



# Golden Valley News Patches



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## April Program - Business Meeting/Program

While we were very hopeful in March, a return to regular programming in April has not materialized. We miss your bright, shiny faces! Your new Board, led by President Vicki Walter, has decided to try to use technology to our advantage and get together virtually. We will be holding our Thursday, April 23, 2020 Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM!

Stay tuned to your email for a dedicated **ZOOM** link and dial-in information to participate on 04/23/2020. **ZOOM** is relatively easy to use; general information about joining a ZOOM meeting can be found at this [link](#).

**If anyone is interested in participating in a group test run to see how ZOOM meetings work, please reach out to Vicki Walter at [vwalter3@gmail.com](mailto:vwalter3@gmail.com).**

We will hold a brief Business Meeting and then we'll open the floor for a **"My favorite/best Quarantine Project Bring and Brag."** We'll try to do this segment in an orderly fashion; let Programs know if you want to show something or send us a picture. Please send an email to [kriss@caletc.com](mailto:kriss@caletc.com), and we'll develop a list of presenters and you'll be called upon to show your project! If you join the meeting last-minute and want to show your project, just let us know during the meeting and we'll make sure you're called upon.

### May 2020 - Return to Normal??

May is traditionally our Friendship Tea. Our goal - fingers crossed - is to see everyone in person on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., share a cup of tea and catch up! We will keep you posted via email and in the May Newsletter about May activities and the possibility of a members' workshop where a few of our talented members demonstrate/teach a project.

Thank you for your continued participation and support!  
Kristine Gross and Sandra Rudolph  
2019-2021 Program Co-Directors

## Snippets . . . from the president

These days I am constantly reminded of the April Fool's Day meme on Facebook about it being canceled because no made-up prank could match what's happening in the world right now.

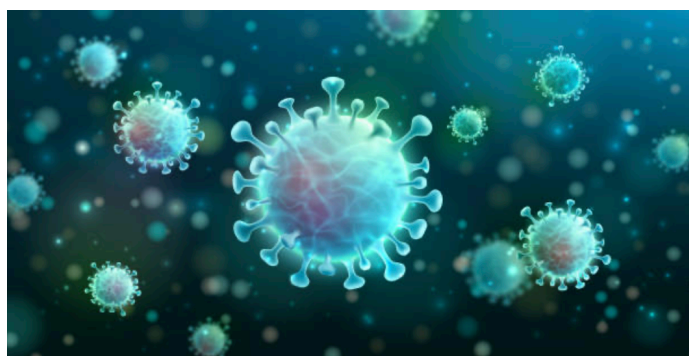
For me, Facebook has gone from a guilty pleasure to a lifeline to the outside world. Posts from all of you on what you're working on and how you're helping others lifts my spirits. I fill my days making masks and tackling my huge stack of UFO's. Also, my village grows day by day (free pattern from Cali Quilts).

I'm grateful to the board for "thinking outside the box" on how to meet and share. We just had our first board meeting via Zoom. It went well and it was nice to "see" everyone! We're working on the possibility of doing this as a general meeting, maybe a block of the month or UFO challenge. Stay tuned.....details to follow.

On a personal note, my mother-in-law is in the hospital fighting this terrible virus. The prognosis is not good and our family is beyond heartbroken, not only for knowing the inevitable outcome, but to not be able to see or talk to her.

Please keep those posts coming. Take care of yourselves and I look forward to the day when we can meet in person again.

Vicki



If you don't know what this image means . . . please ask someone.



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**Next Newsletter Deadline:  
May 14th**

**PLEASE mark your calendar!**

## GVQG Board - 2020 to 2021

|                        |                                  |                              |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
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## Committees - 2020 to 2021

|                        |                                    |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Advertising            | TBD                                |                              |
| Block of the Month     | TBD                                |                              |
| Bring & Brag           | TBD                                |                              |
| Community Service      | TBD                                |                              |
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| Opport. Quilt Travel   | TBD                                |                              |
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| Quilted Treasures      | Liz Johndreau                      | 916-721-6993                 |
| Secret Sisters         | TBD                                |                              |
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| Zephyr Retreat - Chair | Amanda Wilson                      | 916-205-3261                 |
| Co-Chair               | Adeline Macias                     | 916-281-8388                 |

## Calendar of Events

Always call for more information when going out of town.

**Check the guild's Web site calendar for additional information.**



## Membership

Alas! Since the March meeting was canceled, we have no new members to welcome. Hopefully, we'll be together again soon; in the mean time, keep sewing. We'll have to figure out a way to hold a few virtual bring and brag sessions while we shelter in place or showing off our treasures will take up the whole meeting when we finally are reunited at St. Mark's.

And, a gentle reminder to those who have had more important (what???) things on their mind than renewing their membership... the password to unlock the members only section of our website changes on May 1. Even if you can't afford to pay your dues until your government stimulus check arrives, you need to send in your renewal form so we can hold your place on the roster. Only members in good standing will be included in the email unveiling the 2020-2021 password.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay active.



## Programs & Workshops

Unless otherwise stated, all general meetings are at St. Marks Lutheran Church on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Workshops are 9:30am - 3:30pm  
(Set-up 9:00-9:30 a.m.; Clean-up 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

If you would like to take a workshop, contact Sandra Rudolph at 916-725-0830

### April

**Meeting cancelled**

### May

Meeting: Friendship Tea

Date: May 28

### June

Meeting: TBD

Date: June 25

Workshop: TBD

Date: June 27

### July

Event: Community Service Sew-In

Date: July 23

### August

Meeting: Ice Cream Social

Date: August 27

### September

Meeting: Garage/Stash Sale

Date: September 24

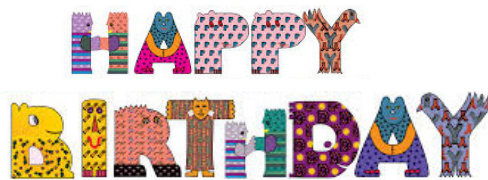
### October

Meeting: TBD

Date: October 22

Workshop: TBD

Date: October 24



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|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Kristine  | Johndreau | 04/01 |
| Janet     | Gilstrap  | 04/04 |
| Alexandra | Caraveo   | 04/05 |
| Linda     | Hugg      | 04/10 |
| Josie     | Brooks    | 04/11 |
| Beverly   | Purdue    | 04/15 |
| Clara     | Pursley   | 04/17 |
| Candice   | Buerer    | 04/29 |
| Wilma     | Robinson  | 04/29 |

## Member Photos

**Four new photos were added at the February meeting!** Below is a list of the 12 members (Some new member, and some very old members, for which we have no photograph . . . yet. Please ask Carolyn to take your photo at a meeting or you may provide a digital photo of your choice by emailing it to:

[carolyn.monson@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.monson@gmail.com)

|              |                        |                  |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Josie Brooks | Elizabeth Granville    | Susan Megeath    |
| Jody Bullard | Vicky MacLeod          | Dorothy Spangler |
| Edna Cooper  | Donna Madrid           | Mary Ward        |
| Sylvia Crowe | Lisa Mc KissickRadoyce | Susan Zubillaga  |



If you know of a guild member who needs a little, or a lot, of encouragement or a congratulation, call Kimberly Hess so she can send out a card from the guild. Kimberly's contact information is: 916-838-1640 or email at [dalsnquilts@yahoo.com](mailto:dalsnquilts@yahoo.com)



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## Share & Care

**Zoe Meegan** - Lesson in Lockdown, March 19, 2020

It took me a bit to be convinced lockdown was a necessity. I came to this realization one small step at a time. First went my frequent stints as a volunteer usher at The Harris Center, then I pared back my four-days-a-week water aerobics class, then stopped pilates, and finally my sewing group made the decision to stop meeting and sew at home.

As my schedule of activities decreased, I decided this would be the perfect time to finally tackle one of those items on my quilting hit list—a Bargello quilt. Something I'd been meaning to do forever.

With the directions open in front of me and supplies gathered, I began.

Line #1 of the directions: *"Please be sure to read all the pattern instructions carefully before beginning."* So I did—right up until I was convinced I knew what the heck I was doing—and then I put them down and got busy cutting and sewing.

This is a fairly easy quilt to do as long as you do the 2-1/2" strip sewing/cutting method. The challenging part is following the graph to determine the correct strip placement. (I didn't realize this was the challenging part, BTW, until I had pieced 2/3 of the quilt!)

So 1/3 of the pieced quilt goes up on my design wall. It looks fabulous! I then use that section as my placement guide and complete the next third of my top. I slap that section up, and step back to gloat over the very impressive job I've done and as I do so, knock the quilt directions off the table on to the floor! The book opens to the picture of the quilt I am working on and as I reach down to pick it up, I realize the quilt in the picture doesn't look like the quilt on my design wall!

"Houston we have a problem!"

I had a decision to make. Do I continue on as I had been and consider this 'my' version of a Bargello (a la Melissa Pedroza?) Or, do I give in to the annal retentive part of me that says, "I MUST make this EXACTLY as the directions prescribe!" But first, let me read the directions COMPLETELY. To. The. Very. End. I did, and found the error of my ways—it was that darn graph that I didn't pay strict attention to!

Decision made. I got out my handy dandy ripper (the one Marilyn Solem-Schultz's son made), and let the ripping begin.

There was nothing wrong with my version of the Bargello. It looked beautiful and I really tried to just let it go—go with the flow. However, that is something I have been trying to do for 50+ years now, and I still haven't managed it.

So I guess my 'lesson in lockdown' is if you're still working on relaxing and being flexible and haven't mastered those qualities yet, at least READ THE DIRECTIONS thoroughly before you begin!

Stay safe and happy sewing!

P.S. I've finished re-doing the second 1/3 of my quilt and am now on the final section.

**Lauren Markell** - By now I'm sure we've always all heard hundreds of stories that we can be happy about, be sad about, or just skip with a grain of salt.

I believe the funniest thing that has happened to us was my husband had to go to Costco to get dog food about a week ago, and of course he picked up a few other things. When he got home we had 6 lb of broccoli!

Okay, we like 🥦... But 6lb?! They come in 3# bags. His theory was that another customer had thrown a bag of broccoli into another veggie bin and when he thought he was picking up a different veg he got that bag of broccoli. We've had steamed broccoli every night for dinner, we've had broccoli cheddar soup, a great broccoli casserole, broccoli salad and I still have three pounds left. It is slowly disappearing and glad to say we really aren't tired of it yet.

I better keep eating it too because I'm doing way too much baking and sampling too much of that!

Stay safe, happy quilting (and making of masks) and looking forward to seeing everyone again at our next guild meeting.



Let's Stop  
**COVID-19**  
 CORONAVIRUS

## Share & Care - continued

**Carolyn Monson** - I took a risk on the morning of March 19th and visited two Sam's Club locations (Roseville & Power Inn Rd.), successfully acquiring two products for the family of one of my sons, whose wife has had a heart and kidney transplant AND they care for her mother who has MS and COPD - clearly a home that must avoid any possible contact with CoVid 19.

At each store I encountered HUGE, HUGE lines to even enter the stores and I did not want to hang around with all those people. I had an idea, which I acted on . . . at each store, I surveyed those at the beginning of the lines, picked a female, approached her and asked, "Could I be your mother for the moment and enter the store with you?" Immediate success on both tries!

Traveling lite (meaning I did not have a basket to push around), I was able to move fast, limiting my time in the stores. After acquiring my products, using the Sam's Club app on my iPhone, I was able to scan the bar codes & pay for my items and I was then able to exit the store without having to wait, in yet another line, for a cashier, nor touch the credit card machines.

At the 1st store I also was able to buy hand sanitizer which I put to immediate use and continue to do so to this day.

At the 2nd store, I will admit my goal was to get toilet paper. Of course, it was located diagonally, way at the back corner of the store. As I approached the area, I observed that Sam's Club had created lanes to get people in a line to pick up paper towels and toilet paper. At first, I was really confused, and ignorant of the situation ahead of me but . . . as a single person with no basket, I was able to "innocently" saunter past people. The line, and I turned a corner where I came upon people getting paper towels. It was VERY chaotic but I soon realized that toilet paper was just ahead! So, I, "innocently," sauntered on a bit faster, grabbed what I needed, and moved on as quickly as I could. Before I got to the exit door, I stopped to scan, and pay for, the toilet paper and then I was, again, able to just walk out the door. What an adventure that had been.

On April 3rd & 4th I was able to help them again - they moved into their brand new home. They said they could trust no other person (to be CoVid free) than me - even their 2 daughters. Awe! Now, this was a whole lot more work and how I ached at the end of each day but I survived.

**Janet Gilstrap** - I wanted to share with all of you about some online classes I have been taking. I was already doing this before we had to stay home everyday sewing (that part hasn't been terrible). The instructor is Philippa Naylor from England. She is an international teacher & has won multiple awards for her work. Before taking up quilting, Philippa was a lingerie & wedding dress designer. Each class & her attention to detail is outstanding. Though I've been quilting for several years now, I learn a lot during each lesson. Her site is Quilters' Question Time.

I was able to try out a class for 2 weeks for \$1. If you do sign up, the class is yours forever in your library, to go back and review when you are attempting something you don't do everyday. If you are fairly new to quilting, this could be invaluable. I love being able to take a detailed class (and pushing re-wind when I need to hear it again) without loading up my machine & spending all day sitting in a folding chair!

Photo of Sue Rasmussen's class from our last luncheon.



This is called Drifting Leaves- I did my first piping & the extra wide binding that Philippa teaches.



### Luncheon Ticket Sales

You may still purchase your tickets for the September Luncheon during the period the Guild is not meeting. Same rules apply: tickets and seating assignments will be made in the order I receive payment. At this point, it is best to mail your check to Karen Gray, 1931 Shelfield Drive, Carmichael 95608. Make the check out to GVQG. Cost is \$40 per ticket. Let me know who you want to be seated with. I will need payment from your guests by the end of July to hold their space at your table. I am holding all checks until we have a Guild Meeting, so nothing will be cashed immediately. I will take your ticket(s) to the next Guild meeting to give to you, but I will mail tickets to non-members.

Meanwhile, stay safe everyone!  
 Karen Gray - Ticket Sales

### Treasurer's Report - March 2020

|                                    |                      |                    |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
|                                    |                      |                    |
| Bank Balance as of 03/31/19        |                      | \$46,922.69        |
| Income                             |                      | \$1,903.00         |
| Expenses                           |                      | -\$2,913.53        |
| <b>Net Income/Loss</b>             |                      | <b>-\$1,010.53</b> |
|                                    |                      |                    |
| Bank Balance as of 04/30/19        |                      | \$45,912.16        |
| Less Dedicated Funds:              |                      |                    |
|                                    | Mercy Retreat        | -\$5,748.89        |
|                                    | Zephyr Retreat       | -\$9,825.00        |
|                                    | Charitable/Education | -\$16,670.68       |
| <b>Available Funds on 05/01/19</b> |                      | <b>\$13,667.59</b> |

### Mini Group Meeting

The mini group, Thread Heads, held a Zoom meeting on April 9th. Those that were able to connect were Bev Purdue (contact person), Carol Black, Gwyneth Dunbar, Nancy Grundell, Vicki Walter, and Carolyn Monson, who was the meeting host. We got to 'catch up' for 2 hours while we worked on our own projects from cutting fabric for masks, embroidering a block, knitting - to each his own. We plan on doing it again in 2 weeks.



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