

Quilters Cables

San Francisco Quilters Guild – February 2022

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Sad News: QuiltAway Cancelled

It's with great regret that our guild announces that the much anticipated retreat rescheduled for June 2022 has been called off—do **not** try to register, and any deposits already given will be returned. Walker Creek Ranch, our event site, has decided to cancel all group reservations through early September. QuiltAway will be rescheduled, but no new date has been set. A change in venue is a possibility, so in the meantime, we can do some research to perhaps locate another venue. Is there any other guild *you* belong to that offers retreats? Could you let us know where their retreats are being held, so we can see if they have any space for us? Or if those guild(s) allow members from other guilds to participate in their retreats? Perhaps we may be able to offer a retreat later in 2022 after all! QuiltAway organizer Jeanne Matysiak will not give up, and will share additional information when available. We will keep you posted. Please email your ideas or questions to matysiak@earthlink.net.



2021–2022

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Letter from Our Guild President

I have mixed feelings writing this. Of course, I'm very disappointed that our QuiltAway at Walker Creek Ranch has been canceled for the second time. I was really looking forward to spending lots of time together. I miss seeing everyone in person. But we do have other great things happening this Spring. Some of us attended Valerie Goodwin's workshop on January 29th, which was a real treat; and David Owen Hastings' (virtual) workshop is coming soon in April. "Community Built", our opportunity-quilt project, is in full swing, with instructions, and Sue Fox and Dottie McHugh have pre-cut kits available for anyone who wants to try their hand at piecing silk. And that's everybody, right? Who can pass up the chance to add another skill to their repertoire? Just imagine if all our 200-plus members each made just one block. How many quilts would that make? This month's speaker, Kena Tangi Dorsey, will be great fun (I've seen her before). With Round Robin going and Community Outreach with a new organization to sew for (they have kits too), there's something for everybody. Some sewing circles are meeting now, too. If you aren't part of one, feel free to contact Sara Guyol, our sewing-circle expert, to find others who want to meet up. Or start one with a couple of friends and let Sara know so she can send additional people your way. You won't regret it. ~Peggy



Quilt Show Returns in 2023

submitted by Alex Byrne & Claudia Shearer

The San Francisco Quilters Guild's show will return to the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th March 2023! We had to cancel our 2021 show due to COVID but we have decided to go ahead in 2023 with a dual in-person and online event that will allow visitors to join us at the venue or to view the quilts online while the show is open. Our hope is that this will not only help those in high-risk groups partake in the show experience remotely, but also allow visitors from around the world to participate.

We cannot bring this vision to life without your help! We are looking for individuals, pairs, and groups to take on a variety of roles, from Social-Media Influencer to Take-Down Coordinator. One of the most important roles is that of the Vendor Wizard. This person liaises with our affiliates and other vendors to help them buy space at the show so that attendees can partake in some delicious shopping. If you are interested in helping us organize and run the show please email lixieyarnover@gmail.com. Thank you!

Speakers Programs—held on zoom; begin at 7 P.M.

Month	Presenter	Event	Date
February	Dorcas; Sew & Tell; & Kena Dorsey	Using African Wax Prints in Quilts	02/15
March	Allie McCathren	A Focus on Using Scraps & Colour to Paint w/Fabric	03/15
April	Carolina Oneto; Sew & Tell	Befriending Colour: Creating a Colour Palette	04/19
August	Meri Henriques Vahl	The Making of an Art Quilter	08/16
September	Fern Royce	One Thing Leads to Another	09/20

Deadlines for *Quilters Cables* 2022

Publication month	Deadline	Meeting date
February	January 26	February 15
March	February 23	March 15
April	March 30	April 19
May	April 27	May 17
June	June 1	June 21
July	June 29	July 19
August	July 27	August 16
September	August 31	September 20
October	September 28	October 18
November	October 19	November 8
December	no newsletter	December 13

Quilters Cables Newsletter

Please email news, articles, artwork (jpg), ads, and event notices to Ginger Ashworth at editor.quilterscables@gmail.com. Call (415) 793-8447 if you have any questions. All contributions must be pre-edited; newsletter editors reserve the right to edit for clarity and brevity. *Regarding the deadline:* Deadline for contributions is the day after the board meeting, which is the Wednesday three weeks prior to the general meeting. If anyone needs an extension, it can probably be arranged. *Please include month of desired publication and "newsletter" in subject field.* Advertisements: Prepayment required for ads: \$20 members, \$30 nonmembers. Mail checks, payable to SFQG, c/o Ginger Ashworth, 875 42nd Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121.

~Free Tables~

If you would like to host an outdoor free table, if you have any questions about hosting a free table (where does the fabric come from? Can I borrow tables?), please contact Valerie [(415) 378-7989; jvclienk@sbcglobal.net].

Sew & Tell for February

submitted by Judy Epstein-Williams

The February virtual meeting has a segment reserved for Sew & Tell. Submissions should be sent to Judy Epstein-Williams via email or text, along with titles, dimensions, and a picture of you for the intro slide. Please include a full shot of your piece as well as some close-ups so we can really get a good look. Also include the year you joined the guild, or at least a good guess. Going forward, Sew & Tell will be featured at every other monthly meeting (April, June, August, October, December).

Projects don't have to be finished—we really want to see what you're working on, even if it's not completed. We love to see what you've been stitching!

Volunteer Opportunities

Contact Peggy Cleary, guild president, at president@squiltersguild.org for more information and to volunteer!

Get Involved in Community Built! QuiltAway may have been cancelled, but the opportunity quilt is still going strong!

Here's an idea . . . Get comfortable with making silk blocks for the 2023 opportunity quilt and consider making your own silk quilt along the way . . . We'll show you how! Community Built is both a free series of skill-building activities for silk quilt making; and a way to contribute to our next opportunity quilt, our guild's biggest fundraiser. Join the party by signing up online—still plenty of time, still plenty of materials, still plenty of fun. Go to the guild's website home page's third paragraph: Get Involved in Community Built! www.squiltersguild.org/creating-our-new-opportunity-quilt/—everything you need to know; or, contact Sue Fox at foxquilts@gmail.com.

Website Volunteer(s) Needed: We have a few volunteers handling the routine updates, but we still need someone who can take charge of our WebGuru spot. Can you help? Training and support can be provided.



from the Membership Corner

submitted by Julia McLeod

Dani Lawler and Julia McLeod are your membership officers.

The San Francisco Quilters Guild's membership year runs from October 1st of one year to September 30th of the next year. Membership fees for October 2021 to September 2022 are: \$45 for full members, \$25 for junior members (17 years old or younger), \$50 for affiliates, and \$20 for newsletter subscribers. Join or renew your membership online at www.sfquiltersguild.org/join. If you need help, please contact Dani or Julia at membership@sfquiltersguild.org or use their personal email addresses which are listed in the online directory.



If you would like a hard copy of your membership card, there is a link to a .pdf on the Members Only page to print your own membership card on your home printer. Just fill in your name, cut it to credit-card size, and carry it with you.

A warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined our guild: Anthony L., Erin E., Loretta R. and Roberta M. We're glad you're part of San Francisco Quilters Guild!

Visitors are welcome to attend our zoom meetings for a \$5 guest fee. Find the link for guests on our homepage under 'Our Next Lecture'.



In Remembrance of Member Kay Bancroft Harris, 1949-2022

offered by Christine M. Anderson

A song says, "... let me say before we part, So much of me is made of what I learned from you. You'll be with me like a handprint on my heart. And now whatever way our stories end, I know you have re-written mine by being my friend . . ."

January 8, 2022, just four days before her 73rd birthday, guild member Kay Lynn Harris died with husband Dale present in the hospital



ICU. This was a few weeks after being admitted in December for treatment for blood-pressure problems after a routine blood draw. Kay was known for hospitality and enthusiasm, informally teaching quilting to neighborhood groups while living in Lafayette, Indiana. She explored paper crafts like Iris Folding, silk-ribbon manipulation, ornamental beading, counted cross stitch, and unmatched years of success in nonprofit



organization fundraising including sidewalk sales. She joined the local group of embroiderers in September 1996, attended a meeting and was elected treasurer at once.

During the time she left San Francisco for the Purdue (Indiana) work achieved by her

husband, Kay even kept editing the SF-EGA bi-monthly newsletter long distance as no one locally volunteered. Kay learned the art of quilt making while in the Midwest and won a first-place ribbon at the Tippecanoe County Fair for her first-ever quilt. Upon retirement, the couple returned to San Francisco and Kay joined the San Francisco Quilters Guild.

Pictured here she is with the 2013 surprise Numbers quilt sewn by members for the birth of her first grandchild, Jackson Andrew to Diana and Adam Harris. Her granddaughter Grace Arden was born in 2018. The lively photo here from San Antonio Halloween was her first national EGA seminar in 2015. She will not be shy when surrounded by Angels.



Postcard Opportunities

Hello Sewing Circles. Are you getting together indoors with no more than four people? If so, would you like to devote one meeting to making fabric postcards for yourself and the guild? I will bring novelty fabrics, fusible backing, and card stock. Plus, I will provide instruction for beginners. A couple of sewing machines would be necessary for this type of sewcial.

This new year is an opportunity to get ready for our quilt show in 2023. The fabric postcards are sold at the event. We would like to have a variety of cards to display the creativity of our members. Call or email to set up a fun sewcial lesson!

JoAnn Vail (415) 824-7297 sjoann@hotmail.com.

Fare-Thee-Well to S. F. Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America

submitted by Christie Tanabe

Two big announcements this month! First, we will have a big blowout stash sale on Saturday, March 12th, at St. John's United Church of Christ, 501 Laguna Honda Blvd., San Francisco, from 11 A.M.–2 P.M. We'll be in the lower-level Community Room, masks required.



Neighborhood street parking available. Books from our library and prized donations, charts, kits, fabric, threads, yarns, magazines, and many other wonderful stitching supplies will be available! Cash or checks only. Items must be taken away at time of purchase. Huge discounts!

Second, the San Francisco Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will disband at the end of April 2022. I've been president for seven years of a two-year term, and some board members have served longer than I! So, bowing to the wishes of the membership, we will disband. Current members may join the San Mateo Chapter, or Marin Golden Threads, or become a member at large. (Contact me if you have any questions.)

This means that you will no longer see my write-ups in this newsletter! But I am still available as a reference. You can reach me at (415) 215-9234, or email ctanabe19@gmail.com



Book Review



There have been no book reviews submitted for this month's newsletter. If you would like to share some insights you believe would be of interest to our members, please submit your book reviews. In the mean-time, I shall leave you with eye-candy visuals some people will drool over.

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A New Activity for Guild Members: Chunk of the Month!



submitted by Julia McLeod

Following on from the fun we had with the Lone Robin, I have a new mystery project for you. Beginning in March, I will share a simple block design each month—a Chunk of the Month!

If you're a beginner, you can follow exact measurements and copy my design and value choices. Experienced quilters (or just rule breakers—you know who you are . . .) can make the month's block in any dimensions. This project is meant for *everyone*.

Instructions will be posted on the website after each meeting.

By following every month's block instructions, you will accumulate a group of components to put into a quilt. I will provide several layout suggestions. You can also choose your own layout, add sashing, coping strips, and more. Make it in any fabrics you like, whip it up for an outreach donation, or keep it for yourself. I guarantee no two finished quilt tops will look the same! I can't wait to see what you make. Six months—March through August, followed by a big reveal in the fall. Stay tuned!



Committees

Community Outreach: Adrienne Hickman, Jessica Church; **Historian:** Jeanie Low; **Librarian:** Cher delaMere; **Membership:** Dani Lawler, Julia McLeod; **Programs:** Donna Logan

Communication/Publicity: Newsletter Editor: Ginger Ashworth
Social Media: Technology: Holly Gatto; **Webmaster:** Lisa Lieberman

Special Events: Quilt Show 2023: Alex Byrne, Claudia Shearer

Activities: Chunk of the Month: Julia McLeod; **Round Robin:** Christine Reiter; **Sew & Tell:** Judy Epstein; **Sewing Circles:** Sara Guyol; **Virtual Sewcials:** Maren Larsen; **Workshops:** Barbara Strick, Sam McIlraith

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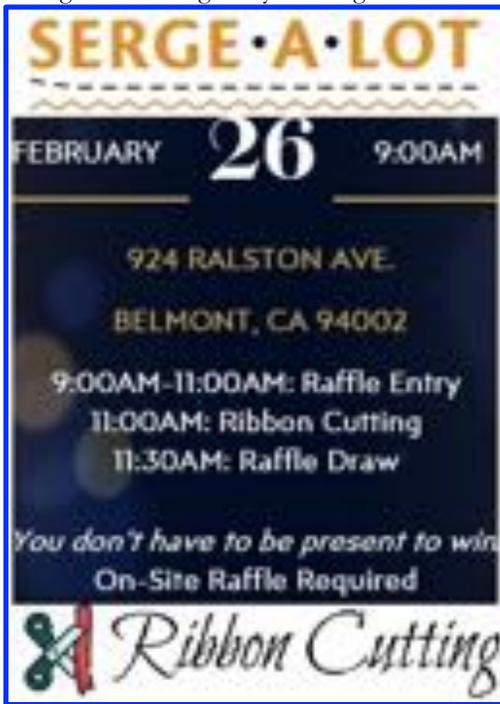
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Spotlight on Our Affiliates



This guild encourages any and all guild members to support our affiliate members in any way we can. Affiliates: please **email** editor.quilterscables@gmail.com with your updates to be included in this monthly column! Guild members **love** to hear about you! But, affiliates, **you** need to take responsibility to contact this newsletter by sending your workshop, sales info, *anything* you want to say.



Fare-Thee-Well to Hello Stitch Studio

It's been an amazing five years. It is with heavy hearts that we are announcing that we have made the difficult decision to close Hello Stitch Studio. We are so proud of what we have accomplished over the last five years and the community that has been built through the studio. Unfortunately, although we were able to hold on through the pandemic, we have been unable to come to terms with our landlords to extend our lease and will be closing our physical location at the end of February.

The Good News

Although we won't have a physical studio location, we will continue to offer online classes and longarm quilting services. We want to especially thank everyone who has believed in our

mission and supported us. While endings are bittersweet, we are hopeful that the seeds we've planted in the sewing community will continue to grow and flourish in new and exciting ways in the future.

listed. If there is something specific you are interested in please email us at hello@heloostitchstudio.com. **Is there anyplace else to take in-person classes?** A number of the local quilt shops offer classes. We also encourage you to look at the classes offered by [Ace Makerspace](#).

Will you be offering classes to teach longarming? No, we will be relocating the longarm to a space that doesn't support classes.

I would like to teach at Hello Stitch. Please email us at hello@heloostitchstudio.com. Tell us about yourself and what you'd like to teach. We are always looking to expand our class offerings.

Longarm Quilting Services

Will you still be offering longarm quilting services? Yes! We will resume longarm quilting in the spring.

Can I get my quilt quilted before you close the studio? Sorry, unfortunately we are fully booked and have temporarily paused taking reservations in anticipation of moving the longarm. We will re-open.

Shopping and Sales

Will I still be able to buy things from Hello Stitch after March? No, we plan to discontinue having online shopping after March.

Can I buy one of your studio machines? We will be selling the machines, equipment, and furniture. Please watch for emails for a link, as studio items will not be posted on the website. We expect things will go quickly.

San Francisco Quilters Guild's Members Who Are Also Instructors at Hello Stitch

Claire Sherman. Inspired by a neighbor's Victorian crazy quilt, Claire started making her first quilt at age thirteen. There were no quilters in her family, so she taught herself, making it up as she went along. Twenty years after graduating from the Rhode Island School of Design with a BFA in ceramics, she rediscovered her love of quilting, and improvisational quilting is still her favorite method of design. Claire has taught workshops in quilting and other crafts for adults and children throughout California.

Julia McLeod. Julia started her working life in the menswear industry as a textile designer for tailored suits and jackets. Now, as a quilt maker, it's a strange coincidence that she loves nothing more than to use silk necktie fabrics in her work.

All kinds of silks and reclaimed fabrics find their way into Julia's quilts. She is unafraid to cut into heirloom fabrics and vintage blocks if it means bringing them out of storage and into the light of day for everyone to enjoy. Find out more about Julia on in her blog posts [See How We Sew](#).

~Terri, Stacey, and Liat

FAQs

Membership

Can I continue my membership after the studio closes?

No, the primary benefit of the membership was access to the studio. Without a physical location, we do not plan to offer memberships.

Do I need to do anything to stop my membership?

If you want to keep your membership through February 28th you don't need to do anything, we'll take care of it for you. If you decide to end it prior to February 28th, you may do so by signing into the website and going to My Membership.

What is the last day I can come to the studio to sew?

The last Member Sew day is Sunday, February 27th.

Are you changing your member hours?

Our studio hours are remaining: Tuesday and Thursday 10-4, Saturday 10-3, and Sunday 2-7. However, we may occasionally be closed during those times due to staffing issues or special circumstances.

Classes

Will you continue offering classes? Yes! We are currently offering both in-studio classes and online classes. We will continue to offer online classes after the studio closes.

I don't see the class I am interested in. We are adding classes all the time. Sign up for our [newsletter](#) to keep up to date when new classes are

