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## Important Information:

Next Meeting: January 25, 2024  
 Next Workshop: January 25, 2024  
 Newsletter Deadline: February 5, 2024  
**ZOOM Board Meeting: January 11, 2024**  
 New email [GVQG@yahoo.com](mailto:GVQG@yahoo.com)

## VISITING QUILT WILL BE:

### Pioneer Quilt Guild

Remember to bring your wallet!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE!

Hello Quilters!

Happy New Year! Whenever I send that message on my phone, fireworks flash on my screen. Every single time, I LOVE IT! It hasn't gotten old yet. Oh, that's right, New Year, New Beginnings, New, New New.

We had a fun anniversary trip, my husband and I went to Ventura in December. A couple of quilt shops just might have been nearby, one even within walking distance! Modern Quilt Company is really an online business. We didn't know that and thought it odd that it showed up on a Google search and when we found the building, there was no signage! We walked around the shopping center a couple of times waiting for the 10am opening. We could see a gal inside the window cutting fabric, easily recognizing the cutter, cutting mat, etc. So we knew we were at the right spot. We opened the door to a mailing carton on the floor and said, "Is this the quilt shop?". "Yes, come on in!!" I had promised that I was just going to purchase some 'neutrals' and nothing else, so we started the hunt through shelves with bolts of fabric, some still in the plastic wrapping. First, my husband was the bolt holder, but it wasn't long before he was finding 'the perfect neutral' for me. It was a crazy, different kind of experience, shopping that way. And now, I get emails often, advertising their next sale! I still love shopping at my local quilt shops, rather than online.

Happy New Year! \*Resolutions? \*Reservations? \*Revisions? It has always been fun to me to make a list and cross things off. #What about taking a class this year from one of the teachers that our programs bring to us? #What about taking on a role in the guild? Chair a committee or partner with another quilter to fill a guild position. #Go on a guild retreat. Zephyr still has some openings. #Start a mini group and meet some other like minded quilting friends. #Meet the teacher for dinner before the meeting. It has been a treat to see the personality of the speaker before the meeting. The lecture seems richer to me. # Use the color orange in a quilt this year #Design a quilt pattern-integrate some of your favorite elements into a whole new design. Whatever you choose, Happy New Year!

-SheilaG



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Jody	Groves	1/14
Cathy	Zimmerman	1/14
Rachel	Hernandez	1/23
Karen	Gray	1/24
Sandie	Mixa	1/24

If it is your birthday, please be sweet and share a treat.





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## Community Service Sit and Sew

Happy New Years to all of you quilters. What a better way to start off the New Year than with a Community Service Sit and Sew.

We will gather at St. Marks Church on Thursday, Jan 25, 2024, at 5:00 PM when sewing will start. We know this a bit later than we usually start; however the school has an event that afternoon that precludes us from starting earlier. We can sew until 8:30 pm.

Please bring your machine, project and tools. The guild will provide the ironing boards, irons, cutting matts, electrical hookups and batting.

We will have Villa Rosa pattern cards available in the next few days. We will send out another email when they are available and where you can pick them up at. You are of course welcome to work on your own community service project that night.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

We wish you all good health in 2024!

Gabriele, Jody and Phyllis



## Membership

46 members and 3 guests for the December meeting.

## Opportunity Quilt Chair

We need a 2025 Chairperson for the next opportunity quilt! The chairperson will put together a group of quilters to choose a pattern, get all permissions needed and make a quilt.

## Community Service

We have so many things to be thankful for this year. Especially those members that found time to contribute their time and efforts into making community service quilts! Without you ladies we would not have a guild.

Many thanks to all that contributed to our on going efforts.

Happy Holidays,  
Jody, Phyllis and Gabriele





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## Programs

We are off to a New Year of quilting, fun and giving back to our community.

**January** will be a Sew-In event and information will arrive separately. We will be introducing the February class at the sew-in and through a special email so that you can sign-up for the February class. A sample of "Gypsy Summer," a new Dresden design which she will teach in February will be available at the sew-in.

**February**, we have Anelie Belden as our meeting presenter and class instructor. She is the author of Thoroughly Modern Dresden, a quilt teacher and designer. Anelie has appeared on "The Quilt Show with Alex Anderon and Rick Tims and has taught at Empty Spools Seminars and guilds throughout the USA. Class is Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 3:30. \$40. for the class.

**March** will bring us Colleen Granger at our March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting who believes that, "If you're not having fun, then you shouldn't be doing it." Because of the Easter weekend that follows our meeting, Colleen will return to us on April 6<sup>th</sup> and conduct a class called, "Fantabulous." We will have a sample and begin taking reservations at our February meeting.

Pam and Donna

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## Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance beginning of month	\$39,173.47
Monthly Income	\$4,878.00
Monthly Expenses	\$2,139.33
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$2,738.67</b>
Bank Balance at end of month	\$41,912.14
Less Dedicated Funds:	
Mercy Retreat-Income	\$7,839.29
Zephyr Retreat-Income	\$9,481.00
Charitable/Education	\$11,168.00
<b>Available Funds at end of month</b>	<b>\$13,423.85</b>

## Raising Dues in April 2024

The GVQG Board has proposed to raise the membership dues to \$45.00. The need for this increase is the operating expenses went from \$3600 in 2022 to \$4500 in 2023. There will be a discussion on this proposal in January and the guild will vote on this at the February meeting.

### \*Mercy Retreats--Updated Price

Just before Christmas we received the Winter Retreat contract and learned that Mercy rates have gone up \$25 for 2024. Updated payment plan below:

Month Due	WINTER 2024	JUNE 2024
January	\$25 (increase)	\$100
March		\$105*

\*Full payment due



Please look for new members  
and make them feel welcome.  
**EVERYONE - Wear your name tag!**



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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## Meeting Minutes – December , 2023

Meeting begin at 11.18am

Welcome to 46 members and 3 guests

Thank you to the Folsom Quilt and Fiber we Guild for displaying their beautiful opportunity quilt. Pattern by Laundry Basket Quilts.

Meetings for November. Minutes approved without corrections.

Newsletter deadlines is January 5, 2024

Board Meeting is January 11, 2024

All members welcome. See Sheila for the link

Gabrielle Wildanger reported the pillowcases turned in at the November meeting were distributed. Thank you for all your efforts.

Donna Dale for Programs

Anelie Beldon for February

Talk at guild meeting February 22, 2024

Class February 24, 2024

Pattern Gypsy Summer

Colleen Granger for March

Talk at guild Meeting March 28, 2024

Class April 6, 2024

Carolyn Monson bought new computer. Learning curve. Please give her a call if you find something wrong

Call out for someone to take over Quilter's Treasurers

Block of the month pattern for January passed out.

Opportunity Quilt Committee needed

Please consider taking a board position.

Next Community Sew Day is January 25, 2024

Opportunity Quilt winner was Linda Sliepen

Lunch and games followed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm



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## Time Sew Along

Zoom with us from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Zoom with us for a Sew-Along session on **Saturday, February 10**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Zoom invitation will be sent out from Golden Valley Quilt Guild in an email either Friday night or early Saturday morning. If you haven't already done so, download the Zoom app on your laptop, tablet, iPad or phone; then click on the email invitation to launch the app and join the meeting. Join us for chit-chat, laughs, giggles and maybe even sewing. If you aren't available for the entire 4 hours, drop in for as much time as you have - even if it's only 15 minutes to say "hello." We'll be together rain or shine.

New guild members, this is a fun way to get to know other members without leaving your house. You don't even have to dress up, but we do recommend you comb your hair. We laugh a lot, and rarely solve the problems of the world, but can guarantee that you'll find help with any pattern you're having difficulty understanding.

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## BOM

The "I Love Us All Year Long" quilt pattern was designed as a Block of the Month pattern. Each month the pattern and instructions are passed out by Tracy and Linda for the next block. If you cannot attend the meeting but still want the pattern, it is available on the Material Girlfriends website, <https://materialgirlfriends.com/2023-i-love-us-sew-along/> as a free download. Additional tips or video instructions to help you with your block are available on the Material Girlfriends website also; and Tracy and Linda are available during our Sew-Along Zoom sessions on the second Saturday of the month to answer your questions and/or demo various concepts. For those who don't like downloading from the internet, if you send Tracy your name and email address, she has offered to make a PDF file of the monthly block and send it out so that you can print that.

Tracy Trimble and Linda Sliepen



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An Afternoon In Paris  
GVQG Bi-Annual Luncheon  
September 14, 2024  
11:00 am to 2 pm  
St. Mark's Church



The Luncheon Committee requests your presence at our Luncheon this fall. Tickets will be available soon.

We also have opportunities for members to get involved with our preparations!

Three or more persons are needed to help with Raffle Baskets - collecting baskets and contents for them, storing the items until assembly day, several more helpers to put the finishing touches on the baskets, and then setting up baskets for the raffle. If you have previously expressed an interest in helping with baskets or feel inspired to join this group email Candice Buerer or Tracy Trimble.



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## **SEMI-Annual Luncheon**

Our Semi-annual luncheon is fast approaching.

Before we know it Saturday September 14th will be here.

For our new members, this is our biggest fundraiser for our guild besides the opportunity quilt ticket sales.

The luncheon committee is looking for donations from our members for the raffle baskets. We will let you know at future meetings what you can donate for the next month.

We would like to start this month, the 2 themes for this month are Animals or Floral so if you are able to donate fat quarters or yardage in those themes or any notions or quilting supplies it will be greatly appreciated.

There will be a table at the meeting to drop off your donations. Empty baskets, decorative boxes or anything you can think of to be the base for a basket.

One year someone donated a small wagon for a child themed basket. The possibilities are endless.

Looking forward to the awesome baskets we will be able to create.

Your 2024 Luncheon Committee.

### **Nominating Committee**

We are quickly approaching the time of year when we will be nominating a new slate of officers. If you are interested in a particular position, please let me know. If you would like to be on the nominating committee (calling all members) I would appreciate the help. I need one more person to joining the committee. (Helping in this way will mean you will not have to volunteer your services-unless you want to). Thanks in advance for your help.

Judy Scollay-Pres-elect





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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

T'was the second Saturday of December  
And all through the gym,  
The tables were decorated  
With the finest of trim.  
Food was presented for our feast  
And we'd eat soon as our president pleased....

But wait! Sheila wasn't here; she was on her way to SoCal celebrating her anniversary. I was taking her place at the head of the room, and it was up to me to get this party started. With the agenda in hand, I stepped to the microphone. I had my joke ready to open the meeting just like she would have. And with all that prep, my mind went blank. We followed the agenda, sort of, and got through the business part of the day. All the tables were numbered, so we drew numbers to establish the order of foodies in line. After our meal, we had everyone take turns visiting the Christmas stocking table to vote for their favorite design. They also walked around the room getting a closer look at the lovely table decorations before voting for the one they liked best. And with that, I turned the microphone over to Vickie and Debra for our party games while the table decorations and best stocking votes were tabulated and prizes awarded. Prizes for the party games were also awarded. All that was left was the drawing for our beautiful Christmas "Sleigh Bells" Opportunity Quilt. No one seemed to mind that we had forgotten to get the raffle ticket mixing drum out of the storage locker. Martha Hess gave tickets in the large project bag one final stir before Debra Ludden picked the lucky ticket. And the winner was a guild member; the ticket belonged to ID # 231! There I stood with microphone in hand ready to congratulate the lucky winner, but wait! That was my number they called. How do you congratulate yourself in front of a crowd? I had Faith confirm I was indeed member #231. We had a good laugh to finish the meeting and cleanup began!

This beautiful quilt adorned my couch through the holidays. I didn't have a Christmas quilt; I've made several but always given them away as gifts. What a treat to be the recipient of the beautiful work of my fellow guild members. A HUGE thank you to Stephanie Hoffman, Adelia Keller, Vickie Kensey, Debra Ludden, Judi Montgomery, Cindi Oseto, Nancy Sahraker and Sue Terwilliger for being members of this year's opportunity quilt committee. Your work is beautiful.

Linda Sliepen





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## What is NCQC and how does it benefit us?

Our guild is a member of the Northern California Quilt Council, and that means that each and every one of you is a member.

Their website (ncqc.net) says:

NCQC facilitates communications between quilt guilds, teachers, and others in the quilting industry.

Here are some examples of how it benefits us:

- They have a directory of teachers that offer workshops/lectures in person or online.
- We can have a picture of our opportunity quilt on the website with information on how to purchase tickets.
- We can share information with other guilds in the area (there is also a directory of guilds).
- We can participate in Meet the Teacher events, which take place both in person and online.
- We can include our programs and events on their calendar to widen our advertising reach.
- Dream about entering something into PIQF but don't have the courage?? NCQC does an exhibit included in PIQF called "New Quilts of Northern California" that you can enter instead, and the entry fee is only \$10.

If you have any questions, or want more information, you can go to their website or ask me....that what I'm here for!

Happy quilting!

Vicki Walter, NCQC Representative



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## Website update . . . (as of December 10, 2023)

We humans make an infinite number of decisions every day. Decisions that result in positive outcomes, leave us feeling empowered and pretty darn good about ourselves. Decisions that don't turn out as expected can be quite the bummer.

I was reading many things about how great Apple's new iMac M3 computer was going to be and . . . I decided I wanted to replace my old computer. So, I set my alarm to wake me up at 4:55 am, on Tuesday, November 7th, so I would be successful in ordering mine on the very 1st day they became available at 5am. My new computer was delivered to my house on November 13th. I was quite terrified by the thought that I was going to be responsible for transferring all my data to the new computer. However, the process turned out to be quite easy - as most things usually are with Apple products.

**BUT** . . . something happened that put this decision I had made to upgrade to the iMac M3 computer into "quite the bummer" category. Rapid Weaver, the program I use to create the guild's Website, DID NOT WORK!

Along came my knight in shining armor, "Steve," who lives in the UK, and "just tries to help people" via the Rapid Weaver Forum. A forum which I had never participated in until this disaster struck. I posted my story, emphasizing my age and pointing out my lack of understanding of what to do. Steve, taking pity on me, took the time, by viewing our Website, to sort of recreate it on his computer and, by never giving up on me, he finally got me to understand that my Rapid Weaver file was missing an item called 'Content.plist' (I had/have no idea what that was/is - STILL). We determined that this, unfortunately, was going to require my installing an update on my computer. I could never have figured this out without Steve's help. We would have lost our guild Website.

Then, it turned out that I had to go to a backup I had from last May (why more current backups would not work will remain a mystery). A May file, obviously, was going to require that I get many things updated. I did this by looking on line at our existing Website to see what information needed to be changed and what could stay the same. When I finally got things pretty much ship shape, my heart was pounding when decided it was time to get this new information up for all to see. I held my breath and clicked on the "Publish" key - it was successful and I breathed a HUGH sigh of relief.

I am happy to report that, on Saturday, December 9th at 8:15am, I was able to put the final touches on the Website and everything is, once again, up to date and working.

There is one thing I would like to mention. I find that when I use my iPhone or iPad to view the Website - every time I click on any thing it instantly shows up. Not so for MY iMac computer. However, if I wait long enough, everything does eventually work. I first realized this when I was trying to get into Members Only. I put in the code and . . . there it sat . . . it took forever to open up. This is true when I move from one page to another sometimes. I have no idea why this is happening. So, if this should happen to you when you are on a computer, just be patient and wait . . . it will work.

Carolyn - Webmaster