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NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA QUILTERS GUILD

MARCH 2020

MPQG.ORG

General Meeting
Monday, Mar. 2, 2020

9:30 AM Set-up & Social time
10:00 AM Meeting

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

What to Bring:

- Name tag
- Dizzy Geese blocks for 2021 Raffle Quilt
- Check or cash for raffle tickets, workshops and Awards Party
- Community Quilts
- Library books
- Calendar for Volunteering
- Show & Tell
- Mini Quilts for Quilt Show Raffle

MPQG Calendar

February 25 @ 5:30 PM
Board Meeting at Monterey Library

March 1 @ 10 AM (9:30 set up)
MPQG Workshop:
Little 4-patch with Kellie Willey
Sally Griffin Senior Center

March 2 @ 10 AM — NOTE TIME
General Meeting: Kellie Willey, Little Quilts, No Big Deal

March 24 @ 5:30 PM
Board Meeting at Asilomar Conference Grounds - Social Hall

March 30 — A week early
General Meeting: Kim Brownwell, Challenges: What to Do?

Next Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2020 — 10:00 AM

Speaker: Kellie Willey

Little Quilts, No Big Deal

www.littlequiltcreations.com

Kellie Willey is a "Miniature Quilt Maker". She makes mini quilts because they are tiny! She has always been drawn to miniatures and collects several small items, including antique Wedding Cake Toppers, Liddle Kiddles and Schleich Farm animals. She lives in a tiny (950 square feet) 2-bedroom home with little space to put large quilts. Her small quilt studio fills 1/2 of a spare room. Hubby has 30%. With a short attention span and wanting to hurry up and start the next project, she loves working in small scale and finishing lots of quilts every year instead of working for months on a large quilt.

There are still a couple of spots available at Kellie's workshop to increase your piecing accuracy. 1-day only, Sunday, March 1, 10-4!

Kathrin Brown, Programs
kathrin.brown@gmail.com

Reminder:

March is a **MORNING** General Meeting. Doors open at 9:30 AM with social time and quilt show sign ups.

Program starts at 10 AM.

Reminder:

The A**PRIL** meeting is a week early — **MARCH 30**

President's Letter — March 2020

I hope you enjoyed our last meeting. Colleen Grainger was an entertaining speaker and presented a wonderful trunk show of her quilts.

We had a great turn out of members entering quilts so it looks like we will have another wonderful quilt show in April. Be sure to get those sleeves and labels on so you are ready when it's time to deliver your quilts. We all need to check our calendars as well and volunteer some time to make the show run smoothly. You will have another opportunity to sign up at our March meeting.

A great number of blocks for our next raffle quilt were turned in too. There was a wonderful mix of colors and the pile was quite inspiring. Holly still needs more blocks so be sure to bring any you are working on to the March meeting.

Speaking of raffle quilts, our current one will be visiting the upcoming Empty Spools Seminars and we need members who can help sell tickets there. If you can give Rita an evening of your time, please let her know. As a bonus, you will be able to hear the teachers' evening presentations while you are there.

Remember that our next meeting is a daytime affair. Hope to see all of you there.

Sherrill
quiltersherrill@gmail.com

2020 MPQG Quilt Show

Quilts by the Bay

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
April 3, 4, and 5, 2020
Friday & Saturday
10am to 5pm
Sunday,10am to 4pm

Chautauqua Hall
Pacific Grove, CA

Quilt Show Awards Party

The 2020 MPQG Quilt Show Awards Party will be held at the Chautauqua Hall on Friday, April 3, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. **Members and guests are invited.**

The $10.00 ticket price will include admission, champagne, other beverages and finger foods. The party will provide a time for attendees to view all of the Quilt Show entries at leisure and to celebrate all entered quilts. Tickets will be sold ONLY in advance at the next two Guild Meetings or by contacting Patty. Tickets will **not** be sold at the door the day of the party (to help us plan better).

Patty Kennedy
pkennedy1950@gmail.com

2020 MPQG Quilt Show (cont.)

Call for Mini Quilts

If you have an orphan block or want to try a new technique or practice machine quilting, make it into a mini to donate for the raffle at the quilt show. Size somewhat flexible, but 20-24" square or equivalent size as a rectangle is good. (They can be smaller too). Minis DO NOT need a 4" sleeve, but please attach your name. They will be collected at the March, and April meetings. This has been a good fundraiser for the Guild, so let's make it happen again!

Linda Stoner
b.stoner@att.net
Ann Croll
nimblethimble@me.com

Quilt Show Entries

To All Quilt Show Entrants:

This year's show is going to be absolutely stunning! From the photos you submitted with your entries, we have carefully planned a flow of quilts that enhance each other. We can hardly wait for everyone to see your exquisite creations, some many years in the making.

We consider each entry as a firm commitment to our guild show. If, for any reason, you expect you will not be able to fulfill your commitment to enter a quilt, let us know immediately as you will affect placement of other quilts as well.

Quilt Show Designers,
Linda Branting & Phyllis Martin
Linda (650) 703-0531

QUILT SHOW ACCEPTANCE LETTERS and QUILT LABEL/SHOW CARD INFORMATION SHEETS

The Acceptance Letters for the Quilt Show with the Quilt Label/Show Card Information sheets will be mailed out on February 29th. Please open your envelope right away, READ the Acceptance Letter and CHECK the Show Card Information for any errors. If you have not received your letter by Friday, March 6th, contact me IMMEDIATELY.

Cut off the upper section titled "Quilt Label" and sew it to the back of your quilt as directed. Instructions for making and sewing a sleeve to your quilt are also included.

The bottom half, titled "Show Card Information", contains the information that I print on a card that will hang next to your quilt in the show. Please proof it carefully, and report any errors to me ASAP.

Bring your quilts to Chautauqua Hall on Thursday, April 2nd, between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM. Judged quilts MUST arrive by 8:30AM or they WILL NOT be judged.

Contact me if you have any questions. I will be attending Empty Spools Seminars between 3/15 and 3/20, so e-mail is preferred during that time.

Sharon Winter
Quilt Show Data Entry
slwinterNL@comcast.net
831-647-8769

Quilt Show Info

By now you all know the dates for our Quilt Show: Friday, April 3; Saturday, April 4; Sunday, April 5. Hours are 10-5 Friday/Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday. **Set-up on Thursday, April 2. We need many hands on that day!**

Volunteers: Sign up sheets will be available at the next two guild meetings. Volunteer early to get your preferred slots. Remember, anyone entering a quilt in the show is asked to volunteer (4) hours during the show..

Mini Quilts: Linda Stoner and Ann Croll have started to collect mini quilts donated by our members to the Mini Quilt Raffle. This has been a major fundraiser for the guild and a crowd pleaser as well.

Library Display: Fatima Diaz will make the window display of "What we do and representing Monterey Bay" at the Monterey Library. She needs smallish quilts to hang by the March 2nd meeting. (Quilts will be returned in May)

Quilt Preparation: Around the 5th of March you will be receiving instructions for preparation of your quilt. It will give you a paper label to be sewn on the back of each quilt; a link on how to prepare a sleeve, and the hours of when your quilt is due at Chautauqua Hall on April 2nd. Open this package and read through. Contact Sharon Winter with any questions: slwinterNL@comcast.net.

If you have questions for any of the committee chairs, please contact them directly or me. We will have one more meeting to ensure we are all aligned: **Saturday, March 7, 1:00-2:00 pm @**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	
Awards Party: Patty Kennedy	**Library Display:** Fatima Diaz
Admissions: Catherine McGovern	**Mini Quilt Raffle:** Linda Stoner/Ann Croll
Boutique [TBD]: June Cornell	**Parade:** Marie Faile
Design: Linda Branting/Phyllis Martin	**Programs:** Claudia Gano
Garage Sale: Terann Carr/Donna Appleget	**Quilt Reception & Return:** Regina Moore
Finance: Chris Beach	**Signs:** Joy Colangelo
Publicity: Maia Liddle	**Transportation:** Cec Larsen
Hanging & Dismantling: Patricia Brown	**Viewer's Choice Awards:** Linda Garofalo
Judging, Quilt Entries & Data: Debbie Biller	**Volunteer Coordinator:** Heather Clifton/
Data Entry: Sharon Winter	Naomi Waters
Judging: Judi Brown	**White Gloves:** Cindy Brown
Judging: June Wolfe	**Raffle Quilt Marketer:** Rita Jacques

Monterey Library

Thank you all for what you do. It would not be possible without everyone's efforts and enthusiasm.

Kathrin Brown, 2020 Quilt Show Chair
kathrin.brown@gmail.com
408-838-1004

Garage Sale Guidelines

This is a DIY (do it yourself) project. The Garage Sale will accept all quilting and sewing related items, except books and magazines. Large items, like quilts and sewing machines, should be cleared with chairpersons.

THE BIG PICTURE

1) Open to all sewing related items IN GOOD CONDITION
2) NO ODORS IN FABRIC (fresh, not musty, smelling of laundry products or smoke)
3) NO LOOSE FABRIC, ONLY FABRIC THAT IS:
   - measured, rolled and taped (blue painter's tape)
   - fat quarters taped singly or in a stack
   - quart sized zip-lock bags of scraps TAPED SHUT
4) Anything smaller than 1/4 yd. should go into a zip-lock scrap bag taped shut

MEASURING AND ROLLING

1) One fabric per roll.
2) Use a zip-lock bag if there are many pieces of the same fabric, taped shut
3) One piece folded selvage to selvage:
   - measure along selvage to the nearest complete increment of ¼ yd.
   - If there is a lot left, fold it over to meet the rest and guess the total

   EXAMPLE: One piece measured along selvage could be described as:

   2 ½ + (if it isn't quite 2 ¾)
4) Fabric that measures 2 yards or more may be folded instead of rolled. Please measure and roll around a bolt board. Use blue painters tape and wrap completely around securely. Mark length and pull out the board. These will go on a "flat fold" table.
5) Panel designs and similar pieces will be hung, so they can be turned in loose
6) Co-ordinating fabric pieces may be put into zip-lock bags and taped shut.

TURNING IN FABRIC

A little extra effort on our part will make the Garage Sale a clean and welcoming environment. You MAY NOT turn in fabric rolls at general meetings of the Guild. DO NOT turn in any loose fabric, it will be thrown out. Honest.

Turn in prepared fabric and other items at Chautauqua Hall in Pacific Grove, at 16th and Central Wednesday, load in day, or Thursday, quilt turn-in day the week of set up. Donations will be stored in the men's room.

You may contact Donna Appleget at 831-324-4316 or Terann Carr at 831-375-7881 if other arrangements need to be made for turning in your items.

Terann Carr
831-375-7881
Donna Appleget
831-324-4316

2021 Raffle Quilt

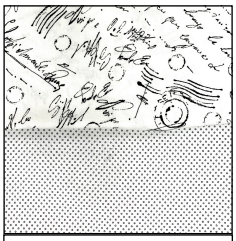
Here's your chance to participate in the Guild's 2021 Raffle Quilt! The idea is an array of Dizzy Geese spinning in circles in all of the colors of the rainbow.

Think **ROYGBIV**. All of this is set on a white background with a small black print. The instructions and foundation papers were available during the January meeting and will again be available at the February meeting, but if you're not able to attend, the instructions and foundation pattern are included at the end of this newsletter.

Please be careful when you make copies of the foundation; the copies need to be made at 100% so that the *finished blocks measure 7" square*.

The blocks are due at the March meeting, but can be mailed to Holly Casey. See address on the instruction sheet.

Holly Casey
holly@hollycaseyquilts.com



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MPQG Membership

Please welcome new member Katie Hamilton of Pacific Grove who attended our February guild meeting and joined that evening. Katie, we look forward to getting to know you!

Linda Branting
brantinglm@me.com
650-703-0531

Block of the Month

NO March Block of the Month.

Bring a block or two of the Dizzy Geese instead for the MPQG 2021 Raffle Quilt project.

Pattern attached to end of this newsletter.

Website Manager Needed

Do You Know HTML? Are you interested in learning?

The Communications Team needs someone to weekly update the MPQG Website. You will be given content to put in the website from the rest of the team. Our website does require some knowledge of HTML.

Marie Faile has done a wonderful job of keeping the website current. She says she will co-manage it with someone for a couple of months if your HTML is rusty. If you have any questions about the job feel free to contact her at failefamily@gmail.com.

If you are interested, please let Sherrill Ash know at quiltersherrill@gmail.com.

Barbara Boyer
BarbBoyer51@gmail.com

Upcoming Workshop

Sunday, May 31 Workshop with Tara Faughnan
Freezer Paper Piecing — Diamonds Quilt

Learn how to create freezer paper foundations for precision piecing. This technique is similar to paper piecing but foundations are reusable and there is no tearing out bits of paper afterwards! We will use the Diamonds quilt to learn the technique and achieve precise points. We will discuss how to apply it to many other patterns. In this class we will also look at the use of value and color to create visually complex quilts from the repetition of a simple block [Tara is known for her creative use of color and placement].

Use solids or prints - although the sample is in solids, it works great in prints!

This is a unique opportunity for our guild. Don't miss out!

Registration is open now!!! Find sign-up form and cancellation policy at mpqg.org/workshops.

Contact Carole Olsen for more info: caroleolsen@gmail.com.

Note: *New workshop policy — Full refund is available ONLY if workshop is canceled or notice of 90 days or more is given. Otherwise, fee is refunded only if class is canceled or the vacancy can be filled.T*

Carole Olsen
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831-375-7881

2020 Raffle Quilt — Simply Elegant

Tickets can be purchased between now and April 5th at:
Back Porch Fabrics
157 Grand Avenue at Central
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Tickets: $1 each, 6 for $5.

Drawing: 3:30 pm, Sunday, April 5, 2020 at the MPQG Quilt Show
Quilts by the Bay — Chautauqua Hall
16th Street at Central, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Winner need not be present to win.

In January, I distributed 24 tickets to each of our members to help us with sales. You can purchase these yourself or sell to friends and neighbors.

Also, if any of you belong to a community organization where we might be able to display our quilt, please let me know. April will be coming very quickly and I want to maximize the exposure of this quilt. Everyone who sees it loves it.

Rita Jacques
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Meet KAREN GONZALES

By Cat T.

Meet KAREN GONZALES | *Karen may be relatively new to the MPQG, but not to guilds in general. She's also a member of the Pajaro Valley Quilt Association, the Pinnacles Quilters of San Benito County, and the South Bay Area Modern Quilt Guild. We met in her charming Sears Kit House in Santa Cruz, over coffee, tea and homemade cookies. Karen calls herself a scrappy quilter, and her to-die-for cookies—white chocolate, cranberry, raisins, and oatmeal—follow suit. A generous gift-bag meant this interviewer drove home to Monterey in a delighted sugar rush. Thank you, Karen!*

Are you a local or a transplant? *I* was born in San Jose. My dad and uncle and my very pregnant mom went to San Jose because that's where the work was. Mom had me, and eight days later they said, 'that's enough of that,' and went back home to Watsonville. I grew up in Watsonville, and have lived in this area all except those eight days.

What non-quilt things keep you busy? I have a degree in information technology, a background in accounting, and I'm two classes from a degree in criminal justice. I used to be an IT manager up at Valley Med, but my last job before retiring was with Newman's Own Organics. I investigated [and resolved] lost, damaged, and stolen shipments. It was a lot of research, and I loved it.

[Now] my husband and I have a small business: we service, repair and sell sewing machines. I walk a few days a week with members of my quilt group: sometimes five miles, sometimes three, sometimes six. And my husband's a photographer so we often go to different, lovely places. I bring my hand sewing and my book and lunch in a pack, and we are gone all day. It's so relaxing. It just empties your brain of any concerns.

Tell me about your sewing room: I call this my idea room and my quilting room. Some days I need to come in here and think. Other days I just need to sew. I love that everything is here: my TV because I need a distraction, and my machine and my cutting and my kitties and my ironing board. And I love the color: you don't want the color of the walls to affect your quilt. This is a very soft, light, happy color, like butter. My frustration is that the room needs to be twice the size, and even then I'd probably need more space.

About every 30 minutes, Apricot or Mr. Parker comes and sits on my stuff so I have to give them attention. And when I cut, I have to be careful because I could take out a tail. My theory is, if the cats don't like a quilt, there's something wrong with it.

And your small quilting groups? One is called Quilt Sisters. We get together for lunch—one person picks the theme, and you bring food based on that—and afterwards we sew. As for the other group, I originally joined the Tangled Threads, which was just for learners. Later we merged with Sew Little Timers, which is one of the oldest groups in PVQA. They helped us: look what wonderful skills we got to borrow from. And we helped them: when we all wanted to go somewhere, the younger ones drove and the older ones could go too. [Even now], I can say, 'I'm getting itchy, I want to go to The Granary,' or 'I have an errand up in San Jose.' As soon as it comes out, someone yells 'shotgun!' Others say, 'oh can we go? We'll have lunch, and go to the quilt shop.' It's so much more fun than going by yourself.

When Sew Little Timers needed a cause, we voted unanimously to sew for kids in Dependency Court. These are kids who aren't with CASA, aren't being represented. When they get adopted they haven't had much help. We make 90-ish quilts a year, and about 200 pillow cases. When the kids go to court, they can pick what they want. It's a little distraction, something pleasant for them.

(Finish reading the article on the MPQG website! and other interviews: here.)

Community Outreach

CQFG Sew-In

The Charity Quilt Friendship Group will meet the 3rd Friday in March, which is the 20th, at my home near Laguna Seca. Bring a lunch and come along. Like last month the plan is to measure and roll fabric for the Garage Sale we have during our annual show. And remember if you see some fabric you like you can take it home with you.

If you are new and need directions just call.

Terann Carr
831-375-7881

Unfinished Charity Quilts

Do you have an unfinished Charity Quilt??

We have done a great job getting our quilts to grateful recipients. Some of us have charity and neonatal quilts that we mean to finish, but can't quite make it happen. We have a group that will happily finish those quilts.

Feel free to call me to let me know you have a quilt that needs work, or just bring it to a meeting. I will gladly match it with a "finisher".

Terann Carr
831-375-7881

Announcement

I will no longer accept fabric donated for our charity projects. My house can't hold any more. Members are using their own stashes to make their donations. I'll be happy to supply you with the guidelines for preparing fabric for the garage sale!

Terann Carr
831-375-7881

2020 MPQG Grant Recipients Selected

The MPQG board awarded eight grants at the January board meeting, happily supporting local folks in their sewing ventures. The recipients are:

- Pacific Grove Middle School
- Seaside High School
- San Carlos School
- Monterey Bay Charter School
- Linscott Charter School
- Ariel Theatrical
- Girl Scout Troop 32140
- and the Guild's own Quilting 101.

All of the grants were between $150 and $250. In addition, the board will donate $250 to the San Jose Quilt Museum. If any members are interested in adding to this Quilt Museum donation, please contact Joan Costello, 831-247-1907.

Thank you to all the members who made the Holiday Program such a fund raising success, making these grants possible.

Joan Costello
831-247-1907

PICK A COLOR

SIZE: 18" by 18" square

SUBJECT: **Pick a color for your quilt!**
Any Color you want!

Use as many shades of that color, but the predominant color must be at least **80%** of the quilt.

When you look at your quilt it must read
the main color you have chosen,
(**blue, pink, yellow, purple, green, etc**. . .)

It can be any style you want: art, favorite block, applique, pieced, collage, embellished. You are in control.

FABRIC: Entirely your choice.

DUE: August 3, 2020 at the MPQG meeting.

Your quilt must have three layers: top, batting & back, a 4" sleeve for hanging, and a label on the back to include:

Your name
Your quilt's name
2020 MPQG Challenge

Quilts will be displayed at:

* August Guild meeting
* 2020 Monterey County Fair
* 2021 MPQG Quilt Show

The Challenge Committee
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February Show & Tell

Jeanne Krener

Phyllis Martin

Sherrill Ash

Sally Miller

Cheryl Murphy

February Show & Tell — cont.

Mary Kay Hamilton

Cheryl Murphy

An McDowell

Elizabeth McGovern

February Block of the Month

MPQG Friendship Groups

These groups are open to all MPQG members. Please contact the member listed below. Or contact me, if you would like an introduction to a group, or if you need help forming a new friendship group.

Marjorie Longo
831-624-8649
frummll@aol.com

Carmel *Tea Timers* Meets **Wednesday** 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Pat Tillson, 831-625-4123 All levels meet to do handwork.	**Carmel** *Out of the Box Quilters* Meets the 2nd and 4th **Thursdays** 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Marjorie Longo, 831-624-8649 All levels meet to sew, discuss, and create.	**Laguna Seca Area** *No Strings Attached* Meets the 3rd **Tuesday** 4pm-6pm Chamisal Bistro - Happy Hour Robles Road Corral De Tierra CA Cec Larsen, 235-0456
Carmel Valley *Cut-Ups* Meets the 1st **Thursday** 12-4pm, St. Dunstan's Church; Liz Rondelle, 831-601-0330 Meets to sew, share mini demos, group challenges, and charity quilts. Large tables available.	**Mid Carmel Valley** *Valley Girls* Meets the 3rd **Thursday** 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Diana Vorne 247-7635 All levels meet for sewing and some group projects.	**Monterey** *Stitch and Dine* Meets the 2nd **Tuesday** 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. Gudny Campbell, 831-372-6369 Sewing and dinner.
Laguna Seca Area *Charity Quilt Friendship Group* Meets the 3rd **Friday** 9:30 a.m. to ?? Terann Carr, 831-375-7881 All welcome to participate.	**Salinas** *Que Sera Sera* Meets every **Monday**, 11-2pm Active Seniors, Inc. Susan Riddoch, 831-449-6315 Focus on embellishments.	**New Monterey** *Friends of Fred* Meets the 3rd **Monday** 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Regina Liske, 831-333-9302

Empty Spools at Asilomar — Classroom Open House

Empty Spools sessions start on February 23. Each session is 6 days long. On the 5th day of each session is an Open House to all Classrooms. We are invited to do this walk about. Classrooms open at 4 PM.

Dates are: February 27, March 19, March 24, April 23, and April 28!

Guild members may attend the evening speakers talks as long as they sit in the back rows.

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Empty Spools Seminars 2020
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Asilomar Conference Grounds · Pacific Grove, California
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Calendar, Road Trips, and Events

Current Exhibits

San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, 520 S. First Street, San Jose, CA. sjquiltmuseum.org
SHIRLEY CUNNINGHAM AND MARIANNE LETTIERI: NEVER ENDING THREAD — Jan 19 - Apr 12
INSIDE OUT: SEEING THROUGH CLOTHING — Jan. 19 - Apr. 12

February 21- April 29

Quilts from the Thomas Contemporary Quilt Collection at Back Porch Fabrics, 157 Grand Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA. backporchfabrics.com

February 22-23

Quilts — History in the Making. Pajaro Valley Quilt Association 2020 Quilt Show. Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, Watsonville, CA. pvqa.org

February 27

Empty Spools — Classroom Walk About. Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, CA. emptyspools

February 28-May 17

Celebrate Monterey in Fabric Art Quilts - Pixel Pals. Alvarado Gallery, Mezzanine, Monterey Conference Center. 1 Portola Plaza, Monterey, CA. Opening Reception February 28, 5:30 -7:00 p.m. alvarado-gallery

March 19

Empty Spools — Classroom Walk About. Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, CA. emptyspools

March 21-22

2020 Voices in Cloth — Extraordinary Quilts by the Bay. Presented by East Bay Heritage Quilters. Craneway Pavilion, 1414 Harbour Way South on the Richmond Waterfront. ebhq.org/quilt-shows/vic2020

March 24

Empty Spools — Classroom Walk About. Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, CA. emptyspools

April 3-5

MPQG Quilts by the Bay. Chautauqua Hall, 176 16th Street (at Central Avenue), Pacific Grove, CA. mpqg.org/quilt-show

April 3-4

Foothill's Quilt Show — Sharing the Joy of Quilting. ARD Regional Park, 3770 Richards Drive, Auburn, CA. foothillquilters.org

April 4-5

Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County Quilt Show. Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord, CA. gqccc.org

May 2-June 30

Celebrate! MPQG Challenge Quilts at Back Porch Fabrics, 157 Grand Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA. backporchfabrics.com

June 27-28

Seven Sisters Quilt Show — Quilts of the Central Coast, a Multi-Guild Regional Show. Alex Madonna Expo Center at the Madonna Inn, San Luis Obispo, CA SevenSistersQuiltShow.org

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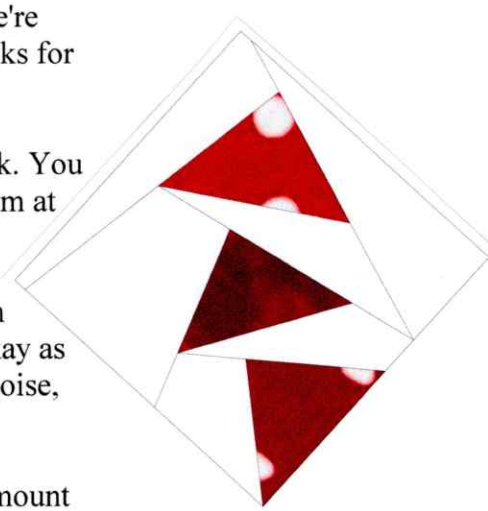
MPQG 2021 Raffle Quilt "Dizzy Geese"

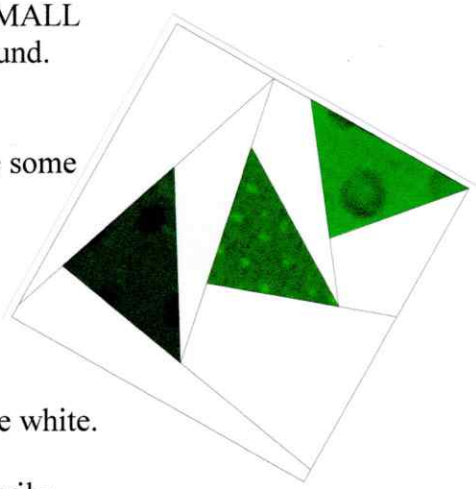
The MPQG Raffle quilt will be a queen size quilt constructed of 7" blocks. When sets of 7" blocks are sewn together in groups of four, they form a ring of Flying Geese. We're using all of the colors of the rainbow to make a bright, happy quilt. I need 192 blocks for the quilt so please consider making more than one block.



Paper Foundation: Please use the provided paper foundation to construct each block. You may make additional photocopies if desired. Just ensure that your copier makes them at 100% of the original size.

Geese Fabrics: Each block has 3 "geese" on it. Please use a different fabric for each geese, BUT THE SAME COLOR. Batiks, prints, tone-on-tone and solids are all okay as long as they read the same color. Think red, orange, gold, yellow, green, teal, turquoise, blue, purple and violet.

Background Fabrics: Please use bright white or natural white fabric with a small amount of black print. Think of the black part of the fabric as a percentage and try to keep the black to a 1-10% coverage of the whole. The fabric should read WHITE with a SMALL amount of black. It's okay to use the same print or different prints for the background. Please avoid colors of cream, ecru, beige, muslin etc.



Cutting: I find it easier to pre-cut my fabrics when paper piecing. This does create some waste, but prevents the inevitable: pieces that are too small!

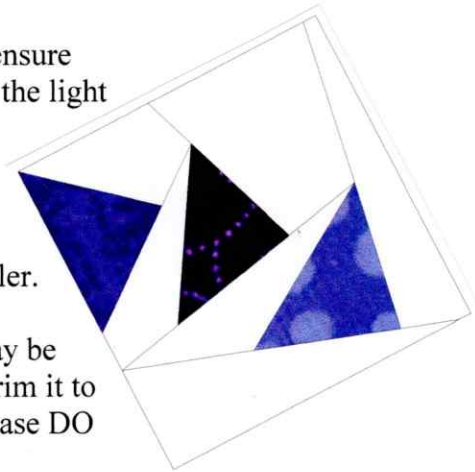
Geese: 5" x 3.5"
Background: 4.5" strip for piece #2, 5, 9
2.5" strip for piece #3, 6, 8

Thread: Please use white thread. A very light gray would be okay if you don't have white.

Stitch length: A short stitch length will make a stronger block and the paper rip easily without distorting the block. 14 to 16 stitches per inch is a good length.

Thread cutter: I use my machine's built-in automatic thread cutter when paper piecing.

Bright Light: I like to paper piece near a big window or bright light. It helps to ensure proper fabric placement for full coverage of each section. I hold the paper up to the light with the fabric in place before stitching.



Press: Either firmly finger press or iron with NO STEAM after each pass.

Ruler: Please trim away the extra fabric after each pass. I use Add-A-Quarter ruler.

Final Trim: Each block measures 7.5 x 7.5" unfinished. The final dotted line may be slightly smaller when the block is done. If you want to trim your block, please trim it to an ACCURATE 7.5" square. You may leave it untrimmed and I will trim it. Please DO NOT remove the paper.

Due date: MPQG meeting on Monday, March 2. Give to me at the meeting or mail them to: Holly Casey 45335 Vista Place, King City, CA 93930 phone: (831) 385-3374

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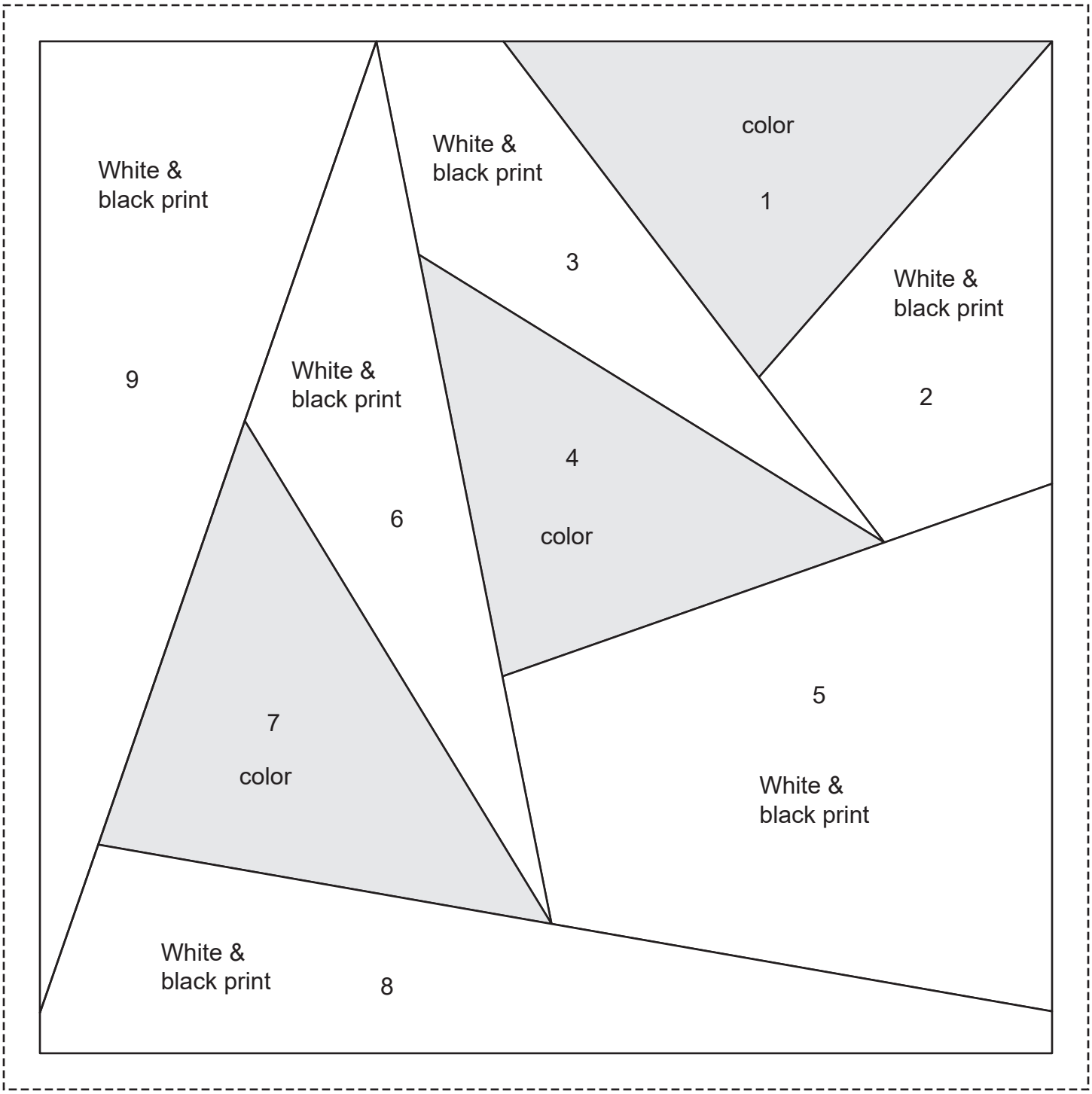

Print at 100%. Check that finished size of block is 7” square.