

REDWOOD REMNANTS*January 2020***President's Message**

2020 is rolling in soon, another fantastic year to be alive! We are fortunate to be here and I am looking forward to more good times and sewing with good friends. I hope you start 2020 with the same optimism, too.

Please join us for the January 2nd Guild meeting to welcome the Humboldt Area Foundation grant recipients. We will be giving five different individuals/groups awards to their very worthwhile projects. We think you will be inspired by their plans. We've also invited Rose Gale-Zoellick from the Breast & Gyn Project to report on how our December donation will help with their goals.

With the New Year, it's time to look at our Guild and how we plan on moving forward into the future. Redwood Empire Quilting Guild has been meeting since 1977 and has evolved and had much success over the years. We incorporated as a non-profit in 1993. We have had at least 20 Presidents and dozens of other officers who have done their part. Many of you are long-term members who have donated your time and skills in many ways. Now we've come to a point where we need others to add their names to those who continue to make our Guild a success. Without some new folks helping, we cannot function as a Guild. Over the next several months, we will be asking you to consider which officer and chair positions you could serve in.

A very big question is who will take over the Community Quilts Chair position. We have relied on Mimi Mace and her amazing quilting, creative kit organizing, and hard work for 10 years! Please join me in thanking her profusely for making it possible for our Guild to donate hundreds of quilts every year to the community. If you would consider assisting in this vital project, please let me know.

The other pressing need we are asking you about is how we can continue to present the quilt show. We need a chair person NOW to begin the serious planning and work it takes to pull it off. If you are interested in moving us forward (with lots of help), please step forward. The good ship REQG needs all hands on deck or we may not have a ship to navigate at all. You may think I'm exaggerating, but these are very real concerns the Board has discussed. Of course we are open to hearing your ideas and will ask you to share them at the January meeting, so please join us. You truly can make a difference!

You won't want to miss out on the raffle table this month. We are going to have many valuable items, including several kits and fabric choices. I hope to see you there.

Happy New Year!

Martha Johnson

President



1ST VP'S

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

It appears 2020 has caught up with us and we can celebrate the coming year. Come to the January meeting for some great conversations and visiting with quilting friends.

Sign-ups for our annual Quilters Weekend in March starts this month. Bring your payment of \$40.00 to insure you have a spot. We have space for 50 quilters so sign up early. An adventure awaits us – we will be meeting for the weekend at the Eureka Moose Lodge.

See you at the January 2020 meeting.

1st Vice President Co-Chairs Pat Smith and Barbara Gurney

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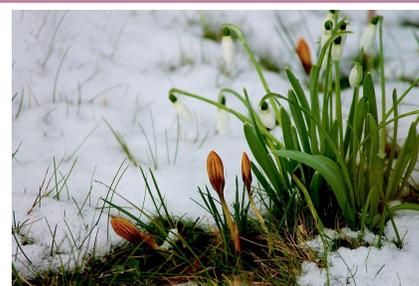


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Membership News

We have a few renewals this month. I know you are looking forward to our activities next year: possibly the regular Guild Challenge in January, our annual Quilters Weekend in March, a national speaker in April, our "Right to Vote" Challenge presented by Nancy, and whatever "surprises" our Vice Presidents will bring our way.

Please volunteer when you can. There are still several Board vacancies. As I loved to say when I was in grade school when starting our Christmas vacation, "See You Next Year".

Help our membership grow next year. Invite a friend to our next meeting.

Joyce Turner & Judy DeGraff, Membership Committee

April Quilt Challenge: The Right to Vote

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution which gave women the right to vote. Technically, the 19th amendment gave white women the right to vote. Native American, African American, Latina American, and Asian-American women gained the right to vote much later with the passage of many other pieces of legislation.

Today there are still many issues related to who should vote that are yet to be settled. Issues include; whether there should be automatic voter registration through DMV and other government agencies; whether there should be voter ID laws; whether there should be online voter registration and/or online voting; whether there should be early voting (for those who can't get to the polls on election day); or registration on election day (to provide option for eligible voters who might have been kicked off the voting rolls or couldn't identify their voting precinct); whether there should be vote by mail; whether eligible high school students should be allowed to pre-register to vote so when 18 they are automatically registered.

I have voted in every election since I became eligible to vote. I urge everyone else to exercise their right to vote. California has passed many pieces of legislation to broaden who is eligible to vote yet other states and the courts are much more restrictive on who can vote.

The quilt challenge for 2020 is to capture your concern, viewpoint, idea about The Right to Vote in the United States. The challenge criteria:

Be no bigger than 24" by 24" or have a perimeter no larger than 96".

Include one or more words (not part of fabric design) that are embroidered, stenciled, appliqued, etc.

Reflect some aspect of voting (not limited to women's right to vote). Can depict historical (ex. suffragettes or civil rights passage) or contemporary aspects of voting.

Include a hanging sleeve

Provide a brief description of the inspiration for your quilt, your name, phone number and address written on an attached label or index card.

Be submitted on or before March 26 to Nancy Frost (443-5264) or to Ocean Wave Quilt Shop.

For more information or clarification of expectations call Nancy Frost (443-5264). Quilts will be displayed at the April general meeting and prizes will be awarded.



Sunshine

A sympathy card was sent to the Venti family for the passing of member Joan.

Kathi



REQG AWARDS GRANTS

On Thursday December 5, 2019, the REQG Board of Directors met to vote on the recommendations of the REQG HAF Committee 2019 regarding the five grant applications received by the Humboldt Area Foundation during the Fall 2019 Field of Interest Grants open period for filing applications.

The Board voted unanimously to approve grants to all five applicants.

Grant recipients will be awarded their checks at REQG’s meeting on Thursday January 2, 2020, when they can make brief presentations about their projects. Photographs will be taken of the recipients to publicize their worthy projects, the REQG Quilting-Related Grant Fund at HAF, and the activities our guild supports.

Respectfully submitted,

Fat Quarter Table

January- VINTAGE

February- HEARTS December- BLACK and WHITE 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾

January- VINTAGE 📖

February- HEARTS ❤️ 🐾

March- DOGS 🐶 🐶

April - FLOWERS 🌸 🌸 🌸

May - BEES 🐝 🐝 🐝 🐝

June- BATIKS 😊

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March- DOGS 🐶 🐶

April - FLOWERS 🌸 🌸 🌸

May - BEES 🐝 🐝 🐝

June- BATIKS 😊



Quilt Challenge 2021

Yes, you read that right. 2021!

I can hardly think about next week much less a year and a half into the future.

Our guild has traditionally presented the rules for our 2021 challenge on the January after the quilt show.

The member that chairs this committee gets to make up the rules for the 2021 challenge.

It can be a theme challenge, a color challenge, or maybe a block challenge.

The possibilities are endless.

The only thing that our guild needs to continue the tradition of a challenge is a chairperson to head up this committee. It can be one or more members that can put their heads together to put together a really fun challenge to present to our members.

Because we don't have a chairperson yet, the challenge can be unveiled at our February meeting.

If you have any questions about our quilt challenge, please give me a call at 445-5844.

If you are interested in taking this on, please contact our President Martha Johnson.

Thanks,

Susie Freese



Raffle Table

Here is a picture of two of the prizes that are going to be on the raffle table in January.

One dollar is all you need to get a chance to win one of these great prizes.



COMMUNITY QUILTS

Welcome to Community Quilts 2020. I have been looking forward to writing 2020 for some time now!

The Potluck was as amazing as it has always been. If you missed it there is the June Potluck to look forward to as well.

The bake sale and food donations were great. Each organization contributing a little bit as we do amounts to a huge donation for others. Over the past ten years that I have been doing Community Quilts, we have contributed over 2000 to The Red Cross, Eureka Dialysis, North Coast Veterans, North Coast Children's Services and Eureka Hospice.

This June will end my Chairmanship of Community Quilts and our new President will select a new person to fill the post. I hope that the new person will love it as much as I have. Quilt Activity for December:

QUILT KITS IN: 4

QUILT KITS OUT: 7

BINDINGS IN: 18

BINDINGS OUT: 24

Helpers at the Quilt Tables:

Kathi Branum, July Langley, Ginger Carter, Gail Owren

QUILT ON! Mimi

Thank you to all of you very generous people who brought and/or bought desserts during our December bake sale,

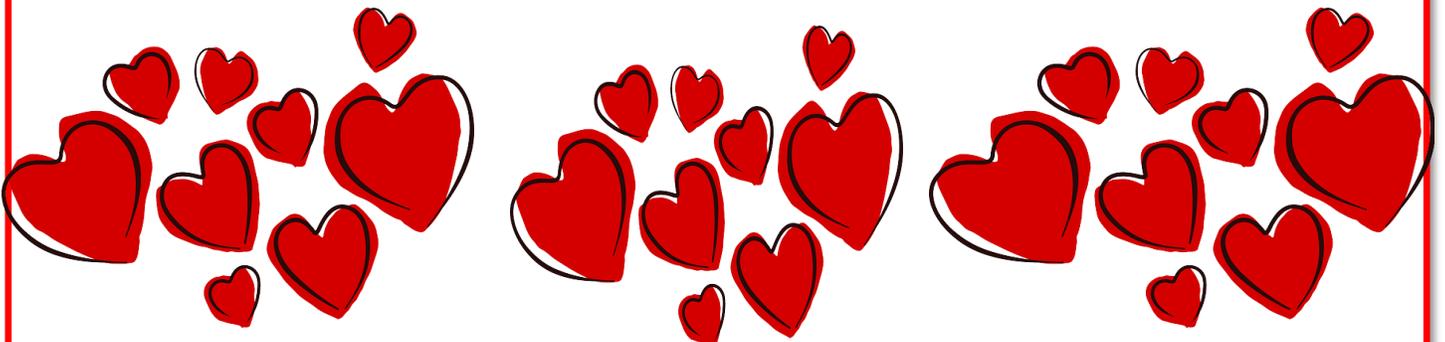
and to all those who donated cash to our two charities, Food For People and the Breast and Gyn Health Project. Thanks

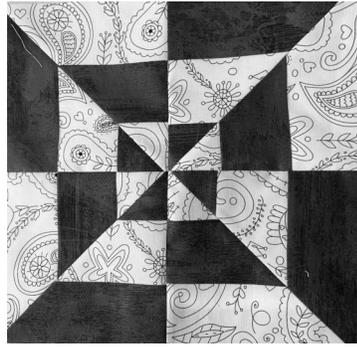
To Debbie Marshall for keeping track of the donations and counting all the money: The desserts brought in \$207,

the donations to Food For People added up to \$120 and the we made \$200 for The Breast and Gyn Health Project.

You are awesome! You've made somebody's holiday extra merry!

Thanks so much for your kindness and generosity, Terry Tauzer





Rail Fence with a Twist

BOM, Jan 2020- REQG

Happy January, 2020! I had the idea of using the black and white colors for inspiration because of December's FQ drawing. (Thanks Carey, REQG's Fat Quarter Queen!) This block starts with a rail fence, and then followed by the $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on either side of the diagonal for 2 half-square triangles, resulting into a four patch.

Materials: (1) Black $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strip (I used a width of fabric, wof, for more to play with)

White background with black writing/print, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strip, or wof

Directions: 1. Sew two sets of strips- First set has 1 white strip in the middle and 2 black strips on either side. Second set is black in the middle and white on either side. With all three strips in one set, the width should measure 6.5" wide. Press the seams toward the dark, with both strips.

2. Measure and Cut: With these 2 strip sets, measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ " and cut, a square. You will need a total of 4 squares. (2 squares with black in center, and 2 with black on outside.)

If you are using rectangles instead of strips, you need to cut 13" by $2\frac{1}{2}$ " for each set of strips. Each set is the same measurement, but if you add 1" and make it 14" there is extra for trimming.

Half square triangles: With opposite squares facing right sides together, nestle the seams together and draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Pin these together and sew a seam $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side and then cut apart. Press open, and trim to 6",

using the diagonal on your ruler. Finally lay out squares to form a pinwheel in the center, sew together, and then you have your block measuring $11\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Katie's Krafters is liquidating excess fabrics that cannot be used for our charity quilts. We have some beautiful fabrics that were donated to us but we cannot use. There are double knits, soft fabrics, etc. We also have quilting cottons available. All fabrics are \$1.00 per yard. We also have back issues of American Quilt and Patchwork magazines that were donated and we would like to pass on. Perhaps new quilters would be interested. Our sale will be Thursday, January 9 at the Arcata Community Center, from 9:00 to 11:00. Cash only please. For more information, call Claudia Goodman at 822-8594.





January

- 2 *Catherine Brown*
Arlene E Kobloth
- 4 *JoAnn Amos*
- 6 *Mimi Mace*
Carol Weaver
- 10 *Jan Briggs*
- 20 *Joanie Weiser*
- 21 *Kim Harris*
- 22 *Cheryl Kaska*
- 25 *Pauline Pire*
- 31 *Debbie Marshall*

Redwood Empire Quilters Guild
Officers & Committees, 2019-20

- President, Martha Johnson
- 1st Vice President, Pat Smith
- 2nd Vice President, Nancy Frost
and Maggie Stimson
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- Newsletter, Yvonne Jolley
- Membership, Judy DeGraff and Joyce Turner
- Block of the Month, Sue Tousley
- Small Quilts, Susie Freese
- Hospitality, Jeanine Norrish
- HAF, Carol Hansen
- Raffle Table, Tedd Collins
- Fat Quarter Table, Carey Morris
- Website and Facebook, Yara Hailey
- Vacant: Publicity/Historian, Show & Tell



REQG Calendar

Meetings at Faith Center, 1032 Bay Street, Eureka
Hospitality at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.

General Meetings:

January 2, 2020
February 6, 2020
March 5, 2020
April 2, 2020
May 7, 2020
June 4, 2020

Board Meetings

January 6, 2020
February 10, 2020
March 9, 2020
April 6, 2020
May 11, 2020

Sit & Sew: third Saturdays
2020 dates TBA

Special Events: TBA

March: Quilters Weekend, Basket Auction

April: Willow Creek Retreat

June: Annual meeting/elections and potluck

WHAT IS A FAT EIGHTH?
how big is a queen size quilt?
WHAT IS A LAYER CAKE?
What is a scant 1/4?
What does HST stand for?
how big is a fat quarter?



Ready Reference

Fat Quarter: 18" x 22"
 Preemie Quilts: 14" x 14" to 20" x 20"
 Doll Quilts: 18" x 18" to 28" x 28"
 Community Quilts (Approximately)
 Hospice 40" x 60" red, white and blue. Larger is ok.
 Child 50" x 50" up to 50" x 60" x 70"
 square or rectangular
 Lap 50" to 60" x 72"
 Twin 70" x 80" smaller or larger is ok.
 Donations child 50" x 50" to queen
 90" x 90" square or rectangular
 Questions? Call:
 Small and Preemie Quilts Susie Freese 445-5844
 Fat Quarters Cary Morris 839-1792
 Community Mimi Mace 442-1231

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15th of the month



Next Guild Meeting

January 2, 2020

Social Time: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting: 7 p.m.

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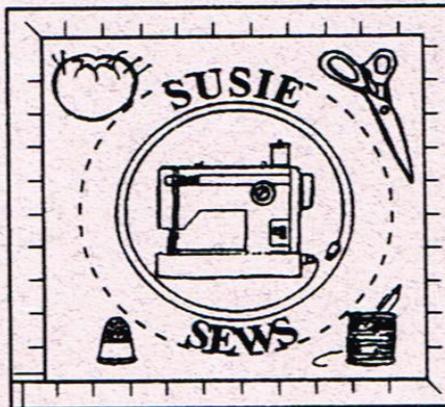
Next Board Meeting:

January 6, 2020

Susie Freese

1502 D Street

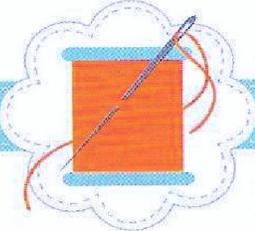
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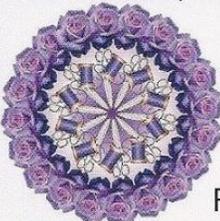
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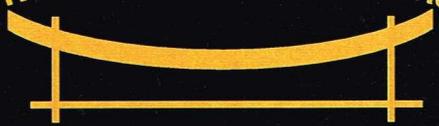



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Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.

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- Name Tag
- Personal Beverage Holder with Lid
- Community, Preemie, and Doll Quilts
- Library Book (s) & Fine
- Show and Tell Items
- Fat Quarter
- Block of the Month
- Raffle Table Items

