



ALMOND COUNTRY QUILT GUILD

QUILT GUILD JARGON

Becoming a new member of a quilting guild can be exciting, but at the same time some of the jargon and activities can be confusing. The following information is being provided to help you understand some of the activities that happen at guild meetings.

Name Badge

A sticky paper badge will have been provided to you to wear at your first meetings. Most members make a permanent badge out of fabric that is worn to the meetings. If you forget your name badge, a fee of 25 cents is charged.

Monthly Meetings

Guild meetings are generally held on the first Monday of the month at Trinity Lutheran Church fellowship hall on Creston Road in Paso Robles. If there is a speaker or workshop scheduled, the meeting is normally moved to Friday with the workshop following on Saturday. Meetings officially begin at 7:00PM, however, most members arrive earlier to look at the free table, peruse the library or buy raffle tickets, as well as socialize. At the end of each meeting there is a Show and Tell where members bring their projects and show them off. This is fun for everyone and can inspire others to get ideas for their projects as well.

Newsletter

Each month a newsletter will be emailed to you. It has a great deal of pertinent information related to all of the events happening within the guild. If you are not able to receive an email copy, please let someone at the sign-in table know. It is important that you read the newsletter to stay informed of meeting dates and other events related to guild activities.

Library

The guild has a large lending library that is available to members. Books are usually available to check out at the beginning of each monthly meeting. There is no charge for the first month and \$1 each month thereafter until returned. If you are interested in a specific topic, the contents of the library are listed on the guild website.

Guild Website & Facebook

The guild's website is ACQGuild.com. Some of the contents are password protected to guild members only. The password is indicated on the guild directory. The guild also has a Facebook page that frequently posts information related to the schedule of events.

Door Prizes/Raffle

At each meeting there are items that have been donated by local quilt fabric stores. These items are raffled off at each meeting with the proceeds going to the guild. Tickets can be purchased prior to each meeting.

Education

The guild offers a variety of educational options to choose from and is one of the best perks from belonging to the guild.

- Peer Education – these offerings are provided by fellow guild members and are at no cost to our membership.
- Workshops – these offerings are provided by professional quilt instructors periodically throughout the year and are paid for by guild funds. Generally a lecture and/or trunk show of quilts is done at a monthly meeting and the next day, a hands on workshop with the instructor is done. This class is usually about 6 hours. Each class is offered for \$35 plus supplies to members.
- Scholarships - Members are eligible to receive scholarships to attend educational events either provided by the guild, local shops, quilt shows or Zoom classes with the intent to further educational opportunities. To be eligible members must be current with dues and not have received a scholarship in the last fiscal year.

Birthday Month

On your birthday month, you are asked to bring a finger food, usually cookies, for about 10 people. You are also asked to arrive early to help set up the chairs and stay after the meeting to help put away the chairs. You will receive a free raffle ticket on your birthday month.

Sewing Circles

These are small groups of members that meet on a regular basis for friendship and enjoy the shared experience of quilting. The guild does not sponsor or host sewing circles but will try to help members find a sewing circle.



The following are some of the events that generally occur throughout the year at the guild. You are welcome and encouraged to participate in any or all of them.

Block of the Month

At the beginning of the guild year (July) a member volunteers to provide instructions for making a different quilt block each month. This can be a theme, mystery quilt, or another idea. This is a fun way to learn new techniques or ideas to add to your quilting skills.

Guild Quilt Challenge

This is another opportunity to challenge your quilting skills. Each year a guild member will provide guidelines to make a quilt based on theme, specific fabric or other defined goal. At the end of the quilt year (May) there is generally a prize awarded to the member that best fulfilled the requirements of the challenge.

Free Table

At most meetings there is a table of sewing related items that are free to guild members. These are items that other members have brought to the meeting that they have no need for, such as fabric, patterns, books, etc. Feel free to take any items of interest to you or bring items you no longer want.

Airing of the Quilts

This is an opportunity for guild members to enjoy lunch, relax, socialize, and display their quilts in an open-air setting. Airing of the Quilts is coordinated by a volunteer or a group of volunteers within guild. There is a small fee to cover the lunch and attendance is limited.



Almond Country Quilt Guild is a nonprofit 501c3 organization dedicated to the promotion of, knowledge and participation in the craft/art of quilting and other aspects of quilt making. The guild is also supports non profit charities.

The following activities are charities that the organization supports.

- Mammograms to women that don't have the resources via the Yes Ma'm Quilt Raffle
- Foster children in SLO County are the major recipients of the hundreds of quilts that are made by our members. Quilt funds provide the batting and other supplies needed to make these quilts. This group also receives a large amount of donated fabric as well. These quilts are sewn by guild members via the Community Quilts meetings.
- Local organizations that provide a need in the community are also recipients of funds generated from the Quilt Auction. Funds are divided between the guild and the local organizations.

The following are activities related to fundraising and the organizations that profit from the guild.

Opportunity Quilt

This quilt is made by multiple members of the guild on alternate years. The quilt is meant to be a fundraiser for the guild. Raffle tickets are sold to the community at various events.

Yes Ma'm Quilt

This quilt is made by multiple members of the guild in alternate years. The quilt is a fundraiser via raffle tickets, that supports women in need of a mammogram. All proceeds from this raffle are donated to this cause.

Community Quilts

These quilts are made by members of the guild. Anyone from the guild may participate. Meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of every month and are held at Bethal Lutheran Church in Templeton. These quilts are a true guild effort as most quilts have multiple members doing a portion of the process.

Quilt Guild Auction

This is a yearly event and is the major fundraiser for the organization. It involves a live auction as well as a silent auction. Members generally donate quilts to be sold in the live auction and smaller items to be sold in the silent auction.