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General Meeting: Monday, October 8, 2007

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

***New Location this Month: Sally Griffith Center/Meals on
Wheels Building, 700 Jewell Ave. Pacific Grove, CA***

October 8 Lecture: Melody Johnson: All Color All the Time

Melody Johnson describes herself as an artist whose medium for the last 24 years has been quilt making. She was a professional dyer for twelve years and formed a company with Laura Wasilowski, called Artfabr!k. In 2002 Melody was able to retire from Artfabr!k in order to spend more time making quilts and teaching her particular approach to color and design.

Melody's quilts have been exhibited in national shows such as, all the Mancuso shows, the American Quilter's Society, the International Quilt Festival in Houston and Chicago, and five times in Visions, and three times in Quilt National. Her major awards include a 1995 AQS Best Wall Quilt and in 1998, the IQA's Pfaff Master of Machine Artistry. She has also participated in exhibits in Japan, Great Britain, the Netherlands, and New Zealand. Her experiences in



Japan and New Zealand have had a major influence on her desire to focus on teaching.

"My attitude is that quilt making should be fun, and if it isn't, why do it? I'm not out to prove I can work harder or achieve some sort of perfection. I want to have a great time making a quilt and have it look like fun when it is finished. I believe that the design is paramount to the technique and whatever it takes to create that piece is the right way to do it."

Upcoming Lectures:

November 5-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.

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)*

October - Melody Johnson: Releasing the Creative Block: An Introduction to Working in a Series

Sat. & Sun. October 6 & 7, 10-4 pm MPC Family & Consumer Sci. Building

Learn to use Melody Johnson's use of small format quilts as a way to experiment with new ideas. You will incorporate fabric collage, strip fusing and hand stitching to make contemporary designs. This quick method will give you an opportunity to freely improvise with color.

An emphasis on easy finishing techniques is included. Learn to use fusing to find endless possibilities for easy construction of shapes and details and open doors of creativity. A \$20 class fabric kit is required.

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

November 4 - Tracy 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.

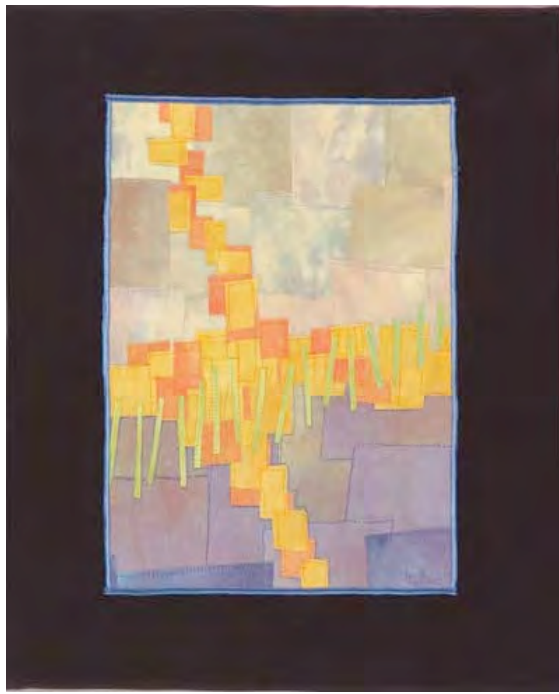
Fat Quarter/Scrap Friendly!

<http://traceybrookshier.com/>



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.

Homecrafter's Marketplace

Once again we have been accepted to participate in the show. Guild members have been working at the show for about two decades. They loved the things that we submitted for rejudging. It is a process that we have to go through every three years. The cost of the booth is \$110.00 this year. That includes the rejudging fee. The fee is divided equally amongst however many people we have participate in the booth. If there are 10 people, your cost would be \$11.00. The event is held on Ocean Avenue, November 17th, from 9:00-3:00. Rain date is Sunday, November 18th. It is always the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The items we have agreed to sell are quilts, wall hangings, table runners, quilted purses, quilt journals, pincushions, scarves, sewing sets, Christmas ornaments, quilted stuffed animals, quilted bowls, & sewing accessories. We would love to have as many join in on the fun as would like to. Call me, June Cornell at 757-1390 or email me at junecornell@yahoo.com or talk to me at the next guild meeting. I will bring a sign-up sheet to October and November guild meetings. This is not a guild sponsored event, but guild members are invited to participate as a networking group. See you in October.

Your needling friend, June Cornell

Upcoming Quilt Events

Oct. 6-7 **Falling Leaves Quilt Show** Lake County Fairgrounds
401 Martin Street Lakeport, CA 707-263-5171

Oct. 7-Nov. 16 **My Adventure in Quiltland**, Quilts by Jackie Mozzini
Reception for Jackie, Sun, Oct 7, 1-3 Back Porch Fabrics 157 Grand
Ave. Pacific Grove, CA Mon-Sat 10-, Sun 12-4 (831) 375-4453

Oct.11-14 **Pacific International Quilt Festival XVI**

Santa Clara Convention Center Santa Clara, California

Over 800 quilts and garments will be on display throughout the Festival's four days. Many of these quilts and garments will be competing for prize monies. The Vendor Mall features over 150 booths offering everything from quilts and garments to all the supplies and equipments used in making them including sewing machines, fabric, threads, accessories, notions and much more.

Upcoming Quilt Events (continued)

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, September 26, 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

2008 Quilt Show Update:

Our 2008 Quilt show will be held June 14 & 15 at the Seaside High School Gymnasiums. There are two adjacent gyms with a total of over 13,000 square feet. There is room for the quilts and vendors to be together.

Marge Abel, 2008 Quilt Show Chair

Missing MPQG Banners

We are missing two vinyl banners. One says "Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild", the other says "Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild Opportunity Quilt." If anyone has any information about these banners please contact Gloria Hatton, 649-3562.

Door Prize Report

The September door prizes were donated by Suzy Campbell and Paulette Logue. The antique Bow Tie quilt top was a big hit with our members who purchased tickets this month. A variety of other items were donated as well. Thank you Suzy and Paulette!

Our president Roberta Brunet will be donating 1-1/2 yards of Northcott Flower of the Month fabric each month. On your Birthday Month we will have a separate drawing for this bundle of fabric. Happy Birthday to Dee Hatcher our Flower of the Month fabric winner. Our other lucky winners were Colleen Green, Dale Agron, Beverly Linders, Jeanne Krener, Sharon Winter and Nancy Goehring.

We still have January, June and July 2008 available for Door Prize donation baskets. Please call or stop by the table to place your name on the list. Thank you.

Gail Hoff and Mindy Leliaert

Opportunity Quilt Tickets

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



2008 Opportunity Quilt

Back Porch Fabrics

***Stop by on the
3rd Saturday of each month
at 10:30 or 2:00 for a
Free Quilt Demo***

157 Grand Ave. at Central
Pacific Grove, California
831-375-4453

Check new class schedules on our website:
<http://www.backporchfabrics.com>



Workshop Registration Form

Please sign me up for:

| | <u>Members</u> | <u>Non-Members</u> |
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| Oct. 6-7 Melody Johnson: Releasing Creative Block Introduction to Working in A Series | \$ 80 | \$100 |
| Nov. 4 Tracey Brookshier Japanese Jigsaw (includes pattern) | \$ 45 | \$ 55 |
| Feb. 3 Liz Berg: Creative Exercises Designing an Original Abstract Quilt | \$ 40 | \$ 50 |

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.

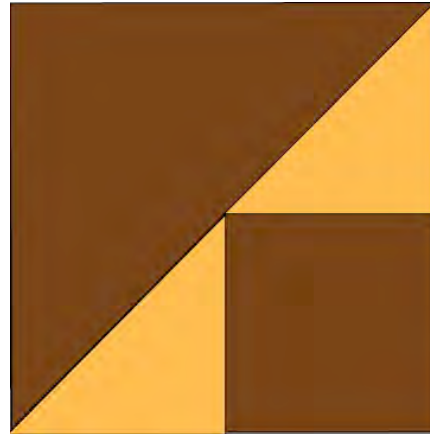
Preferred quilt sizes would be maximum 4'6" x 6' and minimum of 2' x 3', and any size between. They can be pieced, appliquéd, fused, photo montage, etc, hand or machine quilted. The show will be juried but not judged. More information, guidelines, entry forms, etc will be available soon. Questions? Call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

Block of the Month for November: Bird in the Air 10" finished

I recommend paper piecing this block for precision in piecing and size. Paper piecing pattern will be available at October meeting.

Fabrics:

one of cranberry/burgundy, rust, forest green, deep purple, orange, or gold -and- one dark cream, beige or tan fabric; stripes and plaids are especially good.



Cut from dark fabric, one 11" square and one 5" square;
divide 11" square diagonally into two triangles (one extra).
Cut from beige or tan fabric, one light 5-3/4" square;
cut diagonally into two triangles.

Attach one light triangle to each of two adjacent sides of small dark square; attach resulting triangular unit to large dark triangle.
Use scant seam allowance.

Thanks to all who participated in the 2006-2007 Block of the Month - Jane Garrettson, Jen Baumann, Colleen Johnson, Julie Kato, Suzy Campbell, Meri Zaumseill, Delores Tompkins, Barbara Boyens, Dee Davis, Dee Hatcher, Pat Coble, Judy Furman, Kyra ? , Linda Phillips, Debbie Biller, Cheryl Smith, Mary Leakey, Beverly Linders, Chris Raarup, Roberta Brunet, Bert Sisson, Nancy Goehring, Special kudos to top participants Florence Lee, Terrann Carr, and Alice Stoll. Congratulations to the winners; the one thing they had in common was -- they participated!

Thanks also to the Block of the Year participants - Susan Anda, Jen Baumann, Barbara Boyens, Steve Clizbe, Judith Furman, Kathy Garcia, Dee Hatcher, Rita Jacques, Pat Kennedy, Florence Lee, Cheryl Smith (and me). A new Block of the Year exchange is forming. Call me for more information.

Yours, quiltilly, Ann-Lining Smith 831-662-1804