



General Meeting: Monday, December 7th, 2009

Holiday party time: 6:30 p.m.

Pacific Grove Community Center, 515 Junipero Ave., Pacific Grove

FUTURE LECTURES

January 4 Diane Steele
"Group Quilts: Block Exchanges, Round Robin & Challenge Quilts"

February 1 Lynn Koolish
"Confessions of an Eclectic Quilter"

March 1 Jeannette DeNicolis Meyer "The Narrative Thread"

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Sunday, January 31
Lynn Koolish
"Photoshop Elements for Quilters"

Saturday and Sunday, March 20 & 21
Diane Gaudynski "Refining Intermediate Machine Quilting"

Saturday, April 10
Rosemary Eichorn
"Renegade Sewing"

MPQG Holiday Party Dec. 7, 2009

Party Time: 6:30 p.m.

515 Junipero Ave. Pacific Grove



- Bring your holiday spirits and be ready for an evening of sharing friendships and fun.
- Please bring finger foods for refreshments.
- Bring funds to purchase a ticket for a chance to win a basket. Tickets may be purchased for \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Members many win more than one basket.



Balancing within MPQG: One Member's View

We all come to MPQG meetings with a shared enthusiasm for quilts in many different forms; our individuality is evident in the myriad combinations of fabric, color and patterns we use. The guild meeting time is set aside for a duty-free evening of admiration and inspiration for each other and the quilt artists who come to speak.

For many, one Monday evening a month is the most they can set aside for themselves. Volunteering, at least at this stage in their lives, is not an option. Some of us who have been in that position (when our obligations were greater) are happy to pitch in. At a minimum this means having great MPQG lectures and time for Show and Tell!

But how to deliver the remaining MPQG programs is a balancing act each year for the MPQG Board. This year we have 158 current members in MPQG; last year we had more than 200. So there are fewer people to help. It is a given that demand for quilting activities will **always** be greater than available volunteer capacity. (This is not that different from taxing predicaments in just about every municipality.) Volunteers, like tax dollars, are in short supply.

Lisa Bennett, an organizational consultant based in Pacific Grove, cited the Soroptimists during a seminar with the MPQG Board a few years ago. This international women's service organization has some advice about types of people in groups, working together, and how each type of person adds value to the final result:

- There are the people who want to GET THINGS DONE,
- Then the people who want to GET THINGS RIGHT,
- Then the people who want to GET ALONG,
- And finally, the people who want to GET CREDIT.

The "**get things done**" people are very goal-oriented. They provide the motive force, the initiative, the starting of things. More men are usually in this group, but certainly it's not limited to men. The "**get things right**" people can come across as "nay-sayers," but are often trying to make sure the final job/product is not only done, but done well. They ask lots of questions and seem to put the brakes on things up front, but often their caution results in the details being attended to properly with the proper finishing touches. (This second group often frustrates the first group.) The "**get along**" people see to the relationships during the process and can help synthesize different views and find common ground to keep things moving. More women are usually in this

third group. The "**get credit**" people aren't just interested in credit for themselves, but for all who need and deserve recognition for any part they played in getting the project done, and done right. Sometimes we all forget to celebrate accomplishment, so this kind of person is valuable.

This Soroptimist adage is a great description of effective consensus building, and there are direct parallels to the MPQG community. Ideally our program planning and decision-making would have all four perspectives weighing in. Do we? Probably not, because we don't have a sustainable volunteer base to adequately support the range of programs written into our bylaws. So it's realistic for the MPQG Board to move toward downsized program commitments. It's more practical to reduce obligations rather than calling for increasingly reluctant volunteers.

We are a diverse community with many opinions about how to deliver programs. I would argue that MPQG consensus building falls short of what the Soroptimists recommend. Why does this happen? I think it's because MPQG is overcommitted, and that it will remain problematic until we downsize.

Lend a hand, if you can, particularly if you have an interest in assuring the continuance of traditions. If you can't, realize that we are lucky to have such a rewarding combination of activities within MPQG in the present. A non-profit organization depends on the energy and capacity of its volunteers. Volunteer burnout is organizationally self-destructive. Think about it! And thank those who contribute!

Jeanne R. Krener, Communications Coordinator

Membership

The new Membership Directories have arrived and distribution started at the November meeting. Many thanks to Ron and Roberta Brunet for all their help in putting the directory together. If your information is not correct, please email me (mmoraelva@aol.com) with the correct information. All information was taken from the signup sheets for this year. If you want your directory mailed, please send a self addressed 6X9 inch envelope with 3 stamps to 829 Camille Court, Salinas, CA 93905-1109, or have a good friend pick up your directory and deliver it personally to you. Guests at the meeting were Joyce Fowler, Salinas and Carolyn Humphreys, Salinas. New and Renewing members were Victoria Fash, Monterey, Nancy Robertson, Monterey, Andrea Dowdall, Monterey, and Elenora Reed from Fresno. Welcome and we're glad to have all of you join us.

Mary Mora, Membership Coordinator

Door Prize Report

The November Birthday Fat Quarter Bundle (donated by Your Home Town Sewing Center) was won by Terann Carr. Congratulations!

We had a beautiful basket with over 200 charms squares and a book to help the winner use the squares.

This basket was donated by Sherrill Ash, Claudia Saunders and Beverly Schiavoni.

Thank you, ladies. The lucky winner was Judy Marra.

I was given a large number of books from the recent Garage Sale committee. I divided them up into 3 bundles and they were won by Pat Chubbuck, Chris Raarup and Jackie Mazzine.

Please remember to support our guild by purchasing door prize tickets when you can.

Judy Furman, Door Prize Coordinator

Hospitality

It was a great turnout for the Hospitality table! Thank you to Jeannie Kelly, Marilee Kline, Linda Phillips and Sherrill Ash for bringing the goodies. It was evident that so many more brought food too. Those who come directly from their work place really do appreciate the snacks you all bring. Thanks to Pat and Bev too.

For December everyone is to bring something mighty tasty for the holiday Christmas celebration. We look forward to see you all.

Claudia Saunders

Local Quilt shows



Back Porch Fabrics Gallery Show

Ethnic Influences – Rachel Clark & Friends

Come, meet Rachel and her friends
Reception for the artists
Sunday, December 13, 1-3 pm

Gallery Display
December 13 to February 10^t

Community Quilts

If you have checked out the website lately you know that quilts were distributed to the Monterey Peninsula Dialysis Center and CASA. Thanks to Cheryl Smith for taking the pictures and doing such a great job with the website.

I received a nice note from the director of the dialysis center Margaret Blume: "Dear Terann and fellow quilters, Once again, you've outdone yourselves with all the beautiful quilts you've recently donated to our clinic. As I mentioned to Terann, we receive so many heartfelt thank yous from our patients who feel so blessed to receive this gift. It makes coming to dialysis just a little bit easier, and it is such a lovely way to feel supported by the community. Thanks again for allowing us to be the lucky recipients of you fantastic creative work!! With Gratitude, Margaret"

Also, remember our tradition at the Christmas party is to give out a good number of neonatal quilts, so if you have one or two to finish, please bring them to the meeting/party on December 7th.

Terann Carr 375-7881

Grant information

Quilters: a quick reminder that all grant applications are due by no later than December 31st. I will have some available at the Christmas Party and would be happy to mail them. Contact me at 831-394-4628 or email me at stellalepine@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you Stella LePine

Workshop Questionnaire??

Did you take a minute to fill out the Workshop Questionnaire from the November Newsletter? Misplaced it? No problem -- we've extended the deadline to December 15. Please, go to page 11 at http://www.mpgg.org/newsletters/MPQG2009_PINES/pines2009Nov.pdf to print out another copy. And, thanks from your Program Committee.

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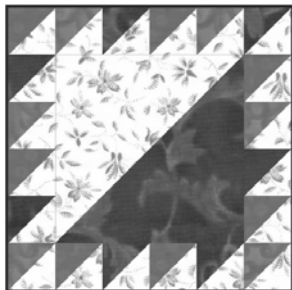
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**QUILT SHOW COMING UP— JUNE 12 & 13, 2010
COME JOIN THE MOST EXCITING EVENT THE GUILD DOES**

CONSIDER SHARING A POSITION WITH SOMEONE ELSE

The Judging Committee chair position is shared between three people—when someone is on vacation then someone else fills in—works great. Every position has a binder explaining the job—no experience required!

MINIMAL MEETINGS!

There are only two meetings (for everyone) before the quilt show, each lasting about 2 hours; one in late January or early February, and one in May at Seaside High. In July we have a very fun pot-luck lunch and follow-up meeting.

**THE RECRUITING OF VOLUNTEERS WILL BE GREATLY SIMPLIFIED
WITH A NEW ONLINE SYSTEM**

WE WILL BE ENDING THE SHOW AT 4 P.M. ON SUNDAY

Two-thirds of the 29 positions are filled—here are the remaining open quilt show coordinator and committee positions.

TWO JOBS WHERE EVERYTHING IS DONE BEFORE THE SHOW—

DATA ENTRY

Arrange for and coordinate the data entry done during the quilt preview sessions (worked great last time), then print out the reports using the Access database.

PROGRAMS

Design and print up the show program. Solicit for advertisers if there is room on the program sheet.

AND THE REST OF THE GOODIES—

WHITE GLOVES

Helps recruit and coordinate the volunteers who assist people with viewing the quilts. Coordinates with the Security people to provide variety in the job and in sitting/standing options.

SECURITY

Helps recruit and coordinate the volunteers who sit near the doors during the show and also arrange for people to stay overnight. At the last show, people enjoyed swapping back and forth with the White Glove people for variety and chances to sit vs. standing.

SIGNS

The signs chair needs someone early (5:30!) Friday morning to set up the directional street signage for the quilters bringing in their quilts.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Makes arrangements for demonstrations during quilt show. The schedule on Saturday can be repeated on Sunday. Part of the job is already done—Gudny Campbell will be our Featured Artist and has agreed to do a couple of demos.

TRANSPORTATION

On Wednesday evening before the show, with assistants, loads up a rental truck with the quilt show supplies in storage and delivers them to Seaside. On Sunday (we will be ending the show at 4 p.m. instead of 5 p.m.) reverses the process.

GARAGE SALE

The garage sale will be kept down to only **one-third** of the size of the last show in order to help build a long-term relationship with the vendors while we are rebuilding our attendance numbers. Folding of fabric is **optional**.

SET UP COORDINATOR






















Helps recruit committee chairs, makes sure activities are on track and helps to solve problems for the following committees: Transportation, Quilt Reception & Return (has chair), Hanging & Dismantling (has chair), and Signs (has chair).

MARKETING & ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

Helps recruit committee chairs, makes sure activities are on track and helps to solve problems for the following committees: Publicity (has chair), Vendors (has chair), Special Events, Garage Sale, Silent Auction (has chair), and Boutique (has chair).

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

This was a new position at the last show and it proved to be a winner. The job will be greatly simplified with an online system (Google) where the committee sign-up sheets are available to all committee chairs to see *and* update. Arranges for volunteer sign-ups at the quilt previews (March) and at the May and June guild meetings which should fill almost all of the time slots. Potential volunteers contact you to find out what jobs and time slots are available to be filled. Will probably involve some phone calling shortly before the show to fill in any empty time slots. Then the coordinator assists with volunteer questions and cruises the show, helping out where needed (not required to be there all the time).

Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild Workshop Reservation				Members	Non-Members
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	January 31*	Lynn Koolish	<i>Photoshop Elements for Quilters</i> <i>Wait List Only</i>	\$40.00 \$10**	\$50.00 \$10**
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday & Sunday	March 20 & 21	Diane *** Gaudynski	<i>Refining Intermediate Machine Quilting</i>	\$80.00	\$100.00
Name					
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<p>* Note Location Change to Carmel Foundation ** Plus Lab Fee payable in class ***PLEASE NOTE: Diane is allergic to scents, perfumes and chemicals.</p>					
                    					
For your records:	You are registered for: <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, January 31. <i>Photoshop Elements for Quilters</i> with Lynn Koolish <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday & Sunday, March 20 & 21. <i>Refining Intermediate Machine Quilting</i> with Diane Gaudynski				
Send to:	Make check payable to MPQG. Send to: Workshop Registration, MPQG, PO Box 1025, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.				
Questions	workshops10@mpqg.org or call Kathy Miller at 831-649-1895.				
Time:	Doors open at 9:40 a.m. Workshop is 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.				
Note:	Reservations are secured when payment is received. To cancel and receive a refund, cancellation must be made at least 7 days in advance. PLEASE NOTE: Diane is allergic to scents, perfumes and chemicals.				
Supply Lists:	Go to www.mpqg.org/text/workshops.html to print a copy. To request a supply list, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the MGQG address above. Back Porch Fabrics in Pacific Grove, Beverly's in Salinas and Seaside, and Your Hometown Sewing Center in Marina may have a supply list.				
Jan 31 Location:	Carmel Foundation, SE corner of 8th & Lincoln St, Carmel, CA 93923. (Note change) . Parking: Allow time to park south of 8th in the residential areas. North of 8 th there are parking time limits. There are 2 handicapped parking spaces in front of the building. Directions: From Highway 1, take Ocean Avenue west to Lincoln. Turn left onto Lincoln, proceed to 8th Street (two blocks).				
March 20 & 21 Location:	Monterey Peninsula College Family and Consumer Science Building, Monterey, CA. For map and directions, go to: http://www.mpc.edu/information/Pages/CampusMap.aspx				
Food:	No refrigerator is available at Carmel Foundation. A refrigerator is available at MPC. Plan on bringing your lunch, snacks, and beverages.				

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Pacific Grove Community Center, Pacific Grove, CA 93950**

Meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month at 7:15 p.m. **Please check the front page for any schedule or location changes.** Many members arrive at 6:30 p.m. for an informal social time.

Board Meetings: Next Board meeting to be held Jan., 12th 2010.

Membership New members are always welcome. Initial dues are \$40.00. Renewals are \$35.00 due by August 31 of each year in order to be in the current directory. You are delinquent after September 30 and must pay \$40.00 to renew.

Guests are welcome at general meetings. A \$3.00 fee is charged for entry and participation.

Newsletter Articles for the newsletter are due by 8 p.m. on the 15th of the prior month. Please send all items directly in an email to me at janet.borchardt@sbcglobal.net

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