://www.aldenlane.com/events/quilting-in-the-garden/open-call-quilts> or...just google Alden Lane Livermore and then click on Events.

Aileen Fox

Newsletter Deadline Friday, August 24

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Block of the Month Winner Cindy Kearney



Boo Retreat

Our Boo Retreat is Thursday - Sunday, October 25th - 28th, 2018. As we count down the days, we remember how much fun we have had quilting, sharing, relaxing and eating the delicious food. Thank you to those of you who have signed up paying your deposit of \$100 to secure your spot. The cost for a "Shared Room" is \$360.00 and a "Private" Room \$470.00. The cost has gone up due to the improvements they will be making to the retreat center and the road. We also have the opportunity to stay an additional day, 2 p.m. arrival on Wednesday October 24th. If you wish to add on the extra day, please let me know. The balance of the retreat is due by our October 2nd, 2018 guild meeting. Your payments can be received at the meeting or my home address:

Patti Davis
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Hayward, CA 94544

For Love of Quilting and
Friendship,
Boo Retreat Committee,
*Patti Davis, Dawn Scott
and Cynthia Kearney*

Camp Stitches

Now that the quilt show is over, we can concentrate on "cleaning up and out" our sewing rooms. Grab a box or two and fill them up for---
CAMP STITCHES, starting on Friday, Sept. 14 at 6 pm thru Saturday, Sept. 15 at 10 pm—two days of fun...fun...fun...Eating, sewing and shopping!!!!
Friday, evening, we will start with an old fashioned cook out, Hot Dogs, chips, salad, etc. and S'MORES.
About 7:30 pm Marilyn Nickel will be teaching a quilt block/project for your quilting pleasure!!! Totally excited having a new "teacher" for this time frame.
SHOPPING will commence between dinner and the class!!! You may bring your sleeping bag, air mattress, etc. and spend the night or sew all night...whatever you want!

Saturday, we will have some breakfast snacks.
At about 10am, Ruth Carter will be teaching a class on handwork... not quite sure yet what the exact project will be...more info next month...
About 12:30 pm we will serve lunch. Usually, a salad or sandwiches of some kind.
After lunch approximately 1:30-1:45pm, Pam Thomas will be teaching a "mystery" class. The supply list is included in this month's newsletter. (Other supply lists will be in the September newsletter.)
I will have sign up sheets at the August and September meetings. Sign up early, spaces fill up fast!!!!
ps... at the Quilt Show several folks asked me to pick up inventory for the sale...I'm so stoked... It's going to be fun!

Gwen George

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Place	Website
August 16, 1:00-7:00	Fabric Sale-50 boxes of cottons and batiks	Presbyterian Church 16970 De Will Ave Morgan Hill	geolynnngal@comcast.net
August 17-18	Truckee Meadows Quilt Show	Reno-Sparks Convention Center 4001 S. Virginia St. Reno, NV	Tmquilters.com
Sept 15, 10:00-2:00	Fabric Sale-\$3 per yard	Congregational Church 989 San Ramon Valley Blvd Danville	diablovalleyquilters.org
October 6-7	Golden Threads Quilt Show	Historic Downtown Sutter Creek Auditorium and Community Center	Mlqgsuttercreek.org

Piecemaker Interview—Myra Downs

Myra joined the Guild this year but has been attending Guild Retreats for the past 8 years with her sister and our fellow Guild Member, Sydney Moura. She is self-employed doing accounting. After having worked for a CPA for 35 years, Myra branched out on her doing accounting for her customers all the way up to final submission of taxes which she processes through a CPA to review. She lives in San Lorenzo with her husband and family. Her house is very busy with her and her husband, her son and his wife and 2 granddaughters. She also has 2 more sons, a grand-daughter and grandson. Sydney and Myra are musicians and participate in bands performing in Alameda, Pleasanton, and Newark. Myra plays the flute and piccolo. Yet she still finds time to quilt!

Her sister inspired her to take up quilting. She has completed 9 quilts so far. Her first 2 quilts were for her baby and then she tied a quilt for her own bed. Most of her quilts are hand-quilted, yes I said hand-quilted. Only 1 of her quilts has been machine quilted. She is currently hand quilting a Double Irish Chain quilt which I got to see at LAFS in July. It is BEAUTIFUL!

Myra is passing on her quilting talent to her grand-daughter. When her 5 year old grand-daughter fell in love with a bubble quilt her mommy made, she wanted to make a quilt. So Grandma had her collect



scraps of material she wanted and lay the scraps out how she wanted them for her quilt. Grandma then assembled the quilt and hand quilted it. She entered the quilt in our 2018 Quilt Show named 'From Sissy to Sissy'.

Myra's favorite quilting word is binding which to her means it is done. Her least favorite word is pin basting because it is a lot of work and in her case requires getting on the floor to complete it. She loves to listen to all types of music when she quilts. A technique she liked and is working on is paper piecing a hexagon quilt. She has been trying to finish it for 15 years as she only quilts for about 3 hours a month (Gee, I wonder why?) besides retreats she attends. She is also working on a design wall utilizing a vinyl table cloth. Just needs to get it up.

I asked her what she thought is the future of quilts and she

thinks it is going strong. She was worried about the quilting future when she seen a lot of quilt stores closing but feels good about it now.

Quilting design and color brings her joy. She is very happy to be part of the guild.

Myra has so many talents. I appreciate her taking the time to share with me, and giving all of us the opportunity to get to know her. Everyone please welcome her to our community!

Darlene Cano and

Boutique, Ways and Means

The Quilt Show Boutique was a success! - Jan Longo (our Treasurer) is still crunching the numbers. She should be announcing our profit soon and we plan on handing out checks to the participants at our August 2018 Guild Meeting. Shirley and Linda would like to thank everyone for their participation. You are an amazing group. Some items were left behind and we will have those at the Ways & Means table at the next Guild meeting.

We have three bins of "leftover" Boutique items and we are discussing having a small sale either at an upcoming Guild meeting or at Camp Stitches. If you have any ideas or input, please reach out to us. We welcome your ideas.

Again Thanks to everyone!
*Shirley Froidevaux
and Linda Marglon*

**Show and Tell Winner
Amanda Sweeney**



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Local Open Sews

Day	Time	Location	Price	Contact
Monday	9:00 am	Fremont Senior Center 40086 Paseo Padre	free	https://fremont.gov/351/Senior-Center
Wednesday	10-4	Niles Canyon Mobile Home Park, 711 Old Canyon Rd, Fremont	free	Gwen George

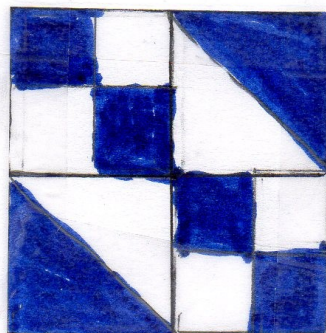
Block of the Month

September 2018

Four Patch Variation

Fabric Requirements

- One 5-3/8 inch square of medium/dark fabric
 - One 5-3/8 inch square of light fabric
 - Four 2-3/4 inch squares of medium/dark fabric
 - Four 2-3/4 inch squares of light fabric
1. Take your 5-3/8 inch light square and draw a line diagonally from corner to corner on the wrong side of your light fabric. Place your 5-3/8 inch light and medium/dark squares right sides together. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on both sides of your diagonal line. Cut this unit in half on the diagonal line which will provide you with two half square triangles that should measure 5 inches square.
 2. Take your 2-3/4 inch squares and sew one light square to one medium/dark square. Do this four times. Sew these units together to make 2 four patch units as shown below. Your four patches should measure 5 inches square.
 3. Sew the half square triangle units together with the four patch units as shown below. At this point your block should measure 9-1/2 inches square.



Piecemakers Board Meeting

July 17, 2018

Attendees: Darlene Cano, Pat Carlson, Jan Longo, Cindy Sojourner, Amy Gunnarson, Carlene Stoffers, Wendy Mueller, Sue Mayfield, Elin Thomas

Called to order: 7:03 pm

President: We got lots of good comments about Christmas in July.

Quilt Show: volunteers are in good shape. White glove docents will receive information on quilts to point out. Quilt description cards are almost done, but there is a problem with some photos. There is an article in the Tri-City Voice, and a sign at Dutra Realty. A sign in Newark was taken down. The program has been sent to be printed. We have new locks for the storage unit. Wendy, Sarah, and Nathan will help at the storage unit on Thursday. We have a walk-through at the venue tomorrow.

Darlene handed out nametags, and is making signs for the special exhibits. We need 3 large signs to tell what is on each floor.

Amy has signs ready to post. Room for the baskets could be tight. Amy would like a card reader. She will download the Square application to her iPad.

The Square chip reader device should arrive tomorrow. Jan will update the quilt show budget and email it tomorrow. Jan has purchased padlocks for the lockers at the Dominican Center. Jan will pick up linens. Cash-handling procedures are done for all areas except the boutique. Jan will bring \$5 and \$10 bills to use for change. Boutique procedures will be finished before the show opens. The Boutique chairs have an inventory of items for sale.

VP1: Wendy Mueller and Cindy Sojourner went to NCQC Meet the Teachers. For March 2019, we have tentatively scheduled Colleen Granger-Playing with Precuts. She charges \$600 per day for a workshop, and \$350 for a quilt presentation.

Wendy noted that the first Tuesday in January 2019 is January 1st, and

January has 5 Tuesdays. At the August 7th meeting, Lynn Koolish will present. On August 11, we will have the Mel Beach "Pebbles and Play" machine quilting workshop.

VP2: Linda Probst was absent
Opportunity Quilt: \$753 has been collected already. Aileen Fox is coordinating with Elaine Vallecito-Miller.

Treasurer: Monster backup flash drives were exchanged between Jan Longo and Cindy Sojourner. The files are in Quickbooks format. The checking account balance is \$7095.65. The storage unit and the church are paid through December 2018. We will revisit the cost of the storage unit in August or September. Jan may be out of town for the October meeting. She would like to identify a Piecemaker she can train as Treasurer for 2019.

Membership: We have 111 members. Darlene will miss the September Board meeting.
Parliamentarian: In August we will need to form a nominating committee.

Community Quilts: Quilters Dream will be sending us a large supply of batting seconds, giving us a deep discount. Retreat Lite will be August

24-26. Five organizations will receive quilts at the quilt show: Kaiser, Abode, LOV Newark, Tri-City Volunteers, and Salvation Army.

Newsletter: the deadline is Friday, July 27.

New Business: the Niles Train group would like to partner with us. We would make a quilt about 6' x 6'. The Piecemakers would pay for the cost of materials and quilting. The quilt would be displayed on the train from November 20 through Christmas. The train organization would sell raffle tickets, and we would split the proceeds. Amy Gunnarson would take charge of the project. Wendy Mueller made a motion to create a quilt for Niles Canyon Railway and split the proceeds. Jan Longo seconded the motion. The motion carried. Jan Longo will join the committee. Darlene Cano will donate a panel.

Adjourned: 9:17 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Carlson
Secretary

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Happy Birthdays!

Please bring a snack to the Guild meeting in the month of your birthday to share your celebration.

If your birthday falls during the months of July, November, or December, please bring a snack in another month. The Guild will provide snacks during these months.

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Bring to the Meeting:

- ◆ Snacks (in your birthday month or any other time)
- ◆ Block of the Month square
- ◆ Name Tag
- ◆ Guild Library/Bookstore Return
- ◆ Completed Community Quilts
- ◆ Ways & Means Donations

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