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NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA QUILTERS GUILD

JANUARY 2022

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ZOOM Meeting

Mon, Jan. 3, 2022

6:30 PM via ZOOM

David Sirota

Quilt While You Are Ahead

A safe link will be emailed to you prior to the meeting.

Meetings start promptly at the designated time. Please sign in at least 5 minutes before the start of the meeting.

ZOOM Meeting

Monday, January 3, 2022 — 6:30 PM

David Sirota

Quilt While You Are Ahead



"It all started because I needed kitchen curtains and decided to make them myself. But that's a whole other story.

I have been quilting since the late 1990s after my friend Amy Fitzpatrick taught me the basics of quilting. And I thank "Simply Quilts" for all of the information and instruction that Alex Anderson and her guests provided. It felt like I was going to quilting school, and I tried not to miss a class.

In this lecture, we are together for a fun-filled, interactive look at quilters and the little quirks, passions and obsessions we all share. Let's hold a mirror up to ourselves and see what others see. Only this time, it's within the context of Quilting Classes.

That's right, we're gonna laugh at who we are in class, this instructor included. Are we the same kind of student in quilting classes as we were in school? I know I am.

Let's take a look at why we like classes and are quilting so much these days." David Sirota – www.quiltmavendave.com

Kathrin Brown, Programs
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MPQG Calendar

January 3 @ 6:30 PM

General Meeting **Zoom**

Speaker: **David Sirota** – Quilt While You Are Ahead

January 17 @ 6:30 PM

Mid-Month Meeting **Zoom**

Member Show & Tell

January 31 @ 5:30 PM

Board Meeting **Zoom**

February 5 @ 9:30 AM-3:30 PM

Workshop: **David Sirota** **Zoom**

February 7 @ 6:30 PM

General Meeting **Zoom**

Speaker: **Sheila Frampton Cooper** – Spontaneous Creations and Inspirations

February 28 @ 5:30 PM

Board Meeting **Zoom**

March 5 & 12

@ 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Workshop: **Sheila Frampton Cooper** **Zoom**

March 7 @ 6:30 PM

General Meeting **Zoom**

Speaker: **Deborah Fell**

The Thread That Runs Through It

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President's Letter – January 2022



Happy New Year! MPQG begins 2022 with 180 members!

Our members have created a diverse community united through our interest in a complex, open-ended pursuit that challenges and rewards us on many levels. Since attending my first guild meeting seven years ago, I've learned that quilters not only have inquiring minds always searching for new materials and techniques to express their creativity, but also that they are generous with their time and talent, often eager to share what they know. What an admirable, nurturing group! And one of the foremost benefits of MPQG membership is access to this welcoming community.

How many of our 180 members do you know? Wouldn't you love to know more? With limited in-person contact it hasn't been quite as easy to meet new quilting friends, but here's a thought: check out our Member Directory and call someone you don't know. Hunt for someone near you or someone you maybe met once and you thought seemed interesting...and then life happened. If you live far from Monterey, join our Beyond Borders Zoom group. And if you're still undecided whom to call, try the first person listed after you in the directory you don't already know and wish her a happy new year...and maybe ask what she's working on these days. Who knows where that might lead.

This month we help members to meet members by resuming interviews. And, best of all, we've decided to share the fun. To begin, we're looking for long time members to interview—members who would like to tell us a little about their own quilting history as well as their involvement with MPQG through the years. Is that you? Or is there someone you'd like to interview? Let me know. We're looking forward to hearing from you—interviewers and interviewees. You will help strengthen our connections within our guild, not only as quilting individuals but also as the stellar organization we have built. Thank you for keeping our community strong and vibrant as we head into 2022.

Linda Branting
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Vice President's Message

Thanks to the successful online auction, we have adequate funds to award grants to Monterey Bay Charter School, Pacific Grove Middle School, National Charity League, Seaside High School, San Carlos School, and Catherine Reinhart creator of The Collective Mending Sessions. We are also donating to the San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles as MPQG does every year.

At the time of this writing, groups still have time to apply for a grant so the final list and amounts will be in the next newsletter.

The requests range from purchasing fabric to sharpening scissors and it's a wonderful thing that we can support local schools and organizations as they join us to preserve the heritage of quilting and working with textiles.

Joan Costello
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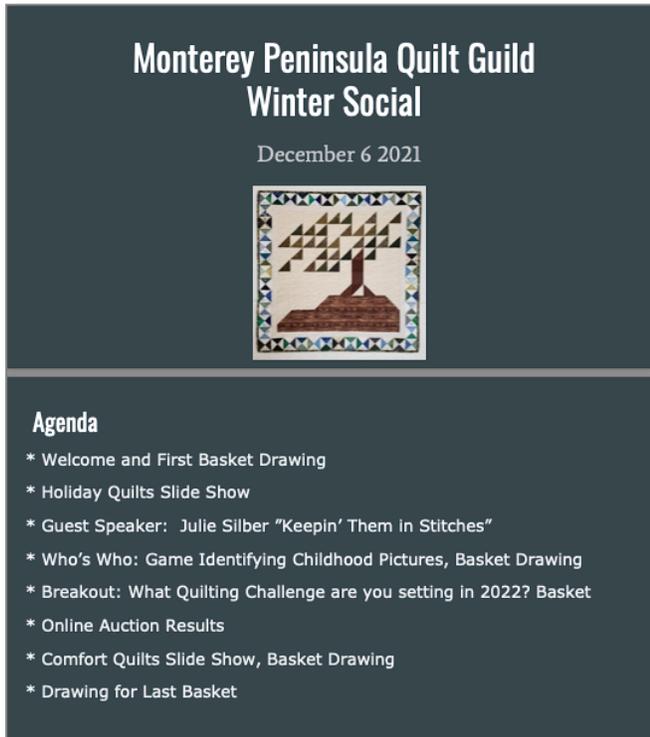
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What a wonderful Holiday Party we had! Thank you to everyone who contributed to our merriment by sending pictures of your cherished holiday quilts and your young selves. Susan, Joan and Charlie added to the fun. And a shout out to Kathrin who negotiated our delightful talk by Julie Silber. Who would make a quilt of just skunks??? But mostly, thank you to each and everyone of you who brought your best holiday spirit to the party.

Congratulations to our basket winners! And a huge thank you to the generous members who created amazing baskets. Each was packed with quilt supplies that winners will surely transform into future Show and Tell creations.

1. Wordy Quilts donated by Colleen Johnson and Jeanne Krener, won by Mary Kay Hamilton
2. Southwest Surprises donated by our fabulous board won by Patty Kennedy
3. Cozy Quilter Christmas donated by Tracey Gates and won by Colleen Johnson
4. A Starry Prize donated by the Out of the Box Quilters and won by a very happy Susan Riddoch
5. Colorful Creations donated by Soup and Bread and won by Donna Foote.



Monterey Peninsula Quilt Guild
Winter Social
December 6 2021



Agenda

- * Welcome and First Basket Drawing
- * Holiday Quilts Slide Show
- * Guest Speaker: Julie Silber "Keepin' Them in Stitches"
- * Who's Who: Game Identifying Childhood Pictures, Basket Drawing
- * Breakout: What Quilting Challenge are you setting in 2022? Basket
- * Online Auction Results
- * Comfort Quilts Slide Show, Basket Drawing
- * Drawing for Last Basket

Hopefully, next year the party will be in person. But the benefit of Zoom is that if you want to see the slide shows of Holiday and Comfort quilts as well as little quilters-to-be.

<= [Check it out here.](#)

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Barbara Boyer



Susan Riddoch

Back Porch Fabrics Update

We're almost ready! Just waiting for the phone to be hooked up before opening the door.

We can't wait to see you at our new location!

Back Porch Fabrics
218 Grand Avenue in Pacific Grove.

Gail and the Back Porch staff

Member Profile – Jeanne Mills

By Joan Costello

Recently, members of the board discussed interviewing some of our long term guild quilters and I jumped on the chance to hang out with Jeanne Mills.

I met with Jeanne in her beautiful Victorian home with sunlight streaming in the windows, highlighting her wonderful collection of quilts on display. Her own creations are in every room, interspersed with collected works of well-known quilters.

Over tea, we discussed the beginnings of the Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild in 1979. It all began when Jeanne and Wendy Howe invited several quilting friends to a meeting at their quilt shop, “The Wild Goose Chase”. Jeanne was already teaching some quilting classes at the store and it was a gathering place for quilters. With advice from Joyce Gross, an editor, publisher, researcher, and the founder of “Quilters Journal”, they created MPQG. The quilters in attendance each took a board position and Jeanne ended up being the first president of our guild. She said it was the only position left, but I suspect there’s more to it than that. With the Heritage Society of Pacific Grove, the Guild began an annual quilt show in Chautauqua Hall.



Jeanne’s life has been filled with quilting, travel, and teaching. While living in France, she gathered a group of French women to introduce them to American quilting. These meetings formed some of Jeanne’s fondest quilting memories. They loved hexis!

Moving back to the states, Jeanne and her family settled on the Peninsula. Jeanne volunteered at her children’s school, teaching cooking and sewing to a small group of girls.

When asked if she prefers quilting alone or in groups, Jeanne replied that she has loved it all! “And I get these ideas...”, she said. One was a guild birthday celebration with quilting in Jeanne’s front yard. Several quilt frames were set up and a number of quilters participated. Luckily, the weather cooperated. Another of those “ideas” began two plus decades of textile and art focused tours of France, as well as Japan, England, and Ireland. The traveling was put on hold during the pandemic but Jeanne hopes to continue traveling.

Jeanne’s most recent quilt is an applique with Kaffe Fassett fabrics called Victorian Vignettes, pictured below. Like so many quilters, Jeanne has a wonderfully cozy spot upstairs where she does that lovely handwork.

Joan Costello

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Victorian Vignettes

February Workshop – Zoom

Storm at Sea in 2 or 3 Colors “No More Tears Paper Piecing”

David Sirota – quiltmavendave.com

February 5, 2022

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

If you are an experienced paper piecer or new, this class will teach you David Sirota’s method “No More Tears Paper Piecing”© . It is easy to understand and takes half the time of the old way of paper piecing.

His goal is to take the anxiety out of paper piecing and replace it with the joy of the process. Paper piecing is now fun, easy and quick.

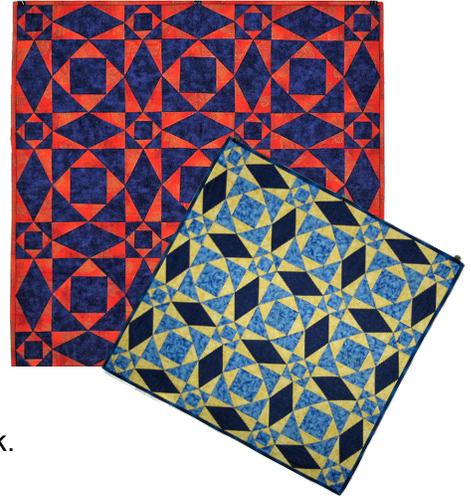
Don't believe me? Take the class and find out for yourself.

[Class Description and Supply List](#)

Cost: \$42 for members

Contact kathrin.brown@gmail.com to register or pay online: www.mpqq.org/workshop.

Kathrin Brown, Programs – kathrin.brown@gmail.com



FULL – Waitlist available

March Workshop – Zoom

Lines & Curves – all levels

Sheila Frampton-Cooper

March 5 & 12, 2022

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Sheila is one of the “hot” quilting instructors right now, and we feel fortunate to have her teach for us over two days so that you have a week in between to absorb the material. Students will combine thick and thin lines with curved pieces and assemble the quilt top in rows. There are infinite possibilities. Sheila will demonstrate construction techniques for sewing curved seams and discuss some of the challenges you may run into with spontaneous design and piecing.

[Class Description and Supply List](#)

Cost: \$48 for members

Contact kathrin.brown@gmail.com to register or pay online: www.mpqq.org/workshop.

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Quilt Show 2022

The City of Pacific Grove recently let us know that Good old Days, May 6-8, 2022, will take place. Keep those fingers crossed ... it appears we will have a quilt show this year!

Your entry forms are in this newsletter (see Debbie Biller's article) and are on the Quilt Show page of the website (recently updated). The completed forms with photos will be accepted starting in February. I'm sure that many of you have quilts aplenty to enter after two years with no show, but if not ... get busy!

Our Quilt Show Committee will have a planning meeting tentatively set for Saturday, January 22, at 10:30am.

Committee Members 2022 Quilt Show

Awards Party: TBD	Library Display: Fatima Dias
Admissions: TBD	Mini Quilt Raffle: TBD
Design: Linda Branting/Phyllis Martin	Parade: TBD
Garage Sale: Christi Sutphen & Liz Rondelle	Programs: Claudia Gano
Finance: Janyce Anderson	Quilt Reception & Return: Regina Moore
Publicity: TBD	Signs: Joy Colangelo
Hanging & Dismantling: Patricia Brown	Transportation: Cec Larsen
Judging, Quilt & Data: Debbie Biller	Volunteer Coordinator: Kathrin Brown & Heather Clifton
Data Entry: Sharon Winter	White Gloves: TBD
Judging: Judi Brown & Catherine McGovern	Raffle Quilt Marketeer: TBD

Thank you all! The show would not be possible without everyone's efforts and enthusiasm. (Please notice the **TBD**'s and consider volunteering.)

Thank you,

Joan Costello, 2022 Quilt Show Chair
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Membership News



Happy New Year to all! We will be sending out a new updated version of the pdf membership directory soon. New members will be added and corrections that have been submitted will appear. If you get a chance, take a look and let us know if any of your data has changed. That's it for now, except my joke of the month:

My sewing machine is on the blink. I'm not sure what's wrong. It just doesn't seam right...

Karen Shaffer, membership chair
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Community Quilts – Make a Quilter's Resolution

You saw a diverse sampling of the beautiful quilts our members made to comfort people throughout our community during the Holiday Party. Maybe you even resolved to take part in the future. We're here to help! It's all about small steps so please consider adding one or more of these **highly achievable resolutions** to your 2022 list.

1. I resolve to take a Finishing Kit – top, back, batting, binding and label – and deliver the finished quilt to support MPQG's outreach. This resolution is number one for a reason, please, please consider it.
2. I resolve to turn my orphan blocks into a heart pillow or quilt/quilt top that will provide someone comfort.
3. I resolve to take one or more of my "what was I thinking?" UFO's to my small group to see if someone will finish it. If not, I will donate it to the garage sale.
4. I resolve to finish a longstanding UFO and donate it so someone can use and appreciate my work.
5. I resolve to check out ways large or small I can contribute to the work of our wonderful Guild, which continues to inspire and inform us.



We're drowning in Finishing Kits. Start the new year by adopting one to complete.



Casa Noche Buena Shelter

Through your generosity and talent more than 140 quilts are providing comfort to kids at CASA, dialysis patients at US Renal Care, women and children at Casa Noche Buena Shelter and fire survivors. Many more quilts were donated to a Carmel Valley family who's home was destroyed, Christ Child Society and to the neonatal outreach. Check on the sizes and make your quilter's resolution a reality. Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Fatima Dias – mafadimo@yahoo.com

Comfort Quilt Sizes

Dialysis Quilts: approximately 42" X 60"

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) **Quilts:** approximately 42" X 60" for teens or 40" X 50" for younger children

Christ Child Society: 36" X 45" – contact: Claudia Sammis

Women's/family shelter: Can be any size but twin bed always appreciated, approximately 63" X 90"

VTC (Veterans Transition Center): should be twin size, approximately 63" X 90"

Fire Victims: Bed sized quilts most useful (hopefully won't be needed!)

NICU quilts are given to area hospitals for babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit – contact An McDowell. The two types are:

- 20" X 24" to fit in a layette.
- 45" square quilts are used to cover the incubator.

Fatima Dias – mafadimo@yahoo.com

Heart Pillow Project

Our December month for Charity Heart Pillows was HUGE and we can thank the Moms and Daughters & efforts from the National Charity League. The National Charity League (NCL) of Monterey Bay is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster the mother/daughter relationship by serving the community through philanthropic activities, leadership development, and cultural experiences.

Lynn Cordell, pictured to the right, was interested in a new project for the group and decided to try the heart pillows for cancer patients. She reported that NCL enjoyed sewing and stuffing these pillows at their chapter's annual Philanthropy Day. NCL also loves to encourage the art of sewing through NICU quilts and incubator covers for MPQG.



MPQG will be helping their philanthropic efforts by donating one 10# bag of stuffing from JoAnn's as they wish to continue to assist us in providing heart pillows for cancer patients our the community.

Our collection of heart pillows will be added for Christmas delivery to both CHOMP Cancer Center and the Salinas Cancer Center.

We have stuffing for anyone that would like to participate with the Charity Heart pillow project. If I can help you participate in this cheerful and much appreciated project, please contact me at kcpapenhausen@gmail.com, and put "Heart Pillow" in the subject

line. I can provide stuffing or meet you for pick up of pillows completed or needing stuffing. My message landline is 831-624-2700 for questions or comments.

No meeting arrangements have been confirmed as once again we are being asked to wear masks inside and that's just not comfortable for this type of activity. Hopefully, we can establish a date for a group get together in early February, another month to celebrate love and its symbol, the heart.

Thanks to each of you that participated this past month.

Kathleen Clancy – kcpapenhausen@gmail.com

Upcoming Programs

Jan 3	6:30PM	Speaker	David Sirota quiltmavendave.com	<i>Quilt While You Are Ahead</i>	Zoom
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Mar 7	6:30PM	Speaker	Deborah Fell	<i>The Thread That Runs Through It</i>	Zoom
Apr 4	6:30PM	Speaker	Lisa Walton lisawaltonartist.com	<i>Traveling Textile</i>	Zoom

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Block of the Month 2021-2022

Welcome to the 2021-2022 BotM! We will rethink and remake some classic blocks. The approach is a little different than previous years. Each participant will keep their own blocks, so you can choose your own color palette and end up with a cohesive set of blocks to make a small quilt.

We will share the finished blocks each month. You can share the completed quilt (12 blocks) at the end – October 2022, or whenever it's ready...

Elizabeth McInnis – emcinnis@me.com

January BOM – Wonky Winter Solstice Star

Since ancient times, cultures around the world have had a festival on or near the winter solstice. The observances typically invoke light in some form – fire, candles, stars. So, whatever your traditions, this star will bring light and hope.

Cut 8 – 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" squares from your "background" – fabric (A)

Cut 5 – 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" squares from one or more of your other fabrics (B)



Make the points.



- Take one of your background squares and two of your other squares
- Position one of the point squares (B) on the background square at an angle, right sides together. I used scraps, but your pieces will be larger if you cut squares.
- Sew at an angle. This will be your point. Tip: make sure the point fabric will extend to the edge of the background square when it is folded back.
- Fold the B piece back over the seam.
- Trim the B piece to the dimensions of the A square. Trim the A square (on the point side) near the seam. This will reduce bulk in the finished block.
- Repeat with the second B square to form a second point. It is important that the two points meet or cross at their base.
- Trim the resulting square to 4 1/2 by 4 1/2.
- Repeat to make a total of four point squares.
- Lay out the nine patch with the points facing out.
- Sew the squares into rows. Press the top and bottom rows to the right and the center row to the left.
- Sew the rows together, taking care to line up the seams. Press. Trim the block to 12x12.

solid	points	solid
points	center	points
solid	points	solid

Jenny Doan has a tutorial for making the stars. Her measurements are different, but it may help to watch her make the wonky points. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMoE5-q1IP4>

MPQG Friendship Groups



Most MPQG Friendship Groups are meeting in person.

With vaccinations plentiful and safety protocol well established, most MPQG Friendship Groups are meeting in person and most are open to new members. These small groups of quilters meet regularly to enjoy quilting, chatting, and sharing in a small group setting. For information about joining a specific group, please contact the member listed below. For general information regarding Friendship Groups or for help starting a Group, please contact, **Marjorie Longo**, 624-8649 or frumml@aol.com.

Before attending an in person gathering, please check with the contact person listed below to verify that your personal standard of safety protocols are in place. See roster below for Friendship Groups on ZOOM.

Marjorie Longo – Friendship Group Coordinator

<p>Carmel – Tea Timers Meets Wednesday 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pat Tilson's house Regina Liske, 831-333-9302 All levels meet to do handwork. <i>Group is currently full.</i></p>	<p>Carmel – Out of the Box Quilters Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Marjorie Longo's house, 831-624-8649 frumml@aol.com All levels meet to sew, discuss, and create.</p>
<p>Carmel Valley – Cut-Ups Meets the 1st Thursday 12-4 p.m., St. Dunstan's Church Liz Rondelle, 831-620-2512 bukavugirl@aol.com All levels meet to sew, share, mini demos, group challenges, and charity quilts. Large work tables available. Bring your lunch at noon or drop in anytime.</p>	<p>Laguna Seca Area – No Strings Attached Meets the 3rd Tuesday 4:30 p.m. at Chamisal Bistro Cec Larsen, 831-235-0456 Enjoy libations as you do a little hand work and share your quilting thoughts.</p>
<p>New Monterey – Friends of Fred Meets the 3rd Monday 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Regina Liske, 831-333-9302 Meetings are outside at Regina Liske's house Bring a project to work on. Show & tells are welcome.</p>	<p>Monterey – Stitch and Dine Meets the 2nd Tuesday 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. Gudny Campbell, 831-372-6369 Sewing and dinner. <i>Group is currently full.</i></p>
<p>Everywhere – Beyond Borders Meets the 2nd Tuesday 1:00 p.m., Pacific Time Dru Hammond, (831) 241-1411 druhammond@aol.com All levels from near and far meet to sew, share, and visit with old and new friends on ZOOM.</p>	<p>Pacific Grove – Friday Follies Meets Fridays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Joan Hughes' house, (831)373-0843 pgquilter@sbcglobal.net All levels welcome for hand sewing and sharing.</p>
<p>Everywhere – Moonlight Zoomers Meets the 4th Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Pacific Time Elizabeth McInnis, (831)756-8001 All levels from near and far, are welcome after hours to sew, share, and visit with friends, both old and new, on ZOOM</p>	

Calendar, Road Trips, and Events

Through January 2, 2022

Layered & Stitched: 50 Years of Innovative Art by *Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA)*. San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles. 520 S. First Street, San Jose, CA. sqmquiltmuseum.org

January 19-22, 2022

Road to California. Ontario Convention Center, 2000 E Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA. roadtocalifornia.com

February 11-13, 2022

Friendships Woven with Thread. Folsom Quilt & Fiber Guild, 52 Natoma Street Folsom, CA. folsomquilt.org

February 26-27, 2022

Good Vibrations Quilt Show. Pajaro Valley Quilt Association 2022. Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, 2601 E Lake Ave, Watsonville, CA pvqa.org

March 26-27, 2022

Voices in Cloth 2022 – Extraordinary Quilts by the Bay. East Bay Heritage Quilters. Craneway Pavilion, 1414 Harbour Way South on the Richmond Waterfront. ebhq.org/VIC

April 23-24, 2022

Wrapped in Love Quilt Show. Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA. scvqaquilts.com

May 14-15, 2022

Legacies of Love Quilt Show. Piecemakers Quilt Guild. Dominican Center, 43326 Mission Circle, Fremont, CA. piecemakersguild.org

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