

# *Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter*

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## *Log Cabin Quilters – Hayfork to Host Our October 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting*

Log Cabin Quilters in Hayfork are looking forward to hosting QGNQ on Saturday, October 28th. We were concerned that Fire Camp would still be at the Fairgrounds where the meeting will be held but work on the South Fork Complex fire is going well and it looks like in a few days there will only be a mop up team left so we will be able to go ahead as planned. We will be open at 10:00AM and will have plenty of room for opportunity quilts to be shown. The meeting will be held in the Dining Hall at the Trinity County Fairgrounds, 6000 Highway 3, Hayfork, CA. We will be having a taco bar catered by Castellanos' Restaurant (thank you Annie's Star for the idea!). The cost will be \$15.00 per person. Please send your RSVP and payment to Diana Stewart, PO Box 602, Hayfork, CA 96041 - by October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to Log Cabin Quilt Guild (LCQG). If you have any questions, please call me at 503-739-5718.

Our program will be a brief history of Barn Quilts and we will be offering a 2x2 foot barn quilt as a door prize along with a few other barn quilt related items. We are hoping to also be able to have a short Facebook question and answer session relating to Guild Facebook pages but that will depend on our internet connection.

For anyone who wishes to stay over before or after the meeting, the Timberjack Lodge is a clean and comfortable place to stay. It's not fancy, but I definitely recommend it. The phone number is 530-628-5648. If you do choose to stay, breakfast is available at Northern Delights coffee shop (great avocado toast and pastries), there are breakfast sandwiches or breakfast burritos at the Family Dairy Store. My favorite is the Eggel, an egg and bacon on an everything bagel. Dinner can be had at Castellanos, there is also a deli at Frontier Fuel and there is Asian food at Asian to Go (really good)) as well as Hmong food at a food truck parked by Hayfork Discount called Let's Roll (also delicious!). Let's Roll is not open on the weekend but if you come in on Friday, they offer Pho as well as egg rolls and other wonderful things. Just an FYI, the Dairy Store might look a bit sketchy, but the food is really good and the people are great.

Hope to see you all on the 28th!

Diana Stewart, rep.

## *What Happened at Our July Meeting?*

It was a warm day with our group meeting in a lovely location in Chico, St John's Episcopal church! A beautiful, roomy site. Great air conditioning. Shaded off street parking. The Opportunity Quilts were outstanding and circled the room in color. All but three member guilds were represented. Some of the required forms for raffles and non-profits were discussed. Thanks for the research and information Annie's. Lunch was a Taco Bar! We will all be dining in Hamilton City now as that is where the carter is. It was great!

The program was a beautiful display of applique quilts made by the applique group of Annie's Star Guild. There were interesting and entertaining stories with each one. I truly hope that these ladies will consider taking this program on the road to our sister guilds. It's wonderful!

Thank you Annie's Star for your hard work in hosting our meeting. We look forward to everyone at our next meeting in Hayfork.

## *Social Media!*

*Remember we have FaceBook and Instagram pages. PLEASE go to them and post your quilt shows, opportunity quilts, speakers, openings in workshops and retreats. Pass on all your events! We've gone live on social media to help all our guilds!*

### *Future QGNQ Meetings are as Follows:*

#### 2024

January 27 – Ridge Quilters – Paradise – Meet The Teacher

April 27 – Ladies of the Lake – Lakeport

July 27 – Mountain Quail – MacArthur

October 26 – Ocean Waves – Fort Bragg

#### 2025

January 25 -

April 26 -

July 26 -

October 25 – Shasta Lily – Mt. Shasta

### *Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events*

October 7&8 – Ladies of the Lake 21<sup>st</sup> Falling Leaves Quilt Show – Lake County Fair Grounds  
401 Martin Street, Lakeport. Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 10-4

November 4&5 – Oroville Piecemakers – Mooretown Rancheria Gym- 2 Alverda Drive, Oroville,  
Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Dec 2 & 3 - Paradise Home Tour Five different locations on the tour.

#### 2024

Feb 22-24 – Chicken Coop Retreat – Pacific Flyway Quilters – Colusa – reserve your spot now.

March - Yuba Sutter Valley Quilt Guild -

May 18 & 19 - Flying Needles Quilters Guild - Yolo County Fairgrounds - 1250 E. Gum Ave  
Woodland, CA Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3:30

### *Suggestions for Future Meeting*

Linda Brown sent in this request for a meeting discussion idea.

“A possible topic for the Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter would be “Quilt Show ideas that worked and those that didn’t.” Sounds like a rocking topic. We could cover that for more than an hour! I like it!  
*This request just in* – How does your guild make money?

### *Annie’s Star Quilt Guild – Chico*

It is so hard right now to focus on in door activities. I am a sucker for this time of the year! Clear skies. Clearer air. Sensible temperatures. Yeah!!! I find myself avoiding indoor activities. The sun is my friend again! All is well with the world. Well, that last sentence may not be totally accurate but ...

Guild news is interesting. First, we have another new home: Little Chico Creek Elementary, 2090 Amanda Way...parking is actually on Hartford Drive. It is not easy finding a perfect fit after being in one place a zillion years.

We are also confronting what it really means to be aging. No one seems to want to tackle our major fundraising jobs. No one has volunteered for quilt chair, boutique or opportunity quilt positions. They have done it already, maybe even more than once. They can’t do it due to their health or a family member's. Etc. etc. We all seem to be waiting for some magical other person to step up. I totally understand and, in fact, agree. Been there. Done that. I suspect we are not the only guild experiencing these issues. Would love to hear from other guilds about their experiences and solutions. Please.

In the meantime, enjoy our lovely weather and see you in Hayfork.

Sue Good, rep

### **Flying Needles Quilt Guild of Yolo County**

Well, we have finally settled into our new locations. We are at the Community Center on East Street, Woodland for our guild meetings. It was the only space we could find that would hold 40 people at one time. We are also in the small barn behind the Gibson House at 512 Gibson Road, Woodland for our weekly get togethers. Thank you to the Yolo Arts Center who offered us the site. They even added additional electrical outlets for our classes. Our biggest problem now is finding affordable storage space.

We had Colleen Peltry at our last guild meeting, always enjoyable. The Yolo County Fairgrounds gave the time slot for our quilt show to a paying vendor in May 2024. It is now planned for May 11-12, 2024 which is Mothers Day weekend. Which ultimately could be a good thing.

We have started scheduling our classes and speakers for 2024. Although nothing is set in stone as of today.

JoAnn Young, Rep

### **Ladies of the Lake**

The Guild members are gearing up for the upcoming show Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Lake County Fairgrounds, 4011 Martin Street in Lakeport. Over 130 quilts and quilted items will be on display and the Featured Artist is Anelie Belden, Instructor, Designer and Author of 'Thoroughly Modern Dresden'. There will also be vendors including our local vendor, Charlene Younkers of Rainbow Resource, who will have those lovely, hand-died trims she is known for. There will be food, drawings, raffles, door prizes, and a Country Store with great bargains. We hope you can make it!

Our November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting features Karen Bolan speaking about how Every Quilt Can be a Learning Experience and showing her progression.

We are also gearing up to host QGNQ in April of 2024 and look forward to seeing many of you in Hayfork the end of October.

For more information visit our Website at [www.LLQG.org](http://www.LLQG.org) or phone Suzanne Lee – 707 245-6007.

Suzanne Lee & Susanne Scholz , reps

### **Mostly Modern Quilters of Chico - virtual group**

on Instagram @mostly\_modern\_quilters\_chico

Happy Autumn!

Quilting friends are so essential. We continue to build our skills by sharing strategies, techniques, and feedback on projects. During one meeting we shared strategies that have increased our confidence in using color - always a hot topic for many quilters.

We just completed our annual challenge inspired by Tula Pink. In an interview on The Quilter on Fire podcast, Tula shared that she works in gray scale at the beginning of all her fabric design illustrations. With color out of the picture, she can focus on value. We chose one block in PreQuilt available in gray scale then added our own color choices. Because PreQuilt has different fabric colors preloaded, we could play with color choice and value very, very easily. It was great fun to see everyone's different block color choices at the challenge reveal.

Over the last two quarters, we have continued to meet on zoom. We alternate monthly gatherings between virtual sews and meetings with sharing and content.

Wishing everyone a wonderful autumn with lots of quilting connections.

Cathleen Wolford, rep.

### **Mountain Quail Quilters Guild of McArthur**

Our annual Intermountain Fair and Quilt Show was a grand success. Nancy Duncan was our judge and did a magnificent job! An idea generated from you fellow QGNQ members paid off! We raffled off 2 quilts for the first time ever and DID make more money! It was wonderful to see people choose one over the other or buy tickets to both. Also 5 baskets with lots of goodies were a big hit. Our main quilt was a compilation of blocks members did and the second quilt had been donated by one of our members. It helped to have a member, Lesley Horney, donate her excellent long arm skills to really make our quilt shine!

We just completed a 3-day retreat held at the Gaia Hotel in Anderson. They provided a wonderful conference room in a lovely setting with a restaurant and pool available along the banks of the Sacramento River. Lots of games, prizes, ideas and laughs were shared. We hope to line up Cindy Needham's studio in Chico for our next retreat next year.

We have been working on and donating quilts to our local long term care facilities in Burney and McArthur and are reviving our connections with the Head Start as well.

In October, at our regular meeting on Oct. 12, member Diane Bicknell, a true quilt artist is teaching us all how to paint on fabric with Tiger Eyes in miniature. She will bring most of the supplies and lead us into the jungle of painting and embellishing our projects.

Our Nov. meeting will include making exchange gifts for our December luncheon and party in Burney at the Lions Hall.

Happy Fall to you all! Hope you find plenty of time to quilt and quilt and quilt as the temperature drops, along with all my peaches!!

Pat Pell, rep

### **Ocean Wave Quilters of Fort Bragg**

We are so excited about all the upcoming events here on the Mendocino coast. The raffle basket was a success with the "basket" a pop-up style made by a guild member. Oh, there is the UFO challenge that just started. This is where a member puts a UFO in a brown paper bag on the table and other guild members get to pick up a bag! The amazing results will be displayed in April.

Our retreat is 10/18 -10/21 and will include a tutorial on a simple Amish star as well as showing other methods and designs of an Amish folded star.

We have our Brown Bag Challenge reveal during our Holiday Party in December. This challenge is grabbing a bag with 3 pieces of fabric (sample stapled to the outside) and making something. You can add fabrics, but the 3 fabrics must be visible on the front of the project. The samples on the outside are small so when opening the sack, you might get a bit of a surprise!

The guild is very involved with the Dress-A-Girl project and providing warm welcome quilts to all newborns along with quilts for seniors, chaplains, foster children, and the infusion center. We can get a bit busy!

We have Sanda Bruce scheduled to teach her Scrap Vortex class on 10/23. We do allow non-guild members to participate with the cost being \$65.00. If interested, please contact Carole Poma at [carolepoma@comcast.net](mailto:carolepoma@comcast.net)

Daisy W

### **Orland Quilters of Orland**

We have been a happening guild. Our Block of the Month is just about ready to wrap for the year. Each month two different patterns are given out that fit into same spool pattern that we have been using for the year. These quilts will be so fun to see finished. Our Nine Patch Quilt Block Exchange finished quilts hopefully will be finished to show at the December meeting.

As I write this, we are in the second day of our annual members retreat. The room is full of happy, talented quilters. There are colorful fabric creations everywhere; traditional, modern, pictorial,

landscape. Everything a quilter can dream up. There is laughter, great food and even a organ rehearsal for church tomorrow with a few of our singing quilters lending their voices to wonderful traditional hymns. We have it all!

Carol Palmer & Ria Poldevaart , Reps

### **Oroville Piecemakers Quilt Guild**

The Piecemakers are gearing up for our Quilt Show, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5th. The quilt show will take place at the gymnasium of Feather Falls Casino. Also, we are so glad to have our president, Claudia Goebel back in town as our quilt show comes together.

In July we were treated to programs by Victoria Johnson, a certified Judy Niemeyer representative. We saw some spectacular quilts. July is the month that the guild celebrates its birthday, with fun games and lots of yummy food. Our August meeting was set aside to have tutorials on various binding techniques, making labels for our quilts, and assembling hanging sleeves for use at the quilt show. Vital information for both our new members, and seasoned veterans. Some Accu-Cutters were also demonstrated. We are looking forward to a presentation in November by Sheila Collins of Sunnyvale. She has developed some adorable patterns for colorful applique projects.

Dorothy Welton and Nancy Kennedy, reps

### **Pacific Flyway Quilters of Colusa**

We had our Community Service Give Away Night in September. Our members have been working tirelessly to get things ready for this night. We had walker totes, drawstring bags, comfort quilts (for the CHP cars) and quilts of various sizes for all ages. We had a great turnout with enough finger desserts for everyone.

We have started our Block of the Month series again. Arlene has gone back into the history of our guild using the newsletters as a guide and we are now revisiting the blocks that were made from our inception in 1991. So far, we have Dutchman's Puzzle and Philadelphia Pavement. Another of the interesting facts she discovered was: If you get blood on your quilt, spit on the spot and it will come out!

It's amazing how fast things are going to happen from now until the new year. It's going to be Halloween soon, then Thanksgiving, then 'OMG' Christmas is only 86 six days away.

Stay healthy, we have a lot of things to get done.

JoAnn Young, rep

### **Quilter's Sew-ciety of Redding**

We have been busy this quarter. Twenty four members have been involved with a Round Robin project. They are to be revealed at our next meeting. We have had speakers and shows leading up to this event and are looking forward to seeing them.

We had a program with Yvonne Phoenicia in September and a workshop followed the next day.

May 2024 will be our next quilt show. Many members came to the Sundial Bridge to hang quilts for pictures for future advertising for the show.

Marjorie McGraw, rep

### **Ridge Quilters of Paradise**

Hello from Paradise,

We would like to tell you about our new program within our community service outreach. "Veteran of the Month". We are contacting all civic service groups and local organizations asking them to consider and nominate a candidate. We have awarded three recipients already. Two happen to be Veterans in our very own guild. (*Editor's note: The author of this article is one!*) That's right, Lady quilting Vets! Last month we honored Lawrence St Germaine the commander at the Veterans Hall here in

Paradise. Those interested just fill out an application and the committee selects a person, makes a quilt that fits that person. Each quilt is presented to them with a bit of fan fair and much thanks.

Paradise will also be hosting the Meet the Teacher in January. We will be serving homemade chili and corn bread. Information about where to send money for lunch, and directions to our new meeting place will all be sent out as we get closer to the event. (*The January newsletter.*)

Don't forget our Christmas home tour in December. We are very busy making some fabulous gifts to purchase in our boutique, wait till you see what the elves have been working on.

Our next meeting on Oct 17th we will be having a demonstration day. Several stations around the room showing how to do something. A bell will ring and you move to the next station. It's super fun and surprising what you can learn in a 15 min demo.

Our new meeting location is the LUTHERAN CHURCH on Skyway. It's on Luther Dr. right next to the Terry Ash Park. Which is right next to the Veterans Hall. Come see us!

Becky Ray, rep

### **Scott Valley Quilters**

Scott Valley Quilters have been trying new things. We had our first Guild Retreat, June 30 and July 1. We met on a Friday at 9, sewed, played games, had demos and of course ate! We went home at 5 and left our supplies for the next day. Saturday was more sewing, games, demos and more food! We all loved it so much we are having another one in October. It was located at the same location as our meeting, so it was easy to drive to! (*Right on!*)

At our September meeting we learned a cute wool project. It was a lot of fun, relaxing and looks so beautiful. Each one of us had a different variation. Linda McLean was an awesome teacher and so organized. Look on our Facebook page to see the results.

August was our county fair, and our ladies had a great showing. Our guild is active in helping with the fair too. I love our group!

We have been giving quilts to Rockside Ranch for a few years. Young men come here to learn life skills and many to get away from bad situations. It is so rewarding to see their smiles and to know we care enough to make them a quilt to take with them.

Our guild is dedicated to giving quilts that are made with love.

Michele Estrada, rep.

### **Shasta Lily Quilt Guild of Mount Shasta**

Happy Autumn fellow quilters!! I'm not sure about you, but I love the fall and am certainly ready for some cooler weather, comfort foods, sweaters (and stretch pants), parties, family time and quilting!! The Shasta Lilys have certainly been very busy over the last few months, and we are so extremely proud and grateful of all our talented members and of all the great work they have accomplished!

In a nutshell . . .

Early in July we were honored to provide two scholarships to the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Shasta, enabling two young children the opportunity to attend the special program that took place over the summer. Later that month, many of our members got together for a two-day retreat full of quilting, eating, fun and laughter. A lot of projects were completed to sell at our annual tea and boutique.

The month of August was filled with 'sew-days' as well as a very successful Yard Sale hosted at the home of one of our members. Many yards of fabric (sold by weight or by the bag), kits, and other household goodies were sold to raise monies for future philanthropy opportunities. Leftover items were donated to our local thrift shops as well as provided to Threads of Love and Comfort (TLC) up in Klamath Falls.

Our annual Tea and Treasure event was held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Mt. Shasta City Park. Over 100 women enjoyed a fabulous lunch, boutique (including a variety of quilted items), raffles, as well as a live auction featuring 20 beautiful handmade quilted items. Another highlight of the

event was the display of our 'Challenge' design projects. Guild members were asked to create a quilted item of their choice using an adorable llama-themed fabric. Our members imaginations went wild creating quilts, purses, bags, pillows,





as well as an adorable llama stuffed animal. These items were then available as part of a special silent auction at the tea. Our Guild members really outdid themselves putting together this extremely successful and fun event.



### **Up and coming . . .**

The next few months the Lilys will be busy with a variety of different projects, parties, and fun. We will start off November with a costume party and UFO exchange. Several 'Quilts of Valor' projects are rapidly being completed for upcoming Veteran's Day celebrations. The guild will also be sending an assortment of quilts and blankets to TLC in Klamath Falls to be handed out to homeless children during the upcoming holidays. Above and beyond all this, many collaborative projects are in the works for future endeavors as we begin to plan for exciting new happenings in 2024.

Have a wonderful fall!

Maryann Robertson, rep.

### **Sun Country Quilters of Red Bluff**

Happy Harvest Season!

Loving this cooler air and the plentiful harvest that we are now enjoying! Soon we will have even longer evenings to spend on our quilting projects too.

Our guild is taking some time during these fall months to prepare for 2024. We are balancing our budget, nominating officers, and getting committees reorganized to make a smooth transition into next year. Our quilt show chairperson has just booked the dates for our next quilt show to be held on April 5 & 6 in 2025! Our last show was very successful, and we are holding an Appreciation Day next month for all current Sun Country Quilters Guild members with a trunk show and workshop by Charisma Horton from Spokane, Washington. Cathy Warren has even organized lunch for the day for us, all in recognition for everyone's hours spent working at our quilt show as well as many other guild duties performed this past year.

We all know that any of these tasks are much easier when planned ahead and worked on together with our fellow guild members. As much as we enjoy the 2 hours spent together at our monthly meetings, most of us feel that volunteering for guild committees helps us get to know people better and leads to many lasting friendships.

For our October monthly meeting, Natalie Larson will be entertaining us with "Dollar Store Finds" and I'm sure she will also have a joke or two to share. Then in November and December, we will celebrate the holiday season with plenty of good food while we gather together toys for kids and food for those in need. Our board has decided to recognize all of our 20 + year members at the end of this year. Out of a group of just over 100, nearly one quarter of our members have been supporting the guild for over 20 years! That is truly worthy of special recognition.

On a personal note, I wanted to say how much I enjoyed attending the North Quarter meeting in Chico this summer. I asked to go along with our President, Angie Birkeland, to find out what it is all about, sell our Opportunity Quilt tickets, and see all the other Opportunity Quilts on display. The Chico guild put on a nice trunk show too. It is impressive how far everyone travels to share in these get togethers 4 times a year!

MaryAnn Crain, correspondent

### **Sutter Buttes Quilt Guild of Sutter**

September has come and gone, and we all survived our 2023 quilt show. For a small guild we did very well. I don't know what prior shows have done, but we grossed over \$3,000.....so it looks like we should have a profit for the show. Since our guild meeting was the next day after the show, it was a preliminary report only. We will have more accurate information in October.

October and November should be much calmer months; then we can look forward to our Christmas Party in December. It is always a lot of fun. Stop by and visit a while if you are ever in our neighborhood on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of any month of the year. Doors open at 9AM and the meeting starts at 10 AM. You are all welcome.

Sharon Easter, Rep.

### **Valley Quilt Guild of Yuba City**

Our September meeting was "Meet your member" and our member was Millie Berryhill. She has quite a selection of quilts to show us, many of which were quite large and hand quilted.

The weekend of September 16 & 17 Bishop's Pumpkin Farm had an event where 8 local quilt guilds had their opportunity quilts on display. It was such a huge success that Bishop's has decided to host a similar event next year. This year's theme was all about pumpkins (I wonder why?) and next year's theme will be pigs. There was a raffle quilt made of many pumpkin blocks, so now someone will have to come up with a variety of pig blocks for next year's quilt.

On our agenda for October is Sheila Collins speaking about "Color Me Sunshine". Sounds interesting. And in November we will have another on-line craft auction, mostly quilts, but with some other craft items also. Check our website for all about the auction. The auction runs from the weekend before Thanksgiving until the weekend after Thanksgiving. Colleen is good at getting it all set up, and it is open to anyone who wants to bid on any of the items. Sometimes there is a bidding war, excitement reigns, and more money than expected is made for the guild. The proceeds help to fund our community service as well as programs during the year.

Right after Thanksgiving, we have our Christmas party, again scheduled at the Moose Lodge. We have food, raffle baskets, door prizes, maybe some games, and of course always entertainment by Colleen and her cohorts.

Sharon Easter, Rep

*Editor's Note: Jan sent me an email with this information when she was inquiring about a serger that the Colusa guild was selling. I ended up laughing so hard and told her that she just had to send it in as an article for this newsletter. Enjoy!*

### **HOW MANY SEWING MACHINGS DO YOU OWN?**

Telling a tale on myself

Earlier in September I was contacted by the son of a member at Pacific Flyway. He asked me if I would contact Beth Ward regarding a Serger sewing machine she had that his mother had left with her. It seems the machine belonged to Pacific and they were wanting to sell it. I in turn contacted Arlene to find out about if she knew anything about it. Thankfully she did and she told me she would find out how much they were wanting for the Serger. Arlene got back with me and told me what they wanted for the Serger. I then called Beth and told her, it seems she had someone who was looking for another Serger as the one she had was to the point where it couldn't be repaired.

The price was agreeable and I picked up the money from Beth. I then let Arlene know the machine was purchased and how do I get this money to the guild. Arlene was so pleased and said, so you bought the Serger. Ah, no I didn't, I have one. At that point I stopped and counted what I have and here's my response.

"Gads, I just counted my machines and I have six.



- 1) My original Singer Golden Touch and Sew, in the cabinet stored in my shed. I bought it when my daughters were little, so it's over 50 years old.
- 2) An embroidery machine a friend gave me and I used like twice. My bad.
- 3) A Baby Lock Serger that my friend Sandy owned and couldn't get it to work. After she passed away her daughter gave it to me. I took it and had it cleaned, and it works like a dream. Other than I need to replace the thread. It has the original thread on the machine and it's fraying. Oh, and that thread and machine are about 21 years old – and My bad again, as I haven't used it.
- 4) A Featherweight that I bought from a neighbor for \$100. I've had it cleaned, and updated with LED lights, replaced belts and the power cord and foot cord. Yeah, and it sits in the case. My bad for the third time.
- 5) My Singer that I bought about 10 years ago. It was their centennial Black machine. I used it until I wanted a machine that was lighter weight, and I could take to classes and retreats. I suppose My bad for the fourth time.
- 6) The lighter weight machine is my Janome. And I use it almost daily.

Well, that's my story and I'm sticking to it. Count the number of machines you have. I'm sure several of you have more than I do.

Jan Johnson, Sutter Buttes Quilt Guild

*She also had 2 treadle machines but gave those away when she downsized. Hey, those could have been stands for her other machines!! Just saying.*

### **Happenings at Springer Run**

Getting to a fairground to judge quilts should be easy, right? Well, this journey was anything but.

This summer I was hired to judge the quilts for the Plumas Sierra Fair in Quincy. Sure! I hadn't been to Quincy so I figured it would be fun. Glory Hallelujah and I took off at six in the morning to get there by nine to start judging. It was a beautiful day with a bright blue sky and you could see for miles. This is an important point for this part of the story.

After turning off Hwy 99 at the Oroville exit, I'm driving up the road enjoying myself and I see a little white car pull out to cross the road in front of me. The problem? He stops full on in my lane and he stays there! I'm slamming on the brakes and turning to the right to go into the ditch. I figured it would be better than hitting him. Just as I look up I see a pickup pull up at the stop sign where this white car just came from, and the driver looks a bit horrified. I'm committed to leaving rubber on the asphalt. Out the corner of my eye the last thing I see is the corner of the white car's back bumper. He FINALLY drove across the road! I stop just short of being fully in the ditch and perhaps bouncing out and hitting the pickup. I also realized that I had a handful of dog to keep Glory from hitting the windshield. Crap! Well, we regrouped and moved on down the road.

I had to take the road around the south side of Lake Oroville because the other ways were being worked on. No problem. It was full of turns but I liked it. I could really see the dam and how large the lake really is. I came around one turn and had to stop because there was a stand with two traffic lights on it. It was red so being the good driver I am, no comments from the peanut gallery please, I stopped and waited. Nothing happened. Three minutes went by, yes I was timing it, and nothing. I thought maybe I would swing across the road to the turnout and see what was around the bend. Well maybe not. Good call. The part of the turnout I couldn't see had fallen down the hill! Eventually the light turned to green and I crept around the bend, swung back into the hill and was pushed over as close as you can get to the hill because MY SIDE of the road AND the opposite lane were now residing down, down, down the hill. No place to change my mind, turn around and go to Quincy by way of Truckee so we pressed on.

I entered the burn area which is truly awful. Black skeletons of trees everywhere you look. Men were there harvesting the shorter trees what were on the ground. That will help to clean everything up and give firewood for the winter to homes. I'm back to enjoying the drive when what is in the road? Not another car. No! A tree!! It was too big for me to roll out of the way, so I carefully picked my way

around it and hoped that no one came along in the other direction because that lane was totally blocked. I let the next loggers know and went on my way more carefully.

Good thing. A half mile down the road was a tiny fawn in my lane. Glory decided that it was the ultimate live action toy. I decided that it needed to go back where Mom had left her. I always thought herding cats was the hardest. Nope. It's fawns. They hop and then stop, look at you, wonder what you are and then take another hop. I thought we would never get off the road but after about 5 minutes she was around the turn and happily scampering down the hill.

Off we went again making good time but the time I had allotted for unforeseen things slowing me down had expired. I had to stay on task. No more delays. Yeah, well think again. I'm zooming along singing to the Irish Rovers 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary album and my route line falls off the phone map. OH Great. Right after that the road changed and didn't look really good. Time to turn around and regroup.

I retraced my route for about a quarter mile and saw a large PG&E worksite. Lots of equipment, supplies and a helicopter! Oh yeah, this is good. I turned in and pulled up to three guys. "Hi guys. I think I'm lost." Well, they agreed. Thanks guys. I know. I told them where I was going and what I needed to do. Judge! I asked if they would fly me to the fairgrounds. I told them they could use my car all day as long as THEY came back for me at four. I have to say one guy really thought about it but NO! Drat! Then they said go back where your where but when you see the sign on the ground, in the ditch, leaning on the post, turn! Well, OK. I did as they said and found the most beautiful drive and lake – Bucks Lake. Now it would be clear sailing into Quincy.

Oh, you funny girl. Three miles from Quincy I see a sign for Free Range Cattle. That's fine. Driven in that before. I come around a turn and caught a piece of red fur on my left. I slow way down and when I get all the way around the turn there in the middle of the road isn't a steer. It's a BEAR! A really big - red – bear, who could care less that there is a really big red car coming up on it. He looked around. Considered going left and then right smelling the air. Glory is now standing up going ,now THAT was worth the drive! Give me that toy!

I'm now parked in the road waiting on this bear to decide what he's going to do. Finally, he decided that he's going to the right. He gathers himself up and in one gorgeous, strong leap this VW sized bear sails over a ditch and a fence and land gracefully in a picture-perfect green meadow dotted with gently bobbing white flowers. The sun is shining off his auburn fur. It was a sight I will not forget. For a few moments he was my bear.

Back to reality I make it the last three miles to town and a cell signal so I can call the fairgrounds to tell them that I really am coming but will be late. When Big John asked me why I was going to be late I said, "Well, a driver with a death wish, a log in the road, a fawn that was playing Bambi, a PG&E worker that wouldn't fly me in, darn, and a bear that didn't use Siri for road directions." There was a moment of silence and then he thanked me profusely for persisting in getting there. "Have a great time judging" he said. "It should be a piece of cake next to your drive." Yep. That's right. It was. Arlene