



Pines & Needles
Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild
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General Meeting: **Monday, June 1st**

Refreshments/Committees 6:30 p.m., Lecture 7:15 p.m.

Pacific Grove Community Center, 515 Junipero Ave, Pacific Grove

Monday, June 1th



FUTURE LECTURE

July 6th

Andi Perejda

“Quilting designs-Styles &
Textures Trunk Show

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Saturday & Sunday,

May 30,31

Gwen Marston

Liberated Baskets

June Meeting: Gwen Marston, ***“Abstract Quilts in Solids”***

Google the name Gwen Marston and among the over 26,000 hits you’ll find that some quilters also find time to be bloggers. (def. “Blog, a website on which an individual or group of users produces an ongoing narrative”) These quilters are unabashed fans of Gwen and her “Liberated Quiltmaking”. Adjectives abound while singing praises of her infectious energy and positive attitude.

As our featured speaker and workshop presenter for June, Gwen will show us how to liberate our quilting while educating us on some of the historical perspectives she finds so valuable in her quiltmaking. As a professional quiltmaker, teacher and author she has had 19 solo exhibits and participated in many group shows. She maintains a busy teaching and lecture schedule both nationally and internationally. For the past 24 years she has conducted quilt retreats on Beaver Island, Michigan, her year round home. She was a regular columnist for *Ladies Circle Patchwork Quilts* for 12 consecutive years and has written 21 books.

Her newest book, ***Ideas and Inspirations Abstract Quilts in Solids***, is designed for quilters who are seeking ideas and inspiration for their own work. Also hot off the press is another book with Freddy Moran, ***Freddy and Gwen Collaborate Again***. Busy with teaching, writing, traveling and making quilts Gwen says on her website “Life is good in the quilt world!

President's message

Dear Members of the Monterey Peninsula Quilt Guild

June is here and summer is upon us. This means much to us in the Guild. June means graduation time and we all have Children, Grandchildren, maybe even Great Grandchildren who are getting ready to graduate. Some are graduating from grade school, high school or others from college or even graduate school. So we as quilters are busy sewing to get those promised quilts finished. Myself, I have a niece and a nephew who are both graduating from college, and two quilts to finish.

June is also the wedding month, so some may have quilts to finish for brides and grooms. We are all busy sewing. In other years, June is the quilt show month so we would be busy sewing to show what we have toiled over for the last year or two (or three).

June is also the time to get raffle tickets for our opportunity quilt sold so that the guild can continue with the work it does. In the off year of the quilt show, we have to work harder to sell tickets to make up for the money not brought in from the quilt show. I have just spent the weekend at the Castroville Artichoke Festival displaying the quilt and selling tickets. It was an entirely different audience than we get at quilts shows. We got lots of oohs and aahs and sold a fair number of tickets. So my challenge to you is get out and sell the tickets you were given and get more. We all made the quilt and now all need to raise the money to support our Guild.

Let's make June a time to reinvigorate the Guild with new members and new members on the board. This year I need to be replaced as well as the second vice president, communication coordinator and program coordinator. The ladies who are behind the raffle table, Mindy and Gayle have done a great job for the last couple of years and have decided to step down and let someone else do this particular job. Out there is someone who is just dying to sell tickets and help do the monthly door prizes. Remember, you don't need to be the person supplying the prizes, just present them to the members. (Unless, you have a houseful of "Stuff" and need a place for it to go.) If no one volunteers to do this particular job, the board has decided to just drop the activity until someone is ready to fill the position.

So SEW, Sew, sew, SELL, Sell, sell and VOLUNTEER.

Roberta Brunet

President, Monterey Peninsula Quilt Guild

Community Liaison

The National Charity League is asking that volunteers from our guild attend and help with their Philanthropy day on October 4th. The event is going to be held at All Saints School in Carmel Valley. They want to complete small quilts that they are intending to donate to us so that we may donate them to the neo-natal units at CHOMP and Natividad. We have attended in the past and it is a worthwhile event. If you enjoy being around young women and teaching quilting, try and make time for this event. Our contact person there is Margaret Scattini. The time is after lunch October 4 at All Saints School in Carmel Valley. Bring your basic sewing stuff and your machine and extension cord. They have their own fabrics.

Thanks,
Sally Deykerhoff

2009-11 MPQG Officer Recruitment

MPQG President Roberta Brunet, 2nd Vice President Jeanne Krener, Community Outreach Coordinator Sally Deykerhoff and Program Coordinator Carol Catalano will each have completed their two-year terms by the end of August 2009. Communications Coordinator Janet Borchardt will have completed her one year term at the same time. We appreciate the contributions each of these members has made as MPQG Board members.

We are now looking for willing volunteers to replace these five voting MPQG board positions. The new terms begin September 1, but we welcome the opportunity to have some cross-training and overlap as responsibilities are transitioned. Each of these roles helps assure the quality and continuity of MPQG lectures, workshops and outreach programs.

Job descriptions for every Board member can be found on the MPQG website. Each position also has a briefing notebook. There also will be a half day orientation and planning workshop for the whole MPQG Board and interested MPQG members in September. There are eight to ten Board meetings each year lasting between 60 to 90 minutes.

Our goal is to have the Board membership alternate so that there is a mixture of new and returning members. This limits volunteer 'burnout' and keeps the Board apprised of membership priorities. Joining these four incoming appointees will be returning MPQG Board members: 1st Vice President Stella LePine, Secretary Sue Michelson, Treasurer Lauren O'Neill, Activities Coordinator Alicia Lafferty, Fundraising Coordinator Sharon Coniglio and Membership Coordinator Mary Mora.

Inquiries, suggestions and proposals can be directed to any MPQG Board member and/or to Jeanne Krener at 648-1414/ or email to jeanne.krener@yahoo.com.
Jeanne Krener

Hospitality

Good job Gals for the goodies for the guild meeting! Everyone enjoys the treats you all bring. A huge thank you to Cindy Brown, Suzy Campbell, Diane Di Girolamo, Claudia Gano, Patty Kennedy, Yo Matsuda, (she was the only one who signed up for fruit!), Linda Phillips, Taffra Purusley, Debra Rubin, (yea, Deb, for the 'Curry Cheese Thing!'), and Delores Tompkins.

Speaking of " the only one", there were only 6 who signed up for goodies for next month. Only one signed up for the most popular, that being the dessert! The Hospitality table will look mighty slim unless someone calls me to volunteer to bring something! My phone number is 484-5925. Please sign up on the clip board that is passed around at the beginning of each meeting. Thanks so much!

Claudia Saunders

Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on **June 9th** at 6:30 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1490 Mark Thomas Dr. Monterey, CA

Door Prize report

Thank you to Sally Deykerhoff and Dale Agron for their generous Door Prize raffle donations in May. Sally donated a nice bottle of white wine with 2 cans of mixed nuts in a cute green basket, and Dale donated a heart shaped scrap basket with box of chocolates. We added some goodies from our stash which included a picture with vintage templates, 2 books (Circle Play & Thinking Outside the Block) and a small vintage Crazy Quilt. Congrats to Marianne Tatum and Wendy Reyes our lucky winners. Also Yo Matsuda was our Dear Jane panel and fat quarter winner for her May Birthday, thanks to Your Hometown Sewing Center's donation. Thanks to all of you who so generously support the Raffle each month!

Your Co-Chairs,
Gail Hoff & Mindy Leliaert

Quilt Show 2010

Quilt Show 2010 is set for an encore performance at Seaside High on the second weekend in June 2010 (June 12 - 13). Let's make it another wonderful show with lots of quilts and wearable art!

Marge Abel, 2010 Quilt Show Chair

Membership

New members joining the guild in May were JoAnne Coss of Pebble Beach, Holly Casey of King City, and Teresa Heyerdahl of Carmel Valley. Welcome to each of you. Special guests of Hazel Anderson at the meeting were Sharon Snyder of Enfield, CT and Donna Chase of Gwinn, MI.

Winner of the nametag drawing was Donna Shaffer.

If you are not receiving your newsletter or your address has changed. Please email or come by the membership table at the guild meeting. My email is mmoraelva@aol.com. On the email subject line please put address or info change. Thanks.

Mary Mora
Membership Chairman

Get your quilts ready! The FAIR is coming!!!

The Monterey County Fair begins on August 12th and runs through August 16th. Besides quilting, there many fun categories that you can enter. Just about every hobby is represented, so if your quilt isn't going to be finished, perhaps you'd like to enter a scrapbooking page, your favorite cookies or a themed table setting. The cost to enter is nominal (usually only \$1 per entry) and it's fun to see your handiwork on display for the whole county to see!

Go to the following website to check out the entry book, rules and categories.

http://www.montereycountyfair.com/fair/entry_book.php

I hope to have a few guidebooks at the June meeting, but they recommend you use the internet to reduce the paper. The deadline to enter clothing and textiles by mail is July 10th, online entries are due by July 20th. Quilts are due at the fairgrounds on August 1st.

Don't forget to put a 4" sleeve on the back of your quilts!

Teri Cotham
2009 Fair Coordinator

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Kathleen's Playhouse

Quilts by Kathleen & Kevin Crittenden
June 14 – August 5

Reception for the artists
Sunday, June 14, 1-3 pm

Back Porch Fabrics and Quilt Gallery
157 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove

MINI-Garage Sale

To be held at the August 3rd meeting along with the Community Outreach program

- Ø Please donate items for the mini-garage sale.
- Ø Bring them to the August meeting ready for sale.
- Ø If you can't come to the meeting, please find someone who can bring them to the meeting.
- Ø There will be tables for books, patterns, and fabric.

Please identify the number of yards on the fabric piece for the per yard fabric.

There will be two sign up sheets at the June and July meetings.

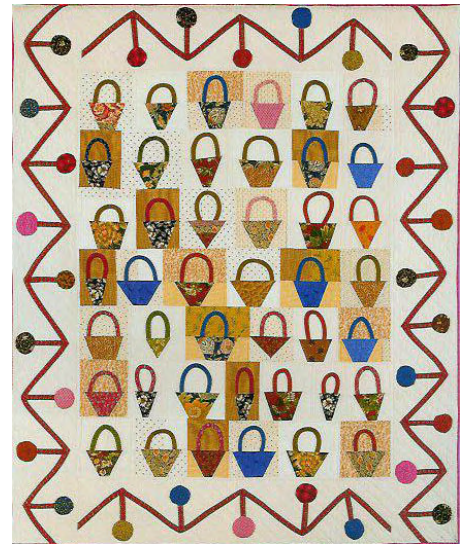
- Ø Please sign up for items that you will be bringing.
- Ø Sign up to be a mini-garage sale helper during the meeting.

So...check your books, patterns, and fabrics to see if they will be ideal for donations to the Guild!!

- Ø Be ready to purchase:
 - Book soft back @ \$1.0
 - Book hard back @ \$2.00
 - Quilt scraps per bag @ \$1.00
 - Quilt fabric per yard @ \$1.00
 - Quilt fat quarters @ 50 cents
 - Pattern (quilt and wearable art) @ 50 cents

May 30-31 Gwen Marston - Liberated Baskets

Illustrated with Gwen's quilts, students in this class will learn to make several different Liberated Baskets using Gwen's "easy-as-pie and always charming" methods. Good for beginning or advanced, traditional or art quilter. Quilters will leave class with a quilt top in tow. Learn Gwen's easy as pie techniques for making knock-out quilts. This two day class will give Gwen time to teach and you to make many variations on the basket theme. On the second day, if students are interested, she will teach her star-making techniques.

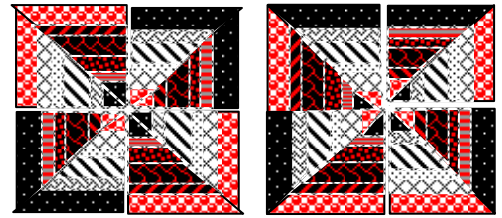


Future Workshops

Save time for two wonderful teachers in the Fall. In October we will have the wonderful Freddy Moran back with us for a great class. We have reserved colorist Christine Barnes for our November workshop.

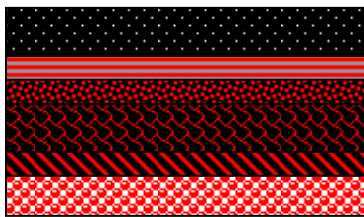
<i>Please sign me up for:</i>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
May 30,31 Gwen Marston Liberated Baskets	\$ 80.00	\$100.00
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Make your check payable to MPQG and send to Dee Davis, 1338 Lincoln Ave., Pacific Grove, 93950 Questions? Email workshops@mpqg.org 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.		

Stripey Pinwheel
 Block of the Month
 July, 2009

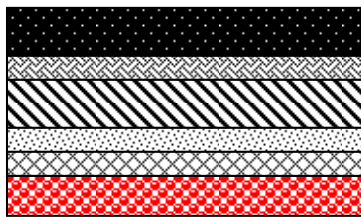


This pattern was developed originally as Stripey Square by Teri Cotham for the September, 2005, Block of the Month. Recently several of us got together to make a group quilt using her pattern and we realized it also makes a pretty cool Stripey *Pinwheel*. Teri has graciously given permission for me to alter her pattern for this month's BOM. Have fun!

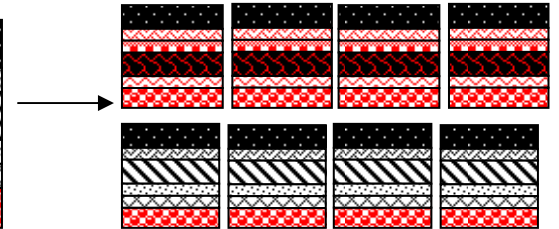
1. Prepare Strip Sets: This process will make two 12-1/2" (unfinished) blocks. You will find it interesting to use many different fabrics. For this BOM let's use red, black/grey and white. Make two different strip sets (*Strip Set 1 and Strip Set 2*) but notice that the top and bottom strips are the same fabrics for both sets – this is important. The sets should be at least 29" wide and exactly 6-7/8" high. From each of the two strip sets, cut four (4) 6-7/8" squares.



Strip Set 1

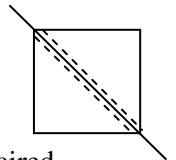


Strip Set 2



2. Right sides together, place and pin together one 6-7/8" square from Strip Set 1 and one 6-7/8" square from Strip Set 2 so that the strips are parallel.

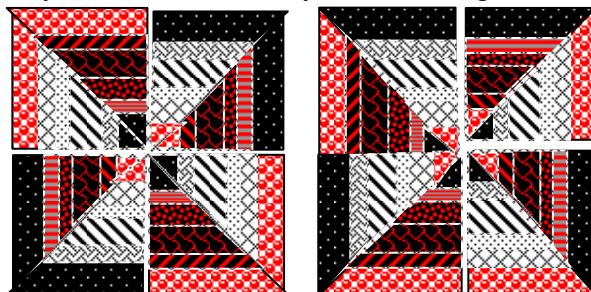
Tip: Because of all the seams, it might be difficult to sew a nice, even 1/4" seam along the diagonal of the paired squares. To make it easier, cut a 1-1/4" x 10-1/4" strip of freezer paper or tear-away/iron-on stabilizer; draw a straight line lengthwise down the middle. Press it onto the paired squares with the drawn line matched from one corner diagonally to the opposite corner as shown in the diagram, and then sew 1/4" away from both sides of the drawn line. Cut the squares on the drawn diagonal line. Remove the paper, and press the seams as you wish. Voila! You've made two half-triangle squares!



3. Repeat Step 2 three more times using the remaining squares. You will have made eight half-triangle squares. Each should measure 6-1/2" square.



4. Using four of these squares to make your 12-1/2" block, you can arrange them as follows (Can you think of any other ways?)



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

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 Monthly meetings are held at 6:30 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on June 9th at 6:30 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1490 Mark Thomas Dr. Monterey, CA.

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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