



Piecemakers Press

“Blessed are the quilters, for they are the Piecemakers”

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The Prez Sez— Time to Have Fun and Be Impressed!

Our April 2 meeting is Casino Night! Come enjoy exciting quilting games with lots of prizes to win. VP2 Luz Bañuelos has been recruiting game masters, gathering prizes, and planning extra surprises. Please check out her article, because we are asked to bring items to play. If April 6 is open on your calendar, we need your help to tie quilts at the popular Tartan Day at Ardenwood Historic Farm. Please contact Toni Mathues if you are able to help. Also on April 6, members who have paid in advance will enjoy learning a Tartan pattern with Kathy Allen. On April 10, you are invited to attend NCQC’s Meet the Teachers in Pleasant Hill and help VP1 Amy Gunnarson decide on guest speakers for our guild meetings. Plenty of room is available to sew on your own projects at LAFS on April 27, plus you can get free expert quilting demonstrations by our own Pam Thomas and Gwen George. Please read the articles that follow for details on these and our other activities.

Now, please pause to be impressed with our members, our quilts, our talent, and our generous wisdom and helpfulness. During our March

Show-N-Tell, we saw at least 20 finished quilting projects, including many for Community Quilts and Highland Hospital preemies. The quilting projects were as beautiful and varied as our members. At LAFS and the Spooler’s Retreat, I saw progress made on over 20 more quilting projects. There were stunning quilts with intricate patterns and original designs, a Camp Stitches mystery quilt with a rainbow color twist, a hand-quilted beauty, and many more masterful smaller projects. At the Colleen Granger workshop, there was a constant buzz of sewing machines as people strip pieced and framed their postage stamp travel fabrics and personal photos. By the time you read this, Retreat-Lite will probably have similar results. At our March Board meeting, we shared the joy we find in our members and in seeing our growth as quilters thanks to help from guild members, speakers, classes, and all our time sewing and working together. Be impressed! We are an impressive guild.

Peace As You Piece,
Cindy Sojourner,
President

Tartan Day at Ardenwood

We will be tying quilts on Tartan Day, Saturday April 6, at Ardenwood Historic Farm. Admission is free to those who volunteer for 2 hours (or more) and you can bring guests with you.

We need volunteers for all shifts: 9:30 am - 12 pm
12 - 2:30 pm
2:30 - 4:30 pm

We will be working on finishing quilts for our July donations. Together, we can do GREAT!!

Please contact me or sign up at the meeting!

Toni Mathues
Ardenwood Coordinator
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PIECEMAKERS CALENDAR

| Date | Event | Place | Time |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Tuesday, Apr 2 | Guild Meeting | Holy Redeemer Church Hall | 7:00 pm |
| Saturday, Apr 6 | Kathy Allen Workshop | Holy Redeemer Church Hall | 9:30 am-3:30 pm |
| Tuesday, Apr 16 | Board Meeting | Holy Redeemer Church Hall | 7:00-9:00 pm |
| Saturday, Apr 27 | LAFS | Holy Redeemer Church Hall | 12-10 pm |

VP1 News - Speakers and Workshops

First, a shout out to Colleen Granger for her presentation "Playing with Pre-Cuts" during our March Guild meeting. She followed this with a workshop on Saturday, March 9 titled "Sharing Memories". Colleen's expertise inspired students to showcase photos, fabric postcards and focus fabrics in a special quilt. Thank you, Colleen!

In February, Kathy Allen presented information about Scottish quilts. She will be with us on Saturday, April 6, to lead a workshop where you can produce your own modern tartan quilt. The workshop will run from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm with a short break for lunch. We have a few spots left so please contact me if you are interested.

During our March meeting, I announced a "Meet the Teachers" event sponsored by the Northern California Quilt Council (NCQC). NCQC will offer presentations by instructors on workshops and classes they provide for Guilds. You are invited to share in the excitement of choosing our speakers and teachers for the coming year.

Date: April 10, 2019

Time: 10:00 am

Where: Pleasant Hill

Community Center – Pavilion
320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA

I am organizing a group to carpool and attend the presentations. If you are interested, please call or email me by April 5th so I can coordinate this fun and informational day. With your help, I am looking forward to many interesting and enjoyable future Guild meetings.

Take care,

Amy Gunnarson

Vice President 1

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Secret Pals

April - Time for Secret Pal Gifts Again

Hello, Secret Pal participants. It's time again for our bimonthly gift exchange. How about some lovely florals or a bit of Easter? What do you think your Secret Pal would like to receive? What would you like to receive? Just remember, it's all about having fun!

Diane Crawford

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Next Guild Meeting

April 2, 2019 7:00 pm

Holy Redeemer Church Hall

VP2—Casino Night & Tool Time

Hello Piecemakers, I have a few important announcements:

Casino Night is April 2. We will be playing 3 different games: Strip Poker, Left-Right-Center and Quilt-O. We'll play Strip Poker and Left-Right-Center at the same time, so you'll need to pick which one you want to play!

For Strip Poker: please bring 15 2 ½" strips (width of fabric).

For Left-Right-Center: please bring 3 fat quarters.

Prizes will be provided for Quilt -O, and everyone can play at the end. No need to bring the spool of thread!

If you can volunteer to deal poker, run left-right-center, or help hospitality prepare specialty drinks please contact me!

On May 7, we will be holding a members **Tool Time** presentation, where we would like to have a few members present their favorite tools. If you would like to share your favorite tools at the May meeting, please let me know!

Thank you,

Lucy Bañuelos

Vice President 2

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Meet a Piecemaker

Sandra Chen



Sandra Chen joined Piecemakers approximately a year ago. She and her husband came to California from Chicago, Illinois in 1989 after the minister who married them encouraged them to join him here. They settled in Alameda and moved to Union City in 1992 where they have resided ever since. Even though the minister left after their first year here, they had really come to like the weather (go figure) and the area, especially Yosemite. She has 3 brothers and 3 sisters and many nieces and nephews.

After over 30 years in the school industry, as a teacher in Illinois and a child care provider in California schools such as Knowledge Learning and Semore, she retired in 2015. She always loved the many quilts her Aunt made and feels that when you look at a quilt you know there is a story there. Upon her Aunt's passing, all the quilts she had made went to her daughter, Sandra's cousin. Sandra was very disappointed when her cousin

wouldn't sell her one, so she decided to start making quilts herself now that she has the time. She is really looking forward to making quilts for everyone in her family. Techniques she would like to learn are free motion quilting and quilt-as-you-go. Her first quilt she made was a lap quilt for herself. She is working on a quilt top right now but is struggling with color choice for borders.

Sandra's other sewing interest is making hand bags. She just finished one for a friend whom she had taken a trip with touring 'Route 66'.



Sandra also makes other bags for makeup and such and thinks they would be a great item for the Guild's boutique, yeah!

It was a pleasure talking to Sandra and I appreciate her taking the time to spend with me. Please reach out to her, welcoming her to our Guild.

Shirley Froidevaux

April Birthdays

Carla Carey
Pat Carlson
Florence Griffin
Wendey Mueller
Linda Probst

LAFS

LAFS...3rd Saturday Monthly

Do you need a big space to layout, baste, or pin a quilt??? Bring it to LAFS and use the Church tables... Bring your UFO's to work on and receive admiration and assistance to complete them. Someone will be glad to help you!

WHEN: Saturday, April 27 (4th Saturday this month due to Easter weekend)

TIME: 12 NOON TO 10 PM

Bring a snack or food to share!

This is a "Drop In" open sew... come anytime after noon and stay as long as you want.

At 1PM **TIPS & TRICKS** will start. Pam Thomas will be discussing "Flying Geese" and Gwen George will be showing different ways to make perfect 1/2 Square Triangles.

Call if you have any questions...I look forward to seeing you.

Gwen George
510-461-4662

Ways and Means Winners

Joanne Dalton
Luz Bañuelos
Cynthia Kearney
Carol Nolan
Trudy Haggerty

We raised \$68!

Community Quilts

Let's Park It!

Ardenwood Historic Farm Park, that is! Guild members can enjoy free admission to the park for the first time this year on Saturday, April 6. It's our opportunity to get quilts tied for our summer donations. And, it's Tartan Day, which has a higher admission charge than usual.

Come and devote a couple of hours to Community Quilts, and enjoy the rest of the day at the Scottish games, dancing, and bagpipe competitions. We really appreciate whatever time you can share to help us meet our goals. If you're a new member, or haven't been to Tartan Day, come and enjoy! Contact Toni Mathues at FrankWillis631@comcast.net to sign up. You and your family must be on the list in advance for free admission.

Elin Thomas
Community Quilts

Show and Tell Winner Linda Probst



Suggested Quilt Sizes

Community Quilts happily accepts quilts of all sizes, and we give them all to agencies for their clients. Please use appropriate fabric colors and patterns for children's quilts. Also, we prefer no Christmas, Hanukkah, or Halloween fabrics in a quilt, since we don't know who would eventually receive it. Thank you for all your donations to those less fortunate.

Here are some suggestions for the most wanted sizes:

Quilt Sizes for Donations (Approximate)

Newborns for Highland Hospital: Between 25" and 35", square or rectangle

Baby: Between 36" and 45", square or rectangle

Toddler/Small Child: Approx. 40" x 50"

Teen/Small Adult: Approx. 45" x 60"

Most Popular for Adults: Approx. 55" x 70"

Seeking Hospitality Volunteers

We need help at the snack counter at our monthly meetings. A sign-up sheet will be passed during the meetings. If you are unsure about your availability, just sign up and if you need to cancel for any reason, just let us know.

*Elaine Vallecillo and
Darlene Cano*
Hospitality Chairs
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Sunshine

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

Liz Williams,
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Retreat Lite

There is still space at the next Retreat Lite, March 29-31 at Homewood Suites in Newark (9 am Friday to 6 pm Sunday). Cost is \$35.

Jeanne Flanders maintains the reservation list, so you can contact her with questions (JeanneFlanders@sbcglobal.net) or see her at the Community Quilts table at Guild meetings.

Block of the Month Winner Vickey Kean



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 |

Please Patronize our Affiliates

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UPCOMING EVENTS

| Date | Event | Place | Website |
|-----------|---|--|--|
| April 5-6 | Foothill Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Show "Reflections" | Parkside Church & ARD Regional Park 3885 Richardson Dr. Auburn, CA | FoothillQuilters.org |
| May 4-5 | Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association Show "Quilts Celebrating Creativity" | Santa Clara Valley Convention Center— Hall A 5001 Great America Parkway Santa Clara, CA | http://scvqaquilts.com |

Piecemakers Board Meeting

March 19, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Attendees: Gwen George, Luz Banuelos, Carlene Stoffers, Wendy Mueller, Cindy Sojourner, Sue Mayfield, Pattie Fretty and Darlene Cano

Opening: Each person shared at least one thing she enjoys about our guild. At the top of our lists were the people, members, sisterhood, as we sew together, learn together, and work together.

President Cindy: Heard positive things about Colleen Granger's presentation at our March meeting. Cindy heard positive things from returning members about 2 minute speaking policy. Colleen's workshop went well. She took time to work with each of us individually. The Spoolers Retreat was enjoyed by those who attended, as was LAFS. Cindy will be meeting with Aileen to update 2019 Opportunity Quilt schedule.

Treasurer Report Pattie: Balance in checking is \$17812.72. Pattie has paid for NCQC applications and WIX.com (a website platform). Will exchange Monsters (flash drives) later.

VP1 Amy is out of town: Everything is arranged for Kathy Allen class on April 6th. NCQC in Pleasant Hill is April 10 at 10 am. Contact Amy, if you want to attend.

VP2 Luz: Next month, we are planning Casino night with fabulous gifts. Wendy moved

we spend \$50 for supplies for Casino night, seconded by Gwen, and motion was passed. The board recommended getting additional prizes from Ways and Means, plus game-entry fat quarters. Luz has several people who have agreed to help run the games, but more are welcome. For the May meeting, Luz recruited some members willing to share their favorite tools, but is looking for more people.

Membership Laura was out of town: Current membership is 104. 15 directories will be printed and the updated electronic directory will be emailed to members.

Community Quilts Report Sue: The two old sets of legs for quilting frames were given away. Elaine and Toni each got a set. Retreat Lite has enough people for 2 rooms, but isn't full. Last Work Party went well but Toni needs more people to help with Tartan Days at Ardenwood on April 6th.

Newsletter report Wendy: Deadline is March 22.

Show and Tell Carlene: Reviewed change in raffle process. Decided winner will be chosen via raffle ticket, unless Carlene comes up with another process.

New Business/Old Business/Other:

- Speaker system: We will try the system we have with wired microphone and decide at a

future date whether or not to purchase another system with a wireless microphone.

- Set-up review: Board agreed we would help take quilt racks down after the meeting and put them in the sleeves. We agreed to make sure there were no tables blocking the closets where the chairs need to be stored.

- Closet Etiquette: Members need to put things back in the correct spots. The bin with power cords and surge protectors needs to be on the right side of bottom shelf. Irons should be put away with sole plates out. Darlene took a photo of the closet, will print it, and post it on the closet door. Bungee cords need to secure quilt frames. Someone needs to review what can go into the storage unit.

- Opportunity Quilt 2020: Cindy has gotten several people to join the team.

Adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Darlene Cano
Secretary

Newsletter Deadline Friday, April 26

Send articles to

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wendeym@comcast.net

Retreats

The Spring "Spoolers" retreat was such a blast!! We sewed, quilted, shared, ate and danced throughout our stay at St. Francis Retreat Center. Dawn we missed you and hope you having fun in Japan.

Now, we are planning our Fall "Boo" retreat, Thursday October 24 – 27, 2019. The cost of the Shared room is \$375 and the Private \$480, for the 3 days including meals. Wednesday, October 23, is an extra optional day which costs \$95.00 extra, if we don't have the 15 participants needed to open the cafeteria for food service. More information to come soon. Please pay your \$100 deposit at the April meeting to secure your spot and let me know if you are interested.

Love in Quilting and Friendship,

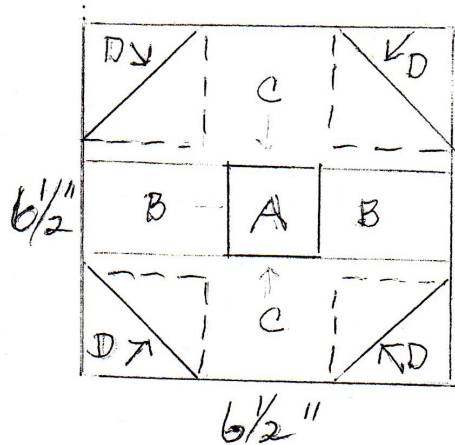
Patti Davis, Dawn Scott and Cynthia Kearney

Spring Spoolers Retreat March 2019 - San Juan Bautista



Block of the Month—May

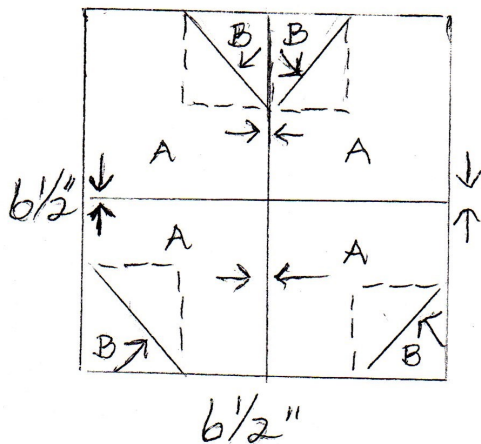
MAY FLOWERS



FLOWER A (PANSY)

- A - (1) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square
- B - (2) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ " rect.
- C - (2) $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rect.
- D - (4) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares (background)

Attach (2) 'B' rect. to 'A' square. Attach 'C' rect. to 'A/B' piece. Attach 'D' squares to corners (snowball). Trim to $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

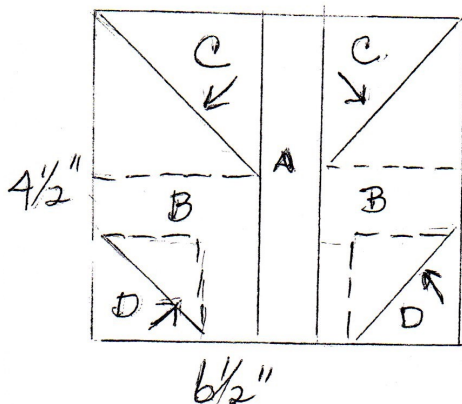


FLOWER B (TULIP)

- A - (4) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
- B - (4) 2" squares (background)

Attach (4) 'B' squares to (4) 'A' squares as shown. Attach 'A' squares together. Trim to $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

STEM (for both)



- A - (1) $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rect.
- B - (2) 3" x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rect.
- C - (2) 3" squares (background)
- D - (2) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares (background)

Attach 'C' squares to top of 'B' rect. Attach 'D' squares to bottom of 'B' rect. Attach to either side of 'A' rect. Trim to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ "

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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 Returns
- ◆ Completed Community Quilts projects
- ◆ Ways & Means Donations
- ◆ 1 or 2 recently finished projects for Show and Tell

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