

2026 QUILT SHOW RENO SPECIAL DISPLAYS

Our quilt displays are truly breathtaking, celebrated for their artistry and splendor! We dedicate an expansive area on the show floor to showcase these stunning works, where vibrant colors and intricate patterns create a visual feast for every guest. The displays feature awe-inspiring creations from distinguished local and national artists, each piece worthy of recognition and admiration—making this exhibit a highlight and an unforgettable, award-winning experience for all who attend.

Rob Appell Quilting Journey



The Man Behind it All...I love teaching people to sew and quilt. Inspiring creativity is my passion! I got my hands on a needle and thread at a very young age, and I've always enjoyed making art. For the past several years, I've been blessed to be a textile designer and quilt educator as the host of Stitchin Heaven's Youtube Channel. Now I teach quilting all around the world.

My Medium...I am known for the machine-quilted art quilts I have created over the past twenty years. But, like all artists, I often find myself inspired to work in other mediums as well, like embroidery, knitting, wood, pen and ink, as well as music. I've even created a unique quilting tool called the Shark Applicutter.

My Inspiration...When I'm not behind a sewing machine, you'll find me in my native habitat: surfing and hiking on the beautiful California coast! I'm an advocate for wildlife conservation, and I also play the guitar. Many of my quilts are directly influenced by the time I spend in nature and feature landscapes, animals, and music.

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Living the Collage Life - by Jane Haworth



This colorful exhibit showcases the fabric collage quilts of award-winning artist, author, and teacher Jane Haworth. Spanning more than 20 years, the collection traces Jane's creative journey—from her early pieces as a novice quilter to her newest works being shown here for the first time. These vibrant and expressive quilts, created in Jane's distinctive raw-edge collage style, reveal the versatility of this medium and its ability to bring a wide range of themes to life.

Jane Haworth is a self-taught quilter who draws inspiration from photos and the natural world. Her vibrant quilts have been exhibited in shows across the U.S., reflecting her love of color, texture, and storytelling through fabric. Jane teaches nationally and

internationally. She has appeared on Quilting Arts TV and TheQuiltShow.com (May 2025). Her book, Capture Your Own Life with Collage Quilting (Landauer Publishing), was released in Fall 2023.



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Material Matrix - by Sandra Bruce



Sandra Bruce is an art quilter who teaches a variety of workshops, ranging from her “Material Matrix” technique to workshops that explore different ways to interpret color in fabric, called “Color Dance” and “Scrap Vortex”.

She was an illustrator and letterer for 25 years and brings that knowledge into her talents as an instructor. Sandra resides in Grass Valley, CA, and has traveled nationally and internationally, teaching and lecturing. When not working on a quilt, she can be found traveling, on the pickleball court, or making polymer clay buttons and jewelry. www.sandrabruce.com



Cozy Creative Art to Wear - by Heidi Weiss Emmett



As a young girl, it was simple Barbie clothes and fashion shows with blankets for gowns. As a teenager, I was sewing all my own clothes. Thus began a 40+ year career in ALL things Fiber, including 16 years as the owner of a full-service fabric store. I have come full circle and feel blessed to be able to create creative clothing patterns, re-purposed garments, and accessories that are easy to sew and fun to wear. Piece them, quilt them, bead them, felt them- the possibilities are endless. I’m always working on my next pattern as well as projects for multimedia.



I live in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains (near Lake Tahoe) with my husband and our rescue pets, one dog, and two cats. Please visit my Blog/Newsletter to learn about “All things Fiber, etc.” <http://DesignsbyHeidi.wordpress.com>

Artistic Journey and Inspiration - by Sandi daRoza



A lifelong artist, I discovered my love for sewing at a very young age, guided by my beloved mother whose creative hands were never still. This early experience shaped my approach to fabric, allowing me to work with textiles much like a painter works with a brush—layering, contrasting, and composing until each piece feels expressive and alive.

Every aspect of my work, from textures to floral details and unexpected pops of pattern, is intentionally crafted to evoke whimsy and wonder in your home. Once stitched and quilted, each creation tells its own story, coming alive with character and emotion.

All of this creative magic unfolds at Rogers Lane Studio, where my art takes shape in playful and whimsical forms. Inspired by family, friends, and the beauty of nature, my work is designed to elicit joy and happiness, bringing delight to all who experience it. www.rogerslanestudios.com/



Life in the Sierras - by Mountain Art Quilters



Mountain Art Quilters seeks to expand our art quilt knowledge and expertise, and to create original fiber art that is presented as art on the wall.

Art quilts expand the concept of a quilt as two or more layers stitched together by using unusual materials and forms, including mixed media and 3D structures.

MAQ members stretch the length of the Sierra foothills, from Sacramento to Reno, and meet once a month in Nevada City. We welcome new members, and invite you to explore our blog at www.MountainArtQuilters.com

My Creative Journey from Pieced Quilts to Art Quilts – by Terrie Peets



I come from a family of sewing ladies, my mom, sister, aunt, and grandmothers. My maternal grandmother made my first quilt for my bed, which is done by appliqué and is a cartoon character of me. When I was about thirteen years old, my maternal grandmother gave me the gift of my first quilting class, further nurturing my interest and skills in quilting.

My first large bed quilt was my own design, and the fabric was fabric scraps from my high school and college clothes. I hand-tied the quilt top because during the 1980's, it was how you put quilts together.

Around 20 years ago, I moved outside my piecing comfort zone and started learning how to design and sew landscape/raw-edge appliqué quilts, also known as artistic quilts. I truly love the idea of painting with fabric and making my own patterns or designs.

What inspires me the most are wonderful events in my life, from marriage, family memories, births, my hometown, etc. Most of my quilts are gifts, and I keep very few. A quilt is truly a gift of love. I have lived in Markleeville since 1989, where my husband David and I have raised our two children in the same house, attending all the local schools, and both have graduated from Douglas High School. My daughter has since graduated from UC Davis, married, and has blessed us with three granddaughters. Our son is also living and working in Santa Rosa.



Quilts for Soldiers: Comforting Those Who Serve - Sponsored by Fabric-Chicks



The mission of Quilts for Soldiers is to offer comfort and healing through quilts to all war-wounded and injured service members and veterans who have been affected by war. This support extends to those facing both physical and psychological injuries, ensuring that every recipient feels cared for and supported. As one young child so simply put it: "When the 'sholders' are 'warring' and they come home and are hurt, the quilt makes them feel all comfy."

It is important to recognize that this initiative is about people, not politics. Each year, the dedicated women of Fabric-Chicks Quilts for Soldiers donate quilts to the cause. Volunteers gather once a month to work together, assembling kits that can be

completed at home and then donated. The ongoing commitment and generosity of these volunteers were recently acknowledged with an award recognizing their efforts and dedication.

For those interested in participating in this meaningful program, you are encouraged to contact the store at 775.267.0204. Kits are available for you to take home and complete, or you may choose to create and donate a quilt of your own.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who has donated supplies or their time to support this cause. To learn more, please visit www.fabric-chicks.com.

Stitching Our Stars and Stripes Challenge - by Carson Valley Quilt Guild



Carson Valley Quilt Guild is a large group of quilters who live and quilt in and around Nevada's Carson Valley, home to Minden, Gardnerville, and Genoa. Our group first came together in 1986 as a handful of quilting enthusiasts meeting in the back of a Gardnerville fabric store. Now, more than 30 years later, we meet monthly, have parties, national quilt shows, guild challenges, classes, workshops, and a yearly retreat. We are a non-profit organization, and our charitable quilt donations serve many in our growing communities. We donate art scholarships to students at area high schools and the community college, as well as to 4H campers. Come visit us sometime or just enjoy our website

(www.cvqg.com) and let us know what's going on in your quilting neck of the world. Happy Quilting, all!

Every two years, when we have our Quilt Show, we challenge our members to create a quilt depicting our show's theme. For 2026, our show is called "Stitching Our Stars and Stripes." The quilt had to be no larger than 30 inches square or 120 inches around the perimeter. In addition to the quilt fabrics provided in their kit, they were encouraged to have fun adding their own fabrics in their quilt design. The two provided fabrics had to be recognizable in their quilt top.

At our Guild's February 23rd, 2026 meeting, the guild members present voted on their favorite quilt anonymously. The winners were: 1st - Debbie Riley, 2nd - Linda Johnson, 3rd - Cecile Brown



The two required fabrics that had to be incorporated into the quilt were: Star Fabric: Freckie and Lollie, Star Spangled 2022, Celebration Star, Navy, RN#144285, and Red Fabric: Timeless Treasures of SoHo, Pattern #DITSY-c8900 Red.

Quilts by Dora Cary – Orange Dot Quilts



Dora Cary is a Romanian-born engineer and designer who moved to the United States in 2001 and discovered quilting in 2006. She made her first quilt and became an American citizen in 2008. She wrote her first quilt pattern in 2013. In 2016, she decided to share her creations with the world, so she started a quilt pattern business under the name **Orange Dot Quilts**.

Dora's quilts have a contemporary look, and her patterns are fresh and well-written (due to the engineering gene).

Her quilts have been displayed in many quilt shows, and now they adorn her booth at trade shows.

Dora also loves to teach. Her

quilting classes are fun and informative, covering a multitude of techniques. Dora lives on the Central Coast of California with her husband, her daughter, two dogs, and three cats. You can catch up with her at www.orangedotquilts.com.

Orange Dot Quilts patterns can also be found in Dora's Etsy shop www.orangedotquilts.etsy.com, at your local quilt shop, or from your favorite distributor. On social media, look for @orangedotquilts on Instagram and Orange Dot Quilts on Facebook (www.facebook.com/orangedotquilts).



2026 Pyramid Piecers Group Project

Janet Fogg created the patterns for our 2026 group project. She marries traditional quilt blocks, which create straight seam lines, with a unique appliqué construction technique that creates the curved elements in our adorable menagerie. Each maker had a personal reason for her pattern choice. We hope you enjoy viewing our "zoo". Visit Janet online at www.janetfoggquilts.com

Pyramid Piecers is a group that meets monthly at the Spanish Springs Library north of Sparks, Nevada, to sew in fellowship. The group was started about 3 years ago by Susan Jost, who was the featured quilter at the Truckee Meadows Quilt Guild show some years ago. Susan invited several of her friends to join the group, and all were thrilled to be included. After six months of teaching small projects, Susan organized a six-month mystery quilt project using a jelly roll and Scott Flanagan's pattern, "Warmth of Our Stars", that appeared in a 2021 issue of Fons and Porter's "Love of Quilting" magazine.

All of these quilts were stunning. One of our members suggested entering these quilts as a group project in the 2024 TMQ show. This was the seed that grew our plans for an annual group project. We completed Rebecca Bryan's "Solstice" pattern for our second group project and entered it again in the 2025 TMQ show. Janet Fogg's patterns were chosen for our third group project, and we are delighted to share our display with Quilt Show Reno's 2026 showgoers.



Truckee Meadows Quilters Guild



Truckee Meadows Quilters (TMQ) members include those of all skill levels – from beginners to experts – who create quilts and fabric arts of all styles. We have a deep commitment to our community. In 2025, we donated more than 500 quilts to 20+ local agencies serving those in need.

Our booth at Quilt Show Reno features the popular Boomerang Blocks, information about our Children and Adult Donation Quilt groups, guild membership, education, and gorgeous raffle baskets. Come check us out. And don't miss our Opportunity Quilt booth for the chance to win a beautiful quilt for \$1.

Our members enjoy a wealth of educational opportunities, specialized activity groups that function within TMQ, public exhibits, monthly Show-N-Tell, and much more. Make sure to stop by our booth, or find us at tmquilters.com for more information.
