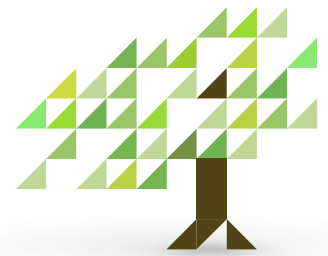


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MPQG Calendar

- **June 1 - Workshop - SOLD OUT**
In-Person: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
 Workshop: **Improv Mosaic 1:2:3**
 at the Oldemeyer Center, Seaside
 with *Lorraine Woodruff-Long*

- **June 3 - General Meeting**
In-Person and on Zoom
 Social time starts @ 6:30 PM
Meeting starts @ 7:00 PM
 Speaker: *Rachel D.K. Clark*
 Lecture: "Not Just Another Coat"

- **July 1 - General Meeting & Sponsors Showcase**
In-Person and on Zoom
 Social time starts @ 6:30 PM
Meeting starts @ 7:00 PM
 Speaker: *Kathrin Brown*
 Lecture: **Why I Quilt**

- **August 5 - General Meeting**
In-Person and on Zoom
 Social time starts @ 6:30 PM
Meeting starts @ 7:00 PM
 Speaker: *Sandra Bruce*
 Lecture: **Material Matrix and the Paths Taken**

Annual Quilt Show May 3, 4, & 5, 2024 *Quilts by the Bay*

Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild

Quilts by the Bay

May 3-5, 2024

200+ Quilts
 Fabric Sale
 Mini Quilts
 Raffle

\$10, under 18 free with adult

F/Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Chautauqua Hall, 16th St & Central Ave
 Pacific Grove, CA



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President's Letter – May 2024

In March we received an email informing us that our Guild had been nominated by *Megan Whilden* for our volunteer efforts in the Group category for ***Human Services in the United Way Monterey County's 48th Annual Live United Awards***. Megan is the Development Director of Community Human Services and an instigator of our ***Shuman HeartHouse*** quilt project. At the opening of the shelter, Megan greeted me with tears in her eyes because every person who toured the site commented on the gorgeous quilts and how they made the shelter so warm and welcoming. This huge honor is shared by all of us. Even if you have yet to make a quilt or a heart/port pillow I'm sure you will. And whether you made one top, quilted fifteen, bound a couple, or made many in the past...you made this award happen. We have received a huge honor and it makes me proud to be a part of such a group.

Special kudos to the *Community Outreach* team!

Our magnificent ***Quilts by the Bay*** is just around the corner! As much as I appreciate and enjoy admiring the quilts, my favorite aspect of the quilt show is the camaraderie. We still need a few volunteers to fill in the last slots. Contact *Barbara Boyer* if you can donate a bit more time.



Please **read all the quilt show information** on the following pages and **remember** that [ticket sales](#) for the **Awards Party** end Friday, April 26th at 5:00 PM. [Tickets are \\$10, get yours before it's too late!](#)



Joan Costello, President
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Membership News

Hello! Please welcome these new members:

<i>Lilly Hayden</i>	Woodland
<i>Tracy Frost</i>	Monterey
<i>Annette LeTourneau</i>	Monterey
<i>Michelle Barth</i>	Seaside
<i>Barbara Barbour</i>	East Garrison
<i>Bonnie Adcox</i>	East Garrison
<i>Joannie Siegler</i>	Davis
<i>Jana Brinsmead</i>	Carmel
<i>Carmen Black</i>	Carmel
<i>Pamela Willoughby</i>	Monterey



Quilting fills our hearts...and closets, and garages, and cupboards, and sheds, and attics! Ain't it grand!

Karen Shaffer
Membership Chair

Quilts by the Bay

MPQG 2024 Quilt Show

May 3, 4 & 5, 2024

Chautauqua Hall at 16th & Central in Pacific Grove
Coincides with *Good Old Days* on Saturday and Sunday

Last minute reminders!

- ▶ The paper label needs to be sewn to the back of the quilt before turning it in!
- ▶ Don't forget your hanging sleeve!
- ▶ The quilt turn-in date is **Thursday, May 2nd** at Chautauqua Hall from 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM.
- ▶ The **deadline for judged quilts is 8:30 AM.**
- ▶ If, for any reason, you know that you will not be able to complete your quilt in time for the show please contact **Kathrin Brown** as soon as possible: kathrin.brown@gmail.com
- ▶ Quilt pick-up is **Sunday, May 5th** from about **4:30 PM to 5:30 PM** at Chautauqua Hall.

Joan Costello & Nina Ashton, Quilt Show Co-Chairs
beachbreak1250@gmail.com & nina@doodlearts.com

Quilt Show Volunteers Needed!

by Barbara Boyer

YES! I Still Need YOU!!

Thank you to the new and old members who have volunteered to make the quilt show AMAZING! I appreciate each and every one of you.

For those of you who were unsure about your schedules—if you have ***any time*** on **May 2, 3, 4 or 5**, I can use you. Please call me or text me at 925-485-4376 or email:

barbaraboyer831@gmail.com

Currently, your Board Members and the Committee Chairs are taking on a **lot of shifts** to make everything work. We need to take the load off of them!

My most desperate need is on Saturday afternoon and Sunday at 4:00 PM. Thanks for checking your calendar.

Barbara Boyer
Quilt Show Volunteer Committee

Mini Quilts for Quilt Show Raffle

by Chris Beach

There's still time to turn in **mini quilts** for the "Quilts By the Bay" raffle. This event is a guest (and member) favorite every year, and we need your help to make this fundraiser a success.

Sewww... get out your rotary cutter, grab some scraps and make a mini work of heart! Thank you to all who have donated so far. Keep up the good work.

Questions? Please Contact *Chris Beach*
at rabbitbeach2000@gmail.com

Mini quilt donated by *Mary Ellen Parsons.*



Estate Fabric Sale at the Quilt Show

by Christi Sutphen and Carole Brower

Quilters -

Feel free to grab your wheelbarrow or shopping cart when you come to the quilt show. This year's "Estate Fabric Sale" may go down in the record books due to the extraordinary inventory! If you come

on Friday, you'll see the fabric and quilt kits in the back two rooms. If you come to Chautauqua Hall over the weekend of the quilt show, you can shop at the boutique out in the front of the

building **and** at the sale in the back of

the building. That's right - we will be putting more inventory out over the weekend. As always, the fabric will be sold by the pound. Thanks to our treasurer, Nina, we will also be able to take credit card payments at this year's sale. So, get ready to enjoy the bounty!

Martha Wilcox Fabric and Textile Estate Sale

MPQG received a generous donation of fabric and quilting/sewing supplies from the family of **Martha Wilcox** (1936-2022). Martha grew up in San Jose and completed her nursing degree at Stanford. A self-taught quilter, Martha and her husband moved to the Monterey Peninsula. Martha joined the Salvation Army's SAFE Adult Day Care Program in their Alzheimer's unit where she volunteered as an ombudsman for 20 years and described herself as "an old public health nurse and an advocate for the elderly in long-term care." Her hands were

always busy teaching friends how to quilt and donating to charitable organizations to support seniors, animals and the under-served people. After her retirement, Martha continued to quilt, creating gorgeous colorful lap quilts for the elderly in nursing homes.



Photo of the May 2023 Fabric sale taken by Christi Sutphen.

The usual **MPQG** Quilt Show garage sale has been abandoned this year in favor of this amazing event.

Unique collections of beautiful fabrics and textiles have been combined into project-ready kits. Or, use the kit as inspiration for a much larger project. Come early and shop often for

wonderful and unique kits full of perfectly curated fabrics! The sale will be located in the rooms at the back of Chautauqua Hall and on Saturday and Sunday will spill out to the front porch. As kits are sold, more of Martha's treasures will be put on display, so think about returning almost hourly throughout the weekend.



The Quilt Show Volunteers that help with the Estate Fabric Sale on May 3rd-5th will be wearing these distinctive aprons with our **MPQG** logo!!! This crisscross apron pattern is from **Back Porch Fabrics**. The aprons, made by **Carole Brower** and **Kathrin Brown** from

donated fabrics and embellished with the **MPQG** logo printed by **Spoonflower**, have large double pockets.

Community Outreach

by Carole Brower

The Guild continues to exceed expectations for Community donations. **Fatima Dias** extends special thanks to **Kathleen Heidrick** for CASA teen boys quilts and to **Joanne May** for numerous CASA and Hospice wheelchair quilts. Over 20 quilts will be delivered this week to *VNA Hospice of the Central Coast* thanks to so many guild members all answering the call for help!



A CASA Advocate picks out a quilt for his new teen.

At this year's Quilt Show, the *Community Outreach* team will showcase many of our quilts and port/heart pillows along with details and photos of the Guild's many recipients. Several of our members are also working on finishing some of the unfinished quilting projects from the **Martha Wilcox** estate. With the permission of her family, these will be on display and will be available for purchase as part of our *Fall Online Auction*. **MPQG** is grateful to continue **Martha's** legacy through our Community Outreach.



A Kaffe Fassett Teapot quilt top by **Martha Wilcox**, quilted and finished by **Carole Brower**

♥ Heart & Port Pillows

Our pillow supply will hold until after our big quilt show, so save your energy to help out and enjoy our show. I will be in very short supply by June and will really need port pillows and heart pillows by our June 3rd meeting. Please call or text me if you need Velcro for the port pillows; patterns are on our MPQG website. These items are not only needed, they are telling someone who is going through one of the hardest things in their life, that we care about them and we want to make them a bit more comfortable.

Marcia Given 818-515-4084
marciagivvin@gmail.com

With many thanks,

Carole Brower, browsers11@comcast.net
Community Outreach Coordinator
and the *Community Outreach Team*:
Fatima Dias, Marcia Given, and Liz Rondelle.

The past few months, *MPQG* has donated a “boat load” of baby quilts and “extras” to this wonderful organization. Many thanks to the prolific *Kathleen Heidrick*. The *Material Girls* are so productive that *Donna Appleget* takes their quilts directly to St. Angela’s. Also, thanks to *Jeanne Mills*, *Kathy Miller*, and *Liz Rondelle*. Kudos to *Fatima Dias* for redirecting some of the donated quilts that aren’t quite the right size for our other charity groups.

Christ Child Society of Monterey County benefits from any size baby, crib, or toddler quilt. Extras include: burp cloths, changing table pads, lovies, etc. The ladies at St. Angela’s create color coordinated layettes that use our quilts along with hats, booties, and small teddy bears that their members crochet or knit.

For needed extras, think about whipping up a few log cabin blocks. Two would make a good burp cloth, and three or four slightly larger blocks would be perfect for a changing table pad. (We know that you have plenty of fabric strips and left-over batting.) They are a perfect non-project for the days when you just feel like sewing something easy.



Claudia Sammis and *Christ Child* representative *Betsy Messman* with quilts from the April guild meeting.



Pacific International Quilt Festival Statement

Thank you for your patience. We are back up and running with a few important changes due to two professional soccer games at Levi Stadium on Wednesday, July 24 at 7:00 PM, and Saturday, July 27 at 7:00 PM. *PIQF* now has new hours as follows:

- Wednesday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (**New**)
- Thursday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Same)
- Friday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Same)
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (**New**)

All other activities including workshops, the fashion show, and lectures will run on the schedule as originally published on quiltfest.com. These changes have been made to help alleviate challenges regarding traffic and parking, and for the well-being of show attendees.

See you in July! *Mancuso Show Management*

UFO Challenge News

by Laura Lawrence

The month of May is upon us and there are only two months left to finish those UFOs to be eligible for the Grand Prize drawing at our August Guild meeting! Please bring your finished UFOs to “Show and Tell” at the June meeting. The June meeting giveaway is a Farm Girl Vintage 15-piece fat quarter bundle by **Lori Holt** for Riley Blake. The August Grand Prize giveaway is a package of Warm and Natural Cotton Batting (queen size—90” x 108”) and a *Rabbit Hole* quilting gift certificate.

Our members are making great progress on their UFOs. So far, we have finished 70 projects! During “Show and Tell” at our April meeting, I shared my own 1988 sampler quilt that was the motivation for starting the UFO Challenge this year. **Barbara Boyer** won a signed copy of *Maria Shell’s* book *Improv Patchwork*. **Donna Appleget** won a 12 ½” square up ruler. Congratulations, Barbara and Donna!

Please email me pictures of your UFOs as you finish them so I can document your progress and enter your name into the raffle. As a reminder, you receive:

- 1 ticket for each **finished** project
- 1 bonus ticket for each **decade** the project went unfinished (e.g., project started in 1988 and finished in 2023 = 5 decades = 5 bonus tickets)
- 5 bonus tickets if the project is **donated** to one of the Guild’s Community Quilt Projects or the Mini Quilt Raffle at the Quilt Show
- 10 bonus tickets if you **finish** all the UFOs on your list by **July 1, 2024**

Keep up the good work!

Laura Lawrence, Activities Coordinator
lauramlawrence@gmail.com

2024 Quilt Challenge: Under the Sea

Get ready to be wowed! There's still plenty of time to create a magical, mystical, under-the-sea masterpiece! Challenge quilts are due at the general meeting on **August 5th** where they will be displayed (and no doubt fawned over). If you haven't picked up your Kona Julep fabric yet it will be available at the quilt show. Please contact any of the committee chairs below for more details. Happy under-the-sea quilting!

Linda Herrera - lindajherrera953@gmail.com

Chris Beach - rabbitbeach2000@gmail.com

Faith Balaban - faithllancaaster@gmail.com

PS. Don't forget to come up for air!



Quilt by *Tilly Debarde*.

Upcoming MPQG Programs

May	No meeting	Quilt Show	See you at the MPQG Quilt Show!	Quilts by the Bay May 3, 4 & 5, 2024	
June 1	9:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Workshop	<i>Lorraine Woodruff-Long</i> www.quiltinginthefog.com	Mosaic 1:2:3	In-person
June 3	6:30 PM Social Time 7:00 PM Meeting	Speaker	<i>Rachel D.K. Clark</i> www.rdkc.com	Not Just Another Coat	In-person and Zoom
July 1	6:30 PM Social Time 7:00 PM Meeting	Showcase & Speaker	<i>MPQG Sponsors' Showcase</i> & <i>Kathrin Brown</i> IG: @kathrin_b_kreativ	Why I Quilt	In-person and Zoom
August 5	6:30 PM Social Time 7:00 PM Meeting	Speaker	<i>Sandra Bruce</i> www.sandrabruce.com	Material Matrix and The Paths Taken	In-person and Zoom
Sept. 9 *	6:30 PM Social Time 7:00 PM Meeting	Speaker	<i>Sue Bianchi</i> www.suebianchi.com	The Art of Volunteering	In-person and Zoom
October 7	6:30 PM Social Time 7:00 PM Meeting	Speaker	<i>Jody Alexander</i> www.jodyalexander.com	The Art of Repair and Reuse in Textile Art	In-person and Zoom
November 4	6:30 PM Meeting	Speaker	<i>Libby Williamson</i> www.libbywilliamson.com	Here, There, and Everywhere	Zoom Only

Our Program Schedule is also on our website at: <https://www.mpqg.org/programschedule>

Upcoming Quilt Events

- **May 3, 4, & 5, 2024** – *Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Show* - <https://www.mpqg.org/quiltshow>
- **May 31, June 1-2, 2024** – *Central Coast Quilt Shop Tour* – QuiltShopsOfTheCentralCoast.com
- **August 29 to September 2, 2024** — *Monterey County Fair* montereycountyfair.com/monterey-county-fair/
- **October 5-6, 2024** – *Coastal Quilters Harvest of Colors Quilt Show* – CoastalQuilters.org

The newsletter needs someone to actively look for upcoming events and report them. Would you like to help? Please apply! Contact Joan Costello: beachbreak1250@gmail.com

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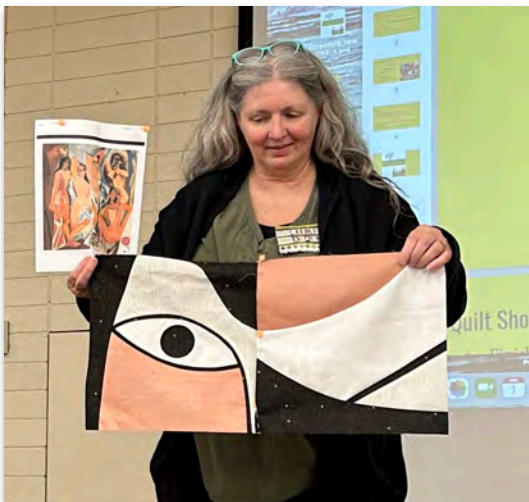
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April Meeting Photos



Left: *Nancy Bavor*, speaker at our April 2024 meeting. Clockwise below: *Karen Shaffer* drawing a name for the name-tag prize; *Laura Lawrence* with two UFO challenge drawings; *Laura Lawrence* with a UFO started in 1988 and finished the night before (sampler on grey background; quilters share their work from the *David Owen Hastings* workshop).

Photos by *Susan Michelson*



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April Meeting Photos - Outreach Quilts



Photos from our April meeting: Clockwise from above: Our *Community Outreach* table and **Carole Brower** showing an outreach quilt; Below: **Janet Taillon**, who won the *Material Girls* basket at our Winter Social and made a pile of community quilts! Photos by **Susan Michelson**.



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April "Show & Tell" Quilts



Clockwise from top left: **Mary Kay Hamilton** with her red and green quilt; a green block quilt by **Alice Stoll**; **Sara Lyon** with her *Thank you to the Field Workers* quilt; **James Potts** with two quilts, and below, **Kathrin Brown** with her quilt.

Photos by **Susan Michelson**



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MPQG Friendship Groups

by Marjorie Longo

Friendship Groups are small groups of quilters who meet regularly to enjoy quilting, chatting, and sharing in a small group setting. The Friendship Groups listed are open to all MPQG Guild members.

Are you interested in being part of a small group? Check the roster below for an opportunity that might fit into your schedule.

ZOOM groups have worked out well. No need to make reservations, no obligation, just a nice quilty visit and always open to new quilters. See below for Friendship Groups on ZOOM.

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, Friendship Group Coordinator
831-624-8649 or frumml@gmail.com



Carmel – Out of the Box Quilters

Meets the 2nd and 4th **Thursdays**

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Marjorie Longo's house, 831-624-8649

frumml@gmail.com

All levels meet to sew, discuss, and create.

Carmel Valley – Cut-Ups

Meets the 1st **Thursday**

12-4 PM, 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.

Marina – Otter be Quilting

Meets 2nd and 4th **Thursdays**

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Layne Rabbar's house, 925-478-9221

layne.rabbar@gmail.com

All levels welcome for discussion and hand work.

Everywhere – Beyond Borders

Meets the 2nd **Tuesday**

1:00 PM, 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**.

Everywhere – Moonlight Zoomers

Meets the 4th **Thursday**

4:30 PM., Pacific Time or 7:30 PM EDT

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**. Call for Zoom link.

Seaside - Hanging Out at Joan's

Meets the 3rd **Tuesday**

3:30 PM at

Joan Costello's house, 831-247-1907

beachbreak1250@gmail.com

Gather to chat, share our work, collaborate, and eat plant-based dinners.

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Empty Spools Seminars 2025 ~ 40th Anniversary

Reported by *Jeanne Mills*

As we celebrate the remarkable milestone of *Empty Spools Seminars*' 40th anniversary, we reflect on the journey with immense pride and gratitude. What **Gayle Wells**, **Suzanne Cox**, and **Diana McClun** began as a humble endeavor has blossomed into a thriving community of artisans, united by a shared passion for quilting and fiber art. Over four decades, we have cultivated a legacy of excellence and innovation, empowering folks of all backgrounds to explore their creativity through fabric and thread.

We are thrilled to announce an exciting new chapter! **Gayle**'s daughter, **Wendi Wells**, and her granddaughter, **Penny Wells**, will carry the torch to the next generation of *Empty Spools Seminars*. With fresh perspectives and a deep appreciation for tradition, we are poised to carry forward the commitment to providing the finest instructors from around the world to offer the ultimate quilting retreat experience at the renowned "Refuge by the Sea" – Asilomar! **Suzanne** and **Gayle** will continue to play a role as mentors to the new team. Join us as we celebrate their 40th anniversary as a community.

If you have not taken classes at *Empty Spools Seminars* at the Asilomar Conference grounds, note that registration for the 2025 classes opens at 8:00 AM PST on **Monday, May 13, 2024**. The 2025 registration and payment information can be found on-line at www.emptyspoolsseminars.com

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2024 Challenge Quilt

UNDER THE SEA

18" x 18"

The Challenge committee hopes all our quilters (traditional, modern, art, and everyone in between) will participate in this year's challenge.

Quilts must have...

- 3 layers (top, batting and backing), a 4" sleeve for hanging and a label*
- a piece of 2024 KONA color of the year fabric, Julep**
- any scene you would find in the ocean

For example: Quilts may represent...

- an aquatic animal(s) from the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary
- underwater fish, coral or kelp
- diving expeditions in any location
- any underwater scene you can imagine!

Members may use any style, technique or color desired, but must include the 2024 KONA color of the year.



Due date: August 5th Guild meeting.

Quilts will be displayed at the August Guild meeting, the 2024 Monterey County Fair and at the 2025 MPQG show where they may be judged, if you so choose.

*Label to include:

Your Name Name of your Quilt 2024 MPQG Quilt Challenge
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**We will give a small cut of the KONA Julep fabric, at no charge, to each Guild member who accepts the Challenge. Members are free to purchase more if needed.

For questions, please email or call:

Chris Beach, (541)979-0390 or rabbitbeach2000@gmail.com

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