

# Sew Much News

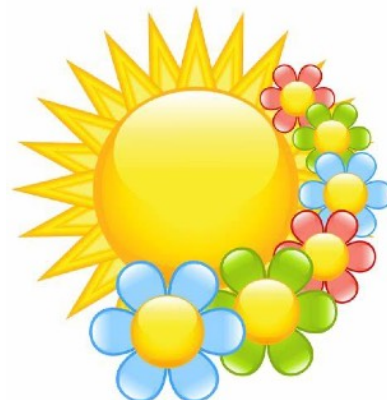
## PROGRAM CALENDAR

Julie Silber is a nationally known lecturer, author, consultant, and curator. For more than 35 years she has been speaking about quilts as a way of exploring the rich world of our female past.

In addition to teaching and lecturing for quilt guilds, shows, and community groups, Julie has spoken at seminars, exhibitions and museums. Her lecture is entitled, "Dearest Quilts: A Collector's Approach."

Julie is happy to look at members' antique and vintage quilts (created prior to 1970) and estimate their age and other factors.

~Julie  
VP - Programs



### General Meeting

April 4, 2023  
Vet's Bldg.  
Petaluma Blvd. So.

### Board Meeting

April 13, 2023  
Debby's Clubhouse  
Rohnert Park

### Don't Forget!

Fat Quarter Frenzy - **Batik**  
Block of the Month  
Friendship Blocks  
Military Blocks  
COTS Quilts  
Opp Quilt Blocks -  
House & Chickens  
\$ for Monthly Mini  
Show and Tell  
Name Tag

# MEETING INFORMATION

## Meeting Happenings

Monthly Mini: Buy a ticket (\$1) or six (\$5) to win a monthly mini quilt or project! Funds help pay for our meeting room at Petaluma Veterans Building. You are encouraged to make and donate one for an upcoming month!

Friendship Pieced and Applique: Earn points by making a block provided by another guild member. Submit your own blocks for others to make for you.

Castoff table: Find something that speaks to you from our castoff table. Use it in a future project!

Fat Quarter Frenzy: Bring in a fat quarter in the current color or pattern suggested. You now have a chance to win all that are brought in that meeting and then get to choose the color/pattern for next month.

## Get Involved!

Volunteer to be an Officer! Or edit the Newsletter. Or join a committee. We have several committees and offices that periodically need filled. Consider volunteering for one when available. See the President's Message (p. 5) for more on this topic.

Retreat: Attend a Retreat and enjoy the fun and camaraderie of other guild members while working on your project. We had a fabulous time at our February retreat. See photos on p. 7.

COTS: Help make quilt tops or pillow cases for adults or children in our shelters. You can pick up a packet of fabric at the meeting and work on a quilt top at home.

Military Quilts - Choose one of the blocks available and contribute to a quilt made for our homeless veterans.



# March 9, 2023 BOARD MEETING

**Petaluma Quilt Guild Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 9, 2023**

**Debby Loewenethal, President**

**Meeting called to order at:**  
4:35 PM

**Board Members present:**  
Debby L, President; Sue D, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Present Membership; Julie S, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Program; Marilyn F, Treasurer; Shari K, Secretary.

**Approval of the minutes from past meeting** – Minutes from February meeting were posted in the Newsletter.

**President:** Debby L. stated that Sharon J. will facilitate the Houses Opportunity Quilt. A member has offered to donate an Opportunity Quilt. A committee will meet with the donor to select a quilt. If a quilt is donated, then a volunteer will be recruited to take the lead, making tickets, etc. for this quilt.

**Secretary:** Shari clarified the procedure for approving the

board minutes, so that they can be approved in time to post in the newsletter. The board minutes will be approved according to the following:

Shari will send a draft of the minutes to the board members by e-mail. Board members will review and approve or submit amendments to Shari. If there are changes from the board, Shari will make any changes and resend to the board for approval. Board members will respond with approval or need for further amendments.

**Treasurer:** Marilyn provided a treasurer’s report and will send a copy of the report by e-mail to members.

**Membership:** Sue shared that the membership list has been updated and that a PDF file of the list will be sent to the membership. Members will be encouraged to save this new updated list. Any changes to the list, including information on new members will be e-mailed to the members so they can update their list.

**Programs:** Julie described upcoming programs and ideas for programs for the summer.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.**

**Board Minutes approved by e-mail 3-15-23**

Respectfully Submitted, Shari K, Secretary



# General Meeting Minutes - March 7, 2023

## Petaluma Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes

**March 7, 2023**

Jo shared a humorous poem about quilting.

**Call Meeting to Order** -The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Debby L.

31 Members and two guests present.

**Minutes of the February 7, 2023 General Meeting-** a motion was made to approve the minutes as circulated in the February Newsletter. The members voted to approve the minutes by a show of hands.

**President's News-** President Debby welcomed everyone. Debby was contacted by a family that wants someone to make lap quilts for family members to remember a loved one who died and encouraged anyone who might be willing to make the quilts to contact Debby.

A copy of the current membership roster is available at the sign in desk for members to review and make corrections as needed. As new members

join, the membership will get an e-mail to inform them.

The membership voted to sponsor an award at the Marin County Fair for best use of textile color in honor of Julia Jensen. The PQG will budget \$50.00 each year to fund this award. Debby will notify the fair that the PQG will sponsor the award and would like to be notified of the winner each year.

**Opportunity Quilt** – The Opportunity Quilt Committee decided that more work needs to be done to be able to finish the house quilt. A volunteer is needed to take the lead for this quilt.

Laura indicated that the Chicken quilt could be completed if the 21 outstanding blocks can be completed by April.

**Monthly Mini-** The monthly mini is a shamrock themed mini quilt. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Everyone was encouraged to buy tickets for the Monthly Mini at the break.

Congratulations to Jan C., who won the Monthly Mini.

**Fat Quarters** – Be sure to turn in your blue fat quarters for the Fat Quarters raffle.

Janet won the blue fat quarters and chose Batik quarters for the April meeting.

**Treasurer's report Marilyn-** Marilyn will send the treasurer's report to members via e-mail.

**COTS Military Quilts** - Military blocks and quilts are available for assembly.

**Castoff** -There is also a cast-off table where members can donate or take items. Items that have not been taken will be donated to Legacy, a thrift store for quilters and crafters in Sebastopol.

**Friendship Blocks** – Brenda explained the Friendship Blocks, members can sign up to complete a block for a quilt, once you have made 20 blocks for someone else, you can have 20 blocks made by others members for your quilt.

**Program – Show and Tell, Tell and Show** - Members shared amazing antique quilts and told their stories about these quilts. Members also shared quilts they have made, sharing the stories of these quilts.

**Name Tag Winner** – Marilyn F.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 PM**

Respectfully Submitted, Shari K.,  
PQG Secretary

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

I'm giving Debby a break from writing the monthly letter, and I'm hoping to plant a few seeds of thought in your minds. Debby and I both have less than 6 months to serve as your president and treasurer before we are required to step down according to our by-laws, which stipulate a limit of two consecutive years for any individual board position. Back in the summer of 2021, the guild was facing the possibility of dissolving as we had no-one willing to take on the presidency. At that time I offered Debby a deal: I would take on the treasurer position, which she had volunteered for, if she would agree to serve as president. She accepted, we were voted in, and we avoided dissolution.

As I was learning the ins and outs of the treasurer position, I was initially very concerned about where we were going to get the money to fund our activities and pay our bills! I mentioned fund-raisers so many times in those first few weeks that I was asked to stop saying that word! And in fact, we had plenty on our hands with trying to run a guild during covid and pulling off a Tri-Guild luncheon. I shouldn't have been worried! We know how to raise money! We have participated in two successful craft fairs; we raffled off a featherweight sewing machine, an opportunity quilt and numerous Tri-guild baskets; we have received donations, both big and small, of money, equipment and supplies; we have monthly mini donations that have brought in more money now than we did back when we had more members; we have groups of people currently working on two future opportunity quilts! All this has shown that our members love this guild and want it to continue, and we can raise the money to do it.

It won't be long before we will call for volunteers to serve on the board for the next fiscal year. Check out the position descriptions in our by-laws and talk to current board members. Maybe this is your year to step up? We know we can count on members to raise funds. We will soon need members to raise their hands and volunteer for positions. How about you?

Marilyn



# THIS 'N THAT

## Military Quilts

Hello Quilters, Thank you to those who have taken kits for the Sonoma County Veterans. I believe I have made some pretty easy kits and are cut to size and ready to sew. There are plenty more kits to be checked out. These veterans are placed in semi-permanent housing and having their own quilt for their bed that thanks them for their service is very much appreciated. Nancy has passed on a few tops that have been completed so far. I will be quilting them in the coming days. (I just quilted a few for COTS). I will need binders (machine or hand, your choice). Let me know if you are interested in binding quilts. Again thank you for all your hard work and know that the Veterans in Sonoma County appreciate them. Keep on stitching.

~ Jayne and Nancy

## Quilts for COTS

Quilts for COTS thanks the Quilt Group at the Petaluma United Methodist Church for its generous monetary donation to the project. We have purchased a roll of batting so we can continue the work of "sandwiching" backings and quilt tops. We really appreciate the support of a sister quilt group. As of March 24, 6 quilts and pillowcases were delivered to the homeless shelter. Thanks to everyone who helps make this project a success.

~ Ellie



# RETREAT PHOTO GALLERY



# Additional Retreat Photos





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# Tell & Show Program Photo Gallery



# More Tell & Show Program Photo Gallery



# Show & Tell Photo Gallery



# More Show & Tell Photo Gallery



**Let's Bee Sewcial Openings -  
We still have openings for Petaluma Guild Members!**

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County is sponsoring **Let's Bee Sewcial** on Saturday, April 22nd. It will be a day of sewing, "sewcializing", winning raffle baskets, door prizes and quilt blocks, and taking home goodies. There are still slots open, so it's not too late to sign up for this fun event. If you want to register, please email the following information to Miriam Marlin at [sterne@sonic.net](mailto:sterne@sonic.net):

- Your name
- Your email address
- Your cell phone number
- If you want to bring your sewing machine or sew by hand

We hope to see you there.

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Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month.



Nancy L - 4/6

Jane H - 4/12

Brenda B - 4/16

Marilyn K - 4/19

Shannon W S - 4/22

Margaret C - 4/30

**Committee Chairs**

**Block of the Month:**

Brenda B.

**Castoff:**

Laura L.

**Community Outreach**

OPEN

**Friendship Pieced & Applique:**

Barbara C.

**Hospitality:**

Nancy L.

**Library:**

OPEN

**Military Quilts:**

Jayne M.

**Monthly Mini:**

Sally A.

**Mother Hen:**

Garnet W.

**Opportunity Quilts:**

**Houses:** OPEN

**Chickens:** Laura L

**Help Wanted!**

Some committee chair or officer positions are coming open. Please consider volunteering.

**Thank You!**

**Committee Chairs**

**Newsletter:**

Jean P.

**Quilts for Cots:**

Ellie O.

**Retreats:**

Debby L.

**Sunshine:**

Laura L.

**Webmaster:**

Shannon W.S.

Amanda C.

**Thank You, Affiliates!**

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VP Program: Julie S.

Secretary: Shari K.

Treasurer: Marilyn F.



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