

Mary Ann Peters –Quiltmaker Story

Telephone interview with Jeanie Low 2/24/2021

Mary Ann Peters has been a SFQG member since our guild was founded in 1981. She has helped in various volunteer capacities. The most recent was pre-pandemic helping Margaret Piazza, her daughter at our in- person meetings to set a delicious and visually appealing Hospitality Table.

When not at guild meeting, Mary Ann spends a lot of her time sewing quilts to give to family, friends and donating quilts to our community outreach and a Veterans Home. She and eight others have been sewing together at her house for twenty years where they work on different components for donation quilts. They'll do a potluck lunch and sew. It is a pleasant way to spend time with like minded friends.

She likes traditional and applique quilts. She's working on a Susan Schwarting sampler quilt. She like sunny fabric but will worked with browns in her "Big Foot" quilt. She made a "Gnome" quilt for one of her granddaughters. Her fabric stash is organized by color and prints.

Mary Ann especially enjoys teaching others to sew like her granddaughters and inlaw granddaughters. She feels a great reward when she sees their projects.

She is a native San Franciscan. During WWII, her Dad worked at the shipyard. As a result of his work, their family lived in the Sunnydale Projects. Later, she and her family settled in Visitation Valley where she had a wonderful childhood. Visitation Valley was a great place and safe place in those days.

She and her husband were married 60 years. They have three children. five grandchildren and she is a greatgrandma six times over. Roger Peters, her late husband developed the "PQF", a black rubber thimble that is still being sold in several quilt shops. She spent ten years going to various quilt shows demonstrating how to use the PQF thimble.

Her advice for new quilters is to "slow down and enjoy the process of quilting. Go to quilt shows and be inspired. Get new tools to be invigorated and get a new spark. Build friendships – it's important."