

Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter

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Pacific Flyway Quilters – Colusa

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars: Saturday January 26th is the day! It's the day of the QGNQ meeting, and "Where," you ask, "is that meeting going to be held?" Why, in Colusa! We are hoping for a beautiful sunny day for you all to come and join us. As always the meeting will begin at 11:00 am. Doors will be open at 10:00 am. We would love for you to bring your Opportunity quilt. You may also want to schedule some dates with other guilds to take your quilt to, or have them come to you with theirs.

Here is some other important information that you will need for this wonderful day:

The program will be a discussion topic. That topic will be "Quilt Entries and Your Fair". We would like you to bring copies of the quilt section from your fair premium book that has the Division and Class information for Quilts and/or if you do a judged quilt show. Please bring that information as well. We want to hear how you work with your Fair, and share ideas. We very much would like you to bring some of your winning quilts. We would like to see your Best of Shows, as well as the first place winners. Any year is fine; it does not have to be from this past year.

What's for lunch? We will be serving homemade soup as well as homemade rolls, cookies, water, coffee or tea. We will serve a meat soup as well as a vegetable soup. The cost for this lunch will be \$10.00. **Please send your RSVP and payment not later than January 21, 2019.** Send it to Yvonne Phenicie, 1974 Wescott Rd., Colusa, CA 95932

This meeting will be held at the **Masonic Hall on the corner of 5th and Jay Streets in Colusa.** If you are coming from the North, South, East or West you will be coming in on Highway 20. Highway 20 comes into town from all directions, and becomes Market Street once you hit town. If you are coming from Chico, you will come in on highway 45. You will take Market Street until you come to 5th Street. There is a stop sign at Market and 5th. You will then turn south on to 5th Street, go one block and that will be Jay Street. The Hall is on the East side of the Street.

We are looking forward to having you come to Colusa.

-- Yvonne Phenicie and Joyce Brookins

Future QGNQ Meetings

2019	
January 26	Pacific Flyway Quilters, Colusa
April 27	Hayfork Quilters, Hayfork
July 27	Ridge Quilters, Paradise
October 26	Sun Country Quilters, Red Bluff
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January 25	Orland Quilt Guild, Orland
April 25	Oroville Piecemakers, Oroville – "Meet the Teachers V"
July 25	
October 31	

Upcoming QGNQ Member Quilt Shows and Events

2019	
March 9-10	Yuba-Sutter Valley Quilt Guild, Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4, Admission \$7
May 4-5	Grapevine Quilters of Ukiah, Quilts in Bloom, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4, Admission \$10
June 29-30	Ocean Wave Quilters, Fort Bragg Quilt Show, "Magic Dreams", Dana Gray Elementary School, 1197 Chestnut Street, Fort Bragg, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4, Admission \$7 (good for both days)
August 31-September 1	Long Valley Quilters, (outdoor show) by the Fat Quail Quilt Shop, Highway 101, Laytonville
September 5-6	Shasta Lily Quilt Guild, Mt. Shasta High School, Mt. Shasta, Admission \$3

What Happened at the October Meeting in Ord Bend

What a grand meeting. It was our 4th Meet the Teacher with Annie's Star hosting us at the Ord Bend Hall. We had a full house even with all the smoke from the fires. The tables were decorated in a fall theme and the guild supplied three full baskets of quilting items for door prizes. Such a fun touch. Sue Good and crew did a wonderful job setting the stage for lunch and a fun meeting.

Seven quilters presented their special techniques for workshops and great ideas for lectures. A copy of their information is attached to this newsletter for those who were unable to attend. Please think about booking some of the wonderful talent that we have in the north state.

Dorothy Welton shifted the Row by Row Round Robin Challenge bags around for a fourth round. This will be such a fun reveal and traveling exhibit.

Several Opportunity Quilts were displayed. Remember to always bring your guild's Opp Quilt to each of our meetings. No preregistering involved. Just bring them!

Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 26 in Colusa hosted by Pacific Flyway Quilters. Hope to see all of you there!

-- Arlene Arnold

It's Dues Time!

Hey everyone. Our year starts in January and that means that dues are due at our next meeting. You can bring them with you or mail them to me, Arlene. The information is on the bottom of the form. Please fill out the form and bring it as this helps to keep our roster up to date.

Extra Items for our January Meeting

1. Please bring your calendars for booking Opportunity Quilts into your meetings and also be ready to book your quilt into other guilds meetings.
2. Please be ready to let us know if you can send on our newsletter to the members of your guild. We would like them to read it. You as reps can send it on. We will be discussing this to get it done!
3. Insurance. Does your liability insurance cover the people who own your meeting place but not your guild?
4. Please bring the entry pages from your County Fair entry book and or your quilt show entry book. We will be discussing categories. The quilting industry has changed so much that it is making judging harder.
5. Please bring Best of Show and First Place quilts to share. It should be fun!

A Word From Arlene

This has been a season of testing for so many of us. While I was one of the lucky ones that lives in the valley and didn't experience the fires personally I was a witness to many of them by being in the areas where they were. Driving back from our July meeting we drove through fire on both sides of our route, Lakeport on the south and fire on the hillside to the north. I had never seen a purple-black sky before. It was scary. Then I was in the Fall River Mills area to judge. I was driving through the smoke from the Carr fire and after I arrived at my motel found out that 24 hours earlier Cal Fire had made a stand in their parking lot to stop the fire there. After that I drove through smoke so thick I couldn't see but 100 yards in front of me to reach Mt. Shasta to judge their show. When I left another fire had started in their area. It was crazy.

Last month I was in Encino dressed in my Civil War outfit sitting in the back of the room waiting to speak when my phone buzzed and I saw that the town of Paradise was on fire. As I was reading this information the Community Service chair

was telling the Valley Quilt Makers Guild about the quilts that they had made and had she delivered for the Carr Fire victims. She told about driving up to see relatives in Orland and going onto the next town and leaving them at a quilt shop. Then I was introduced.

After the usual hellos I told the group that I would start my lecture in a moment but first I wanted to tell them about their quilts. I was able to tell them that the quilt shop is called Quilt n Tyme in Corning and that the Quilters Sew-ciety of Redding was the guild that picked them up for distribution. Then I was so happy to tell them that I saw quilts being given to two ladies who lost their homes and their businesses to the Carr Fire. This happened at our Meet the Teachers in Ord Bend. Two people knew where Ord Bend is! There were smiles and a few tears happening in the audience because sometimes you just wonder if your quilts really get to the people you made them for. Well, yes, they did and the ladies in Encino were thrilled to know it. Unfortunately my phone chose that moment to vibrate and flash on the screen at the town of Paradise was on fire. That was a sickening feeling. I told the ladies what was happening. Many more know about the town of Paradise and or knew people who lived there. They vowed to make more quilts to take to Northern California.

The end of my fire story was not over. The next day as I was teaching class the shop owner came into the classroom and informed us that the fire department had issued an evacuation advisory for all homes and buildings ACROSS the street from us! The Malibu fire was raging. The ladies chose to keep sewing. They said they could worry at home or worry in class and get something done. Wow! When my plane took off that night you could see miles and miles of fire lines going to the Pacific Ocean.

This is the end of my fire story now. I count my blessings that fire has not touched me and mine I pray for all of those that it has hurt. I look forward to the new growth, that like the green grass and wild flowers in the spring, will come to all our areas that have been affected and we will see beauty and strength combine for a bright future.

House Blocks for Camp Fire Families

Please cut and paste this article into your guild's newsletters. Send it out to all of your members in the North State. We can make a huge difference in these quilter's lives with just one little block!

Taken from Debbie's FaceBook Page 12/27/18:

Debbie's Quilt Shop in Paradise is requesting quilt blocks with houses from all over to help local quilters recover from the Camp Fire. The blocks must be 10 ½" (10" finished) and may be pieced, appliqued or embroidered. Please use good quality 100% cotton quilt shop fabric. Each bock must also have something written on it with permanent ink - an inspiring saying, your name and city or just your city and the date. The houses on the blocks may be traditional, modern or wonky - as long as the block is 10 ½". My shop has not yet moved onto its new address so blocks may be sent to my home for now.

Debbie's Quilt Shop
6287 Fremont Drive
Magalia, CA 95954

Quilters we can make a difference with one little block. Please make your blocks and bring them to the January QGNQ meeting in Colusa. We get the blocks to Debbie after the meeting. Maybe we can have Debbie attend the meeting!

For questions please contact: Arlene Arnold, 458-7597 or heritageoaksquilts@frontier.com.

Paws to quilt everyone, Arlene

Annie Star Quilt Guild – Chico

Meetings: 1st Thursday at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30)

The October North Quarter meeting in Ord Bend seems to have happened several lifetimes ago. Since then, as you know, Butte County was visited by a dreadful black cloud. It took away our sun for days and so much more. Some things forever. I am sure you have heard the tales of destruction, survival and endurance told by our friends and neighbors in our small foothill communities. So many places and things and people and animal life impacted. I know that all our quilting community friends understand. Many of you have been there. Chico has been impacted too. Adding 20,000 -30,000 plus people to a town overnight is an interesting experience. It is not just the traffic though, we all have tales of that too. Homes and hearts have been opened to friends, families, total strangers. Annie Star members have stepped up, volunteering in a multitude of ways as individuals and as guild members. First, we reached out to our members directly impacted by the fire and to Paradise guild members. We have held numerous sew days creating comfort quilts and pillowcases. Annie Star, Honeyrun Quilt store and Cathy's Sew and Vac have worked together collecting the volume of quilts and quilting items pouring in from all over the world. We have begun operating a very successful pop up store out of Cathy's warehouse. We welcomed Paradise Guild members to our Holiday party and into our guild. Many of us have helped Cindy Needham as

she too has turned her studio into a shop for displaced quilters. Fabric, as we all know, has its own healing power. We are in the beginning of the recovery period now. It will take time. Yesterday, I was one of the many who went to Sierra Nevada to buy a couple six packs of their new beer Resilience to share with family and friends. Last night we toasted.
-- Sue Good

Flying Needles Quilter's Guild of Yolo County – Woodland

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month – 6 p.m.

We have a new Program/Education Chair, Tamara Reed, who has booked some exciting events for us in the coming months. On Thursday, January 17th, our meeting speaker will be Stacia Lindahl. She has taught at quilt shops in the region. The meeting is from 6-8 p.m. at the County Fair Mall in Woodland.

On January 26th, Jane Haworth will be teaching "Tips and Tricks for T-Shirt Quilts". On February 16th, we'll have Stacia Lundquist teaching us Jelly Roll Fun. And on March 30th, Colleen Erdes will show us "Embellishing With Flowers".

Our Spring Challenge this year is "Dog-gone-good or Puff-fect Pet Quilts". These are up to 18" square quilts of your pet. And we hosted a member holiday cookie swap this year – so much fun – and so yummy!!
-- Roberta Burke

Grapevine Quilters Guild – Ukiah

Meetings: 1st Wednesday at 6:30

The Grapevine Quilters Guild is having a class on February 22 and February 23 (10-5 each day) given by Jill Schumacher, 'Quiltmaker to the Queen'. Jill is a Master Quilter and has won numerous awards including the Best Machine Quilting award at National Quilters Association. Her teaching methods help even the beginning quilter learn amazing skills and gain confidence in their machine quilting techniques. The class is two days on free motion quilting using your sewing machine. The cost is \$50 and is being held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1337 S. Dora Street in Ukiah. If you would like to sign up for this class, contact Linda McCallum at 707-462-3219. If you would like to bring a potluck dish, that is voluntary but greatly appreciated.

Heart of the Basin Quilters & Needle Arts Guild – Klamath Falls, OR

Meetings: 2nd Monday at 6 p.m. (doors open 4:30) - Baptist Church on Homedale in Klamath Falls

Ladies of the Lake - Lakeport

Meetings: 2nd Saturday at 10 a.m. (except October)

Greetings from smoky Lake County...again! We seem to have caught all this smoke from the Camp Fire in Paradise. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those folks.

Our guild is starting off 2019 with several excellent programs/speakers. In January Colleen Granger will be here with many ideas on how to use those tempting "pre-cuts" that we all love. After her engaging lecture on Saturday, she will lead a workshop on Sunday.... bring one of the pre-cuts that you couldn't resist (whatever shape or size you want) – now you are finally ready to cut the ribbon and use it! She will have patterns and ideas for whatever pre-cut you bring!!!

In February Sheila Collins will visit us (again!) with an entertaining lecture at the meeting on Saturday, and a fascinating 'mandala' workshop on Sunday. The finished project is stunning! In March we will sit back and relax (no workshop) as Marjorie McGraw regales us with tales about "Mistakes I Have Made and How They Were Corrected"...can't wait to hear this one! Lisa McKissick will visit us in April with her "Tool Time" lecture, and her workshop (Northern Lights) on Sunday; this project is definitely user-friendly and perfectly suited to all those 'newer' quilters who want something they can do...and finish !!

All our workshops are open to everyone (\$25 fee for members and guests). Come and sew with us, and meet some new quilting buddies! Contact Jane Alameda (janeala@mediacombb.net) (707-263-3831)

-- Jane Alameda

Log Cabin Quilters – Hayfork

Meetings: Last Wednesday at 11 a.m.

The Hayfork Log Cabin Quilters are busy getting ready for our Holiday party and potluck. Lately we've been making stuffed apples, I used Christmas fabric and gave them away but others used whatever they had on hand. We started our new Block of the Month program in October, this year we are doing two, one very basic one for the new quilters and one for the more advanced. We are also just about ready to get started on our opportunity quilt for this year, we are late doing

it but it took awhile to gather the fabrics. We have everything now so the first cuts get made in January! We also started our new brown bag challenge, I love my fabric so much I can't wait to finish it! I just wish I was making it for myself LOL.

One of our new members, Val Patton, had emergency surgery recently but is on the mend, we hope to see her back soon. The rest of us seem to be at least fairly healthy, thank heavens! I have had cataract surgery on both my eyes, one in October, the other in November. I love having bionic eyes! It's so nice to get up and not have to grab my glasses. I recently spent 4 days in Jacksonville, Oregon with my daughter, drove highway 3 over Scott Mountain to get there and it was so nice to see clearly. It was a beautiful drive.

We went to a play in Ashland and of course to the Sew Creative quilt shop, one of my favorites.

Hope to see you all in January.

-- Diana Stewart, President

Long Valley Quilters - Laytonville

Meetings: Third Wednesday at 10 a.m.

The Long Valley Quilters are beginning work on our next Opportunity Quilt to be raffled this coming Spring and Summer. The winning ticket will be pulled at our annual Quilty Pleasures quilt show September 1, 2019. Our free show is held annually on the last weekend of August, outdoors, by The Fat Quail Quilt Shop in Laytonville on Hwy 101. One of our members, Jody McGeen, makes amazing ribbons to be awarded in multiple categories for which the public votes for favorites such as Best Use of Color, Most Whimsical, The One You'd Most Like to Sleep Under, etc. Our members also choose a favorite for the quality of quilting.

Last year we made enough money with our Opportunity Quilt and Raffle Baskets to award 6 \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. This is the main monetary focus of our group.

We have also contributed pillowcases to the local Hospice, and quilts for foster and homeless children on an on going basis. In response to the Camp Fire many of us made stockings for children affected by that disaster.

Coming up in January we will have Sue Rohrke teach a class showing her technique in layering fabrics for art quilts. (suerohrke@mycci.net) This class is full, but samples of the barn we will be making will be on display at The Fat Quail, and if there is interest more classes may be offered in the future.

We hope to see you at our show August 31-September 1, 2019 in Laytonville!

-- Deb Kvaka

Mountain Quail Quilters – McArthur

Meetings: Second Thursday at 11 a.m.

Happy New Year and happy creating from Northeastern California. Our new year's resolution seems to be, "Yes! We can do more quilting!" As all of you, we continue to donate quilts to fire victims and those in need locally as well. Our upcoming events are: Jan. -team effort on Charity Quilts! Feb. - Padded folding chair covers to keep us all comfy as we work, taught by Linda Murray – member. March - Rope bowl making as taught by Judy Weber, member. April - annual swam meet and UFO's. Happy quilting from Pat and the gang up here. Come enjoy the snow, we hope!! In late March we head up to the Running Y Resort in Klamath Falls, Oregon, for a 3 day retreat where we all enjoy each other's company as we work on individual projects in a beautiful, light-filled meeting room for the 4th year in a row. There's swimming, hiking and a spa to take advantage of, too.

-- Pat Pell

Ocean Wave Quilters – Fort

Bragg

Meetings: 2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

We continue to keep busy here on the north coast. We finished our 2 opportunity quilts – Magic Breeze (left - 84x100) and Magic Maze (right- 42x55). They will be raffled at our June 29-30 show this year. We're excited to be able to say they cost us a grand total of \$214...our quilters generously donated scrap fabric for the quilts, so all we had to purchase were the



backing (\$30 for 6 yards at a local guild sale!) and borders, as well as the batting. The quilting for the larger quilt was done by our local professional – Cindi Jo Willey – and the quilting of the smaller quilt was donated by member Paula Perelstein.

Our first Sew/Service Sunday was a great success – we made 53 pillowcases to distribute to organizations here on the coast including Safe Passage, Project Sanctuary, Hospitality House, to children in foster care in Mendocino County, and to The Living Room in Santa Rosa. These agencies all support women and children who are dealing with issues like homelessness, domestic violence, or other life challenges, and a cheerful pillowcase lets them know someone cares. We also donated 2 dozen quilts to Redding for fire survivors there, and 2 dozen to the effort in Chico to provide quilts to survivors of the Camp fire. We are now busy restocking our closets with Warm Welcome and Chaplain quilts for our own community.

We had our usual Holiday potluck during our December general meeting, including a rousing game of Left-Right-and-Center for a chance to win fat quarters. We had to double the usual number of tables for the buffet – so much food! Then, later that week, a group met at La Playa Mexican Restaurant for an hour of good food and cheer. Quilters do like to eat, don't they?

Our Education Chair, Tina Perry, has been busy scheduling classes and educational activities. She has a full calendar for our 2019 blockettes of the month; we've added a dimension this year to have participants make not one, but two blocks, with the 2nd set being ear-marked for one of our community project quilts. On Sunday, February 24th, we'll be having a Studio Tour/Schoolhouse event. 3 quilters will open their workspaces up for an open house style tour. At each stop, another member will teach a skill and yet another member will provide the refreshments. We've done Schoolhouses at our regular meetings before, but have never taken one "on the road". It should be fun to see the different studios. We're hoping to repeat this activity a couple of times a year so we can eventually visit everyone's creative space.

Lisa Thorpe (lisathorpe.com) will be doing a trunk show at our Annual Tea on Sunday, April 28th, and she'll then teach a class on Gelli Printing on Fabric and then Embellishing with Thread on Monday, April 29th. It is likely this class will be open to non-members, so if you are interested, contact tinap@mcn.org. -- Sharon Lau

Orland Quilters - Orland
Meetings: 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Oroville Piecemakers – Oroville
Meetings: 3rd Thursday at 10 a.m.

Our guild has been very busy catching up after our very successful quilt show in October. The weather cooperated, and we had two wonderful cool days for the show. We sold some of our members' quilts for the first time during the show.

Our program for November was presented by Jane Haworth. She is an inspiring artist, who works from many photos she has taken. I found her skill in making the eyes of her subjects look so lifelike really remarkable.

December we held our annual potluck luncheon, with some new games to play, and the drawing for our Opportunity quilt of the past year. Much to our surprise, the winning ticket was purchased by Tiffany Sasek, a regular attendee of our Moonlighter group.

In January we are looking forward to having Jennifer Repacki as our speaker. Following the meeting, she will be teaching a workshop on "Constructing a Woven Background". We intend to use the background for a Donna Greenwald class in February.

See you all in January,

-- Dorothy Welton and Clara Midwood

PineNeedlers - Shingletown
Meetings: weekly on Wednesday

Quilter's Sew-ciety of Redding – Redding
Meetings: 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Redding Guild meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Senior Center on Benton Drive in Redding. January's meeting this year will be on January 7 at 7pm at the Elks Lodge right next door to the Senior Center. It is going to be a Mystery Trunk show by Vicki Bertucci. Should be fun.

Also on January 1st of 2019 if you would like to attend our Quilt Bash which will be on May 30 thru June 2nd at Simpson University download the registration form on January 1, on our webpage. The webpage is www.quilterssewciety.org. We can only accommodate 125 campers so if you want to join the fun be sure and download the registration form and send in ASAP. It fills up fast and is on a first come first serve basis.

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and we wish you all a Happy New Year.

-- Janet Barabe

Ridge Quilters Guild – Paradise

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday at 10 a.m. (doors open at 9:30 a.m.)

Boy, oh boy. Where to start? Everyone in our guild made it out safe and sound from the Camp Fire. Sheila Groom, Tina Bishop and Laura Lukes quickly jumped on social media and tracked everyone down. No one really rested until all members were located.

The outpouring of love from the quilting community all over the country has been unbelievable. Cindy Needham, Homey Run and Annie's Star Quilt Guild are serving as the unofficial clearing house for machines, notions, fabric and books. I personally went 'shopping' at Cindy's and got a rotary cutter and scissors.

There are many stories of quilts lost and quilts saved. Kim Morris grabbed our opportunity quilt on her way out the door. Linda Brown scooped up the treasure books. Bob and Teresa Larson saved a couple of our community quilts. Other members grabbed Round Robins and took them to safety.

For my part, I had just picked up member quilts that had been at the Gold Nugget Museum, which burnt to the ground, where they had been part of an exhibit. I had failed to return them to the owners when the fire started. Those quilts are on the living room floor of my house which is still standing. For a couple of those members the quilts I have will be some of the very few they will possess from a lifetime of quilting.

I am staying with my son in Springville California. Next week I will attend the Christmas party of the Porterville quilt guild. A gift card, sent by me sister, was waiting for me at the local quilt shop, Calico Mermaid. I have bought fabric at Tina's Fabrics in Springville. Everyone is so gracious! Everyone offers me a place to sew or just 'Be' with quilters. I have a borrowed machine and am making placemats for Christmas gifts. How in the world someone has to rip out stitching when making 'flip and stitch' placemats is beyond me.

More good news! It looks like we may have secured a temporary location to hold guild meetings. And.....our Home Tour committee is thinking outside the box so we can move ahead with the tour in 2019.

Best wishes and Merry Christmas from everyone at Ridge Quilter Guild in Paradise California. -- Peggy Schrader

Peggy also shared the following article about the quilting community coming together to help:

From scissors to sewing machines, huge effort helps evacuated quilters start over

[Mary Nugent](#)

December 08, 2018, 11:09 pm

CHICO — Cindy Needham's lifelong love of quilting began when she was 13 and now, that passion has taken a new turn. Since the Camp Fire, Needham started a collection project to help quilters who lost everything. In this case, it means everything it takes to make a quilt. She has a quilting studio on Meyers Street, and while she usually teaches classes and hosts quilting groups there, the main purpose lately is getting quilting supplies to the evacuated quilters.

The loss for these quilters is immeasurable. "We have a very strong quilting community in Chico and Paradise and yes, a lot of the quilters in Paradise lost lifetime collections and in many cases it is their livelihood. Many quilters lost all of their quilts as well," Needham said.

She has watched the quilters warm up to the idea of starting over.

"It took a bit for ladies to start arriving. They were all shattered and broken when they came through the door. Their stories were listened to, lots of hugs and Kleenex were passed around, and then they started walking around and petting the fabric and started smiling again," Needham said.

One of them is Kathy Bertrand, who is for now, staying in Penn Valley. She visited a craft store recently, and said it made her realize how much she had lost.

"Everything I saw – scissors, batting – reminded me that I had to start all over," she said. "I didn't know where to start." Jammie Herl and her daughter Natalie, 13, were also in Needham's studio on Wednesday for a new start. Her family is staying in Lincoln. "I've been quilting for 20 years, and I lost everything. I like to make things and I wanted to do that for the people who had us over for Thanksgiving. I realized, I didn't even have scissors. Where do you start? So this is amazing," said Jammie Herl.

It's been a pretty constant stream of women who need to begin again, said Needham. Wednesday she introduced her studio to a couple of them. There were bolts of fabric, sewing machines, quilting tools.

"The main thing here is 'Shop Without Manners'," she said, pointing to a sign in the studio. "That means they can take whatever they want, and it's free for them. If they want fabric, they can take the whole bolt. And they can come back as many times as they want to gather more. They can choose tools and sewing machines and bring them back to upgrade later."

The idea, said Needham, is that like all the evacuees, these women need everything. "They need to spend their money on the basics. So when they want to begin quilting again, they can do that here — and not spend anything."

Seasoned quilters become attached to what it takes to create beautiful quilts, said Needham, adding that the sewing machines they get from her studio are not meant to replace the ones they owned. "These are not forever machines. They are little buddies, to help you get going again," she told evacuated quilters on Wednesday.

Needham used her far-flung friends and contacts to make her effort a success. "I'm an international quilt instructor and I have traveled all over the world, so I've received completed quilts, sewing machines — from all over the world. People are really coming together to help with this."

She stresses that this is not her solitary project. She is not affiliated with a quilting group, but said Honey Run Quilters and Annie's Star Quilt Guild are heavily involved in the effort to help evacuated quilters.

Sally Senestraro with Annie's Star Quilt Guild said its members and their friends are busy making quilts for evacuated survivors. "There are probably 60 to 85 of us working on this, and we haven't decided when and where our distribution will begin. There are a few groups working on this, but it's all going to the same end."

Needham has received a trove of donated, completed quilts, many from Annie's Star Quilt Guild and some from around the world. Evacuated quilters who come to her studio choose a Survivor Quilt to keep.

Bertrand chose her Survivor Quilt on Wednesday at Needham's studio. "Look at this, it's beautiful," she said. "I love the black backing and the quilting looks like stained glass."

Cherylann Bullock and her family are staying with friends in Durham. She visited the quilt studio Wednesday, and cried when she remembered why she was there. "I have always done needlework, and I lost all my grandmother's and great-aunt's handwork," she said. "This has been so hard."

Bullock chose some needlework projects to begin to start over.

Needham said in her years of quilting, she has seen that quilters are really a specific type of person. "I think 99 percent of quilters in the world are givers," she said.

She said the endeavor has been cathartic. "It is something positive that I can focus on and make a small difference. It feels good. We are enabling our quilters to get back to what they do best — make quilts and give back to our community."

No donations are needed for these quilting drives.

Scott Valley Quilters – Etna
Meetings: 1st Thursday at 1 p.m.

Scott Valley Quilters are ready to begin a new year. December brought our annual Christmas party. Lots of great food, presents, beautiful quilts shared. We always have a good time.

Our UFO challenge will be due in March. It has been fun to see the projects that are in our 'coming soon' box. About 16 of us participate. What a great way to clear the sewing room for new projects! We will go for pie as a celebration!

This year on May 11th we will be having our bi-annual Tea Party. I hope to see some of you there!

Hope the New Year is quiltable!

-- Michele Estrada, President

Shasta Lily Quilt Guild – Mt. Shasta

Meetings: 1st Wednesday at 10 a.m.

The last page of the calendar represents both an ending and a beginning. There are many moments to look back upon: We completed our Opportunity Quilt; Our Quilt Show has come and gone, and it was a smashing success; Many of us identified and completed our UFO's, or we at least let go of some; we learned new quilting techniques; we donated quilts to the children of the Klamathon Fire; and so much more.

Now for the beginning of the new year. It is a beginning with much to contemplate.

We are in the process of rebooting our website, so please bear with us.

We have reinvented the starting time of our monthly meeting to provide a greater continuity to our Art Quilt group. So our Art Quilters—the majority of our membership, really—will meet at 9:30. The business portion of our meeting will commence at 11:00.

Scrappies will still be the 3rd Wednesday, and Anything Goes will continue on the 4th Wednesday. We will meet on the 5th Wednesday with special programs or workshops.

Since this is not a Quilt Show year, we intend to explore more options as far as workshops are concerned. As an example, we will examine what it actually means to bind a quilt that meets with the approval of our Quilt Show judge. And we will create our own Barn Quilts.

As with most of you, our stocks of charity quilts are depleted. We need to make more Caring Friends Quilts and Project Linus Quilts. And we must not forget our Veterans, some of whom were also victims of the local wildfires.

And what else? That's the unknown.

Someone once said that the past is over, the future hasn't happened yet, and that leaves us only the present. And, no, I'm sure that someone else said it prior to Dr. Phil's utterance. And we at the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild intend to make the most of that Present!

-- Judy Sartor, Occasional Representative

Siskiyou Country Quilters Guild

Meetings: 2nd Thursday – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sun Country Quilters – Red Bluff

Meetings: 4th Monday at 7 p.m.

Well, it has been quite a sad, but busy time here in Northern CA these past few months. Our guild is located between 2 of the worst fires in California history. Luckily for us in Tehama County, we have been spared the flames, but many of us have friends and family affected in some way. During the CARR fire this summer, member, Cathy Warren organized our guild to start making quilts to donate. A Friendship Star pattern was distributed for our October Sew-In and several sewing days were set up at Stitch by Stitch Fabric Shop to quilt and bind the quilts. Between the Friendship Star quilts, Community Service quilts, and other member donations, we were able to donate 50 quilts to the people in the Keswick area of this fire. Meanwhile, news of the CAMP fire prompted another 20 quilts from our Community Service stash to be taken to one of the local shelters. Other area quilt shops like Quilt'n Thyme in Corning have also been busy sewing pillow cases to donate. Sew Smart Supplies in Los Molinos has been collecting donations too. All of these have been much appreciated.

We will continue to make more quilt donations in the weeks ahead and are so thankful for the rainy weather that put out the fires. I know that many guilds from all over the country have also been working hard to make comfort quilts to send to the fire victims, because that's how quilters are! News just in from friends of one of our members is that another 50 quilts are headed north from the Bakersfield guild to support the local efforts.

In other news, our guild meeting in November featured Jody Ohrt, who filled us in on all the things that quilt judges are looking for. She answered lots of questions from our members that night. The Sun Country Quilters' Quilt Show on April 6 & 7 will be our first to offer quilt judging by a professional judge. We will continue to award Viewers' Choice ribbons for the top 3 vote getters at the show as well. Our show will also feature challenge quilts that portray our show theme, "Heart of the Home", and the deadline to finish those will be here before we know it! By the way, we are continuing to accept vendors for the show, so please let us know if you, or a shop near you, are interested in selling your wares at our show as soon as possible.

For our holiday party in December we showed off completed UFO's, contributed toys to the local law enforcement toy drive, and shared a potluck dinner together. We said our thanks to the many members who served us in 2018 and welcomed our new officers and committee chairs for 2019. In January, we will hold our "free" Friendship Tea where we bring along interested friends who want to see what our guild is all about. It is a great way to start off another year of friendship, sharing, and of course more quilting!
 -- MaryAnn Crain

Sutter Buttes Quilt Guild – Sutter

Meetings: 3rd Monday at 10 a.m. (doors open at 9 a.m.)

Our Christmas Party was last week and of course we had way too much food to eat at our annual potluck party. All of it was great. In fact if you've never had it before, one of our members makes a casserole from cauliflower that makes you think it is scalloped potatoes. Very good!!

We had a discussion before dinner. With the loss of members who appear to be willing to become committee chairs for the quilt show, it was decided to cancel our next quilt show. It was a tough decision but without a lot more help in putting it on, we decided it just was not feasible at this time. And of course some of the help has to be from the men of our members to help set up the frames and help hang the quilts. Since the men who do most of the work are getting older or are unable to continue to do these jobs due to health reasons, we can't continue to plan for the next show at this time. Things may change, and we hope that it does. We did consider asking for help from a local service club in Sutter, but of course all their members are getting older also. We do get help from a class at the high school, but they can't come during school hours and can't limb ladders (for insurance reasons). So....we are hoping circumstances will change but at this time we don't see that happening. Stay tuned. Meanwhile, you are always welcome to visit with us anytime.

-- Sharon Easter

Valley Quilt Guild – Yuba City

Meetings: Last Wednesday (except November and December) at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

Lately it seems like all I report on is food, food, food. This time is no different. We had our Christmas Party early in December with food again catered by the same people who have done this for the last several years. Good food!! We had a great evening full of entertainment from our President Janell Willis and Vide-President Colleen Pelfrey. Get the two of them together and you know you are in for a real treat. We gathered calendars, toiletries, socks, and toys. Most of these went out to Beale AFB for the deployed members and their families. We also collected quilts for the Camp Fire survivors. And we gave away a lot of quilts to the local Foster Care Association. All in all it was a very generous meeting of donations.

Our next speaker will be Judy Coates Perez. I understand she has a good program, but again I will be missing the January meeting. In February we will have Dora Cary with a program, and a workshop on "Make it Modern". Several of our members are really interested in Modern quilts, so this should be very interesting. And of course in March we will be having our annual quilt show. Mark your calendar for March 9-10 at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds. We have 2 opportunity quilts this year. Both are spectacular, so you'll have a tough time deciding which one you would like to win. See you then.

-- Sharon Easter

Contact information for displaying opportunity quilts

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Grapevine Quilters	Sharon Burger		gqmc15@gmail.com	
Heart of the Basin	Denny Fullerton		dennyfullerton@gmail.com	
Ladies of the Lake	Terry Phelps		obumpa@msn.com	707-274-1855
Log Cabin Quilt Guild	Don't really have anyone that serves that function - anyone is welcome to visit our meeting and display their quilt during the show and tell and then sell tickets after the meeting is over			
Mountain Quail Quilters				
Ocean Wave Quilters	Sharon Lau		info@oceanwavequilters.com	
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