

# Sew and Tell

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## President's Message

Dear Guild Members,

As the weather begins to change and the first signs of spring start to appear, there's a renewed sense of energy all around us. Longer days and brighter skies seem to bring fresh inspiration — and I hope you're feeling that creative spark in your sewing rooms as well.

Spring is always a season of growth, and that spirit is certainly alive within our guild. We have some wonderful speakers in the works for the coming months, and I'm excited for the opportunities we'll have to learn, share, and be inspired together. Programs like these help us expand our skills, connect with one another, and keep our love of quilting vibrant and evolving.

I'm also pleased to share that we now have a dedicated volunteer stepping forward to help us search for community events where we can promote our 2027 Opportunity Quilt. Building awareness early will give us the best chance for a successful fundraiser and a strong presence in our community. If you know of any local fairs, festivals, markets, or gatherings where we might showcase our quilt, please pass that information along to one of our newest members, Linda Lindauer. It truly takes all of us to help spread the word.

We also have an upcoming Round Robin where you can bounce the spark of your creativity off of the lead of another member's inspiration. And a commissioned New York Beauty block quilt that we can all join into for enhancing our paper piecing technics and perfect our skills of working with curves.

And let's not forget our future event with the Lake County Arts Center. They are hosting the Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild's art of quilting this November. What a wonderful opportunity to share our talents with the broader community and to celebrate the artistry within our guild. Please begin thinking about pieces you might be willing to display. This is a beautiful way for us to stay visible, engaged, and connected.

So, as we move into this new season, I encourage each of you to look for ways to participate — whether by attending meetings, helping at events, sharing ideas, or simply offering encouragement to a fellow member. Every contribution, large or small, helps our guild flourish.

Let's embrace the promise of spring with open hearts, willing hands, and creative minds.

Warmly,  
Barbara Peebles, President



2027 Opportunity Quilt

# Sew and Tell News

## March Birthdays

Sue Kresley	03/02
Linda Debolt	03/03
Susanne Scholz	03/03
Karen Jenkins	03/13



## Hospitality - Gail Coyle, Linda Mulligan

The Hospitality list for March will be members whose last names begin with the letters Q through Z. Gail



## Community Service — Lan Ali-Adeeb, Lianna Jo Burger & Shery Loewen



### Comfort Quilt – Terry Phelp

What a blessing to have Hospice Services of Lake County receiving our lovely quilts. I presented them to the Executive Director, Scott McFarland, and he was thrilled. The nurses and staff are excited to give them out to our patients. We gave one to a patient that same day to whose care giver had come into the office.

Thank you so much for choosing this wonderful organization.

### LLES Sew Club – Lan Ali-Adeeb

Our first class started Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> with great enthusiasm from both new and returning students (all ten of them). We have 16 children enrolled in this session. It is truly inspiring to see the confidence and impressive skills the returning students demonstrate while working with fabrics and sewing machines. We are definitely on the right path in helping these young talents grow in their creative journey. *Thanks to Lan Ali-Adeeb, Debbie Heltzel, Suzanne Hoytz, Jane Smith, and Kathy Verstoppen for making this program possible!*

Quilt kits will be available for sign-out at monthly general meetings. Donations of cotton fabric and batting are always welcome, and tax-deductible receipts are available upon request. **A friendly reminder, according to the Bylaws, section II.3.H: "GUILD members are strongly encouraged to make at least three baby quilts for community service to maintain 501c3 nonprofit status."** Thank you! Lan

# Sew and Tell News Continued

## BOM — Linda DeBolt



Here is the block of the month for March. The Friendship Star Block. The block can be done in your favorite colors.

You can find the instructions for the block on our website at [www.llqq.org/block-of-the-month-instruction.html](http://www.llqq.org/block-of-the-month-instruction.html).

## Programs - Gretchen Moore

**This April we are having Scarlett Rose share a lecture and a workshop on Celtic Quilting!**

For her lecture, she will share "A History of Celtic Quilting". And for her class we will learn how to create a Crystallized Celtic block.

The Class is only \$55 and the pattern you can download pdf at <https://scarlettrose.com/epatterns.html>  
You will also need a bias tape maker. (More information to come). Check out our program webpage for latest updates:  
<https://www.llqq.org/meetings-programs--workshops.html>



Nancy's Crystal block, made with a dragonfly focus fabric. Her bias fabrics were a solid yellow and a green/blue hand dye.



Marilyn's Crystal block, made with African theme fabrics. Her bias fabrics were a zebra stripe print and a solid black.



Cheryl's Crystal block with an Asian focus fabric. Her bias fabrics were a dark purple and a purple batik.

**Reminder to all members: "All thing Paper Piecing" – Please bring your quilts, quilt tops, and quilt blocks made using paper piecing techniques to share as part of the March Program.**

# *Sew and Tell News Continued*

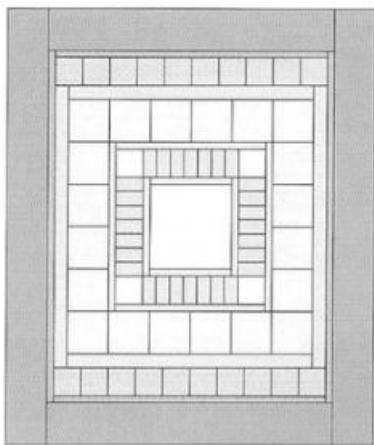
## **Secret Pal — Terry Phelps**

We have 12 members participating in Secret Pal. How fun. I sent out the final participating pals on Saturday, February 28, let me know if you have any issues providing a gift for any certain month and we will work it out. HAVE FUN!!!!

We now have a webpage for Secret Pal. Here is the link: <https://www.llgg.org/secret-pal-instructions.html>



## **Round Robin — Renee Schultz-Hein**



Medallion

I hope you're all doing well! Just a heads-up for those of you who are interested in participating in this year's Round Robin project - it's time to start thinking about your center square. I'll have a sign-up sheet and instructions available at the March meeting, so you can get all the details there. Looking forward to seeing all the creative ideas you come up with!

We now have a webpage for Round Robin. It is still under construction with direction of our Chair. Please check it out: <https://www.llgg.org/round-robin.html>



Renee's round robin quilt was done when Rebecca Scroggins was the Chair. Multiple contributors, but she remembers only two names, Jane Alameda and Gail Coyle. What a gorgeous quilt!

## Board Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by President Barbara Peebles. A quorum was present.

**Location:** United Christian Parish – Conf. Room

**Attendance:** Barbara Peebles, Debbie Strickler, Kris Nelson, Lan Ali-Adeeb, Terry Phelps, Gretchen Moore, Marion Onstadt, Rachel Heher, Leanne Harvey



### Announcements

- Pam Fiora resigned as Newsletter Chair. Position to be filled.
- Gretchen Moore appointed Member-at-Large (2026 Executive Board is filled).

### Old Business

#### Annual Junior Membership \$5 Fee Waiver (Lan).

**Motion:** Denied (3-2)

**Discussion:**

- Although \$5 is not significant amount, the fee demonstrates commitment and interest in being part of the guild. Any guild member may choose to pay the fee for a junior member.
- The membership form must be updated to state that a chaperone or guardian must always accompany the child during guild meetings. The guardian is not considered a guest and does not need to pay membership due or attendance fee.

**Sound System (Barbara):** Only a wireless mic is needed. Pam Ayle knows what type of mic is needed. Barbara has asked her to review it and let us know the cost at the next meeting.

**Annual Audit (Kris & Debbie):** The internal audit deliverables and scope were completed for Jan–Oct 2025 by Debbie; Oct–Dec 2025 by Kris (after Sharon Left the guild)

**Discussion:** The internal financial audit and books were thoroughly reviewed and deemed sufficient. No further action is required at this time. However, contracts (e.g., rental agreements, fireworks sales, etc.) have not yet been reconciled and will be reviewed to complete the 2025 annual internal audit.

**Action Items:**

- Kris will search for 2025 contracts from the Treasurer's handoff materials. If important documents are missing, Barbara will contact vendors, the city, county, or business partners to obtain copies.
- Once contract reconciliation is complete, 2025 annual internal audit can be closed.

**Quilt Show Related Item (Barbara):** Barbara will communicate these items at the general meeting.

- LLQG not hosting a 2026 Quilt Shows to be posted to guild website.
- Committee to organize new events to promote LLQG in lieu of a Quilt Shows in 2026.
- Country Store Chairman - Position to be filled (Gretchen Moore is the new Chair).
- Changing Country Store payments split to 60/40% or 70/30% to increase guild proceeds.
- New events & how to promote 2026 Opportunity quilt & Chairman appointment & tickets sales.

**Webpage Password Change (Lan & Kris):** The 2026 publishable roster will be completed after the February general meeting and will include only members who have paid dues. The roster will continue to be updated as membership forms and payments are received.

**Action Items:**

- Kris will finalize the roster and email it to Lan
- Lan will upload the roster to the website, set a new password for the new Member-Only webpage, and distribute the new password and communications via email.

**Country Store Operations Manual (Gretchen):** Grapevine Quilt Guild Operations Manual will be used as a starting point. Lan will assist as needed.

### New Business

**Membership Tracking & Newsletter Mailing (Kris):** A checkbox already exists on the membership form. If selected, a hard copy of the newsletter will be mailed at no charge (per Bylaws).

**Membership Fee – End of Year Per-Month Option (Kris):** Discussion regarding whether members joining within the last two months of the year should pay \$17.50 or instead pay the \$5 non-member fee to attend meetings until the new year.

**Motion:** Unanimously passed to amend the membership form to include a \$5 end-of-year option with a checkbox and description.

**Past Presidents and Membership Forms:** Although exempt from dues, must still submit a current-year membership form. They should be reminded.

**Main Street Gallery (Lan):** The gallery is owned by the nonprofit Lake County Art Council. The new curator is Michael Boyle. One of the gallery's primary missions is to promote local artists by featuring different artists each month. The gallery is fully booked through September.

The guild has the option to exhibit member quilts on a 70-foot-long, 14-foot-high wall. Quilts may be offered for sale. The earliest available month is October, with a proposed theme of "**Quilt & Fabric**" Exhibition.

**Motion:** Unanimously passed to hold the exhibition in November.

**Discussion:** The exhibition could be held annually after the October quilt show. Each guild member may enter one quilt. We are planning this exhibit for November 2026.

**Action Items:** Lan will follow up with the gallery curator for additional details and share an update with the Board.

**Leanne Harvey Proposal:** Items placed on the freebie table should first be made available to guild members before being offered for sale.

**Guild Documents Storage Proposal (Lan):** Proposal to expand the Members-Only webpage to house all forms and documents currently maintained by Chairs (digital or hard copy). Documents would be downloadable, reviewable, and updateable.

**Proposed Plan:**

- Chairs will email digital copies or provide hard copies to Lan.
- Lan will catalog and create a secure webpage to house all documents that can be accessible to members.

The objective is to have all Chairmanship Binder outlines, how-to information, forms, and documents available on our private website.

**Financial & Other Updates (Kris)**

- Existing \$10,000 CD is in place and matures on 1/14 and 7/14. Proposal to open two additional CDs of \$5,000 each in March and May to stage mature dates.
- Uncashed check: Expense checks from October have not been deposited yet. One reminder has been sent and acknowledged by both parties.
- PO Box fee increased to \$180
- Guild Meeting Venue:
  - The Grange: Not an option since it is not available for half-day rental, especially during the weekend.
  - Skylark Shores Resort: \$275. No kitchen or restroom is available yet.
  - Senior Center: \$350. Available now except in July.
  - Storage Unit: we just received the bill with late fee. The bill was issued on 1/17 and was due on 2/1, but late fee was imposed on 2/2. The dispute of the late fee was unsuccessful, and Kris has paid the full annual amount, including the late fee.
- Opportunity Quilt tickets need to be purchased.
  - Pak-n-Mail was contacted to coordinate the ticket purchase.
  - Ticket was updated with the drawing date of Oct 3, 2027.
  - Pak-n-mail is working out pricing for various ticket quantities. (Kris will send that along with the proof pdf for the ticket when she gets them).
  - Last year we printed 3k then 1k then 1k; so 5k total.
  - The 1k orders were exponentially more expensive as you get a quantity discount.
  - Pak-n-mail will confirm the price break points for us to decide how many we want to print.
  - The 2027 Op Quilt is a two-year promotion.

**Quilt Show 2027 Fairgrounds (Debbie)**

The fairgrounds were contacted for October 2026 Quilt Show (no deposit was made), so our regular dates were not taken. We will cancel that reservation. Would we like to reserve dates for October 2027 Quilt Show? A deposit will be required to secure the Lewis Hall for September 30 and October 1–3. Debbie suggested we should secure Quilt Shows dates before printing OP quilt ticket.

**Travel Expense for Volunteer Teachers at LLES (Lan):** Volunteers do not receive mileage reimbursement.

**Meeting adjourned:** 10:00 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted – 02/18/2026**

**Lan Ali-Adeeb  
Secretary**



## General Meeting - February 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President, Barbara Peebles.

**Kathy Verstoppen:** 40 members present; Guest Report: Sally Lindsey, Ingrid Sachs, Lisa Verstoppen, Kris Cisse from Contra Costa Guild (displaying/selling OP quilt tickets).

### Announcements

- Newsletter Chair, Pam Fiora has resigned. The position needs to be filled.
- Jo Syphax's husband is not doing well. Please contact Jo with love and sympathy. She really needs to know we care. Special thanks to Cindy Martelle who has been supporting Joe's family over the past several months.

### Old Business

**Membership Dues:** The Roster will be updated with 2026 members. Password will be changed and distributed to members on the updated roster.

#### 2026 Chair Position to be Filled:

- OP quilt promotion & sales; 2027 OP quilt design; Publicity; 2027 Quilt Show & Committee Chairs; Skill Day.
- Rene Schultz-Hein will serve as Round Robin Chair this year and Mystery Quilt Chair alternating years.

### New Business

#### February Treasurer's Report (Kris)

Total Expense:	\$	<b>998.57</b>
Total Income:	\$	<b>962.00</b>
Total Bank Balance:	\$	<b>41,642.65</b>
Total CD Balance:	\$	<b>16,333.94</b>

#### QGNQ (Quilt Guild of the North Quarter), Susanne S.:

- Participating guilds may bring their members to meetings.
- Tip & trick:
  - UFO (Unfinished Object) challenge pool: Pay \$1 to the pool and receive \$1 back if the project is completed. At the end of the year, a raffle winner receives the entire pool.
  - PHD (Project Half Done) / PIGS (Project in Grocery Bags): Sort leftover holiday fabric and project half done; Decide whether to complete or repurpose them.
- Program, Retreat, and Quilt Shows:
  - Last Saturday in the quarter. 04/25/26 is the next meeting in Willits and it is meet the teacher meeting.

**Action Items:** Suzanne Scholtz will forward the QGNQ newsletter to Lan for distribution to members.

#### Open Discussion - Event in Lieu of 2026 Quilt Shows:

**Barbara P.:** One-day quilt shows with handmade/craft items for sale. Barbara compiled a handbook documenting event plans. It is available to share with members.

**Pam A.:** Bazaar sales at the Grange.

**Marion O. :** Use the LLES schoolyard for art & craft fair associated with the Sewing Club. Consider rotating locations around Lake County (Middletown, Clearlake) to broader exposure.

**Criss (CCQG):** Sell fabric and handmade items; Promote guild activities (bingo, Bunco) to the community; Raffle items at estate/community sales.

**Marjean E.:** Member could have individual booths at special events to display or sell their crafts.

**Lan A.:** Main Street Gallery in Lakeport for a November quilt show & sales; Teaching children and adults sewing at the Gallery's Art & Craft Summer Camp.

**Gretchen M. / Suzanne S. / Theresa D. :** Partner with local events such as the June Car show, Vista Casio, etc., Theresa will email Barbara her list of local events.

#### Linda L. Volunteered to Serve as Ways and Means Chair

Members are asked to coordinate all special event planning with Linda.

**Programs (Gretchen M.)**

- Yvonne Phenicie presented a trunk show featuring quilts made with curved rulers and patterns. Quilt photo and pattern books are available on the guild Blog: <https://www.llqg.org/blog>
- A workshop using the Starry Night pattern is on Sunday, 02/15/2026, at the Woman Center, Lakeport.

**March Program:** Lan, Kris, and Marj will present the paper piecing techniques. The paper piecing workshop will be held immediately after the general meeting, where participants learn to make the New York Beauty quilt blocks.

**BOM (Linda D.):** A new Star-themed quilt pattern was proposed, featuring a different star pattern each month using participants' choice of colors. By year-end, participants will have enough blocks to complete a quilt. The proposal was approved by members and will begin in March. Prizes will be awarded to those who complete their block. **Gail Coyle** won the February BOM drawing.

**PHD (Suzanne L.):** Leanne Harvey and Suzanne Lee shared their quilts.

**Community Service (Lan):**

- LLES Sewing Club: Runs from 2/20 to 4/3. Five teachers and 16 students are participating, including 10 returning students.
- March 14<sup>th</sup>: Paper-piercing workshop to make NY Beauty blocks. This workshop is open to all members and will be held at UCP immediately after the general meeting. Sewing kits will be provided. Remember to bring your sewing machines. Members are asked to sign up if interested.

**Show & Tell (Lianna B.):** Susanne Hoytz, Suzanne Scholz, Kathy Verstoppen shared their quilts.

**Hospitality (Gail C.):** For the March meeting, members with last name Q-Z are asked to bring food.

**Treasure Chest (Linda D. and Pam A.):**

Sunflower pack: Suzanne Lee; FQ Pack: Cindy Martelle, KF FQ: Debbie Strickler; Valentine Red Pack: Terry Phelps; Brown Pack: Sally Lindsey; White Fabric (5 yards): Suzanne Lee.

**FQ Membership Drawing (Kathy V.):** We didn't catch the name of the winner.

**Meeting Adjourned: 1:00 p.m.**

**Lan Ali-Adeeb  
Secretary**

**Attention All Board Members!**

**The March 14th Board Meeting starts at 8:30 am at the Church prior to the General Meeting.**

## 2026 Officers and Chairs

### Sew & Tell Info

**Next  
Newsletter  
Deadline:**

**March 25th**

#### Ladies of the Lake Calendar at a Glance 2026

- Next Meeting is March 14th
- New York Beauty Block paper-piecing class Saturday, March 14th right after LLQG General Meeting. Remember to bring your machines.

#### Upcoming Events in Northern California

- 40th Annual “Springtime in the Pines” Quilt Show ‘26 Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Nevada County, Saturday & Sunday, April 25th & 26th, 10 am-4 pm. Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley, CA. Admission \$10. Free Parking. <http://www.pinetreequiltguild.com>
- Foothill Quilter’s Guild Luncheon “Tea Time in the Foothills” Saturday, May 23rd, Auburn Veterans Memorial Hall, 100 East St., Auburn, CA. Doors Open 10:30 am, Lunch 11:45 am, \$50 per person. Online: <https://square.link/u/XRPsBhnd>

Visit [www.LLQG.org](http://www.LLQG.org) for up-to-the minute additions

**Next meeting**

**Saturday, March 14th, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.  
At The United Christian Parish Church  
745 North Brush St., Lakeport, Ca**

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