

Piecemakers Press

"Blessed are the quilters, for they are the Piecemakers"

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Vice Prez 1 Needed!

The Board has accepted K.K. Kaneshiro's resignation as Vice President 1 this month and is actively seeking someone to fulfill the Vice President 1 responsibilities.

The responsibilities include securing guest speakers and workshop leaders, negotiating and completing contracts within budget, researching speakers to fit guild interests, making sure the room is properly set up/secure before and after VP 1 events, promoting VP 1 programs at meetings and in the newsletters, signing up and handling workshop payments with members and treasurer. taking the speakers to dinner before meetings and providing lunch during workshops, attending Board meetings. attending NCQC Speaker meeting, helping speakers set up and pack, and negotiating calendar dates with the Board.

Cíndy Sojowner President

Next Guild Meeting March 6, 2018 7:00 Holy Redeemer Church Hall

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Julie Silber at March Meeting

Prepare to be amazed, entertained and educated by. "A Trunk Show of Rare and Historic Quilts," presented by Julie Silber, nationally acclaimed quilt historian and collector of museum quality quilts. At our March 6 quild meeting, which begins at 7 pm at Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church in Newark, CA., we will see exquisite quilts that date from 1830 to 1960, including Indigo and turkey red guilts, Amish quilts, Pre-Civil War applique quilts, and rare pictorial quilts. Silber will regale us with the humorous and fascinating details about the textural, historical and personal significance sewn into each quilt created by the women artists. She will display the quilts chronologically through the eras and we will discover the particular social, political and technological circumstances that impact the designs, techniques and materials. If time allows, she will even date and comment on some antique (before 1960) quilts that our members bring. Guests are welcome.

Cíndy Sojowner President

PIECEMAKERS CALENDAR					
Date	Event	Place	Time		
Tuesday March 6	Guild Meeting	Holy Redeemer Church Hall	7:00 pm		
Saturday March 10	Work Party	Holy Redeemer Church Hall	9:30-3:00		
March 11-14	Spoolers Retreat	San Juan Bautista	see Retreat committee		
Saturday Mar 17	Boutique Workshop	Holy Redeemer Church Hall	11:00-noon		
Saturday Mar 17	LAFS	Holy Redeemer Church Hall	noon-10 pm		
Tuesday Mar 20	Board Meeting	Holy Redeemer Church Hall, Newark	7:00-9:00 pm		
April 13-15	Retreat Lite	Homewood Suites, Newark	9 am Fri-6 pm Sun		

Prez Sez...

Fulfilling Expectations

I expect to enjoy the Julie Silber lecture, "A Trunk Show of Rare and Historic Quilts." Silber lectures always have a "wow" factor that I expect most of us will enjoy. Last month, the Vicki L. Johnson lecture and trunkshow provided an unexpected and delighful exploration into combining painting and quilting to create beautiful rural and seaside scenes. Our Laura Nownes workshop last month exceeded my expectations. I love the hexie technique and the results enough to create a throw to keep. The Quilt Show meeting and a conversation with the Boutique leaders at LAFS convinced me that we can expect a really great Show, providing we all keep helping.

Heads up, sign-ups will now be on the food table. Some people expect this to work better, some expect it won't. We will see if members require the sign-ups to cross their laps during lectures.

Yes, our guild expectations and quilting expectations do differ as much as our quilt projects and fabric preferences. This is

a good thing. Why? It means we are healthy, creative, caring, and efficient in both our guilting and guild management. It doesn't mean we are all perfect at everything always. Just as there are many ways to piece, applique and quilt together different fabrics into one cohesive whole for the sake of love, beauty, learning and/or usefulness, there are many ways to piece together our various guild expectations. Over the years, our guild has fulfilled the expectations of hundreds of quilters with great success. We will continue this trend.

One way we fulfill expectations is recognizing our leaders, members, and programs will come, go, and return based on needs and desire. Our recent influx of new members and loss of key older members, due to deaths and moves, means we need to reactivate Big Sisters, give hard copies of our handbook to new members, increase our new member teas to twice a year, and schedule announcements highlighting our programs. In addition, Shirley Froidevaux has offered to write articles to introduce members based on interview questions. Our Membership Chairperson, Darlene Cano, is done updating our directory and ready for your help in implementing these projects.

Our guild's long-standing reputation is we are a friendly guild, especially for beginning quilters. There will always be people who expect guilds to be cliquish and feel left out. We have great members and ways to alter such expectations. If you see someone who looks lonely or if you are lonely, please reach out, find a way to be more involved and connected.

Cindy Sojowner president

Ways and Means Winners

Linda Probst
Pattie Fretty
Marcia Burke
Cynthia Kearney
KK Kaneshiro

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Work Party!

Saturday March 10 we hope to see a lot of members at the Community Quilts Work Party. Besides, as always, needing help to tie our quilts for donations, we'll also be offering several other projects. Bring your machine and help us to finish tops by adding sashing, borders, or binding.

We also need a lot of backs constructed, and should have some hand work as well. We'll be demonstrating some hints for simple machine quilting of small quilts, both in the morning and afternoon, so take advantage of the opportunity to enhance your skills.

We'll set up at 9:30, and work until mid-afternoon. Come for a couple of hours anytime, and you can help us reach our donation goals. Brown bag lunch, bring something to share, or go out. All are welcome; see you at the Holy Redeemer church hall on Saturday!

Community Quilts: Jeanne Flanders, Florence Griffin, Sue Mayfield, Wendey Mueller, Dawn Scott, and Elin Thomas

Spring Retreat

Our 2018 SPOOLERS Spring Quilt Retreat at San Juan Bautista is on Sunday, March 11th-Wednesday, March 14th. Can't wait for all the fun and precious quilting time together with all of you. We the committee, Dawn, Cynthia and I are getting ready to make this Spring Retreat a special event.

The cost of the Single room is \$435.00 and shared room is\$345.00. They are also offering an extra day, Wednesday night - Thursday for \$145.00. Private and Shared \$115.00. Our March 6th meeting is the due date for your payment.

Thank you and looking forward to our wonderful, relaxing, creative quilt retreat. More to follow on specifics in a detailed email to our Spoolers, retreat attendees.

For Love in Quilting,

Patti Davis, Dawn Scott and Cynthia Kearney

VP2 Ramblings

- -- We are planning a member trunk show for April. Instead of announcing the presenters ahead, it will be a surprise with a lead in for all of you to guess who it is. We will do three presenters with approximately a 15 minute presentation each.
- -- Hopefully, we will have tickets for the 2018 Opportunity Quilt by the next meeting. Sorry I got sick at the last meeting and cut the time for you to view it! It will be back again soon.
- -- The questionnaire at the last meeting gave quite a few ideas on speakers and workshops, but not a lot for our in-house meetings So,if anyone has an idea, please see me at the meeting.

Línda Probst, VP2



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

LAFS Ladies Auxiliary Finishing School

Hi gals, just wanted you to know that we are having a blast at LAFS! Shirley and Linda are bringing fabric and projects to work up for the Quilt Show Boutique. Come and work on your own UFO's or projects...share a little quilt wisdom, life wisdom or experience...

LAFS starts at 12 noon and goes until 10 pm the third Saturday of the month. That's 10 hours of uninterrupted sewing. Pack up some food and drinks and come on down!!!!

Look forward to seeing you then. Call me if you have any questions....

Gwen George 510-461-4662

Thank You



Sunshine

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

Liz Williams, 831-595-2060 docnw@aol.com

Quilt Show

We will need all hands on deck for our Legacies of Love quilt show July 21-22, with setup on July 20. Sign up for two 2-hour shifts, and you will receive free admission. The sign-up sheets will be on the table at the Guild meeting.

There are jobs for workers who can carry materials, other jobs that require standing but not carrying, and also seated jobs. Sign up for what suits you.

Boutique workshops led by Linda Marglon and Shirley Froideveaux are becoming popular. Participants are having fun, learning new skills, and creating items to sell during the show. Join them at LAFS, March 17, as well as our Open Sews.

And when you're out around town, be sure to ask business managers if they have something to donate to our raffle baskets. Carry a postcard in your purse, and you'll be ready for the conversation. Many businesses can donate a gift certificate, or may give products suitable for a themed basket.

Pat Carlson Elín Thomas Quilt Show co-chairs

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Newsletter Deadline Friday, March 23

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Block of the Month

April 2018 Block of the Month

Wonky Wonderful Block

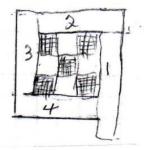
Finished size: 8 inches square

Our April meeting is after April Fool's Day, but I am keeping the spirit alive anyway. This month we are making wonky blocks.

For this block you will need: one completed $6\frac{1}{2}$ inch block; one framing strip $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches x 11 inches and three framing strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches x $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Your framing strips should contrast with your $6\frac{1}{2}$ inch block.

- To begin you will need a 6½ inch block of your choice. Your block could be a nine patch block for instance, a star block, a 6½ inch square of fun fabric, or any block that measures 6½ inches square.
- 2. You will need to sew a framing border on all four sides of your 6½ inch block. You can use the same fabric for all four of your framing strips or you can use different fabrics. This choice is up to you.
- 3. Sew your first framing strip (2½ inches x 11 inches) on the right side of your 6½ inch block aligning your strip with the top edge of the 6½ inch block. THIS SEAM IS A PARTIAL SEAM. Sew your seam only half way down. DO NOT TRIM THIS STRIP YET. This strip will be trimmed after the partial seam is finished in Step 6.

- 4. Sew your second framing strip (2½ inches x 8½ inches) across the top of your 6½ inch block aligning the edge of your framing strip with the left edge of your 6½ inch block. This seam will be sewn completely across the top edge of your 6½ inch block. See diagram below.
- 5. Sew your third framing strip to the left side of your 6½ inch block aligning the edge of your framing strip with the left edge of the bottom of your 6½ inch block. See diagram below.
- 6. Sew your fourth (and last) framing strip to the bottom of your block aligning it with the bottom left of your block. Now you can finish sewing your partial seam which should provide you with your original 6½ inch block being completely surrounded with your 4 framing strips. Now you can trim your first framing strip even with strip 4. Your block should measure 10½ inches at this stage.



Block of the Month

7. Now comes the fun part. Press your framed block as flat as you can. Place an 8.5 inch square ruler on your framed block at an angle as shown in the diagram. If you do not have an 8.5 inch square ruler cut a piece of paper or freezer paper 8.5 inches square to use as a template. Place your square 8.5 inch ruler/paper at an angle on your block as shown in the diagram and cut along the edges of your paper. Make sure that you align your square ruler/paper so that you have a ½ inch seam allowance at each corner of your ruler/paper before you trim your block. Without moving your ruler/paper cut all four sides providing you a Wonky Wonderful block. Sorry, but you will have some fabric wasted with this technique.

- 8. You now have a wonky block leaning to the right. If you want a wonky block leaning to the left you need to turn your 8 ½ inch ruler/paper the opposite direction (angle) before trimming down your block.
- 9. The block you have finished trimming should measure 8 ½ inches square. This is the "unfinished" size which allows for ¼ inch seam allowances when you sew this block together with your other blocks to create your quilt top.



Piecemakers Board Meeting

February 20, 2018

Location: Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, Newark

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

Called to order: 7:02

Minutes Approval Evaluation: We agreed that the email approval process worked well last month, so it will continue.

President: KK Kaneshiro has resigned from the VP1 position.

It has come to the attention of Cindy that there have been some people, from time to time, who have experienced our guild as cliquey and haven't felt adequately included in our activities. We discussed ways to uplift the friendly reputation that Cindy has seen as one of our strengths. Dawn Scott has volunteered to talk to members and make them feel welcome. We all also need to be sure to remember to show appreciation for volunteers. We need to print the handbook. Pat will order 25 printouts to be given to new members. She will also send out the handbook electronically again.

Membership: Darlene will look into resurrecting our "Big Sister" program. Currently there are 100 members. Darlene will follow-up with members who have not renewed. Board Members-at-large are urged to reach out to members. Darlene and Pat will work to make sure there are written procedures for every Guild responsibility. There is a suggestion to charge \$10 for new members who join at the quilt show.

VP2: Linda Probst was absent. We are planning a members' trunk show for April.

VP1: Julie Silber will present at the March meeting. She will talk about antique quilts. NCQC Meet the Speakers will take place Wednesday, April 11, 10-noon at the Pleasant Hill Community Center

Treasurer: Our bank balance is \$15,357.04. Quickbook backup thumb drives were exchanged between the treasurer and president. Our insurance policy is renewed each May. The venues for our events: Holy Redeemer, St. Francis, and Dominican Center will receive a waiver. Cindy will give copies of the bank card information to the treasurer.

Community Quilts: We had 3 volunteer members come to a meeting to help tie quilts. The committee's next meeting is Wednesday, February 21. At work parties, members who don't want to tie quilts can bring a sewing machine and there will be other tasks to do. The next work party is March 10.

Newsletter: The deadline to submit articles was Friday, February 23.

Quilt Show: So far, only 5 volunteers have signed up for shifts at the show. We will continue to take sign-ups at each guild meeting. We have almost all vendor spots spoken for, with room for 1-2 more vendors. Postcards have been sent to shops on the upcoming shop hop. There are about 6 administrators for our Facebook page. Elin is administrator of our Yahoo group. She will send out a notice to all of its members, then delete the group. Elin will ask

Marilyn Moss to create a Facebook group. Elin will reorder stationary, as we need it for the basket committee's communications.

Opportunity Quilt: Aileen Fox and Linda Probst will take the 2008 quilt to the guilds. Elaine Vallecito -Miller will sign-up volunteers for quilt shows. Linda Probst is working on development of the 2019 Opportunity Quilt.

New Business:

Equipment: Amy Gunnarson purchased an adjustable cutting table for the guild. Wendey Mueller made a motion, seconded by Cindy Sojourner, to recycle the old quilt frame for the Opportunity Quilt. The motion carried.

VP1 Duties and Replacement: The VP1 schedules speakers and workshops using input from guild members, takes the speaker to dinner, coordinates room set-up, and introduces the speaker. We need speakers for May, September, and October. We have made a list of possible speakers to contact. Cindy and Elin will see who is available.

The board will approach members about becoming VP1.

Activity sign-ups: The sign-up sheets will be at the food table during guild meetings.

Upcoming business: At our next Board meeting, we will discuss cleaning out the closet.

Adjourned: 9:17

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.

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