

Pines & Needles



NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA QUILTERS GUILD
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General Meeting Monday, August 1, 2016

6:30 PM Set-up & Social Time
7:00 PM Meeting

Pacific Grove Community Center
515 Junipero Avenue
(at 15th Street)
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

What to Bring

- Name tag
- Community quilts
- BOM
- UFOs
- Library books
- Show & Tell
- Calendar to volunteer

Upcoming MPQG Events

August 1, 2016

- General Meeting: *Tips, Tricks & Techniques & Elections*

August 13 & 14, 2016

- Workshop with Sandra Bruce "Wake up Cup"

*September 12, 2016

- General Meeting: *Charity Quilt Tie-in & Free-cycle Tables*

October 3, 2016

- General Meeting: Rami Kim
Folded Fabric Elegance

*November 14, 2016

- General Meeting: Jan Soules
Spectacular Borders: From Basic to Beyond

Just Added!

November 13, 2016

- Workshop with Jan Soules
"Improvitational Trees"

*second Monday

Next Meeting:

Monday, August 1, 2016

***Elections, Demos & Celebrate with
Back Porch Fabrics***

WE NEED A QUORUM

August is always an interesting collection of meeting activities. And, this year is no different.

First, we hold our annual elections and you're needed to participate. Our by-laws state that a quorum must be present to hold the annual election each August. In this case, a quorum constitutes 1/3 of our membership or 65ish members.


Second, 2016 Challenge Quilt Display "Journey of Wonder". **The deadline to complete the quilts is Monday, August 1 to display at the MPQG meeting.** They will be shown at the Monterey County Fair August 31- September 5, 2016. A later exhibit is planned for the 2017 MPQG Quilt Show held in April.

Third, for the past 19 years we've helped Back Porch Fabrics celebrate their anniversary. The very generous Gail Abeloe, owner of same, will arrive with 20 treats which will be raffled and the proceeds from raffle ticket sales will be donated to MPQG.

Last, five guild members will share short (10-minute) demonstrations of "quick" ideas on a variety of subjects – sort of a "Speed Dating" session for quilters. We want to keep the demos to 10 minutes so that members will be able to see all five of the demos. We're looking for new, unique, fun or time saving tips, tricks and techniques.

See you there!

Tiana Duarte, kmduarte@yahoo.com



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President's Message - August 2016

Call for Nature Quilts

by Nora Deans, nora.deans@gmail.com, 831.760.9800

We're very excited to announce a partnership between the Guild and the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History to create a special exhibition of quilts reflecting a theme of natural history collections. The show will open in January 2017 and run until April. The Museum is hosting an opening reception and creating a postcard to promote the show.

As you may know, the origin of the Museum springs from travelers donating different collections from all over the world, and they're opening a small gallery to showcase some of these collections. The Guild's quilt exhibit will be in the space currently hosting an exhibition of plein air paintings, "Art Takes Wing," and will complement the new collections gallery -- stop by to preview the space.

Our show will feature quilts depicting different types of natural history collections -- rocks, butterflies, leaves, feathers, birds, sea glass, fish, shells, whales -- the possibilities are endless. I can envision everything from traditional quilts to abstract to modern, pieced, collaged or appliqué.

Each Guild member can submit up to three quilts, with a maximum size of 18 x 22 inches. The deadline is December 1st, 2016 and we'll share specific guidelines at the August meeting and on the website. You can submit existing work that fits the theme and size or create something new. We'll be working closely with Director Jeanette Kihs and her team at the Museum, who will make the final selections of 50-60 quilts for the show.

What a great opportunity to reach new audiences with our quilts and inspire them to join our community, while collaborating with one of our local cultural institutions.

Soon, we'll gather at our members meeting on August 1 to share "Tips, Tricks and Techniques," and vote on the slate of new candidates for the open Board positions. And I hope you've signed up to volunteer at the Monterey County Fair, where our quilts will be hanging in a larger hall for all to see.

And don't forget to send in or bring your membership renewal to the August meeting so you stay current and won't miss out on all of the great speakers and workshops coming up this fall. Speaking of workshops, I believe we have just a few open spots left in the Sandra Bruce workshop in mid-August. I'll be there and hope to see you there too!

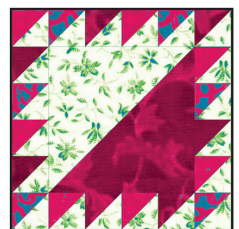
Cheers,
Nora



Still 4 spots available: Workshop with Sandra Bruce on Aug 13-14, *Wake Up Cup*

This workshop is about technique and all students work on the same image "Wake Up Cup" to gain skills in *Material Matrix* method. Sandra is a hands-on teacher and works closely with her students to gain "the eye" for this process. See lots of photos here: www.flickr.com/photos/sandrabruce/.

See registration form on page 8 to sign up and send an email Linda Garofalo @ linda.garofalo27@yahoo.com



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New Workshop just added!

Sunday, November 13, 2016

Jan Soules teaches *Improvisational Trees*

In this workshop, you will learn how to make improvisational trees without a pattern. You will gain confidence in using your rotary cutter and ruler to create unique trees. We will begin with a simple tree trunk and gradually learn how to add limbs. You can make as few or as many as you want. It is your project, so it will be your decision. Step out of your comfort zone and try something new! All skill levels can do this, I promise!

To learn more about Jan, google Jan Soules.

Linda Garofalo

linda.garofalo27@yahoo.com



2016-2017 Guild Slate of Officers

by Nora Deans, nora.deans@gmail.com

In August, the Guild elects its officers for the following fiscal year, which begins in September.

The volunteers who serve the Guild on the Board and Standing Committees give generously of their time. With the streamlined policies and procedures in place, we keep our Board meetings to an hour and focus on bringing the best quality programs to you.

I'm so happy to present the following candidates to you for your consideration during our August elections. Many have served the Board well this past year and are assuming new positions or renewing in their current position.

Executive Board:

- Vice President: Noreen Nance
- Secretary: Bonnie Tomscheck
- Treasurer: To be determined

Standing Coordinators:

- Activities: Allison Barrett
- Membership: Linda Branting

Please be sure to come to the August 1 general membership meeting so we have a quorum and can vote in our new Board!

We NEED You!

Treasurer & Community Outreach Coordinator

There are two very important positions on the MPQG Board that are in need to be filled.

Colleen Johnson agreed to stay on until we find a replacement and kindly offered to work with the new treasurer to help get that person started. So, if you have experience balancing your own checkbook, please shadow Colleen and familiarize yourself with Quicken.

We still don't have a Community Outreach Coordinator and it's hurting the guild in certain events. Please see the job description [here](#) and evaluate whether you can find the time to join our exciting board.

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Board Minutes by Bonnie Tomscheck, b_tomscheck@yahoo.com

The MPQG Secretary, Bonnie Tomscheck, takes and prepares the minutes from the monthly board meetings. These minutes are posted on the MPQG web site. The May and June 2016 minutes were recently approved. Read minutes here: www.mpqg.org/business/board/

September Tying Event

by Terann Carr, cacarrs@sbcglobal.net, 831.375.7881

If you are working on quilt tops that can be tied at our September Tying Event, **please bring them to the August 1st meeting.** This will give me a chance to prepare batting, backing and binding fabric beforehand. They have to fit on the squares of tables that are set up which measure about 60" square. Normally the quilts that work the best are about 45" X 60". Last year a few 8 ft. tables were also available and those accommodated longer quilts.

The best tops for tying have regular pieced designs and are not too complex.

Dru Hammond will bring her quilt frame again, which was fun last year. If you have questions just call.

July Blocks of the Month made by our members "Sail Away", won by Linda S.

August CQFG Sew-In

by Terann Carr, cacarrs@sbcglobal.net, 831.375.7881

You are invited to join the Charity Quilt Friendship Group the third Friday in August. We call our meetings "Sew-Ins" just for fun, because we do have fun. Lately we have done a variety of projects, some I've initiated. You can also bring your own charity project to work on. Another highlight is having our own "show and tell" of things that will be donated. So, mark your calendars for Friday August 19th and come at 9:30 am, bring a bag lunch and stay through if you like. We meet in my home near Laguna Seca. Call for directions if you are new.



Volunteering at the County Fair

by Tiana Duart, Kmduart@yahoo.com, 831-402-5046



A Day at the Fair is Always Great! - It's that time again! The county fair is giving additional space to quilt displays this year in a new venue, "The East Arts" building. This means that we need additional volunteers to welcome visitors, sell raffle tickets and make sure our quilts are safe. We're also trying a few new things: (1) viewers choice awards for the judged quilts; and (2) a mini quilt raffle.

So here is what is needed: Lots of wonderful volunteers from August 31 to September 5, 2016, 11:30 am to 10 pm. Shifts will be in 4-hour increments, except for the late shifts which are a little shorter. We are asking for the 4 hours as the fair requests this to receive free entry and a parking ticket.

We need volunteers for:

- selling raffle tickets for our raffle quilt and mini quilt raffle (so important as the guild is able to raise a great deal at the fair)
- white gloving to protect our quilts from sticky hands
- and new this year, people to demonstrate quilting. I am thinking that the demos would be good if they were hand appliqué or something that is hand work, but if you have other ideas please let me know
- special volunteers to help out on September 1st for the school tours. The fair would love for the children to be able to see the quilts. However, we need people there from 9am to 12pm to white glove
- In addition, on August 22nd, the fair would appreciate some volunteers to scribe for the judge (not sure of times yet) as well as some other volunteers to help carry the quilts from judging to the East Arts Building.

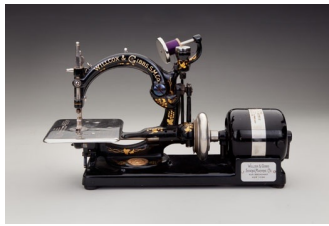
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Preferred contact is email or text.

FREecycle TABLES

At the September meeting only, you have the chance to bring fabric and any and all quilt-related donation items to the Freecycle Tables. Open Hours: 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. and 8:15 to 8:45 p.m. Closed during the tying event from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

This is a DIY swap ... bring something/take something or just take something. Label and wrap fabric just as you would for the Quilt Show Garage Sale. Of course, members will want to peruse the goods for treasures to take home. Please bring your own *shopping* bags. All items remaining at the end of the evening will be donated or tossed.

Thanks to Liz Rondelle for taking on this project.



IT'S A BEAUTY! Our guild's 2017 Raffle Quilt was unveiled at the July meeting and will start to travel now. A winner will be drawn in April 2017 at the Quilt

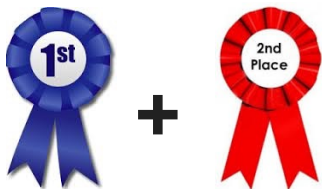
Membership News

by Noreen Nance, nor9215een@gmail.com



Well members, it is that time of year - membership renewal time that is. Please download the membership renewal form at www.mpqg.org or print page 6. Fill in your name and mark the box "no changes" if there are no changes from last years info. Write a check for \$50 made payable to MPQG. Bring your renewal form and check to the August 1st meeting or mail it to me at 720 17th St, PG 93950. You will see your Guild has a great line up on speakers and workshop for 2016/2017. I have included "Volunteer Activity" on the renewal form. We would like you to take a minute to think about what area you could help make your Guild even better. If you have accounting skill, consider shadowing our Treasurer, Colleen Johnson, for a a few months and then becoming the Treasurer next year. Membership could use Greeters every month. Programs could use help setting up our meeting room. MPQG is only as strong and viable as its volunteers. It is fun getting to know everyone in your Guild as well.

See you all at the August 1st meeting.



Update to Regina's Ribbon Story

Read it on our website at:
[www.mpqg.org/news/2016/07/14/
update-to-reginas-ribbon-story/](http://www.mpqg.org/news/2016/07/14/update-to-reginas-ribbon-story/)

Board Projects: July 2016

- Meeting: Business meeting with elections, followed by General Meeting
- Call for Community Grant Award proposals
- Announce volunteers who will serve on Supporting Committees
- Back Porch Fabrics Anniversary Benefit Raffle
- Membership re-enrollment continues
- Call for volunteers for MPQG Supporting Committees
- Continue volunteer sign-ups for Monterey County Fair (Aug 31-Sep 5, 2016)
- Approve budget for next fiscal year beginning September 1
- MPQG Officers and Standing Coordinators Orientation (**Tues, August 23**)
- Close books on fiscal year ending August 31
- Updates and announcements to communications by the 10th of the month

MPQG Membership Form 2016/2017

(New and Renewal Membership)

Membership dues are due by September 1st.

The annual membership fee for new and renewing members in the Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild is \$50. Please do not send cash through the mail and make checks payable to MPQG.

Bring this form and check to a general meeting or mail it to:

MPQG Membership c/o Noreen Nance, 720 17th St, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Name _____

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Check here if there are no changes. If no changes, no need to fill in below.

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Web Site: _____

Volunteer Activity

The Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild is only as strong and viable as its volunteers. Please let us know in which area you would like to participate. Volunteering is a great way to meet old members as well as new members. If you have a particular skill from your career life, please consider using it.

Membership could use Greeters at our monthly meetings _____


Community Outreach (County Fair volunteers, etc.)/Publicity _____

Programs could use help setting up the meeting room _____

Activities could use help in these areas: UFO, Library _____

We encourage all members to volunteer to make our Guild the best quilt community ever.

Registration is now open for 2017 Classes

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Block of the Month: August 2016

Chinese Coin



The block for this month is called Chinese Coin or Four-Patch Friendship Star depending on where you look up information for this block. It calls for the use of one of those beautiful **Asian prints**. I made three very different blocks in quick succession as I had so much fun choosing fabrics.

FABRICS NEEDED:

Check your stash for some great Asian fabric. The “coordinating” fabric can be Asian or not but should be a high contrast color that you can find in the Asian fabric.

Center Square: One 4” square of Asian print.

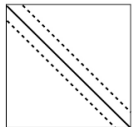
Half Square Triangles (HST): Two 4 1/2” squares of the Asian print. And two 4 1/2” squares of the coordinating fabric (see above).

Corner Four-Patches: One 2 1/4” x 18 1/2” strip of the coordinating fabric and one 2 1/4” x 18 1/2” strip of a low-volume fabric.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Start by making the corner four-patches. Sew together the two 18 1/2” strips (coordinating fabric and light fabric). Press seam to darker fabric. Cut into eight (8) 2 1/4” x 4” strips with a bit extra to account for skewing. Sew two each together rotating one of them to create four sets of 4-Patches.

Now construct the half square triangles (HST). Place right sides together of the two sets of 4 1/2” squares (Asian print and “coordinating” fabric). Draw a diagonal line on the back and sew 1/4” from both sides of the line (see picture left). Cut on the line to produce two sets of half square triangle blocks each. Trim to 4” squares.



Carefully arrange the 9 sections as shown in the photo since it's easy to twist one of them in the wrong direction. The block will measure 11”x11”.



Remember, we appreciate DIFFERENT blocks. So if you make multiple blocks, please use different fabrics. This BOM is due at the guild meeting on August 1, 2016. More info on the BOM on our web site at www.m-pgg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/

Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild Workshop Reservation				Members	Non-Members*
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday & Sunday	August 13 & 14	Sandra Bruce	<i>Material Matrix</i>	\$150.00 \$3 kit fee**	\$170.00 \$3 kit fee**
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	November 13	Jan Soules	<i>Improvisational Trees</i>	\$75.00	\$85.00
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For your records:	You are registered for: <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday and Sunday, August 13 & 14 <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, November 13				
Send to:	Make check payable to MPQG. Send to: Linda Garofalo, 7063 Valley Greens Cir., Carmel CA 93923				
Questions?	Linda Garofalo, linda.garofalo27@yahoo.com , 415-444-6142				
Time:	Bruce — Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Workshop is 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Soules — Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Workshop is 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Note new hours.				
Note:	Reservations are secured when payment is received. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For cancellation notice given at least 90 days prior to the workshop, full refund will be given. • For cancellation notice given 90-31 days prior to the workshop, a 50% refund will be given UNLESS a replacement can be found or waiting list exists • For cancellation notice given 30 days or fewer AND a replacement cannot be found, the Workshop registration fee is forfeited. 				
Supply List:	Available at general meetings, on web site at www.mpqg.org/news/category/workshops/ , or contact Linda Garofalo, 415-444-6142.				
Location	Health and Fitness Room at the Sally Griffin Center, 700 Jewell Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.				
Food:	Plan on bringing your lunch, snacks, and beverages.				
* Non-Member registration is accepted 30 days prior to the workshop. ** Kit fee may be paid directly to the instructor.					



Calendar, Road Trips, and Local Events

now - Sept 6, 2016

Row By Row Experience

This year's theme is Home Sweet Home. Yes, there is a contest and prizes. For information: rowbyrowexperience.com. The list of participating shops, state by state, and by country, is long. If you travel anywhere in the U.S., or if you stay close to home and visit our member merchants, you'll find quilt shops giving away original patterns and selling kits to make a row.

now - September 6, 2016

First Time Quilts by d'Aulan Gentry

In the Gallery at Back Porch Fabrics, 157 Grand Ave. (at Central), Pacific Grove, CA 93950. For information: 831-375-4453. www.backporchfabrics.com.

now - August 21, 2016

Jazz Impressions

See how one American classic interprets another-- Jazz and Quilts. Members of the Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association will display quilts and other fiber arts based on jazz music. Selected items will be available for purchase. For information and times, go to www.sjqquiltmuseum.org.

now - October 2, 2016

Wedding Dress: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Borrowing from local cultural organizations' collectors, designers and History of San Jose, this show will illuminate the evolution of the wedding dress, ethnic similarities and differences. Traditions are clearly no longer limited to something borrowed and something blue. For information and hours, go to: www.sjqquiltmuseum.org.



Upcoming Quilt Shows

Aug 13 - 14: Ridge Quilters' Guild presents: **"Welcome to My Paradise Garden"**. Paradise Intermediate School, 5657 Recreation Drive, Paradise, CA. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Aug 27 - 28: Delta Quilters Guild Quilt Show: **Annual Harvest on the Delta**. Brentwood Community Center, 35 Oak St., Brentwood CA. www.deltaquilters.org

Aug 31 - Sept 5: **Monterey County Fair**. For details, go to www.montereycountyfair.com

Sept 10: Half Moon Bay Piecemakers by the Sea: **Quilts by the Sea**. LDS Church Cultural Hall, 475 California St, Moss Beach, CA. Sat 10-4, piecemakers-by-the-sea.com

Sept 17 - 18: Peninsula Quilters Guild: **Quilting by the Bay**. Onetta Harris Community Center, 100 Terminal Ave, Menlo Park, CA. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. www.peninsulaquilters.org

Sept 17 - 18: Sierra Quilt Guild, Sierra Needle Artists & Mother Lode Weavers & Spinners: **Quilts & Threads Show**. Mother Lode Fairgrounds on W. Stockton between Hwy 108 and 49. Fri, 4-6 (Preview), Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Sept 22 - 24: **Quilt Craft & Sewing Festival**. At the Alameda County Fairgrounds. 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Pleasanton, CA. www.quiltcraftsew.com

Sept 24 - 25: South Valley Quilt Association: **Harvest Quilt & Fiber Arts Show**. At the Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center. 17000 Monterey Ave. Morgan Hill, CA. www.svqa.org

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Location

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Meetings

are usually held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Many members arrive at 6:30 PM for an informal social time. **Please check the front page for any schedule or location change.**

Membership

New members are welcome any time! Dues are \$50.00 to be paid annually by the September general meeting.

Guests

are always welcome and are asked to pay a \$5.00 fee to attend the evening program. Please stop at the membership table.

Pines & Needles Newsletter

This newsletter is published monthly for the benefit of our members. It is available online at www.mpqg.org. Articles are due on the 10th of the prior month.

Please send items to the editor via email at kbkreativ@gmail.com.

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