

# Pines & Needles



NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA QUILTERS GUILD

AUGUST 2023

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## August Meeting Monday, August 7, 2023

7 PM – Hybrid

### Ellen November Stitching SLO (San Luis Obispo)

Pacific Grove Community Center  
515 Junipero Avenue (at 15th St.)  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

#### What to bring:

- Challenge Quilts
- Name tag
- Show & Tell
- Community quilts
- Calendar to volunteer at the Fair
- Library books

## MPQG Calendar

July 31 @ 5:30 PM  
Board Meeting

August 7 @ 7 PM  
General Meeting Hybrid  
Speaker: Ellen November  
Stitching SLO  
Deadline: Challenge Quilts  
VOTE: on New Board

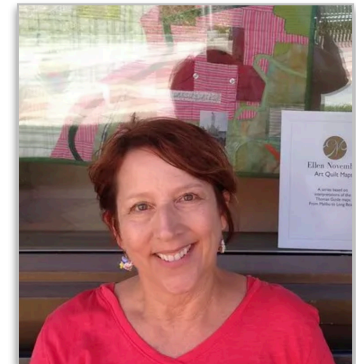
August 28 @ 5:30 PM  
Board Meeting Zoom  
New Board Orientation

September 11\* @ 7 PM (2nd  
Monday)  
General Meeting  
In-person Only  
Speaker: Youngmin Lee  
Bojagi: The Art of Wrapping  
Cloths

## In-person and Zoom Meeting Monday, August 7, 2023 — 7 PM

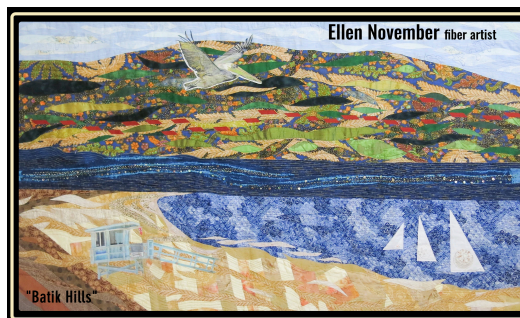
### Ellen November Stitching SLO (San Luis Obispo)

Drawing on the graphic nature of maps, Ellen's fiber art is cartographic in nature. Art quilts allow her to combine her skills in illustration, photography, graphic design and quilting.



Her projects include a series of work based on the Rand McNally Thomas Guide Book of maps. Each piece in the series represents a coastal area of LA County. Her work is part of a permanent installation at Harbor UCLA Medical Center in Southern California, the Western Museum of Flight, The Monday Club of San Luis Obispo and Crafted at Port of LA.

She received a BFA in Illustration from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena CA.



"I create my art by pulling from images and ideas that resonate with me personally: locations with which I am familiar; places I would like to visit; moments in history; and social causes and topics. The subject and intent of the piece guides the

selection of the material I use, including textiles acquired from many sources, fabric I dye or print myself, and my own photographs edited and printed on fabric. In my work, materials help tell the story, and prompt the viewer to deeper and more reflective exploration."

Kathrin Brown, Program Chair  
[kathrin.brown@gmail.com](mailto:kathrin.brown@gmail.com)

## Reminder: Vote at the August 7th meeting

The vote will be at the beginning of the Zoom meeting.

## President's Letter – August 2023



As my term concludes as Guild President, I'm feeling a little wistful – proud of all we've accomplished over these two years but knowing I'll miss being in board meetings each month where so many decisions are made about the future of MPQG. Fortunately for us all, our board continuum is strong. Joan Costello, nominated for president, and Kathrin Brown, for vice president, have deep understanding of the workings of our guild as they've served in many positions. Treasurer Nina Ashton and Secretary Janet Taillon will continue for the second year of their terms. Membership Coordinator Karen Shaffer and Community Outreach Coordinator Carole Brower are continuing as well, staying on for second terms.

New board nominees include Chris Beach and Susan Stoney as Program Coordinators, Laura Lawrence as Activities Coordinator, and Christi Sutphen as Communications Coordinator. We owe huge thanks to our outgoing board member Barbara Boyer for her friendly e-blasts to keep us all on top of relevant news, and to Karen Wagner, creator of our beautiful and much appreciated Pines & Needles each month. Going forward, Carmay Knowles will give our newsletter her own special flair.

I'll also miss writing this monthly letter to you in Pines & Needles – my ongoing love letter to and about MPQG. Visiting my very first guild meeting as a novice quilter, I realized that I'd discovered a roomful of like-minded creators. What a wonderful surprise! MPQG has enriched my life in so many ways through friendships, education, and service – do you feel the same way? No matter what quilting style we favor, MPQG membership unites us and gives us seemingly endless opportunities to participate. As August is our membership renewal month, please join me in supporting our great adventure by staying current with dues, and by attending our August meeting to vote in this terrific new administration, "Team Joan".

With many thanks for all you do.

Linda Branting  
[brantinglm@me.com](mailto:brantinglm@me.com)

## Membership News

It is membership **renewal time** again. Membership dues of \$40 are due by September 1st for the 2023-2024 membership year. You can find the form on the quilt guild [website](#), and attached at the end of this newsletter.

Please send your dues to MPQG, PO Box 1025, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 or pay on the website (no forms needed) at [mpqg.org/membership-dues](http://mpqg.org/membership-dues).



And also a mid-summer welcome to our newest guild member, Julie Riley of Aromas.

I cannot count my day complete  
'Til needle, thread and fabric meet.

Karen Shaffer – Membership Chair  
[karendshaffer@aol.com](mailto:karendshaffer@aol.com)

## Vice President's Message

In August you will have an opportunity to vote on the 2023-2024 Board of Directors. Please attend either in person or on Zoom so we can count your vote.

Five positions are to be elected for two-year terms. The Board has prepared the following slate for your consideration:

**President** – Joan Costello  
**Vice President** – Kathrin Brown  
**Communication** – Christi Sutphen  
**Programs** – Christine Beach & Susan Stoney  
**Activities** – Laura Lawrence

Staying in their positions are:

**Secretary** – Janet Taillon  
**Treasurer** – Nina Ashton  
**Membership** – Karen Shaffer  
**Community Outreach** – Carole Brower  
and Carmay Knowles will take over the **Newsletter**.

Additional nominations may be made at the August meeting with the consent of the nominee.

Joan Costello – [beachbreak1250@gmail.com](mailto:beachbreak1250@gmail.com)

## September Workshop – Zoom

### *Jogakbo with Ssamsol Technique*

#### **Workshop with Youngmin Lee**

Saturday, September 16, 2023  
1pm to 4pm **via ZOOM**

Youngmin Lee is Korean-born with a master's degree in fashion design and bachelor's in clothing and textiles. In this class she will be teaching the Korean art of patchwork Jogakbo with the Ssamsol technique.

Patchwork bojagi, or **Jogakbo**, are used as Korean wrapping cloths and used in everyday Korean culture. With thoughtfully arranged shapes and colors in bojagi create a modern and abstract composition.

**Ssamsol** is a durable and decorative seam technique where you use two different seam allowances. One seam allowance is twice the width of the other one, so it can cover the smaller seam allowance. (Think French seams.)

Using this Ssamsol technique, Youngmin will teach 'Ssamsol Jogakbo' construction to create your own unique piece.

**A material kit will be available to purchase from Youngmin at the September 11 guild meeting** (\$30) or from her website (+\$5 for shipping) [www.youngminlee.com](http://www.youngminlee.com). Kit includes assorted fabric pieces, thread, needle and PDF instruction.

Registration and Material List is available online: [www.mpgg.org/workshop](http://www.mpgg.org/workshop).

Class Fee: \$30

Kathrin Brown, Programs – [kathrin.brown@gmail.com](mailto:kathrin.brown@gmail.com)



## Community Outreach

Here are some beautiful NICU quilts on their way to Natividad and Salinas Valley hospitals. We do awesome work. At the moment there is no need for the small (18 x 24 inch) quilts. But we do need the 45 x 45 inch incubator quilts. Let's keep supporting the hospitals! Thanks.

Liz Rondelle – [bukavugirl@aol.com](mailto:bukavugirl@aol.com)



## The Pillow Projects



Please keep your wonderful port and heart pillows coming. Simple or fancy, they are all wonderful and needed.

This cute bunch of pillows was made by Chris Beach and Stoney (Susan Stone)!

With thanks,  
Marcia Givvin – [marciagivvin@gmail.com](mailto:marciagivvin@gmail.com)

## Community Outreach

Willing to make quilt tops? Willing to quilt and bind the tops? You can do the part of the quilting you like the most such as sewing quilt blocks, sewing quilt blocks together to make tops, domestic or long arm machine quilting or sewing on binding. You do not need to make an entire quilt as we provide batting, backing and binding to make a quilt. The Community Outreach team are making up very simple kits for members to pick up, make and then return at one of our in-person guild meeting, one of the guild's Friendship Groups or by contacting a team member for pickup. These quilts which are made by guild members are then distributed to one of our 'in need' individuals or groups.



Here are some recommendations for sizes (see MPQG website under the [Community Outreach](#) link). You don't need to make rectangular quilts; they can be square and you can certainly vary the size. Just keep in mind that the purpose is to keep people warm and brighten their day!

- \* Twin: 70 x 90 inches
- \* Lap/Wheelchair: 32 x 40 inches or 36 x 36 inches
- \* Throw: 50 x 65 inches

*See you at our August meeting to pick up one of the many finishing quilt kits, turn in completed quilt tops and return finished Community Quilts!*

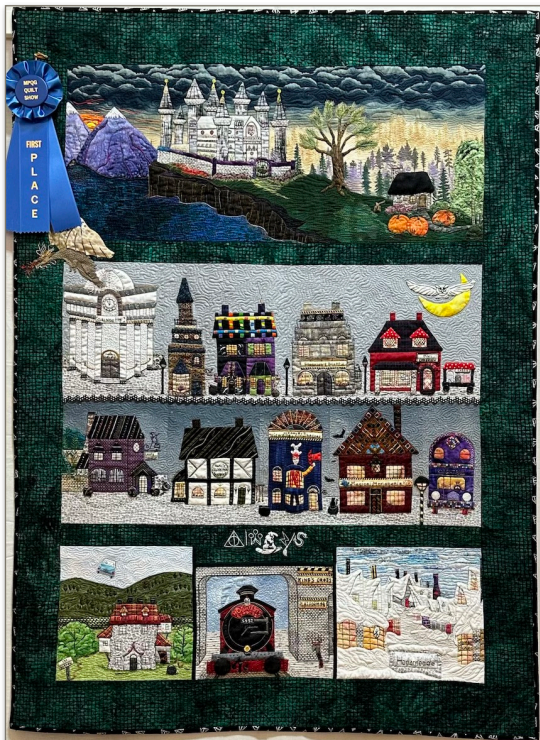
Thanks for your continued support and enthusiasm for creating and finishing these Community Outreach items as we continue to grow because of YOU!

Carole Brower – [browsers11@comcast.net](mailto:browsers11@comcast.net)

# MPQG Quilt Show – Viewer’s Choice Award Winners



1st place – Blue Whale in Monterey Bay by Carmay Knowles.



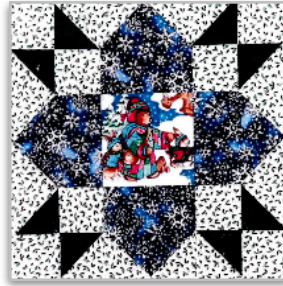
2nd place – Where's Harry? by Nancy Holinski



3rd place – Monterey Bay Aquarium Kelp Forest by Claire Wong & Marcia Olsen.

## Congratulations!

# Block of the Month – August 2023



## WEATHERVANE

The August block was found in Best Blocks by "Quilters Newsletter".

Best Blocks informs us that "Ruby McKim included this lovely old block pattern in One Hundred and One Patchwork Patterns and claimed that it dated back to the time when Great Grandmother had to rely on her weathervane, rather than listening to the reliable scientific forecast we enjoy today."

Weathervanes or wind vanes have been around since ancient times. It is believed that the first weathervane was built in about 48 B.C. by the Greek astronomer Andronicus for the Tower of the Winds in Athens.

Because knowing the wind speed and wind direction is a vital clue to the weather, the weathervane had an important place in keeping quilters and their loved ones safe. Long ago a quilter honored the Weathervane with its own block and our Block for August.

The Weathervane block is a charmer. Think garden party, placemats, table runner or a child's quilt. The block is fast and easy. By pre-cutting fabric, chain piecing can be used on the entire block to make assembly a breeze. Using only squares and half-square triangles (HSTs), this block can be foundation paper pieced (FPP) or simply pieced in a jiffy. Try putting four together and a secondary design appears.

I hope you will join the fun.

In a few days, the pattern and ZOOM link will be posted on the MPQG website. Please join us on ZOOM, the Monday following our regular Guild Meeting, Monday, August 14, 6:30PM for tips and conversation.

Questions: Marjorie Longo, Coordinator  
(831) 624-8649 or [frumml@gmail.com](mailto:frumml@gmail.com)

## Block of the Month – What Goes Around Comes Around



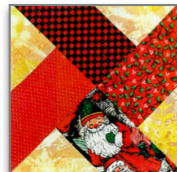
October  
*Beggar's Block*



November  
*Aunt Mary's Double Irish Chain*



December  
*Concord*



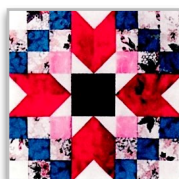
January  
*Water Wheel*



February  
*Mariner's Compass*



March  
*Milkmaid's Star*



April  
*Good Cheer*



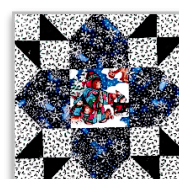
May  
*Skyrocket*



June  
*Red Cross Quilt*



July  
*Lucky Star*



August  
*WeatherVane*

# 2023 MPQG Challenge Quilt



## DON'T FORGET YOUR Ps and Qs!!

August 7 is the date for the first viewing of the 2023 "Alphabet Soup" challenge quilts. Bring your creations to our August MPQG meeting for first display, to be followed by presentation at the Monterey County Fair.



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

## 2023 Quilt Challenge

# ALPHABET SOUP

18" x 18"

3 layers (top, batting and backing), a sleeve for hanging and a label\*.  
Quilt must contain one letter of the alphabet, big or small.  
Any style, technique, or color you want.

Your quilt should represent one of the 26 letters of the alphabet. Some ideas include:

- Choosing a traditional or modern quilt block that begins in the letter of choice (i.e., B = Bear's Paw, Basket, etc.)
  - Embellishing quilt with things pertaining to the letter of choice (i.e., B= buttons, beads, etc.)
- Appliquing animals or objects onto the block (i.e., B=bear, butterfly, etc.)
  - Foundation paper piece the letter of choice
    - A combination of all the above.

We hope you will participate in this year's challenge, it's so much fun to see how creative a group we are.

The quilts will be due at our guild meeting on **August 7, 2023**

\*Label to include:

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Your Name  
Name of your Quilt  
2023 Quilt Challenge  
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The challenge committee:

*Rita Jacques*

[ritaj6987@gmail.com](mailto:ritaj6987@gmail.com)

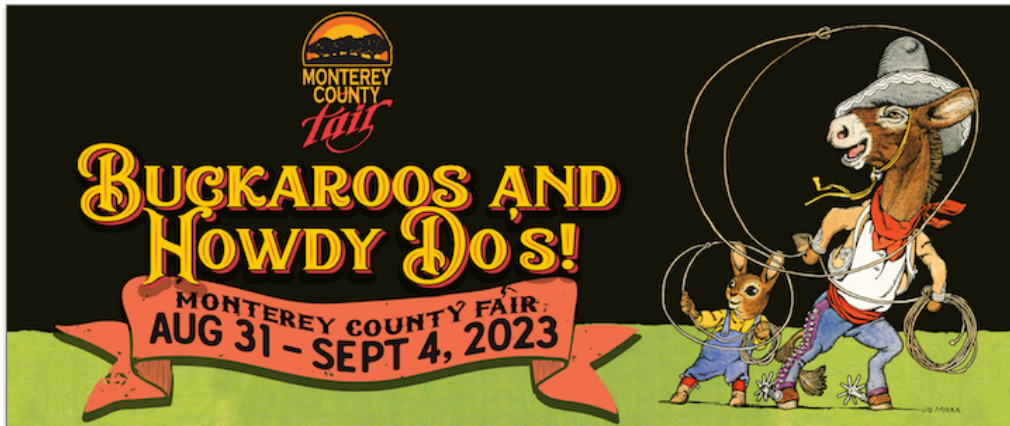
*Faith Balaban*

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*Chris Beach*

[rabbitbeach2000@gmail.com](mailto:rabbitbeach2000@gmail.com)

# Monterey County Fair



## The Fair is Coming! The Fair is Coming!

First of all – **Thank you, thank you** to everyone who has already volunteered to help at the Fair!! **BUT...** there are still some opportunities available:

- **White Glove Service:** two shifts each day (August 31 – September 4) Noon–3:30PM and 3:30–7:00PM.  
White gloving is already covered on Thursday, Friday, and Monday... BUT we still have openings on Saturday and Sunday. Remember, white-gloving comes with a Fair ticket and parking pass!
- **Quilting demonstrations:** Would you like to demo piecing, rotary cutting, quilting or ???  
Pick a day and time that works for you! We will have a machine and table waiting! This also includes parking and entry pass! Saturday afternoon is covered, but other times/dates are still available!
- **Taking Down Quilts:** Tuesday, September 5th starting at 9AM.

I will have signup sheets at the August meeting, leave a voice mail at 831-663-4395, text 831-594-6761 or email [smichelsonbrophy@gmail.com](mailto:smichelsonbrophy@gmail.com) to volunteer.

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Planning on entering your quilts at the Fair? The **deadline of Tuesday, August 1** is almost here!

### To enter online:

- First, go to: "2023 Monterey County Fair Guidebook" and scroll down to page 22 for rules and to determine the Division **and** Class for your entry (you need both!)
- Second, go to: "www.montereycountyfair.com"
  - click on "Fair"
  - click on "Exhibits", then select "Exhibits Information"
  - scroll down and click on "General Online Entries" and follow the prompts.

You may also do a paper entry at the Fair office at 2004 Fairgrounds Road, Monterey.

Questions? Call the Fair Entry Office at 831 372-5865.

**Quilts are due at the fairgrounds (Monterey Room – gate 4) Sunday, August 20, 11:00AM – 5:00PM.**

See y'all at the Fair!!

Susan Michelson, Fair liaison  
[smichelsonbrophy@gmail.com](mailto:smichelsonbrophy@gmail.com)



# July Show & Tell



*Joan Costello*



*Kathrin Brown*



*Chris Beach*



*Mary Kay Hamilton*



*Give and Take Quilt – Improvisational workshop with Tara Faughnan*

# July Show & Tell (cont.)



*Patricia Carlson*



*Laura Lawrence*



*Christi Sutphen*



*Kathrin Brown*

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# MPQG Friendship Groups

Friendship Groups are small groups of quilters who meet regularly to enjoy quilting, chatting, and sharing in a small group setting.

Are you interested in being part of a small group? Check the roster below for an opportunity that might fit into your schedule and fit your interests. If it doesn't say otherwise, the group is open to new members.



ZOOM groups have worked out well. No need to make reservations, no obligation, just a nice quilting visit. 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, 831-624-8649 or [frumml@gmail.com](mailto:frumml@gmail.com).

Marjorie Longo – Friendship Group Coordinator

<p><b>Carmel – Out of the Box Quilters</b> Meets the 2nd and 4th <b>Thursdays</b> 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Marjorie Longo's house, 831-624-8649 <a href="mailto:frumml@gmail.com">frumml@gmail.com</a> All levels meet to sew, discuss, and create.. <i>Group is currently full.</i></p>	<p><b>Carmel Valley – Cut-Ups</b> Meets the 1st <b>Thursday</b> 12-4 p.m., St. Dunstan's Church Liz Rondelle, 831-620-2512, <a href="mailto:bukavugirl@aol.com">bukavugirl@aol.com</a> 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><b>Monterey – Material Girls</b> Meets 3rd Friday – 12 - 3 p.m. Donna Appleget's house, 831-324-4316 <a href="mailto:jaappleget@aol.com">jaappleget@aol.com</a> All levels meet to share ideas and skills for quilt making. Bring your lunch. <i>Group is currently full.</i></p>	<p><b>Carmel – Stitch and Dine</b> Meets the 2nd <b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. Gudny Campbell, 831-372-6369 Sewing and dinner. <i>Group is currently full.</i></p>
<p><b>New Monterey – Tea Timers</b> Meets <b>Wednesday</b> 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Regina Liske, 831-333-9302 All levels meet to do handwork and share. <i>Group meets both inside and outside.</i></p>	<p><b>New Monterey – Friends of Fred</b> Meets the 3rd <b>Monday</b> 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 &amp; tells are welcome.</p>
<p><b>Off Hwy 68 – No Strings Attached</b> Meets the 2nd and 4th <b>Tuesday</b> 3:30 p.m. at Chamisal Bistro Cec Larsen, 831-235-0456 Enjoy libations as you do a little hand work and share your quilting thoughts. <i>Group is currently full.</i></p>	<p><b>Off Hwy 68 – Block Party</b> Meets 3rd <b>Thursday</b> 5:00 p.m. at Chamisal Bistro Cec Larsen, <a href="mailto:vavalarsen@gmail.com">vavalarsen@gmail.com</a> Heather Clifton, <a href="mailto:heatherclifton@gmail.com">heatherclifton@gmail.com</a> All levels meet for discussion, small block of the month style projects, and community quilts.</p>
<p><b>Everywhere – Beyond Borders</b> Meets the 2nd <b>Tuesday</b> 1:00 p.m., Pacific Time Dru Hammond, (831) 241-1411 <a href="mailto:druhammond@aol.com">druhammond@aol.com</a> All levels from near and far meet to sew, share, and visit with old and new friends on <b>ZOOM</b>.</p>	<p><b>Everywhere – Moonlight Zoomers</b> Meets the 4th <b>Wednesday</b> 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 <b>ZOOM</b>. Call for Zoom link.</p>

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## Upcoming Programs

<b>August 7</b>	7:00pm	Speaker	<b>Ellen November</b> <a href="http://ellennovember.com">ellennovember.com</a>	Stitching SLO	<b>In-person &amp; ZOOM</b>
<b>Sept. 11*</b>	7:00pm	Speaker	<b>Youngmin Lee</b> <a href="http://youngminlee.com">youngminlee.com</a>	Bojagi: The Art of Wrapping Cloths	<b>In-person Only</b>
<b>Sept. 16</b>	1pm - 4pm	Workshop	<b>Youngmin Lee</b> <a href="http://youngminlee.com">youngminlee.com</a>	Jogakbo with Ssamsol Technique	<b>ZOOM</b>
<b>Oct. 2</b>	7:00pm	Speaker	<b>Lorraine Woodruff-Long</b> <a href="http://quiltinginthefog.com">quiltinginthefog.com</a>	Quilt Story and Trunk Show	<b>In-person &amp; ZOOM</b>
<b>Nov. 6</b>	7:00pm	Speaker	<b>Carole Lyles Shaw</b> <a href="http://carolelylesshaw.com">carolelylesshaw.com</a>	Art of Quilt: My Journey, My Stories	<b>ZOOM</b>
<b>Dec. 4</b>	6:30pm	<b>Holiday Party and Fundraiser</b>			<b>In-person Only</b>

\* 2nd Monday

Kathrin Brown, Programs – [kathrin.brown@gmail.com](mailto:kathrin.brown@gmail.com)

## Calendar, Road Trips, and Events

### Current Exhibits

**San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles**, 520 S. First Street, San Jose, CA. [sjquiltmuseum.org](http://sjquiltmuseum.org).  
**Queer Threads** – Thru August 20, 2023.

### August 31 - September 4, 2023

**Monterey County Fair**. "Buckaroos and Howdy Do's" Monterey County Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairground Road, Monterey, CA. [montereycountyfair.com](http://montereycountyfair.com)

### September 15-16, 2023

**2023 Quilt & Threads Show**. Sierra Quilt Guild of Tuolumne County. Mother Lode Fairgrounds, 220 Southgate Drive, Sonora, CA. [sierraquiltguild.com](http://sierraquiltguild.com)

### September 22-24, 2023

**Where Can Quilting Take Us? – Quilt Show**. River City Quilters' Guild. Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA. [rivercityquilters.org](http://rivercityquilters.org)

### October 12-15, 2023

**Pacific International Quilt Festival**. Celebrating 32 Years at the Pinnacle of the Art of Quilting in 2023! Pacific International Quilt Festival XXXII. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA. [quiltfest.com](http://quiltfest.com)

### Pines & Needles Newsletter

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**MPQG 2023/2024 MEMBERSHIP**  
**FOR NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS**

Annual MPQG membership fee for new and renewing members is \$40 for our year September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024.

Please write your check payable to MPQG and send **with this form to** MPQG, ATTN: Membership, PO Box 1025, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Your name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a returning member and have no changes in your contact information, that's all we need. Thank you for renewing your MPQG membership.

If you are a **new member** or have contact info updates please fill in any **CHANGES**:

Address:

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City/State/Zip

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone:

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Email Address:

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Instagram Handle:

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Thank you for your membership in MPQG.

We appreciate all you do to keep our Guild strong and vibrant!