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General Meeting: Monday, November 5, 2007

6:30 Social hour, Meeting starts @ 7:15 pm

***Back to our old location this month: Pacific Grove
Community Center, 515 Junipero Ave. Pacific Grove, CA***

November 8 Lecture: Tracey Brookshier: A love Affair With Japan

Tracey M. Brookshier is a quilt artist, pattern designer, teacher, lecturer and quilt judge. Her bold contemporary quilts, based on traditional pieced blocks, have been featured in several books and numerous magazines. She has designed many quilts for Lakehouse Dry Goods, P&B Textiles, and Maywood Studios. Tracey has organized six successful international challenges for her guild with quilters from Australia, England, France and Japan.

Tracey holds a BS degree in Chemistry with a professional background in technical writing. She lives in Pacific Grove, California with two teenagers, an energetic dog and a very understanding husband.

Tracey has been quilting seriously for over a decade and her professional experience includes lecturing to guilds, teaching workshops, creating

original quilt patterns, and appearances in many national quilt publications.



Tracey recently organized her sixth international quilt challenge - Transatlantic Challenge II -with Christine Porter. The quilts were shown at the PVQA Quilt Fair in February 2007 and at Back Porch Gallery in Pacific Grove from April to June 2007, before being sent to the UK for several shows.

Upcoming Lectures:

December 3: Holiday Party

January 7 – Joe Cunningham: Musical Quilt Show

February 4 – Liz Berg: Traditional to Art Quilter

Liz started making quilts in 1971. However, she began diverging from traditional quilts to explore color and composition in more abstract works. She now considers herself a fiber artist rather than a quiltmaker, although many pieces still fit the original definition of "quilt", i.e., a top, a middle and a backing all held together with stitching. Using a sewing machine as her pen, Liz has completed "watercolor wash" landscapes. She paints and dyes fabrics, both to sell and to use in her own work, and is exploring all the variations of working on and with fiber.

Workshops: *(See page 7 for enrollment form)*

November 4 – Tracey Brookshier: Japanese Jigsaw

Sunday 10-4 MPC Family & Consumer Science Building

Japanese Jigsaw is a modern adaptation of the classic Japanese "Pine Bark" pattern. It looks complex, but it is actually easy to piece. Using a single template you can make these large and interesting blocks. All quilting levels. Fee includes pattern.

Fat Quarter/Scrap Friendly!

<http://traceybrookshier.com/>



Workshops: (Continued)*(See page 7 for enrollment form)*

February 3- Liz Berg: Design for Art Quilts

Sunday 10-4 MPC Family & Consumer Science Building



Did you see the beautiful quilts Liz Berg created for "Quilting Arts" Spring, 2006 article? She will help us develop designs for abstract art quilts which can be constructed using numerous techniques. We will complete design exercises to unleash our creativity, using magazine and book photographs as a springboard. The elements of design and the principles of design will be discussed. Ideas will develop on paper for a number of designs that can lead to actual art quilts.

March 2 – Rose Hughes: Fast-Piece Appliqué

Sunday 10-4 MPC Family & Consumer Science Building

Fast, furious and fantastic! In just a day together you'll learn the secret of using machine piecing and applique in combination to simplify complicated curves and circles, and get the perfect results you crave in your quilts. But why limit ourselves? Let's also explore how to layer your work with a wide variety of colorful, unique and unusual embellishments – the kind that say YOU in your quilts, your unique signature pieces.



Upcoming Quilt Events

Oct. 16, 2007 – Jan. 6, 2008 San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles Saturn Returns: Back to the Future of Fiber Art Special 30th Anniversary Exhibition

For the first time, the work of thirty of the most influential fiber artists of our time will be presented together in a singular exhibition.

Reflecting the scope of the museum's mission, the work of these thirty artists spans the range of fiber arts; half are quilt artists, while others use tapestry, weaving, embroidery, ikat, beading, and mixed media to create their art.

The exhibit was co-curated by Museum Curator Deborah Corsini and noted contemporary textile art scholar Alice Zrebiec, formerly a textile curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The curators selected up to three pieces from each of thirty nationally and internationally recognized fiber artists to illustrate the range of the artist's work. Signature styles as well as new developments were chosen, the ultimate criteria being quality of design and execution.

MPQG Board of Directors Meeting

The MPQG Board of Directors will meet next at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1490 Mark Thomas Drive, Monterey.

MPQG Board Minutes

Summaries of past board meetings are now available in the "Members Only" section of the Web site.

Nancy Goehring, Secretary

Are you ready?:

Just a reminder about the June quilt show. It is not too soon to start thinking about the quilts you will enter. If you wish, you will be able to have your quilt judged. It is both a fun and educational experience that will give you the feedback you need to grow as a quilter. Bring all your family and friends to the quilt show to see your beautiful work!

The previewing process will begin at the March meeting and one Saturday after. The quilt or garment does not have to be completed by the date of the previews, just promise to have it done by the show. This is an experience you won't want to miss!

Door Prize Report

A big "thank you" to our October door prize donors – 1 ½ yards of October Flower of the Month fabric by Your Hometown Sewing Center, three baskets including Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, 14 fun fat quarters, and a Fall table runner from the "Candlelight Quilters", and a beautiful Felted Wool Pumpkin purse and Acorn pincushions along with Kaffe Fassett fat quarters. by June Cornell and Gail and Mindy.

Our lucky winners for October were Phyllis Michelson, Cheryl Smith, Kristen Sells, Carol Storm and Marie Eubanks. We had Diane Eggleston and Gloria Hatton as the winners of the two November workshops donated by our Program Committee. Congratulations! Thank you for all of the wonderful donations and to all who purchased tickets!

Gail Hoff and Mindy Leliaert

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Opportunity Quilt 2009

The 2009 Raffle quilt is going to be the MPQG rendition of The “Dear Jane Quilt” from 1863. Jane A. Blakely Stickle made the original quilt. Brenda Manges Papadakis found the quilt in a museum in New England and decided to reproduce it. She then wrote a book about her adventures, and the Electric Quilt Company then published a program to accompany their Electric Quilt program. We as a guild are going to do our own version of the quilt. The original quilt was done in all 4 ½ blocks. We are making ours with 4 ½”, 6” and 9” blocks. Our colors will be done in Red, White, and Blue. There are no other requirements. Any red, white or blue fabric will do.

At this point the president, Roberta Brunet, is the chairperson until someone else comes forward. The blocks were distributed at the October meeting, but there are still plenty of blocks that are available to be done. The blocks are out at Your HomeTown Sewing Center in Marina, and will be available at the next meeting. We are asking that all blocks be returned by the January meeting in 2008. There will be over 200 blocks in the completed quilt, so there’s lots of work to be done

Membership Report:

Well, the renewal process is winding down. A BIG THANK YOU! to all renewing members. We’ll be publishing the 2007-2008 directory for distribution at the November meeting and the December Holiday Party. If you are unable to pick up your directory and new membership card we will mail them to you after December 15, 2007. Beginning this year we will also be making the membership list available on the web in the Members Only section.

We’d like to report the results of the survey we conducted on the renewal form about Guild programs. Thank you to the 86 renewing members who responded to the survey. The following table shows the percent of responses for each program. Three items stand out as being very popular with the majority of the survey group: Monthly Speakers and Meetings, the Newsletter, and the Quilt Show. Other programs (Block of the Month, Challenge Quilts) are of interest to smaller numbers of members. The Board will be using these results to guide decision-making for future Guild programs and activities.

Workshop Registration Form

Please sign me up for:

		<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
Nov. 4	Tracey Brookshier Japanese Jigsaw (includes pattern)	\$45.00	\$55.00
Feb. 3	Liz Berg: Creative Exercises Designing an Original Abstract Quilt	\$40.00	\$50.00
Mar. 2	Rose Hughes: Fast-Piece Appliqué	\$40.00	\$50.00

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Make your check payable to MPQG and send to Dee Davis, 1338 Lincoln Ave, Pacific Grove, CA, 93950. Questions? Email workshops@mpqg.org or call Dee @ 831-372-6454.

Please note: Places are secured in all workshops when payment is received. If you need to cancel, please give at least 7 days notice. No refunds will be made unless replacement can be found.

Holiday Party

I can't believe the holidays are around the corner. Again for the holiday party we are going to ask for holiday quilts or wall hanging to be displayed during the party. It was so successful and made the party atmosphere. I would also like to raffle off an older or special quilt or quilts. Please contact Claudia Gano 659-0650.

Stash Diet Request

Has your stash finally gotten to be too unmanageable? Does your spouse absolutely refuse to build you a larger workroom? Have you pawed over that fabulous print one to many times, and it still hasn't made the cut? I can help! Please bring me the stuff that you are just too tired of looking at or doesn't fit your style anymore. I will make sure that it gets turned into something fabulous for a tiny preemie or a critically ill person who needs cheering up and a comforting quilt. Just do it, you'll feel better I promise!

Sally Deykerhoff, Community Liaison

Friendship Quilt Circles

There are five quilt circles formed to enrich friendships within the guild. Some groups make round-robin quilts, work on current projects, or have challenges. It's fun and a great way to get to know more quilters.

Carmel – Tea Time Quilters
Every Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Pat Tillson

Monterey – Friends of Fred
3rd Monday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Regina Liske

Carmel Valley – Valley Girls
3rd Tuesday, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Salinas – Hoopers Quilters Group
1st Thursday, 3rd Monday,
7-9 pm Contact: 422-3496

Monterey – Candlelight Quilters
4th Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
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Wildlife Quilt Exhibit

Invitation to MPQG and Friends – Call for Entries:

You are invited to participate in an exhibit of wildlife quilts at the Museum of Natural History in Pacific Grove CA, to be held from April through June in 2008. The quilts should show wildlife and habitat of the western United States, preferably California as well as local wildlife.

Preferred quilt sizes would be maximum 4'6" x 6' and minimum of 2' x 3', and any size between. They can be pieced, appliquéd, fused, photo montage, etc, hand or machine quilted. The show will be juried but not judged. More information, guidelines, entry forms, etc will be available soon. Questions? Call Regina Liske at 831-333-9302.

A Note from the President:

Fall is here, winter is approaching and it is time to sew and get ready for the holidays. One of the things to consider is doing a block for the Guild's new raffle quilt, which is the Dear Jane pattern. It is still a great "opportunity quilt" in my mind because it is a chance to help your guild by making a block. Also it is an occasion to call an old friend, one who does not come to meetings regularly, take her a block to make, visit and share some memories of past projects. The holidays are a time to see family and friends, who you do not see on a regular basis. Get ready to share the wealth of your knowledge with friends.

Roberta G. Brunet

New books available in the MPQG library:

Paper Piece the Quick-Strip Way

Peggy Martin 2007 (donated by the author)

North Carolina Quilts

edited by Ruth Haislip Roberson 1988 (donated by Irene Blackwelder)

The Fiberarts Book of Wearable Art

Katherine Duncan Aimone 2002

(donated by Gail Abeloe to honor our former member, Caroline Haydon Johnson August 1, 1918 - July 21, 2007)

A Quilter's Wisdom

based on a text by Eliza Calvert Hall 1994

The Quilter's Edge

Darlene Zimmerman 2005

Piecing Workshop

Ruth B. McDowell 2007

Fabric Art Workshop

Susan Stein 2007

Quilts of Virginia 1607-1899

Virginia Consortium of Quilters 2006

Opportunity Quilt Tickets

Opportunity Quilt tickets are available from
Cheryl Smith dacherpwd@gmail.com or 831.484.8010.

