



Yosemite Falls, Linda Schmidt, Quilt Artist

The 2024 Amador Valley Quilters opportunity quilt – Yosemite Falls – is an original art quilt by renowned fiber artist, Linda Schmidt. The quilt is 44 x 59 inches and uses a variety of techniques and materials to create a remarkable art quilt portraying a beautiful California landmark.



At home in the outdoors? Go wild with editorials submitted by Colleen Pelfrey and **Linda Schmidt** 

### **EDITORIAL**

Our crew is ready to help you exhibit at PIQF via the New Quilts of Northern California at PIQF. Watch the NCQC website for updated events and schedules.

July 10th is our next Meet the Teachers via zoom. Links to more about them are on our website. Grab a friend for a shared time listening to the zoom call and pick which of them would be right for your guild events.

In this issue we see the "wild" side of artists Linda Schmidt, and Colleen Pelfrey. Linda will share her brilliant Yosemite II landscape quilt which she donated to raise funds for the Amador Valley Quilt Guild. Colleen opens a tent to see her bold love of nature expressed celebrated in two of her quilts. Both involved collaboration with other quilters.

Our Parliamentarian Vicki Walter visits with you about the difference in use of bylaws and procedure documents sketching out the important role NCQC reps have in your guild.

Make sure your guild events are published on our website. It guides our members to your event. The purpose of this digital magazine is to publish and celebrate your work, and member events. So please keep sharing your artistic growth. Your generous spirit moves us all.

With warm appreciation, thank you.

Roberta Burke



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Sincere thanks for sharing the wonderful articles to Linda Schmidt and Colleen Pelfrey. Congratulations to the quilt guilds who are publishing their quilt shows on the NCQC website. Thank you so much, see you all at these events. rdb

**Our Cover Quilt** 

Amador Valley Quilt Show
Quilt Artist, Linda Schmidt
Yosemite Falls

## Wild about Spring NCQC Director, Jeanne Brophy

Spring 2024

It's Spring and I am so happy to see the sky and warming weather. As I write this article I am still remembering the eclipse (partial for me) and how much wonder there is in the world. You can sort of understand why people hundred's of years ago were frightened. It makes me stop and appreciate what I see everyday and I realize how lucky I am to live in an area with so much flora and fauna around me. I'm not much of a landscape artist, in fact, I've taken several classes where I left the teacher just shaking their heads and telling me that perhaps this just isn't my forte. I agree with them whole heartedly but I love quilting my customers quilts of the outdoors. I've got a couple here for you to see.

I can see the wonder in those beautiful quilts that others make, much like Linda Schmidt's "Yosemite" that she created for Amador Valley Quilters, Opportunity Quilt that is on the cover of this article. Linda and I are both active members. I know just looking at it reminds me of the times my friends, family and I visited Yosemite and all of it's the wonders. Sometimes a photo doesn't quite capture the memory but your quilt will. Enjoy the outdoors, photograph it and then make a quilt from the photos and that memory will shine for you and others in your life. By the way, you can purchase a raffle ticket for the Yosemite

quilt. Our show, Together Again, will be held June 22-23, 2024. It will be held at Trinity Church Gymnasium, 557 Olivina Ave, Livermore. I'll be there selling raffle baskets. Join us it should be fun and we even have a food truck!

The only quilt I made was with my friends for our annual trip to Pajaro Dunes in Watsonville. We've stopped going now but whenever I look at this little wallhanging, all the memories come flooding back.

I want to point out one in particular, actually 2 photos, that I named Sunrise and Sunset. I told my customer the reason why I put a sleeve on both ends was so she could hang it either way. I don't often complete my customers' quilts but this was a special person in my life.

Jeanne
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Mark your calendars for upcoming NCQC events:

See your quilts in the New Quilts of Northern CA at PIQF

# July 10 th, 10-Noon, Wednesday Meet the Teachers Via Zoom YOUR ORIGINAL NCQC EVENT

Three-minute presentations of our "MEET THE TEACHERS" program gives a FLAVOR of our NCQC Teachers and a TASTE of their methods.

This a great way to experience the personalities & teaching styles each teacher will bring to your store or guild!

Invite a friend over to enjoy the program & prompt a conversation about who you'll want to book first! You'll have your workshops & programs for the upcoming year well in hand by the time you get home.

Meeting begins at 10, ends at Noon. See you ONLINE This event is on zoom, but our in-person meetings are held at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Dr, Pleasant Hill, CA, 94523 FIND TEACHER LINKS ON <u>WWW.NCQC.NET</u>

All members of NCQC, including representatives and members of any of our

member guilds, are welcome to attend.

Sue Fox has made her living stitching textiles for close to 50 years... primarily stitching quilts during the last 25. She's been teaching "all things sewing" since 1989 and long-arm quilting since 1999.

All of Fox's quilts are made using Rescued Materials (aka: Materials that are "Salvaged to Stitch" ... primarily using Silk, Linen, & Wool.) Her sewing workroom is in Oakland CA.

See Fox's projects on Instagram <a href="https://www.instagram.com/fox.quilts-salvaged.stitched/?hl=en">https://www.instagram.com/fox.quilts-salvaged.stitched/?hl=en</a> or on Facebook (Sue Fox Quilts)



Comments from Sue Fox (NCQC board 'member at large')





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Stitching Bits in Hand for

### a Healing Mandala

"As a mixed media textile artist who uses many diverse techniques in my work, it can be challenging to decide which methods to include in a piece of art.

ecause I love adding in lots of embellishment with painting and stitching, it can be easy to overwork a piece. I try to settle on two or three ideas that will best represent my idea or support the theme for the finished product.

One of the most valuable lessons I have learned is when to stop; deciding when a piece is finished is a great skill to develop. If the piece is hand embroidered, my tendency is to keep stitching on it only because I enjoy the process so much. I April Sproule, stitch for two to three hours every evening, and if I don't have something else to pick up and start, Artist & Educator I'll stitch a piece until it can't possibly hold one more stitch.

One way I've learned to overcome this tendency is to work in a series and have another piece cut out and ready to go. More is not always better, as it can overwhelm the maker as well as the viewer of an art piece. I am still learning this lesson, so far it has been a big help.



**Boro Mending** 

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### Pacific International Quilt Festival Statement – 4/18/2024

"We are back up and running with a few important changes due to two professional soccer games at Levi Stadium on Wednesday, July 24 at 7 pm, and Saturday, July 27 at 7 pm.

PIQF now has new hours as follows:

- Wednesday: 10 am 3 pm (New)
- Thursday:10 am 5 pm (Same)
- Friday:10 am 5 pm (Same)
- Saturday: 9 am 3 pm (New)

All other activities including workshops, the fashion show, and lectures will run on the schedule as originally published on quiltfest.com."

So, get your entries into PIQF and/or New Quilts of Northern California. The website for PIQF is www.quiltfest.com, and there is a link on their opening page for the New Quilts entry form, as well. You can also go to https://ncqc.net/new-quilts-of-n-ca which has the entry form and details of the rules for entering. Please enter your new, fabulous quilts so we can put up another great show!

www,quiltfest.com

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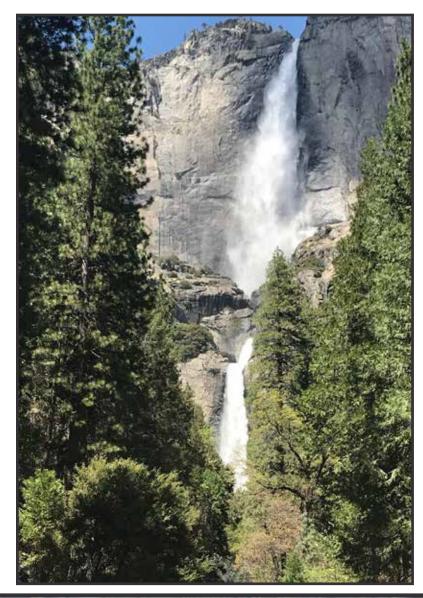
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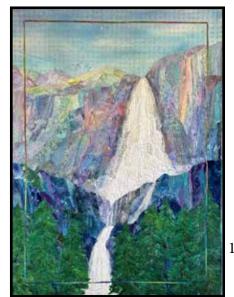
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- The sky is hand painted.
- The mountains were constructed using invisible machine appliqué.
- The falls are made with fabric paint, sheer fabrics, roving, Angelina Fiber and Misty Fuse.
- The sky is free motion machine quilted, embellished with Swarovski crystals.



### **Yosemite Falls II - A Place Of Wild Beauty**

by Linda S. Schmidt

I find that my favorite art quilts are inspired by places of great beauty. Yosemite's majestic waterfalls, magnificent cliffs, meandering rivers, roaring rapids and starry skies speak to almost everyone who goes there in the quiet voice of Mother Earth.

Yosemite Falls I was made for my son, Michael, for his wedding day, combining three different photos to make the final design. When Amador Valley Quilters needed an Opportunity Quilt, I decided to make two more pieces, one for me and one for the Guild, using the same pattern I created for Michael's quilt, but adding crystals and bit more finesse.

Yosemite has been a big part of our family life. We camped there when our children were small. Our daughter was baptized in the Little Brown Church. We carried our children up the Mist Trail with garbage bags over their clothes. Our daughter-in-law and both grandchildren were baptized in the Merced River. We climbed Yosemite Falls twice, once in the pouring rain, and climbed Half Dome twice. The second time we climbed to the top of Half Dome, my son, Justin, told us he wanted to be a priest.

My husband and I took an 18-mile impromptu hike to the top of falls the back way, got terribly lost on the way back and wandered for hours, stampeded by a running deer and surprised by a mountain lion, and wound up spending the night in a yurt. Our son Michael was married 100 yards from Bridalveil Falls. We rafted in the river, picnicked in the meadows, climbed the rocks and walked the paths.

We spread Justin's ashes in a tiny meadow off the beaten path behind the Little Brown Church, with a view of Yosemite Falls. We have left our footsteps and part of our souls there, and have carried away so many awesome memories. Whenever I look at mine it takes me there, where the eagles fly, the falls thunder, the deer run free, and the stars shine so brightly you can almost catch one in your hand and put it in your pocket.

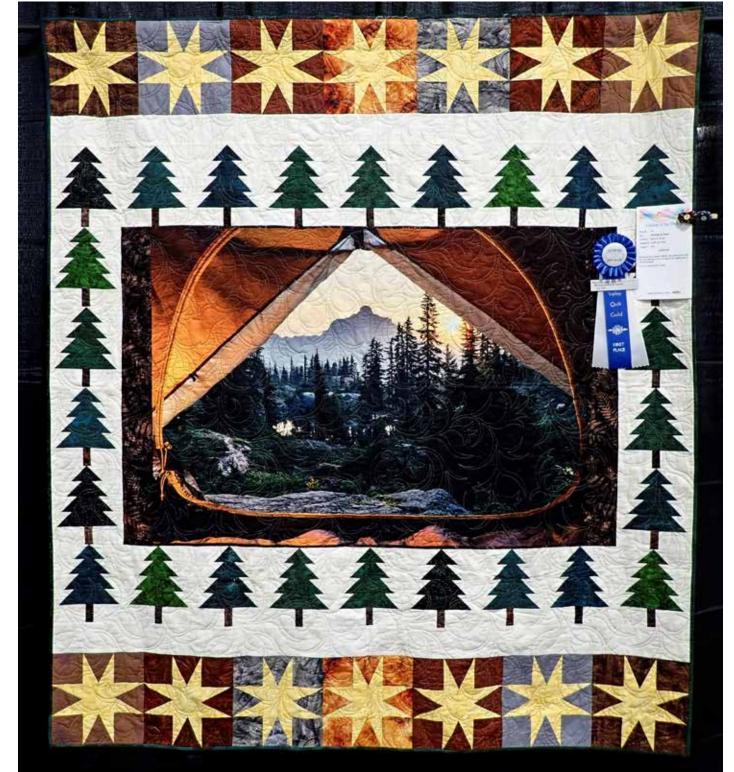
My blessings go with whoever wins this piece, a small thing made with great love.

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## Colleen Pelfrey

https://www. colleenpelfreyquilts.com/ I love hiking, and backpacking and being "in the
wild" and I also love quilting. Sometimes my two
favorite activities cross
paths. Nature is a great
source of inspira-





At my friend's request, I designed the first quilt around a Hoffman panel "Sleeping Under the Stars", and we pieced it as a team effort. She wanted it to give to her boss, who is an avid backpacker. I love that once he received the quilt, he took it backpacking and used it in his tent ... and took a picture. Designed by Colleen Pelfrey, pieced by Sandra Torres and Colleen Pelfrey, quilted by Cathy Evans

The second quilt was also a group effort (a round robin) inspired by a trip to the redwoods with my friend last May. If you have never been to the redwoods, you should go, and you may come back inspired to capture your experience in a quilt. The whimsical center was created by Sandra Torres, the first border with the arrows was created by Colleen Pelfrey, and the final border was created by Eileen Milligan.

NCQC board member Vicki Walter is a registered parliamentarian. A parliamentarian is trained and certified to help nonprofits run efficient meetings and follow their rules. They also train board members in proper meeting procedure and also help groups amend their bylaws.

### **Outdoor Theme? Let's Go In The Weeds Using Bylaw And Procedure Documents....**

In past articles, we've talked about Our guild's bylaws define it as: the difference between what goes in your bylaws and what goes in your NCQC Representative procedures. Let's "go in the weeds" -Attend NCQC events and report with an example of what that could back to the membership. look like. Let's use "NCQC Representative" as our example (I'm as- In our policies and procedures, we and events.)

Your bylaws would use a very brief and general description (so it doesn't have to be changed often). Your procedures would be a more detailed description of duties and responsibilities.

suming most of you have one, or at provide more detail of the duties and least a person responsible for updat- responsibilities of our nege rep (I've ing your guild with NCQC activities also provided some additional suggestions):

> Of you have any questions about minutes or anything else about meetings, please contact me!

### From Vicki Walter, Parliamentarian for NCQC





### **NCQC** Representative

- Represents the guild at NCQC meetings
- Reports back to the board and/or membership on any pertinent issues
- **Notifies the Program Director as soon as the Meet the Teachers** meeting dates are announced.
- Provide guild program information to NCQC webmaster for inclusion on their website. This could include any fundraisers (opportunity quilt, luncheon, etc.), meeting details (date, teacher, workshop, etc.)
- Submit items of interest through the quarterly NCQC Newsletter.
- Share retreat information if looking for additional attendees.
- Share details of "New Quilts of California" and encourage members to participate.



I hope that example provides a better Happy quilting! picture of the difference between the detail (or lack thereof) in your bylaws and the detail in your procedures.

Vicki Walter **Professional Registered Parliamentarian** 



New Quilts for PIQF in July?
YES!
SUBMITTED BY SUE FOX

- Grab a pen & MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
   PIQF is scheduled for Wednesday to Saturday, July 24 to 27, 2024.
- Not only is the Quilt Show happening 3 months earlier than last year... Our "New Quilts of Northern California" exhibit timeline is earlier as well.
  - 1. Online Entry for YOUR "New Quilt" will be DUE no later than Friday, May 24th.
  - 2. Quilt Delivery will be during the last weeks of June. (Will you be ready...?)
- NCQC wants to make sure that Every One of Your Guild's Members is totally up to date & ready to submit New Quilts for this year's exhibit.
  - 3. From February through June, I will be sending (via email) a short article that you, dear Rep, can deliver to the editor of your guild's newsletter. I'll share updates and tips... And... I'll encourage those of your members who have never submitted before, to Just Do It.

Share the news! More details to be found on NCQC's website ( <a href="mailto:ncqc.net">ncqc.net</a>)

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2024 NCQC Board

Wanted:

**More Board Volunteers** 

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**Jenny Lyon** 

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**Newsletter: Roberta Burke** 

**Parliamentarian: Vicki Walter** 

**Facilities: April Sproule** 

**Meet the Teachers: Team** 

**New Quilts: Linda Schmidt & Sue Fox** 

**Members At Large:** 

Sue Fox, Colleen Pelfrey

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**April Sproule** 

## Quilting

## **Events**

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### PINE TREE QUILT GUILD

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Springtime in the Pines

## QUILT SHOW 2024

Celebrating 40 Years of Quilting • Memories • Service



### April 27 - April 28 Saturday & Sunday 10-4

**Nevada County Fairgrounds Grass Valley, CA** 

Admission: 1 Day \$10 • 2 Day \$15

FREE PARKING

Featured Quilter Kris Cook

Vendors

Baskets

Silent Auction

Country Store

Quilters' Café

Special Exhibits

For more information go to: www.PineTreeQuiltGuild.com

or email: info@pinetreequiltguild.com



**April 27-28, 2024** 

Sierra Blue for the Springtime in the Pines

**Pine Tree Quilt Guild** 

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Nevada County Fairgrounds, California



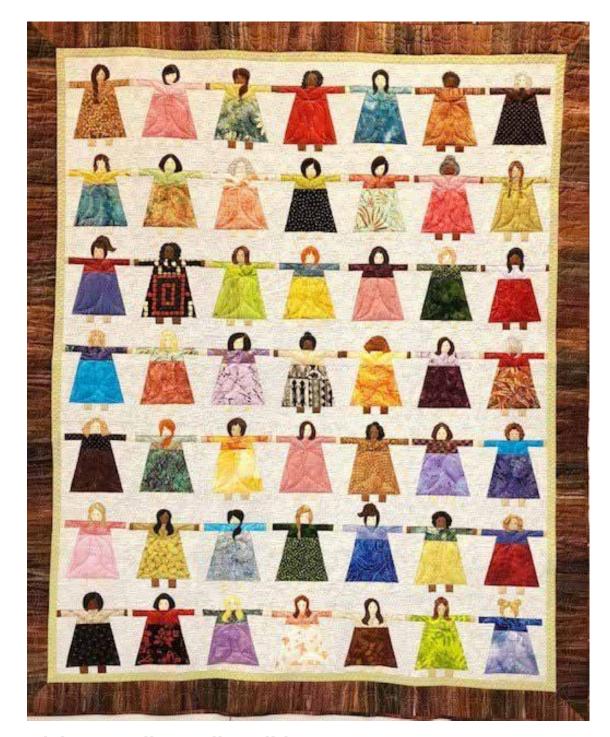
"Quilts by the Bay" runs from Friday, May 3rd to Sunday, May 5th at Chautau-qua Hall in Pacific Grove and coincides with Good Old Days on Saturday and Sunday. Come down and see us in Chautauqua Hall at 16th & Central.

Our "Quilts by the Bay" quilt show is our annual opportunity to show off our artistry. Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild (MPQG) was founded in 1979 and is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) organization. Our members are not only artists, but generous givers. Over the years our Community Outreach program has donated thousands of quilts. In just the past year, over 400 quilted items were donated to those in need, ranging from heart-shaped and port pillows to dialysis, tummy-time, crib, youth, and bed quilts. Our Grants Program donates the money we raise from raffle tickets to local schools and organizations to help them promote quilting and sewing activities.

Come see some of the quilts our 200+ members have made.

Learn more about our guild; please visit our website at: www.mpqg.org





Flying Needles Quilt Guild Mother's Day Quilt Show Opportunity Quilt, Sisters

Saturday, May 11, 2024: 10 am - 5 pm Sunday, May 12, 2024: 10 am - 3 pm

Expo Building, Yolo County Fair Grounds, 1250 Gum Ave, Woodland, CA 95776

### "Boot Scootin" Bunco Fundraiser

May 18 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Please join us for a Bunco fundraiser for Vallejo Piecemakers Quilt Guild. Join us for fun, games, prizes, raffles, refreshments, and items for sale.

- = Saturday, May 18, 2024.
- = Doors open at 10:30 am. Game starts 11 am.
- = Admission is \$20/person if purchased in advance. \$25/person on the day of the game. Limited to 100 players.
- = Door prizes and vendors.
- = Come dressed in "western" attire and get 5 free prize tickets!
- = Contact 707-644-6739 for tickets.

Florence Douglas Center 333 Amador Street Vallejo, CA 94590 United States





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Radiance Quilt Drawing to be held Dec. 7 2024

Our 2024 Opportunity Quilt "Upcycled Radiance"

Pieced and quilted by members of the Vallejo Piecemakers.



### **Roseville Quilters Guild Quilt Show**

Our next quilt show, "Quilting Dreams," will be held on May 17-18, 2024. We feature Quilts, Vendors, our Boutique, Raffle Baskets, a Country Store we call "Second Time Around," and quilts for sale. Lunch and snacks will be available. The show is 10-5 on Friday and 10-4 on Saturday. Admission is \$10, good for both days.

The show will be at the Mahany Fitness Center, 1545 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville.

This darling Featherweigt sewing machine was born in December 1948 and was recently rejuvenated and given a new baby blue coat. She comes with a new carrying case, a custom-made cover, mat, and Farm Girl quilt, along with several accessories – a traveling cover for the fold-up bed, a foot pedal bag, a pincushion, and more.



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#### **COUNTRY STORE**

Start June 01, 2024
End June 02, 2024
Schedule 2 sessions
#1. June 01, 2024, 10:00
AM 3:00 PM (PDT)
#2. June 02,

2024, 11:00 AM 2:00 PM (PDT) Location Concord United

Methodist Church, 1645 West Street, Concord

#### REGISTRATION

Everyone



#### **COUNTRY STORE AND FABRIC SALE**

Saturday, June 1, 2024 10 AM to 3 PM Sunday, June 2, 2024 11 AM to 2 PM

Concord United Methodist Church 1645 West Street Concord, CA

(please note this is a different location from previous Country Store events)

#### **FREE ADMISSION**

GQCCC's annual fundraising sale is coming soon! Shop in a boutique-like environment to find great deals on fabric and handmade and crafted items. Good quality quilting and crafting fabric will again be only \$4/yard, a deal you can't beat anywhere.

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### **Amador Valley Quilters**

### **2024 Quilt Show and Opportunity Quilt**

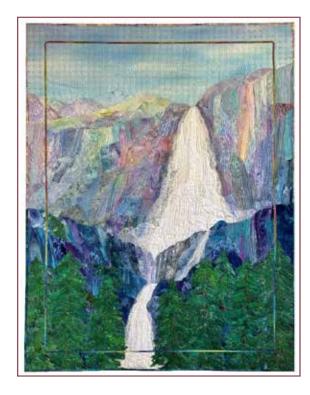
Amador Valley Quilters is excited to announce its 2024 Quilt Show – Quilted Treasures XVIII – Together Again – and Opportunity Quilt – Yosemite Falls – an original art quilt by renowned fiber artist, Linda Schmidt

- 2024 Quilt Show: June 22-23, 2024 Trinity Church Gymnasium, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore, CA; doors open at 10:00 am
- Opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets: \$1 per ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets, \$10 for 15 tickets; available at select venues and from AVQ members
  - Opportunity Quilt Drawing: Sunday, June 23, 2024, 2:00 pm

For more information on the opportunity quilt and the quilt show, email:

opportunityquilt@amadorvalleyquilters.org

avqquiltshow@amadorvalleyquilters.org



Email: info@amadorvalleyquilters.org Web: www.amadorvalleyquilters.org

Visit their <u>website</u> for detail (the links on this poster are not active.)



## **Sharing our**

Heritage

as Makers of

**Quilts & Textiles** 

**Delta Quilters' Guild Quilt Show** 

August 10 & 11, 2024 Brentwood Community Center 35 Oak Street, Brentwood

**Quilter's Color Therapy** 

## Update on CHQP – California Heritage Quilt Project

Update on CHQP – California Heritage Quilt Project

**Ouestions? Contact Arlene Stevens - CHOP President at** caheritagequiltproject@gmail.com / or call 951-660-9690

### https://chqp.org/



### QUILT DOCUMENTATION

We have joined the Quilt Index in order to introduce the world toamazing quilts made in or brought to California. The Quilt Index, an open access, digital repository shares images, stories and information about quilts and their makers. This research and educational project, "Matrix: The Center for Digital Humanities and Social Services" is housed at Michigan State University. www.quiltindex.org

The California Heritage Quilt Project, has started to document California's quilts of any age and style.

We encourage you all to document your family and personal quilts to record your legacy.

### www.quiltindex.org



Many thanks to these volunteers.

Remember to document your own prize quilts or other quilt heirlooms in the same manner.

Scarlett Rose, Arlene Arnold, **Stephanie Kenney, Nancy Bavor and Julie Silber** are among the **California** 





Arlene Stevens, Zena Thorpe, Rebecca Blosser, and Pat Masterson are Board Members attending Road to California



Visit their current website to check out their current request for help. This is a unique Museum to our region. <a href="https://sj-mqt.org/">https://sj-mqt.org/</a>

### **Our Mission**

The mission of the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles is to preserve, celebrate, and promote knowledge about quilts and textiles, their creation, their beauty, and their relationship to human culture and expression.



### **Become a Member**

Membership is an integral part of any museum. At SJMQT, your membership dues allow us to bring special exhibits to the San Jose community and support innovative textile art programming.

Check out our levels and benefits!



#### Printed & Stitched

May 3, 2024 - September 1, 2024

Printed & Stitched will feature 58 original works exploring the connection between printing and stitching, all by members of the Studio Art Quilt Associates (California/Nevada Regions) and the California Society of Printmakers. Printmakers often reference fiber and stitching, while textile artists/art quilters incorporate printed elements into their work. At their confluence, there is pigment and pressure, woven layers, and borders sewn with fiber. There is color and also texture, form, intention, ingenuity, and many stories. Textile and print go hand in hand, and the combinations are constantly being reinvented.





Vintage Quilting: The 1800's quilt study group meets at the Fabric Garden Quilt Shop on the second Friday of the month. All come who are interested in quilts reflecting the 1800's like these two made by member Cathy Duley or any vintage design.



The Board of NCQC would love to have you join us. We're a fun group with a wide variety of talents. Among the talents of your Board:

- We Zumba and practice Yoga
- Ride unicycles
- Idea generation/Creativity Midwife
- Fluent in French and Italian
- Play flute, guitar and piano
- Able to write a song about anything at all
- Write bad poetry
- Can figure out anything
- Hitchhike from Texas to California and back...alone
- Ability to detect slight changes in fonts
- And one of our Board members is always right while Hubby is wrong!

What talent could you bring to the Board? You can write any Board member to find out more or just <u>click here</u> and submit your application. Come, join us!

**Submitted by Jenny Lyon, Assistant Director NCQC**