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The Deadlines Are:

Show & Tell photos for
February Zoom Meeting

Sunday, January 31

March Newsletter

Sunday, February 14

Send your photos and submission for both Show & Tell and the Newsletter to:

Holly Miner, editor at
hollyminer@aol.com

February 2021 President's Message



Happy February! It is the shortest month of the year with Valentine's Day in the middle.

I was pleasantly surprised, again, at the number of attendees at our January general meeting Zoom call. Many of you sent in Happy New Year photos, as well as pictures of quilts and sewing areas. At our January Board meeting we discussed

multiple suggestions for engaging our membership at both Zoom calls and non-Zoom calls. There are some exciting ideas that were discussed. You will be hearing more about them soon.

I have been informed that, due to work constraints, the Cook ladies, Tamara, Molly and Heidi, will no longer be able to do general meeting set-up and load/unload our quilt show equipment. A BIG THANK YOU to them for all the years that they have been doing this job. I am looking for a replacement for these ladies. We need to have this in place before we resume our general meetings. It could be several ladies, a mini group or any combination to do this. There are 10 general meetings each year plus the quilt show in May. Molly Cook has offered to show the new group how to set up at the general meeting. As of this writing we do not have a date when we can resume our general meetings. The last several years we have had the Nevada Union football players help load and unload the moving van with all the equipment needed at the show. They, along with volunteers, have made it a manageable effort. Mary Serpa is the chair for equipment so you would be working with her for all equipment needs. If you are interested, in this position, please contact me. My contact information is in the Roster.

Barbara Ceresa, President



Coming to a Quilt Guild near you.....

March Mystery Match-Up Mailings

Do you remember the fun of Valentine's Day in your elementary classroom? Getting all those Valentines from friends and feeling the LOVE of your classmates? Well, your friends in the Pine Tree Quilt Guild are looking forward to some fun during the month of March when we would usually be assembled together enjoying a smorgasbord of food and games. This March we are planning a mystery mail exchange where you will fill a 6x9" manilla envelope with quilt-related goodies and mail it to a quilt guild member that you have been assigned and in turn receive an envelope from a mystery member in the month of March. We plan a reveal party at our April guild Zoom meeting as well.



Below are the details of the game.

If this sounds like some fun that you would like to participate in, please contact Ruth Bertaccini at 530-272-7423 or ruthdb@sbcglobal.net by Valentine's Day (February 14th).

Envelope contents should include:

- * A quilt pattern—either an original pattern or a downloaded copy of a pattern.
- * A small quantity of fabric—a fat quarter or 1/4 to 1/3 yard of a fun fabric.
- * A copy of a recipe to share that is both healthy and yummy!
- * On a piece of 8 1/2 x 11" paper—one side should include 3 or 4 helpful quilting hints. The other side should contain your initials and a few clues to your identity ie "member of Happy Threads mini group", "I'm a past president of the guild", "I have a long-arm quilting business", etc.

Don't be left out! Call or email me today. (Please leave me a message if I'm not home to pick up the phone.) I plan on making the Mystery Match-ups (who has who) by March 1 and will be contacting you with your match shortly thereafter so you can get busy getting your envelope ready to mail so your recipient will receive it before our April guild meeting on April 6th.

Show and Tell Schedule

Until we have an "all clear", our General Meetings have continue via Zoom. Show & Tell helps make the meeting fun! Your quilts and other creations are always encouraged but should you want some other ideas, including what color to wear, here is a list to cover the next few months:

- **February 2 (wear Red)**
"Love"
- **March 2 (wear Green)** Our March Mixer & Guild Challenge Reveal for "Finish It"
- **April 6 (wear Yellow/gold)**
"Share Mystery Matchup or "Spring"
- **May 4 (wear Pink)**
"Mother's Day" or "May the Fourth Be with You"
- **June 1 (wear Purple/violet)** "All Creatures Great & Small" or "Father's Day"
- **July 6 (wear Blue or White)**
"Family Time" or "Vacations"



Guild Challenge

Usually, in the Fall, a theme for a voluntary quilt “Guild Challenge” is selected. Those who elect to participate reveal their interpretation of the theme at the March meeting (anonymously) and members vote for winners. Due to the craziness of 2020, we realized we hadn’t announced a theme. So, last November we picked the simple theme of

"Finish It"

Any quilt related UFO (unfinished object) that you finished between last fall and the 2021 March meeting qualifies to be entered into the 2021 Challenge. We would really love to have as much participation as possible as a way to keep us connected during these trying times.

You can send the photo of your quilt to ptqqquilter@gmail.com by Feb 28, 2021, along with the name of the quilt and the size. No other info is needed since the quilts will be anonymous. Photos will be loaded into a slide show on the website and members will be emailed a voting survey on March 1. Voting will close at 7:00 pm (during the General Meeting) and winners will be announced; 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

FLASHBACK! Pictured below are winners from the 2020 Guild Challenge “A Sign of the Times”. Wouldn’t the quilts be different if this was the theme for our 2021 Guild Challenge?





Breaking Membership News!

Congratulations Are In Order!!

The Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County, despite pandemic restrictions and unfamiliar procedures, begins 2021 strong with 143 New, Renewing, Returning and Lifetime Members!

We have five first-time members, adventurous and optimistic enough to enter this new year with us. Two current members have renewed as first-time Affiliates!

If you haven't renewed your membership, you can renew, return, or join as a new member at any time during the year. First-time member dues are prorated according to month joining.

About the time you are reading this, Ruth Bertaccini will be taking the helm as Membership Chair. I'll be stepping back, but as a continuing member for sure.

Sincere thanks to everyone for your creativity, dedication and persistence working through this very unfamiliar? challenging?? membership renewal process. I think we're set on a positive path for the coming year.

Jean Marie McDonald

Scholarship Update



Scholarship Committee. I would love to get a small group going. We should be getting the applications soon from NUHS.

Give me a call 530 615-9684 or email me at sue@marshall.ms.

Thanks in advance for help.

Sue Marshall, Scholarship Chairperson

COMMUNITY SERVICE

From Nancy Holtz, Community Service Chair

Community Service has been closed for several months due to our community being in the purple tier. We can now open up as usual.

We are trying a new schedule so that we will be able to keep up better with donations and fulfilling our client's needs.

Community Service will be open the first and third Thursdays 9-1. Masks will be required until the COVID pandemic has been eradicated.

We are located at the back of the Nevada County Historical building at the wonky corner of Ridge Rd and Nevada City Hwy.

Any questions/concerns please call Nancy Holtz.



Looking for the PTQG listing of Board and Committee Members?

Refer to your Roster or our website



Looking for a small project that also benefits our community?

We're going to make placemats for our local Meals on Wheels and, also, the new Senior Center (which will have a washing machine to keep those placemats nice and clean).

You can use any placemat pattern you would like. However, we're exploring doing a 'Home Workshop' type Zoom meeting demonstrating basic quilting skills making a "quilt as you go" bound placemat. Anyone interested, please respond to ptggquilter@gmail.com by January 31. If enough people are interested, we'll put together the workshop.

For the possible "Home Workshop" project, the finished size will be 18" x 12" and can use scraps.

All placemats can be dropped off at Community Service on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. Due to our changing restrictions, the Community Service times each month will be announced the week before.

Looking forward to seeing the results from this new "campaign"!

Nancy Holtz



Calling All Mini Groups!

Janeth Marroletti, Executive Director for Gold Country Community Services, has a request. She has asked if the PTQG will create a quilt depicting life in Grass Valley; mountains, river, trees etc. She envisions something homey and uplifting to decorate the new Senior Center when it opens.

Interested? Contact Holly Miner
hollyminer@aol.com or phone (see roster)



To all of those who have joined the guild for the first time and to all the returnees: Welcome!

It's difficult to fulfill my roll as Hospitality Chairperson when we are not getting together for meetings. So, I'm asking for your help.

If each of you would contact a member you've been thinking about just to say, "Hello," I'm sure it will brighten both of your days.

I'm always available to answer questions about guild activities or , if I don't have the answer, I can refer you to the proper person.

A big Thank You to our Board for working very hard to find ways to provide activities and the camaraderie we all miss.

Until we meet again.....

Kathy Biggi, Hospitality Chair

FREE PATTERNS, AND FREE ONLINE CLASSES BY SUE MARSHALL

- **Fat Quarter Shop** <https://www.fatquartershop.com/free-quilt-patterns>

She has a nice selection of free quilt and cross stitch patterns. You can also select, your quilting level, Precut preference or fabric manufacturer. Also there is quilting reference sheets. Also lots of youtube videos and her accuracy looks good to me, she starches and likes to press seams open more often than not. Some patterns has 3" block size options, ex: 3", 6" or 9".

- **Missouri Star Quilt Shop**, tons of youtube tutorials. I've been liking their triple play. Jenny, Misty and Natalie each do a variation of a block to create a quilt project. Sometimes small, sometimes not. There's a cute wall hanging with gnomes in a Christmas theme.

Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOFET292YB0>

- **Quilting is My Therapy** – Angela Walter's has helped me so much with FMQ'ing. Tons of free videos on same and also free patterns on website.

Here's a link to free patterns: <https://quiltingismytherapy.com/free-quilt-patterns-and-tutorials/>

- **TQS - The Quilt Store** – Alex Anderson has been doing a free sewalong, so far she's done – a floral applique, Mystery Quilt with Kaffe Fasset fabric, Avatar raw edge face art quilt, Christmas quilt (December), I might have missed something. Anyway live M-W-F 10:00am via Facebook, TQS site with free account login or youtube later (maybe after 6). She started a new one Jan 23rd, I think.

- **A Quilting Life with Sherri McConnell is doing a free BOM quilt along.** The first block is a scrappy churn dash. So It's on my to do list. Trying to finish up a few UFO's first.

Here's the link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UrEZrCSc1nbW73PdU5Owwb481y0lbX2H/view>

- **Fabric manufacturer lots of times have free patterns.**

Windham Fabrics for example has 69 pages, and it looked like 20 patterns per page. So that's almost 1400 patterns!!

I found one the uses a house block with a flag, 38" x 42". Would make a cute patriotic wall hanging. You guessed it, here's the link: <https://windhamfabrics.net/cgi-bin/fabricshop/projects.cgi?patternID=919>

- **Online free quilting classes – the 2021 Quilting Sewing Summit**

With over 40 classes from 20+ world-renowned teachers, this is the online quilting event of the year. <https://rebecca-page.com/quiltsummit/> Learn to make table toppers, pillow covers, decorative quilts, and more. Your friends and family will love your new skills as you show off your finished projects! Attend the Quilting Summit from Feb 1st – 5th FREE! Can't attend the live event? Check out our VIP All Access Pass (\$59) for access all year long!





February Birthdays

- 4 Karle deProsse
- 6 Jeanne Allgood
- 7 Julie Berry
- 8 Patty Biasca
- 12 Jeanie Ferguson
- 13 Ardy Tobin
- 14 Stephanie Bennett-Strauss
- 15 Judy Moore
- 21 Elvira Krantz
- 22 Julia Marvel
- 23 Michael King
- 24 Jan Warholic



February Anniversaries

- 6 Sophia & Patrick Day
- 11 Bev & John Sarchett
- 24 Diana & Ballard Bare
- 6 Sophia & Patrick Day
- 11 Bev & John Sarchett

January Financial Report

Deposits		Expenses
\$2,175.00		\$1,126.39

Questions? Contact the Treasurer

Share and Care



Do you know someone in the Guild who is under the weather and can use some cheering? Whether it is an illness, surgery, or loss of a loved one, please let Mary Ross know so she can send an appropriate card.

Thank you!
Mary Ross, Chairperson

(see roster for Mary's phone & email)

Find us on 

Let's keep connected during these difficult times! Has anyone recently finished a quilt?

Let's share on our FB Page

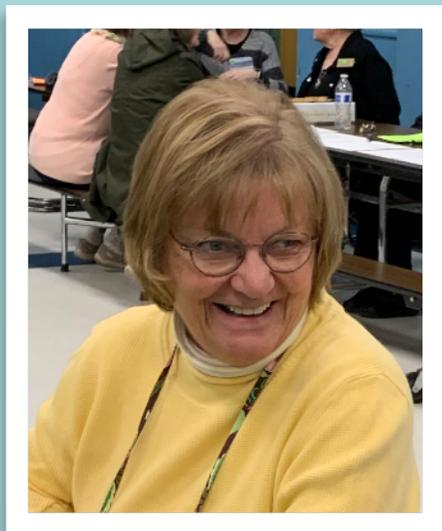
www.facebook.com/PineTreeQuiltGuild/

Or, share on your FB page with the hashtag [#ptqqquilts](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/ptqqquilts) so we can find them.

Sophia, Web Liaison Chair



Affiliate Profile



Fat Lady Singing

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Sally Monestier, owner

It's not over 'til the fat lady sings" ... and the binding is on your quilt. Now in its 10th year, Fat Lady Singing continues to offer a professional, fast and reasonably priced hand stitched binding service.

Owner Sally Monestier assures that all bindings will be full, straight and even - able to please even the toughest of quilt judges. Sally's award winning handwork can now be applied to your quilt, giving it a high quality traditional finish.



SANDRA BRUCE CREATIVE LONG-ARM QUILTING

116 W. Main St. 5B, Grass Valley

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Sandra Bruce, owner

I am a long-arm quilter who specializes in freehand quilting including imagery and "writing" in my stitching. I bring my skills in illustration and lettering to my work. I have a 14 foot long Gammill machine which is in my studio in downtown Grass Valley. I hope you'll stop by and say hello – see what I'm doing and consider me for your next quilting project. I also have postcards and polymer earrings for sale.



PTQG 2020 Budget vs Actuals

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
INCOME			
Treasure Table	450	\$ 159	\$ (291)
Country Store	350	-	(350)
Interest Income	15	7	(8)
Membership Fees & Donations	5,200	5,882	682
Opportunity Quilt	4,500	1,174	(3,326)
Restricted Jamboree funds	800	-	(800)
Quilt Show Profit	7,744	-	(7,744)
Speaker Workshops	1,800	600	(1,200)
Reserve Funds	2,626	1,535	(1,091)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 23,485	\$ 9,357	\$ (14,128)
EXPENSES			
Committees:			
Community Programs: Comm. Serv. Quilts	1,500	\$ 1,057	\$ (443)
Community Programs: Education	200	-	(200)
Community Programs: Scholarship	1,550	1,500	(50)
Home Workshop	50	-	(50)
Jamboree	3,000	-	(3,000)
Membership Expenses	350	373	23
Opportunity Quilt	500	210	(290)
Patchwork Star	70	-	(70)
Share and Care	25	11	(14)
General Operating Expenses:			
Equipment (Misc. & Software)	505	215	(290)
Gifts and Contributions	280	264	(16)
Insurance	575	550	(25)
Miscellaneous	350	17	(333)
Publicity	400	-	(400)
Rentals (meetings & classes)	690	105	(585)
Setup for Meetings	600	180	(420)
Storage: Equipment	3,000	1,125	(1,875)
Storage: Community Service	1,800	675	(1,125)
Website	1,000	1,467	467
Newsletter	250	233	(17)
Programs:			
NCQC Membership (bi-annual)	40	-	(40)
Annual Holiday Party	100	-	(100)
Hall of Honor	30	16	(14)
July Picnic	20	-	(20)
March Mixer	75	83	8
Guild Challenge	25	40	15
Speakers: Fees, Workshops, & Travel	6,500	1,611	(4,889)
Adjustments to 2019 Final Report	-	(375)	(375)
TOTAL EXPENSES	23,485	\$ 9,357	\$ (14,128)



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The Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County

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Submit newsletter articles to:

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5:00 p.m._the Sunday following the
Thursday PTQG Board Meeting

See our web page for membership forms and information: www.pinetreequiltguild.com