



Golden Valley News Patches



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April - Happy New Guild Year!

Meeting In-Person!

YOU are the star of the show! Can't wait to see all those projects you've finished this last year and have been waiting to display in person. The Free Table will be back, along with Community Service, a Visiting Guild opportunity quilt and (hopefully!) Quilted Treasures. Hand sanitizer will be provided at each table. We will not have hospitality, so be sure to bring your own water bottle, coffee, etc. Individually wrapped treats will be provided.

NCQC Virtual Meet the Teachers — Wednesday, April 14th, 10am-Noon

Any of our Guild members are welcome to attend. You may find a new teacher that you'd like to suggest for one of our workshops. Send me your name and email address so I can send you the registration link. You can watch all or part of the presentations.

May is our Friendship Tea meeting. We're looking for people who love to plan a party to make up a committee to hash out the details of centerpieces, games, etc. Let's make this a really fun and friendly event to invite prospective members to. The Saturday following the Tea will be another Sew Along — details to follow.

Thank you for making me your Program Chair Elect for the past year and new Program Chair for this year. It's been great working with Kriss and Sandra on bringing you programs via Zoom. Kudos to them for serving three years as Program Chairs.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in 3-D!

Candice Buerer, Program Chair
916-508-7554 cjbuerer@gmail.com

Snippets . . . from the president

It looks like this will be the month we start to meet in person again! Yahoo! It's been a long year!

We won't be having a formal program.....we're focusing on YOU! What have you been working on this past year? We will still abide by all the safety precautions still required. Please wear a mask and RSVP to Membership that you are going to attend so we can space out chairs accordingly. We will have extra masks if you forget yours and also plenty of hand sanitizer.

We won't have our hospitality setup at this time. If you want to bring a treat, please individually wrap them.

I look forward to seeing all of you again and all the projects you've been working on this past year. I'm REALLY looking forward to the free table! Dust off those singing voices for our April birthdays.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, May 6th, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Let me know if you're interested in attending and I'll send you the link.

Stay safe and keep sewing!

Vicki



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**Next Newsletter Deadline: Thursday,
May 8th
Please mark your calendar!**

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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 Candice Buerer at 916-508-7554

April

Meeting: Meeting In-Person

Date: April 22nd, 7 pm

May

Meeting: Friendship Tea

Date: May 20th, 7 pm

June

Meeting: Jane Haworth, Fabric Collage

Date: Thursday, June 24th, 7 pm

Workshop: Sunflowers - see article on page 3

Date: Saturday, June 26th,



Sew-Along

This month we will be working on Villa Rosa's SKY DIAMOND. The pattern, which utilizes HST with one sew and flip corner, is available at Swifty Stitches as well as on the Villa Rosa Designs website. Again this month, Sandee Rudolph is busy measuring, cutting and sewing to provide a mini version of the pattern for those who like to drive themselves nuts with tiny pieces. If the mini version is your cup of tea, contact Sandee for information. When selecting your fabrics, I'd advise you to be sure there's good contrast between your background fabrics and the diamond fabric. Without contrast, the diamond effect fades into the background and is lost. So dig through your stash and join Sandee, Sheila and Linda on April 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for more fun, laughs and good times while sewing. We still have lots of participation prizes (way better than a little participation trophy), so check in and check us out. Sew our project, work on your own UFO or PhD, or Zoom in just to socialize.

Bi-Annual Luncheon

Undoubtedly, you are wondering if we will ever have another luncheon. It would be impossible in 2021 but we are working towards the next one being in 2022. There are many hurdles to cross but we are doing our best given the Covid restrictions. We must find another speaker, confirm a new date with Devine Savior church, wait for our audience to complete their Covid shots, and address the distance factor that may or may not be in place in September of 2022.

Please be patient and we will announce the new date when we are certain that we can make it happen. Meanwhile get to work on your challenge project if you signed up for it....and can find it after so many months.

Coming in June

June 24th & 26th — Special Lecturer and Teacher Jane Haworth, Fabric Collage

I'm really excited about this. Jane was teaching at Artistic Alchemy Retreat a couple of years ago when I was there. Although I didn't take her class, I saw the work she does and the amazing results her students accomplished in just a couple of days. She has taught at Craft Napa, The Granary Quilt Shop in Sunnyvale and at the Dubai International Quilt Show. She belongs to SAQA, Mountain Art Quilters and the Auburn, CA, Foothill Quilters Guild. She is also part of Artistic Alchemy and co-hosts an annual retreat at Zephyr Point Lake Tahoe every September. Her most popular class, Pet Portraits Fabric Collage, is available on her website. We will be offering her Sunflowers workshop pictured above, which includes a pattern and will be quicker to complete. Sign up sheets will be available at the April and May meetings.

This will be an In-Person workshop at St. Mark's.



General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 25, 2021 - 7 p.m.
(Meeting via zoom due to pandemic)

6:30 p.m.: Test equipment prior to meeting
Call meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Visiting Guild: Flying Needles, Opportunity quilt presented by Olivia Loop (Theresa Abler) of Flying Needles Quilt Guild. Information on how to purchase tickets is on GVQG Website.

Member Birthdays acknowledged
February meeting minutes approved

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Officers reports: only treasurer (see below)

Committees:

Membership: Linda Sliepen: 52% paid (62 paid)

Sew Along: April 22 and 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Sky Diamonds by Villa Rosa Designs

May: Birdy

June: A Flying Geese Pattern TBA

Programs

Community Service Quilts: Sheila Galuza reported that Marie at Runs with Scissors has offered to be a drop off site for Community Service Quilts. Can also drop off at Swifty Stitches.

Email Jude Hryce if you have completed a community service quilt so guild can keep track.

Kriss Gross and Sandee Rudolph are in the process of transferring programs to Candice Buerer.

Poll: Are you comfortable getting together in person this April? 88% said yes so we will

New Business

2021-2022 Budget: Theresa Abler: (screen shared by Vicki Walter): Motion to approve budget adopted by vote.

Program: "My Journey Through the Artistic Muddle" by Jenny Lyon

Bring and Brag: Kriss Gross

Announcements:

Saturday, March 27, 2021, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Free Motion Quilting with Jenny Lyon via Zoom.

Thursday, April 1, 2021, Board Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, April 22, 2021, 7:00 pm General Meeting via Zoom

Adjournment at 9:06 pm

Christine Canelo - Secretary



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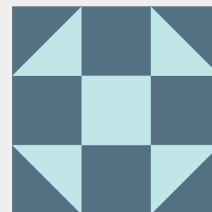
Evening times (4pm-10pm) available for groups on weekends and some weekdays.

Please email for information
peggy@cameositsnsew.com

Remember . . . for 2020-2021

Please make a note of it!

If you don't know what this image means . . . please ask Membership or the Web master.




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Treasurer's Report-March 2021

Bank Balance beginning of March	\$31,229.88
Monthly Income	\$2,550.00
Monthly Expenses	-\$1,731.64
Net Income/Loss	\$818.36
Bank Balance at end of March	\$32,048.24
Less Dedicated Funds:	
Mercy Retreat-Income	-\$3,471.78
Zephyr Retreat-Expense	\$0.00
Charitable/Education	-\$13,544.08
Available Funds at end of March 2021	\$15,032.38

Membership

The annual membership drive is in progress. The new year began April 1. We have 118 members, but so far only 77 or 66% have renewed their guild membership.

Please print the renewal form from the newsletter or website and mail it along with your check to the Membership Committee at Linda Sliepen's address which is on the form for your convenience. Membership dues are our only source of income this year so the lectures and workshops we are able to provide depend on you.

Another reason to renew your membership NOW... the password to unlock the members only section of our website changes on May 1. When the password is reset, an email to members in good standing will be sent out announcing the new passcode. Others will be locked out of this important section of our website and their names will be dropped from the newsletter mass mailing as well.

Even if you can't afford to pay your dues at this time, you need to send in your renewal form so we can hold your place on the roster. If you aren't able or don't wish to renew your membership, please drop me an email at llsliepen@comcast.net or membership@goldenvalleyquiltguild.org so I won't bug you. We will miss you.



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

Reminder!!!!!!

Reminder: If you'd like a seat at our April-In-Person-Meeting, you need to RSVP to Linda Sliepen by calling 916-725-2800 to leave a message or email llsliepen@comcast.net or membership@goldenvalleyquiltguild.org.



Janet	Gilstrap	04/04
Alexandra	Caraveo	04/05
Linda	Hugg	04/10
Josie	Brooks	04/11
Beverly	Purdue	04/15
Clara	Pursley	04/17
Mary	Droege	04/26
Candice	Buerer	04/29
Wilma	Robinson	04/29

Quilt Rush 2021

Congratulations if you've been vaccinated and no longer need to be confined to home. Break out of cabin fever and head for Quilt Rush 2021. That's right! The spring quilt shop hop is back, May 12-16, with nine shops participating. California poppies and other wild flowers should be in abundance by then. Enjoy the beauty as you meander through the countryside, but don't stop to smell the flowers or you'll cut into your shopping time. For more details, pick up a flyer at Fabric Garden, Runs with Scissors or Swifty Stitches.



Getting to Know You - Donna Palmer

Donna, was born on August 1, 1950 and was raised in San Diego, CA. Donna is the oldest of 7 children. Her dad was in the navy until he retired and then he worked as a machinist. Donna's mother, a homemaker, was an extraordinary seamstress - see it in a store and she could copy anything. In Donna's early years she was jealous of others because she didn't have store bought clothing to wear. But there was a bright side of that. Donna and her sisters had dolls with clothes galore, and her dad kept the boys happy because he would get used tricycles, bicycles, peddle cars, etc. and would repaint them with flames & strips. Donna & her siblings were the envy of the neighborhood because of what their parents could do.

Donna tells an amazing story about her adored 5th grade teacher, who also worked as a tour guide at the San Diego Zoo. He had awesome animal stories and she thought the sun rose and set on him. As she became a teenager she really appreciated her homemade clothing - that fit her thin body! She took Home Economics and Art in school and had a dream of becoming a Home Ec teacher. That didn't pan out but, in those two classes, she learned skills that paid off in spades all through her life.

In the middle of her senior year, she met Everett, the love of her life - a sailor stationed at the San Diego Naval Air Station. In 1968, he received orders to Vietnam. They decided it was time to get married and they did.

After Vietnam, the navy moved them several times and, in the process, they became parents of 3 children, in 1969, 1971, & 1972. Their first stop was Long Beach, then Lemoore NAS, and THEN to Adak - ALASKA! Adak is one of the islands in the Aleutian chain and from 1942 to 1997, the whole island was a naval base/airfield. It is so far out that they could see Russia & Russian ships - if the clouds lifted. Checking the Internet, Adak is described as a cold, foggy, windy and muddy place to be but, Donna's children loved it there. It was a place where they made the most of the freedom they had to run the island - to play and to fish with all the other military kids. Even more noteworthy, that is where Donna learned to quilt. She thought they were going to need quilts so they wouldn't freeze to death during this assignment. It turned out that they couldn't even sleep under the quilts she made because they were TOO thick - they made everyone too hot. She had used 3 layers of Fat Bat and tied the quilts. She gave them away to friends being transferred to Greenland where it is really cold.



Donna had a couple of jobs over the military years. First, was working for an attorney preparing and serving subpoenas. She followed that by working in an engineering office.

In 1989 her husband, having gained the rank of senior chief, retired from the navy and, because her husband was originally from Chico, that is where they decided to move, but only for a couple of years. During that time she managed a Ben Franklin store. Not wanting to stay too long in one place, they moved to Washington for a year. That is when a friend called and offered Donna a position with My Creations. Donna accepted the offer and they moved again, to Citrus Heights where she managed the My Creations that use to be on Madison & Kenneth. From that job, Donna retired. After her husband's naval retirement, he worked for several Home Depots - he could get jobs everywhere. He permanently retired a few years after Donna. The move to Citrus Heights was suppose to be temporarily but, they find them selves still here after 25 years - definitely the longest they have ever lived anywhere. Their children grew up, married, and now there are 6 grandchildren - ages now of 14 - 17.

During these last 25 years Donna's resumé grew longer. She started off teaching tole painting. Then that grew into a little business of painting things in people's homes. A couple of examples are the customer who wanted trim in her dining room that matched her china. Another customer wanted a mural on a wall. She also painted clothing, sold patterns, and she did Folsom & Cal Expo craft shows for years, which provided a sizable income for her.

During this pandemic there are several things that have been keeping Donna, and her husband, busy. Starting off, she coordinated with Sharon Baxter to make our 2022 opportunity quilt, she repaired 2 quilts for a man who's wife had passed away but she hasn't sewn a stitch since. She also cares for six (neutered) feral cats and two rescued shih tzus. Then there has been the huge project of completely refurbishing the inside of their home - painting, laying new floors, and finishing with new baseboards through out the house. She had to pack many things away so this could be accomplished and she is eagerly waiting for the project to get completely finished so she can unpack everything and get sewing again.

One has to wonder how, with such a busy life, did, she find the time to be the 1st president (#1) of the Golden Valley Quilt Guild in 2002? She was president a 2nd time in 2004, and when she becomes our 2022 president, it will be her 3rd time!



Share & Care - March Madness

As most of you know, I am a graduate of Gonzaga University, a small Jesuit school in Spokane, Washington, that is highly rated for academics, and just happens to be a little bit crazy about college hoops. For the first time in school history, our men's basketball team was ranked #1 in the nation from the first week of preseason through the conference and postseason. We went into the NCAA tournament, fondly referred to as March Madness, as the only Division I undefeated team and the #1 seed overall. Due to Covid protocol, each of the 68 schools' teams were housed on their own floor of the hotels, one player per room, and not allowed out except for team practices and games. The tournament began on March 17th; the championship game was played on April 5th. This is a win or go home event, so 32 teams were out the first week. For those who remained, I commend these 18-25 year old men for their determination and dedication to a game they love so much that they were willing to tolerate these crazy protocol rules. Gonzaga's list of accomplishments this year were numerous. Any other year, the fans would be quite proud of the list, but the better you are, the more fans expect of you. We were looking for undefeated immortality – and undefeated season capped off by the national championship – last accomplished by Indiana in 1975-76. Alas, we lost the title game to an excellent Baylor team. We now join the ranks of UNLV, Duke and Kentucky who also had undefeated seasons but lost the national championship game. This really isn't bad company to be in; after all, our record for the last 2 years is 62 wins and 2 losses. Thank you to all my quilting friends who tuned in to watch this special team. I hope you enjoyed their athleticism, sportsmanship and team precision as they played the game they love for and with their teammates. And get ready for next year because we'll be back!

Linda Sliepen

