# Quilters' Sew-Ciety of Redding, Inc.

## From the President

I hope all of you are looking forward to our Christmas Party as much as I am.

As my second year of being your President is coming to a close, I am thankful for your support, kind words, and doing the work that keeps this Guild going, I know you hear this a lot, but we could not have the programs and activities without volunteers. Thank you to the Executive Board members and Committee chairs for the great job they have done. I have had a lot of fun getting to know many of you better.

We are having our sponsors as Honored Guests at our Christmas Party, so I hope you stop and say hi to them.

I do hope to see your creations for the cutest and the ugliest Christmas sweater or costume. I have lots of gifts to give away (maybe some will be gags), but it will be fun.

**Reminders for the holiday dinner party:**

- **A contest with prizes for the cutest or ugliest Christmas sweater**
- **The guild will furnish the main dish (lasagna), bread, and sparkling cider. Members with last name starting with A through H are asked to bring salads; members with last name starting with I thru Z are to bring desserts.**
- **A chance for you to host a table for eight. You may invite people to sit at your table and/or find others who don't have an assigned table. If you would like to "host" a round table, please contact Ashley Shorey. You may decorate your table your way—use your own pretty Christmas plates, silverware, cups, napkins, etc. or paper plates and utensils (we have some in storage you may use at your table--please let Ashley know if you'd like something). Centerpieces, table runners, etc. are optional. Table cloths will be provided.**
- **If you picked a Head Start child's name, be sure to bring gifts wrapped in a plastic bag with their info on it. Dorinda and her team will collect them by the entrance and Head Start staff will pick up the gifts at the start of our meeting.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU!

Fay Leighton

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## Executive Board:

President—Fay Leighton

Vice President—Ashley Shorey

Secretary—Stephanie Rodgers

Treasurer—Lynn Smith

Parliamentarian—Kathleen Hackney

Membership—Marci Cohen

Newsletter—D'Anne Andrews

Quilt Bash 2025—Linda Ballard

Quilt Show 2026—Fay Leighton, Interim

Workshops—Gayle Scott

## From the Vice President

Welcome to the bustling holiday season! As this year comes to a close, it is easy to wonder where the year went. We can often get caught up in all of the things we did not accomplish or feel that we should have been able to accomplish more.

Instead, I encourage you to focus on your wins. What did you do this year that you are proud of? Did you try a new technique that you were scared to try? Did you decide to tackle that project that you started ten years ago? Or maybe you decided you didn't want to finish a quilt that you started in a class and you gave it away. Pat yourself on the back! You made it through the year! Celebrate the small victories as we make our way to 2026.

Please let me know if you would like to decorate a table for the holiday party. I am looking forward to celebrating with you. Thank you for making this a wonderful guild to belong to. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Vice-president.

Ashley Shorey

## Committee Reports

### Community Quilts

For November, Lynn Wilen loaned her Grumpy Lady quilt for display at Ombudsman's office and Chris Smith's embroidered pumpkin quilt is hanging at the Redding airport.

In December, Karen Griffith will provide a quilt for the Redding airport. Lucinda Williams will display one in the Ombudsman's office.

Thank you, ladies, for sharing your quilts for display.

For January and February, we need large quilts for the airport. Please contact Lucinda Williams . Your participation enriches our city.

Lucinda Williams

### Correspondence Secretary

If you know of any member who is ill or just needs a little sunshine, please let me know.

Ruth Marks

### Dollar Block

What a wonderful November meeting. Our speaker was great showing some very contemporary quilts. I really liked that she was limiting herself to seven shirts per quilt for that one series. How can I use that in my own quilting? While I ponder that, you all can work on your curves with the Poppen Curves block that will be due at the January meeting. All 34 blocks sold out.

Thank you to everyone who returned their completed Bear Paw block. Someone told me there were over 70 pieces in the block. Yikes, but they sure look great! Twenty of them were turned in and won by Cathy Franklin.

Lynn Prather

### Fat Quarters

At the November 4th meeting we had 19 holiday fat quarters turned in, and Alice Burris was the winner. We will not be collecting fat quarters at the

### 2025 Appointed Committee Chairs

**Community Quilts**—Cris Hartman

**Correspondence Secretary**—Ruth Marks

**Digital Media (website, Facebook, Instagram)**—Sue Vanderwerf

**Dollar Block**—Lynn Prather and Lucinda Williams

**Education**—Vacant

**Fat Quarters** —Marie Chestnut

**Historian—**Sue Vanderwerf

**Library**—Leah Grant and Gayle Hastings

**Opportunity Quilt**—Margaret Ward

**Philanthropic**—Amy Seibert

**Property Manager**—Kathy Saukko

**Publicity**—Diana Peacock

**Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter**—Linda Molter

**Shasta District Fair**—Vacant (Carolyn Partridge, Interim)

**Special Projects**—Margaret Ward

**Ways & Means**—Beula Alioto, Alice Burris, and Marjorie Lorensen

**Workshops**—Gayle Scott

December holiday party, so we will start up in January 2026.

Marie Chestnut

## Library

As we twirl our way into the holiday season and eagerly await December's Christmas party, your guild library has a little festive note to share.

Since our December gathering is all fun, feasting, and holiday cheer, the library will be taking a tiny winter nap for the evening. No checkout or browsing this month—but if you have a book to return, feel free to slip it into its usual spot during the party. Think of it as tucking the book in for a winter's rest!

And one more little note as we wrap up the year: if you have any overdue books to return that are hiding under quilting piles or tucked behind fabric stashes, this is the perfect time to bring them in. Returning them at the December party will help us avoid issuing any end-of-year fees—and keep everything tidy for the start of 2026.

We're already dreaming of dazzling table decorations, cheerful chatter, and all the creative magic that this season brings. And if a certain book has danced into your imagination for next year's collection, we'd love to hear about it.

Wishing you a merry, bright, and delightfully crafty start to the holidays.

Leah Grant and Gayle Hastings

## Publicity

February 21-22, 2026 (Saturday 10 am-5 pm; Sunday 10 am-4 pm), Pajaro Valley Quilt Association quilt show, Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds.

March 7-8, 2026 (Saturday 9 am-4 pm, Sunday 9 am-3 pm), Manteca Quilters 46th Annual Quilt & Fiber Arts Show, San Joaquin County Office of Education, Wentworth Building, 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton. Quilts, wearable art, student/ youth entries, vendors, boutique, demos, and more. Admission $10; children 12 & under are free.

Diana Peacock

## Ways & Means

Each month we think it can't get better…but it did!

You bought $326 worth of raffle basket tickets at the November meeting. Outstanding! As we said before, it is because of the donated items and then the purchase of tickets by our members that made this adventure for us a success.

A special thanks to Dorinda Goff for donating many quilt kits plus quilt-related items and to Marjorie McGraw for the finished items that helped to boost raffle ticket sales.

The November basket winners were Debbie West (two times), Lynn Smith, Sue Vanderwerf, Ruth Marks, Lynda Blais, Elliot Roach (three times), Diane Koenig, Gayle Billings, Cathy Franklin, Kimber Rickey, and Jenny Webb. Michelle Oberlander won the $15 Hokema's gift certificate, and Donna Pace won the dollar prize—a hand-quilted wall hanging by Marjorie McGraw.

This has been a fun adventure for the three of us: Getting together each month to make up baskets, and then peddling them at the guild meeting—all while meeting and making new friends! Now we must move on to new endeavors.

Beula Alioto, Alice Burris, Marge Lorensen

## Workshops

We just had our last workshop of the year. Sharon Yonehara taught a fun bag class.

I want to thank everyone for your support of our workshops. I look forward to the next year's classes and urge you to please continue to take our upcoming classes.

Gayle Scott

## Support Our Local Quilt Shops

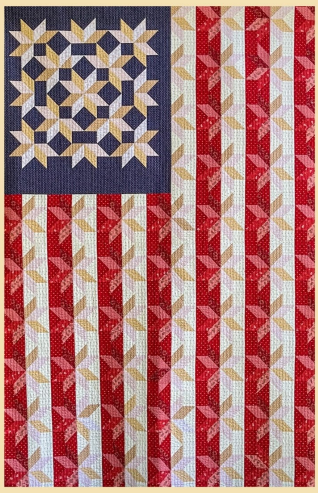
**Blue Iris Quilt Shoppe**
MON-SAT 9 am-4 pm
9348 Deschutes Road, Palo Cedro

**Hokema's**
MON-FRI 10 am-5:30 pm SAT 10 am-4 pm
2736 Bechelli Lane, Redding

**The Sewing Room (Crafters Mall)**
MON-FRI 9 am-4 pm SAT 10 am-3 pm
2453 Athens Avenue, Redding

**Sew Simple**
MON-FRI 9 am-4 pm SAT 9 am-3 pm
2223 Larkspur Lane, Redding

**Weston's Quilting and Crafts**
MON., WED., and FRI 11 am-3 pm
414 Chestnut Street, Mt. Shasta



Quilters' Sew-Ciety
of Redding, Inc.
Presents Quilt Show 2026

QUILT AMERICA

250 YEARS OF CREATIVITY

Quilt Challenge:

Stars and Stripes Forever

Featured Quilter: Halli Keller

Shasta District Fairgrounds
Anderson, California
Friday, May 1, 2026- 10 a.m.-5 p.m
Saturday, May 2, 2026- 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Tickets $10, Includes both days.
Free for children under 12

We are working on getting advertising out for the Quilt Show. Cris Hartman created the poster that we will be asking our quilt shops (and other community locations) to display as well as the postcards to make available to customers.

I do hope more of you will sign up for the Challenge. The small quilts can be made with traditional quilting and used as a table runner, wall hanging, etc. after the quilt show. It does not have to be an art quilt.

I think we are going to have some great vendors and a variety of their wares you'll enjoy visiting and purchasing in the vendor hall at the show. We will also start collecting for the baskets soon. Starting with the January meeting, there will be a Quilt Show table to keep you informed as well as sign up sheets to work at your favorite locations at the show.

Our next committee meeting will be at The Sewing Room on January 12 at 10 am.

Fay Leighton

## 2026 Quilt Challenge

The 2026 Quilt Challenge is **Stars & Stripes Forever** with the challenge being to *incorporate stars and stripes into the design element of the quilt*. It does not necessarily have to be patriotic or red, white, and blue.

Any style of piecing or applique is acceptable. Creative interpretation is the key! Quilt size is 20" x 30", and must be turned in by the March meeting since members will be voting on the quilts at the April meeting before our May show.

We will also allow members to make a second quilt if they would like. The cost is $5/quilt which covers the cost of a special label and registration for the show.

We will not have a side table at the December guild meeting; however, if you want to sign up, we will have the paperwork and sign-up book, so find Patti Aberg or Cris Rohn Hartman if you would like to participate.

Remember, the January 2026 meeting will be your **last** opportunity to sign up! Don't miss this chance to challenge your creativity in designing a quilt for this! Our past challenges have been fun and have produced some amazing work by our members!!

If you have any questions, call us!

Your Challenged Quilt Coordinators,

Cris Rohn Hartman and Patti Aberg

## Registration

Will you be one of many quilters who will exhibit their work at our May 1-2, 2026 quilr show? Remember that only the first 300 entries will be accepted due to space limitations. March 27 is the deadline for submitting your entry paperwork and photo—each entry must be on a separate form. Quilts must be completed and dropped off at the Sewing Room on April 27. That means you will have about a month to complete any unfinished quilts that you entered.

Entry forms will be emailed to the membership in January and you may also download the form and detailed instructions from our website, www.quilterssewciety.org (select "Events" tab and "Quilt Show"). Those who do not use email or have a printer can find forms at the Quilt Show Table starting in January. You'll also need to submit a 3x5 photo; however, you may send these as a .pdf to me.

Entry fee per quilt is $3.00 (maximum fee of $15 for 5 or more entries). If you are submitting a quilt for judging, there is an additional $12 judging fee to cover expenses incurred by our professional quilt judge including travel, meals, and lodging.

Send me (or hand deliver) your entries NOW so that you can exhibit your quilt(s) at the quilt show!

D'Anne Andrews

## Bed Turning

This list of quilt styles is for the bed turning event at our quilt show in May. There will be one bed turning held each day of the show. If you have a quilt that fits any of these decades and you're willing to loan it to me for the bed turning, please email me your name, phone number, your quilt's story, and a photo (or more) of your quilt. I will choose a quilt for each decade and let you know if yours has been selected for Friday or Saturday. Drop off will be at the April guild meeting and pick up at the end of the show or the May meeting. If you have any questions

## *Quilt Show, con't...*

or need to make special arrangements, please let me know.

Decades of quiltmaking styles:

2020s – Modern, medallion

2010s – hand dyes, stenciled, hand painted, Gees Bend style, hot fix crystal quilts

2000s – Kaffe Fassett, rainbow colors, machine embroidery, Millenium - Y2K 2000 charms pieced quilts, Japanese fabrics

1990s - charm, Baltimore Album, watercolor, mock hand applique, art quilts, batiks

1980s – trip around the world, Amish, Jinny Beyer prints and stripes, dusty colors, civil war reproductions, thirties reproductions

1970s – Bicentennial, small calicos, poly/cottons, plaids, abstract designs

1960s – double knit, synthetic fabrics

1950s – Mid-century modern, theme fabrics such as cowboys, outer space

1940s – recycled fabrics, dots, plaids

1930s – feed sacks, double wedding ring, sunbonnet sue

1920s – grandmother's flower garden, Marie Webster designs

1910s – Anne Orr, flower medallion quilts - https://www.antiquequilthistory.com (search Marie Webster)

1900s – redwork, red & white, blue & white

1890s – string quilts, crazy quilts

1880s – four block quilts, signature quilts

Barbara Brackman blog - https://barbarabrackman.blogspot.com/

Four Decades of Quilting video series - Part 1 1970s/1980s -

https://youtu.be/uAn9EyRq9jk?si=x58kf3GCC7D9PNBh Part 2 1990s to 2010s -

https://youtu.be/nqFno9iLZPE?si=Jg39V2ohXjSrO1OK

Museum Collections online: https://americanhistory.si.edu/collections/object-groups/national-quilt-collection

Reference Books: Making History: Quilts & Fabric from 1890-1970 by Barbara Brackman

Scarlett Rose

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## *November Member Spotlight on Chris Smith*

Chris has been sewing since she was a young teen and makes a variety of things. She enjoys using a computerized long arm as well. She has been a member of the guild for over four years, and we have her to thank her for finishing many philanthropic quilts this year! She has quilted over 118 in 2025 and counting.

Chris likes to make jackets and bags and other beautiful things out of quilted fabrics and showed wonderful examples of these as well as an enormous, colorful, multi-faceted quilt that was quilted awhile back on her embroidery machine. She creatively integrated an embroidered label into the sashing of this quilt. Drawn to traditional patterns, her quilts feature interesting stars and geometric design on both sides of the quilts.

Thank you for sharing your fabulous work with us, Chris. And, thank you for your work for the philanthropic and the quilt show committees. Chris is a member of your registration team for your Spring 2026 Quilt Show quilts!

Lisa Ponce

**Check out lots of pictures and up-to-date news for you on our website: quilterssewciety.org Be sure to check it out!**

**Newsletter submissions are due the Wednesday following Board Meeting (email to danneandrews@charter.net)**

**Shortcut to Quilters' Sew-Ciety of Redding, Inc. Guild Website**

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**quiltindex** This Boo-tiful quilt was made from a 2009 pattern, Vintage Trick or Treat by Crabapple Studios. The top came from the estate of Mary Anne Melmoth, who was a big Halloween fan. Read the full story of how her guild friends honored her memory, https://quiltindex.org//view/?type=fullrec&kid=51-148-394.

## California Heritage Quilt Project News

On Halloween, the Quilt Index shared this post on social media. It's a hand embroidered quilt top by Mary Anne Melmoth that I was given from her estate. Mary Anne had been a long time member of the Quilter's Sew-Ciety of Redding, and she was one of the founding members of the Thursday Sew 'N Sews.

The Quilt Index now has a special Collection at https://quiltindex.org/results/?search=quilts&qproject=America%20Quilts%20250!%20History%20Project. As a Quilt Index initiative to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026, they are encouraging individuals and organizations to add quilts honoring veterans and current military personnel, quilts featuring flags and other symbols of American patriotism, quilts that commemorate important events in U.S. history, community history quilts, U.S. Centennial quilts, the hundreds of quilts made as community history projects during the Bicentennial, and the hundreds of new quilts that are already being made to celebrate America250.

I've added all of my quilts and wearables that qualify to this collection and hope you will, as well.

Scarlett

## 2025 Calendar

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| Dec 2 | General Meeting, 6:30 pm @ Senior Center, Annual Holiday Social |
| Dec 9 | Board Meeting, 5:30 pm @ Senior Center |

## November Meeting Attendance

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| Members | 80 |
| Guests | 7 |
| New/Returning Members | 1 |
| Total Attendance | 88 |

## 2025 Membership

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| Members | 139 |
| New Members | |
| Returning/Renewing | |
| Lifetime Members | 5 |
| Junior Members | 2 |
| | 146 |

## New Member

Elliot Roach

## Birthdays

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| Dec 2 | Amy Seibert |
| Dec 4 | Ilene Emry |
| Dec 8 | Kim Heaps |
| Dec 10 | Jeanette Bell |
| | Palmore Hoyt |
| | Tammie Thomas |
| Dec 12 | Cindy Herzog |
| Dec 15 | Vivian Dawson |
| | Kay Arbuckle-Tisdel |
| Dec 21 | Pam Eagelston |
| Dec 30 | Louise Wilson |

## Monthly Board Meeting

All members are welcome to attend board meetings which are held in the front room at the Senior Center at 5:30 pm. Join us for this monthly reporting and planning time for the Guild. Copies of meeting minutes and monthly financial reports are available at the Library side table. Please contact Lynn Smith for more information on the financial reports.

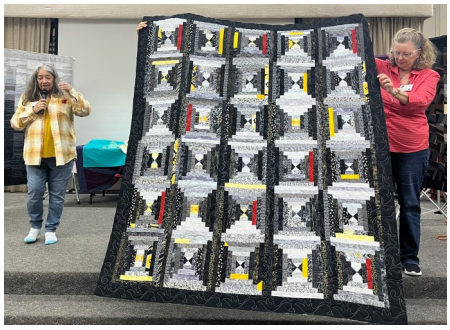
**NOTE: Anyone wishing to address the Board or the membership on guild matters at either a general or board meeting should contact the President prior to either meeting to be placed on the agenda.**

# November Show & Tell

Photos by Sue Vanderwerf

Gayle Billings

Rita Limmer



Lynda Blais

Marci Cohen

Peggy Ballard

Donna Pace

Sharon Yonehara

Rhonda Johnson

PHILANTHROPIC QUILTS

## Next Meeting
**Tuesday,**
**December 2nd**
**6:30 p.m.**
**at the Redding Senior Citizen's Hall**
**2290 Benton Drive**

**Doors open at 6:00 pm for general membership. Committee Chairs and Special Needs only may enter early.**

- ✓Name Badge
- ✓Ugly/Cute Sweater
- ✓Side Dish (A-H Salad; I-Z Dessert
- ✓Head Start Kid's Gifts
- ✓UFO/Round Robin/ Christmas Quilts for Show & Tell

**Quilters' Sew-Ciety of Redding, Inc** is a California Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation and is organized and operates as a Section 501(c)(4) organization.

The specific purpose of this corporation is to contribute to the growth and knowledge of quilting techniques, patterns, history and quilt making by providing educational meetings, fun and fellowship. Sponsor and support quilting activities. Encourage quilt making and collecting. Promote the appreciation and knowledge of fine quilts. Contribute to the community through philanthropic quilts and assist charitable organizations.

The Quilters' Sew-Ciety of Redding, Inc newsletter is published monthly and sent to all dues-paying members. Dues are $35 per year and should be mailed to Membership Chair at PO Box 492581, Redding 96049-2581. Make checks payable to: **Quilters' Sew-Ciety of Redding, Inc**

Please notify the membership chair of any change of address, email, or phone number.

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