

Pat A Sloan

**** Activities **** What types of activities and events do you have going on in your guild besides Speakers and workshops with them?



Lisa Lr

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Marguerite Blodgett

We give out birthday fat quarters, wrapped in a cupcake liner with a candle. Each year there is a president's challenge. This year we need to finish something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue. Monthly quilt sew-alongs. Games like quilters bingo. We make quilts for veterans, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and for local women's shelter. There is something going on every month.

Elizabeth Tomlinson Morgan

We have a retreat every other year. It is basically a couple of days we reserve a space somewhere local for most of us and we bring our machines and sew. Part of the time is spent on a group project and part of the time is spent on our own projects. This year, there will be hand massages, a scissor-sharpening person, someone presenting on using scraps/stash to make a cell phone holder and a USB drive holder, a salad potluck lunch one day, and a catered lunch the next day. Can you tell I'm excited about it?



Lisa Friederichs Spicer

Yesterday members of my guild went on a field trip to Hoffmans Fabric in Mission Viejo, CA We learned about their history, how their batiks are made in Bali, and had a tour of their warehouse facilities.

Christy Sprecco

My guild, meets monthly between Sept-June. We tend to have about 7-8 speakers during that time and probably about 6 workshops. As a group we make cuddle quilts and currently direct most of them to the Ronald MacDonald house for kids in Childrens hospital. We have also supported women & children shelters, and an orphanage in Mexico. We have sew-ins where we work on projects from time to time. We also have an annual 4-day retreat which is a lot of fun. We generally participate in 1-2 craft shows to help support guild activities.

Kathy Donley McLaughlin

Moderator

Group expert

We are a small group, so we all take turns and demo/talk about a new tool or technique such as binding types, FPP, ruler work, spinning the center of pinwheels, mitered corners etc.

Stephanie Love

We have "secret sisters" right now.

Laura Hawkins

Our quilt guild just completed a Mystery Quilt together. We are also in the midst of planning our first quilt show since the Pandemic. We mostly focus on sewing placemats, quilts, shawls, clothing protectors, and pillowcases to serve our community.

Emily Shargey

Group charity sewing day, summer picnic/pot luck (bring a picnic quilt), hand sewn gift exchange, some members have formed satellite groups (smaller groups that get together to sew and socialize), free table, destash garage sale, block lotto where we all sew the same block and then raffle them off at the monthly meeting (1 block = 1 entry, winner takes all), postcard or mini quilt exchange with another guild.

Stacey Manning-Williams

Our guild makes quilts for quilts of valor, habitat for humanity recipients and quilts for children for police officers to carry in their trunk. This year they are doing a project of drawing a guild members name that you do not know and making something for them quilt related to get to know each other such as bookmarks, bowl cozies, etc. they did a retreat last year and we have had special speakers come in. They also help out a women's shelter with sewing projects for items they need pillowcases, toiletry bags and curtains.

Susan Wingate

We're doing a bird block exchange. Just did a program on scrappy quilts with members sharing examples. We make charity quilts and blocks for Quilts of Valor. Play Strip Poker and LRC for 2 1/2" strips. Button art. Member trunk shows. Demonstrate how to do different binding techniques. As the program co-chair, we try to get members involved in putting on programs of their particular interest.

Beth Seinfeld-Williams

We have had some great programs - the usual QOV and kids quilts for local law enforcement and children's shelters, we also do tote bags with fleece blankets and stuffed toy and color book w/markers for them to keep in their trunks in case of an accident or domestic violence abuse situation where a kid needs something! We also have a gal that represents Hope for Girls - and organization that makes menstrual kits for missions to Africa - truly a great ministry for girls that have nothing and often can't go to school because of their bleeding (and some aren't even educated enough to know what's happening!



). We also had one month where we were tasked to bring a yard of "Ugly" fabric, we all traded pieces of it and were to make a block with what we had! It was amazing!!!! We are supposed to have a quilt made with all the blocks but that hasn't happened yet!



Cherina Stokes McFadden

I'm in a virtual guild that just finished a sew along. We have the option of sewing together on Zoom with our own projects twice a week and a show and tell once a week.

Charlotte Vaughan

My favorite we do is a month or 2 challenge block. There is always a theme and a size. This month is Old Macdonald's farm in a 10 1/2 inch square block and blue chambray incorporated. We were given the chambray. Any one who participates gets put in a drawing and receives the blocks. We also make and give Quilts of Valor, blankets to cover the nicu "isolettes", and donate to disasters in our community or near us.

Melissa Lamb

Moderator

Group expert

We do what we call 4 corners. Someone sets up a demo in each corner of the room. This is in November we demo gifts you could make or cloth ornaments. Specialty rulers are demoed also.

Beth Ganse Kronlund

Our outreach program creates over 100 quilts for distribution to hospitals, fire departments, nursing homes, and the list goes on. Slow sew happens at a library almost every Friday - no sewing machines are allowed! We also have the "Mod Squad" that has meetings outside of the guild meeting for our modern quilting members.

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Group expert

We do a segment each month called tips & tools. How thread is wound and how it goes Correctly on the machine Why your iron leaks. Uses for terial magic. A safe way to change a rotary blade. A new disappearing star block for veterans quilts with a demo.

Karen McLean VanWinkle

We have a fun time called "March Madness". Everyone goes through their stash and donates any kits, quilting supplies, and fabric they aren't using, plus gift cards to local quilt shops, and long arming services. A committee makes groupings of stuff. Members buy numbered tickets and put them in a bag in front of whatever interests them. Then, we draw for a winner. It's a lot of fun.

Karen McLean VanWinkle

Another guild committee helps families of quilters who have passed away value, and sell, machines, fabric, etc. It was so helpful when my sister died.

Susan Yearout

Sew days once a month, every other summer a treasure trunk sale with fabrics, notions, books, etc. and in the other, non treasure trunk sale years, we put on a quilt show.

Mary Ann Baker

We make a lot of charity quilts for different agencies to support children, chemo patients, a trip for kids who have lost their military parents, drug affected babies that are in a special facility, single women and children who were nearly homeless, and probably more that I am forgetting. We get a lot of donations of fabric etc to help support this cause. We have individual sewing groups, a raffle quilt that is a fund raiser, and a quilt show. At our quilt show we have a bazaar where members can sell items and a small percentage goes to guild, as well as the guild of items that have been donated. Every month we have block of the

month (block lottery) and presentation blocks where you put out a block and fabric that others help you make the blocks while earning points to be able to do the same eventually. We also do mystery quilts. Twice a month we have a zoom sewing group in addition to several other in person sewing groups. Lots going on, and I'm probably forgetting something! I love this guild! Covington Quilters, in WA state.

Linda Holt Garcia

Ours does retreats about 4 times a year. That's my favorite.

Vickie Garrett

Several times each year, everyone makes a block with the same theme (snowmen, leaves, Christmas), then we draw a name and the winner takes all to make anything they wish, from the blocks! Lots of fun, especially if you win!



Karen Lynn Wheeler

Workshops online and in person.



Barbara Caron

Cuddle quilts for kids (mostly) but also for adults in need of a hug as well as Quilts of Valor. Both groups are very, very prolific and very well organized with dedicated “leaders” and volunteers.

Michelle Reinhard

We have a yearly retreat at a local hotel. We have done a brown bag challenges and we have an opportunity quilt to raffle. The proceeds from the raffle will be donated a veterans outreach organization.. We also make quilts, pillows and stuffed bears to be used at our local hospitals.

Barb Knott

Our guild does sew days a couple times a year (one is geared specifically to charity quilts to be donated...some of the ladies use fabric we have on hand to put kits together for members to sew), we have been doing a block of the month where a guild member will demonstrate a specific skill (eg satin stitch applique, paper piecing etc), we take our machines and work on our block to use as we like, we do quilts for Victoria Quilts for cancer patients, quilts for local women’s shelter, quilts for Family First program to be taken and given to mom’s after they have a baby and nurse does first home visit, some members participate in Mystery Quilt projects, we do quilts for local charities to sell raffle tickets on, we have a retreat every spring, we have done dignity quilts for 2 local seniors homes. A local fabric store has an after hours shopping time where we get a special discount and our group goes in to shop (usually just before one of our sew days events), we enter quilts in local fair as well as other quilt shows. We host a quilt show every October where we can display our quilts, sell finished quilted items, sell quilt related things at our garage sale tables (25% of the sale goes back to the guild). At our monthly meetings we have show and tell where members bring the quilts or quilt tops or other items they have completed. We have a Christmas party every year with a really fun white elephant gift exchange. We have a quilt retreat weekend every spring. A very active guild with lots of great members.

Cindy Matthews

One of the guilds I'm in does a small project challenge every month for a chance to win a prize. We also can participate in a little program to help us move forward UFOs, again for a chance to win a gift card.

Joanne Hanson

My guild does a block lottery, you're given a block pattern to make and if your block is picked, you win all blocks that are made. We have sew days quite often. In November we bring in quilting items we no longer want, the items are auctioned off using play money. We do a challenge every year. Besides going to retreats, we also go on shop hops as a group.

Darlene Blakely

We donated kits that we no longer wanted. Then there was an Action to raise funds.

Sue Lohr

We collect quilts for kids of all ages, and once a year have University, where 5 or 6 people teach a technique. You get to see all the presenters! We also have a quilt show every other year, open to the public.

Jennifer Baltzersen

Make and take, game night, demonstrations.

Kathleen Poznick

We have a sew-in every April for our charity quilt program. In August we usually have what we call Schoolhouse where we have about 5 members each teaching a different technique. We rotate around the room taking 10-15 minutes at each station.

Tracy Burkart

We have monthly Sew Days where people can work on their own things, on charity quilts or Quilts of Valor. We have a yearly retreat. We have a Christmas potluck with games and we have a quilt show every two years.

Joan Ludke

We do sew days, and a biannual auction of sewing stuff that is donated, as well as challenges, pot lucks, and an annual late winter retreat weekend.

Pamela Eng

We have virtual sew days every Thursday afternoon. We have in person sew days a few times a year, and a two day retreat every year. Last October we did this really fun car rally, visiting quilt shops within a one hour drive, and all meeting up for supper at the same restaurant. We have the SPACE program. SPACE is an acronym for Stop Procrastinating And Complete Everything. Folks submit a list of their UFOs in September, and then try to get lots of them completed. Every completion within a month is eligible for a draw for \$20 to our Local Quilt Shop. At the end of the guild year there is another draw for a \$200 gift certificate. It can really pay out to finish things! We do have Potlucks too sometimes.

Sara Jane Pamela Eng plus the comfort quilts, hospital bags to hold information and handouts for courses such as maternity, pillowcases for every patient in our local hospitals on Christmas Eve, bead bags for children with cancer, sew alongside for quilt guild members, Zoom meetings in Jan and Feb so no one has to drive in winter weather, take it or leave it tables twice a year, courses for members taught by members and guest speakers, quilt show every 3 years, at Christmas instead of a pot luck we had tea/ coffee served by the quilt guild committee and played games and questions for prizes, 50/50 draw each meeting, fat quarter or other precut draws that is if you participate your name goes in a draw to win a bundle, mystery bus trips or the car rally to visit somewhat local quilt shops as Pamela Eng suggested last year, and lots more. And the show and tells are the BEST.

Riva Fisher

Block of the month.

Tamara Rexine Young

We have a free table every meeting. If it's there - it's free. We have a fat quarter sale twice a year. We have a yearly quilt raffle ticket sale every meeting, drawing in October. We have technique demonstration, our members showing a variety of skill level improvement. We have show and tell every meeting. We donate quilts to local charities. We have a loaning library with quilt novels and how-to categories. Block lotto, make a block with a chance to go home with a dozen.

Janice Johnson

Charity camp quilts; isolette covers; Sew and Tell; Secret Pals and block swaps are just some of the things we do.

Dee Andrzczyzak

Ice cream social, Saturday Sew Day

Bobbie Spaulding

Question. Do guilds usually take the summer off? Is there a basic startup for them?

Thanks you.



Cheryl Bowman McLain

Bobbie Spaulding our guild in summer meets 1 month, and that's a sew day. Meetings resume in September.

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Bobbie Spaulding Many do but not all. I taught on the road for 20 years and taught all summer to guilds that were full time. Just depends, no rules

Barbara Caron

Bobbie Spaulding The Guild in Lincoln, NE takes three months off in the winter, to avoid wintry weather.

Colleen Duffy

Saturday sew days and/or workshops, charity quilt kit projects, block of the month used for charity quilts, carpool to local quilt shows, show and tell, mystery project in August, tricky tray with stuff we donated that we don't need anymore, holiday party, annual challenges.

Frances Clemenza Bodle

Our guild has a UFO Challenge, and we are doing a block of the month challenge. Show and Tell, magazine table, birthday fat quarters, philanthropy table that have pillowcases and quilt kits to finish for all the charities we donate to. Quilt Show this year, last year we had Luncheon/House Tour of four members sewing rooms.

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