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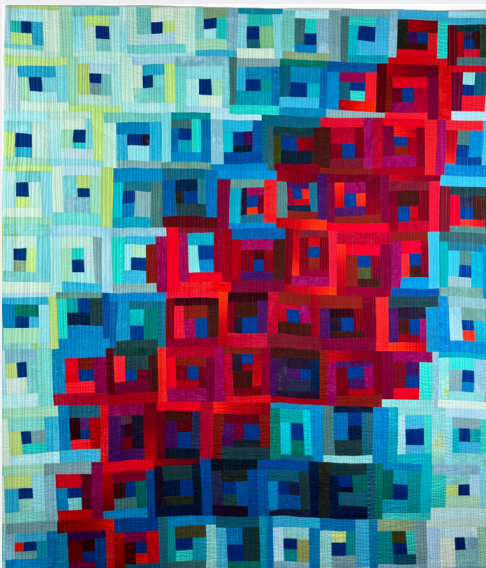


April 2026

Pines & Needles

*Newsletter of the Monterey Peninsula
Quilters Guild*

MPQG.ORG



April Speaker

General Meeting and
Lecture:

In-person and Zoom

April 6, 2026

6:30pm Social time

7:00pm Meeting



"Color Stories: What
you really need to
know about color to
create stunning quilts"

Claudia Shearer

This month we are very excited to have **Claudia Shearer** coming from San Francisco to talk to us about COLOR! This was one of the most requested topics by members who responded to our survey, so it is sure to be a great presentation.

Claudia is an artist and educator who creates abstract and modern quilts using improvisation, hand-dyed fabrics, and the nuanced use of color. Every quilt is crafted entirely by hand, typically taking a span of months to create from start to finish. She has been quilting for 20 years. Claudia's talk is entitled "Color Stories: What you really need to know about color to create stunning quilts".

Join us at the **Pacific Grove Community Center** or on Zoom to hear what Claudia has to say about color!

[Claudia's Website](#)

Calendar for April:

April 6, 6:30pm: General meeting, in-person & Zoom (social time begins at 6:30pm, meeting starts promptly at 7pm).

Speaker: Claudia Shearer, Color Stories

April 16: May newsletter submissions due

April 16, 10am-2pm: Sewcial at the Oldemeyer Center in Seaside

April 27, 4:30pm: Board Meeting

President's Message



Something truly magical happens when quilters gather. Bolts of fabric become works of art. Strangers become friends. And the simple act of placing one stitch beside another becomes a shared language that binds us all together.

That magic is almost here. Our annual show, Quilts by the Bay, is just around the corner. One hundred and seventy quilts have been entered with 66 to be judged. Julia McLeod will be our judge for the first time this year.

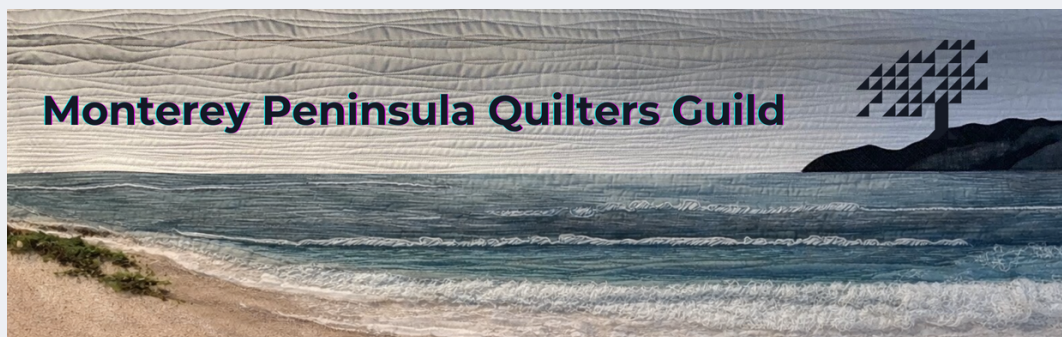
Please be sure to sign up for your volunteer slots if you have entered a quilt or two. And sign up if you haven't entered, to get the feel of the show. If you have entered a quilt in the show but are unable to volunteer, please try to find a kind soul who will replace you or just let Alisa know and we'll work it out.

I can't wait for the joy of the reveal! Sharing our creativity and passion with others is one of the best things we can do right now.

Joan Costello

beachbreak1250@gmail.com

Quilt Show 2026



Quilts by the **Bay**
May 1st - 3rd 2026

- \$10, under 18 free with adult
- Fri/Sat 10:00am - 5:00pm,
Sun 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Chautauqua Hall, 16th St & Central Ave
Pacific Grove, CA

200+ Quilts | Fabric Sale | Mini Quilts | Raffle

Details 
 Or www.mpqg.org

Our show advertisement is based on Linda Garofalo's prize-winning quilt *Hatching Loggerhead Sea Turtles*.

QUILT SHOW ACCEPTANCE LETTERS AND QUILT LABEL/SHOW CARD INFORMATION SHEETS

The Acceptance Letters for the Quilt Show with the Quilt Label/Show Card Information sheets will be mailed out around March 31. Please open your envelope right away, READ the Acceptance Letter and CHECK the Show Card Information for any errors. If you have not received your letter by Monday, April 6, contact me IMMEDIATELY.

Cut off the upper section titled "Quilt Label" and sew it to the back of your quilt as directed. Instructions for making and sewing a sleeve to your quilt are also included.

The bottom half, titled "Show Card Information," contains the information that I print on a card that will hang next to your quilt in the show. Please proof it carefully, and report any errors to me ASAP.

Bring your quilts to Chautauqua Hall on Thursday, April 30, between 7:30am and 9:30am. Judged quilts MUST arrive by

8:30am or they WILL NOT be judged.

Contact me if you have any questions. This phone number goes straight to the answering machine, so please leave a message.

Sharon Winter, Quilt Show Data Entry

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831-647-8769



Fabric Sale at the Quilt Show

We can help you get a start on spring cleaning! The fabric sale team will happily take more donations for our annual fabric sale, so keep the guild in mind if you are ready to edit your stash. You don't need to measure or wrap your fabric -- we will take care of the prep work. At this time, we are not taking quilting books.

Joan Costello will happily take fabric donations at her house: please coordinate with her via text or email prior to going to her home. You are also welcome to call me to coordinate a time to meet. Leahy Claudia Garcia has graciously offered

time to meet. Lastly, Claudia Sammis has graciously offered her Back Porch Fabrics store as a drop-off spot for donations. Mark my name on your donated bags or boxes; I will swing by Back Porch frequently to pick up fabric and take it to the guild's storage unit for organization. That's it - simple and easy! You'll be really helping the guild because the income generated from the fabric sale is a big part of our budget, and your generosity makes it possible!

If the weather permits, we will have an outdoor boutique in front of Chautauqua Hall, in addition to sales rooms at the back of the hall, to show off the bounty of sewing items for sale.

Please let me know if you have questions: 612-209-0056.
Christi Sutphen




VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE QUILT SHOW!

Calling all guild members: 81 volunteer slots for the quilt show still need to be filled!!

To sign up, look for the button under "Quilt Show" on our guild website, <https://www.mpqg.org/quiltshow>, or go directly to the signup app at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094AA9A92BAAFD0-62375949-quilt>

Any questions or need assistance? Contact Alisa Boehme at (650)862-7892 or alisaboehme@hotmail.com



MINI QUILT RAFFLE

It's that time of year again, quilters— our Mini Quilt Raffle is fast approaching, and we need your beautiful creations to make this year's event a success! Whether you have an old challenge quilt, a small orphan block, or just want to make something new to donate, we would love to feature your work in the raffle. This event is a favorite at our quilt show, and it raises crucial funds for our community quilts— funds that we use to purchase backing, batting, thread, and all the other essentials that keep our charitable projects going strong. Here's how you can contribute:

- Drop off your mini quilts at Back Porch Fabrics or at the April in-person guild meeting.
- Please add a label to the back of your quilt so we can track who donated each piece.
- Contact Chris Beach with any questions or if you need more information.

Your generosity has always been the heart of this event, and with your support, it will continue to be a guest favorite. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

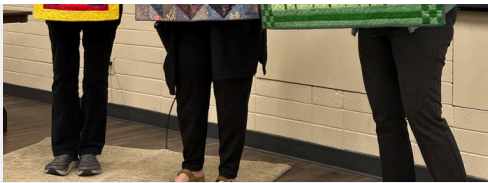
Happy Quilting!

Chris Beach

Mini-Quilt Raffle Chair

email: rabbitbeach2000@gmail.com





AFTER PARTY!

We changed the name! Our evening party has not been a reveal of the awards for some time and this year it's been moved to Saturday evening. So..."After Party"!

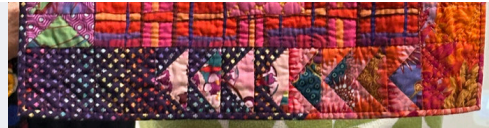
For the first time in recent memory, the last session of Empty Spools overlaps with our quilt show and Saturday is their free night. We are inviting the Session 5 Empty Spools students to this party to see the show along with MPQG members, partners, friends.

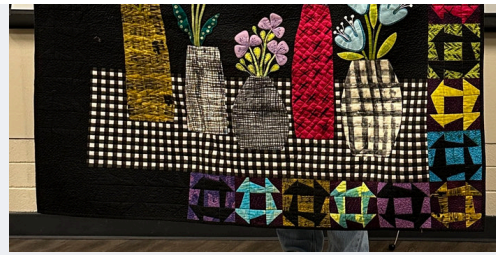
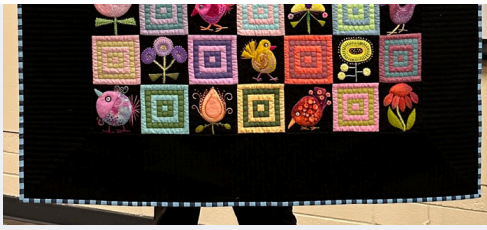
- Saturday, May 2, 4:00-6:30pm
- \$10.00 donation for those who are not already in the Hall. We will not be reserving spots ahead of time.
- Wine and light snacks will be provided.

Joan Costello and Sara Lyon

Show and Tell





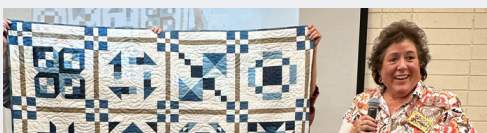


**Some of the many
stunning quilts presented
by our Guest Speaker,
Wendy Williams**



Joan Costello's Quilt

**Pati Fried workshop
participants Ann Croll,
Janet Bruman, Cat Toth
(thanks to Sharon Winter
for her display assistance)**





Loreen Kinney's Quilts



Mary Towns' Quilts





James Potts' Quilts



Sara Lyon's Quilts



Membership

HI, I'M NEW TO THE GUILD!

CARA GULATI - SAN RAFAEL, CA

CAROLE YOUNGREN - COLORADO

FAITH LANCASTER - CARMEL VALLEY, CA

MAE HOLM - CONCORD, CA

Community Outreach

It was great to see everyone at the meeting! Thanks to everyone who donated quilts/kits. We received 16 finished quilts and several kits. If anyone needs batting for a community quilt, please let me know as we have plenty of batting. Looking forward to our next Sewcial!

Pam Willoughby
Community Outreach



Thank you to the prolific Kathleen Heidrick who dropped off quilts for the Christ Child Society, which does such a great job helping young moms. Their beautiful layettes find grateful homes through Natividad Hospital. My neighbor Betsy

Messman is my contact at St. Angela's.

If you have quilts to donate to any of the Guild Community Outreach programs, Back Porch Fabrics will gladly pass them along to whichever program you designate. Just label the bag with the recipient's name.

Claudia Sammis
Christ Child Liaison



MPQG Activities

UFO Challenge

Our UFO Challenge participants have finished 77 projects since September 2025. A few of you haven't finished any UFOs yet. The April meeting giveaway is a \$25 gift certificate from Slowfiber in Monterey.

Loreen Kinney won last month's prize: a CutterPillar LED Sewing Machine light. Congratulations, Loreen!

April Mini Challenge for UFO Participants

For the April Mini Challenge, the random number is 15. To participate in the Mini Challenge, finish project number 15 on your list(s) by the April 6, 2026 meeting and email a photograph of your finished project to Laura Lawrence before the meeting or bring it in person for Show and Tell. You will earn 3 bonus tickets for finishing.

500 Yard Destash

We have less than 100 yards to go to reach our goal of 500 yards by the August 3 guild meeting!

For every yard of fabric and batting used from your stash for a project, donate a 2 ½ inch square of fabric—preferably fabric used in the project. These 2 ½ inch squares will be used to make Community Outreach Quilts.

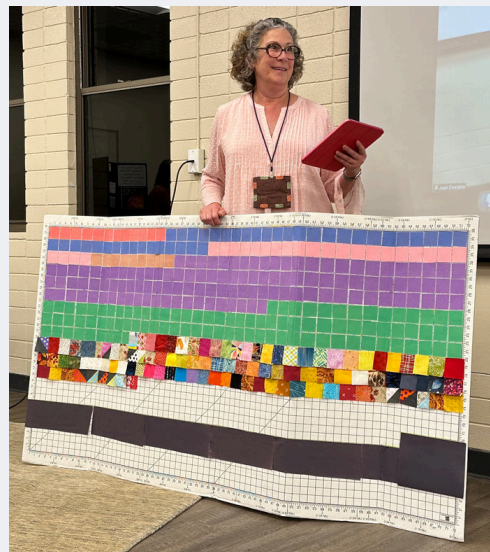
No sign up is required. Simply submit photos of your finished projects to Alisa Boehme (alisaboehme@hotmail.com) or Karen Shaffer (karendshaffer@aol.com) and report on the total number of yards used from fabric and batting you already have on hand (rounded up to the nearest yard). Turn in a 2 ½ inch square of fabric for each yard of fabric and batting used from your stash. You can give them to Karen Shaffer at the

monthly Sewcials or mail your squares to: MPQG, Attn:
Destash, PO Box 1025, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

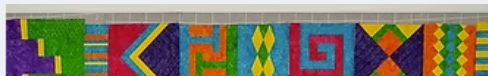
If you have any questions or need help calculating yardage,
please contact me or Alisa Boehme at (650) 862-7892
(text/voice) or alisaboehme@hotmail.com.

Happy Sewing!

Laura Lawrence
Activities Coordinator
lauramlawrence@gmail.com



Upcoming MPQG Programs and Workshops



In-Person Workshop



June 6, 2026

9:00am - 3:30pm

***Seminole Patchwork
with Kristin Echols***

Learn to piece Seminole bands. This 6-hour technique class teaches students to piece up to six different Seminole designs. The finished bands can be added to quilts, clothing or home decor.

\$60 for members
Oldemeyer Center - 986 Hilby -
Seaside

[Register for Workshop](#)



In-Person Workshop

July 18, 2026

9:00am - 3:30pm

***Stunning Improv
Sunburst with Michelle
Trimble***

Working with improv can be wonderfully freeing, yet the outcome can seem overwhelming to the senses. Choosing constraints at the outset of an improv project can not only lower the decision-making burden that can seem paralyzing, it can also ensure your composition finishes with dramatic flair. In this class, you will explore several variations of improv triangles, and experiment with variables that will alter the look of each variation. You will then

incorporate these blocks into a large wedge layout to make a 24" square quilt top that can be finished as either a wall hanging or throw pillow cover.

NOTE: this is an INTERMEDIATE class.

\$60 for members
Oldemeyer Center - 986 Hilby - Seaside

[Register for Workshop](#)



In-Person Workshop

September 12, 2026

9:00am - 3:30pm

***Bargello Star* with Jeff Warner**

This Kaleidoscope Bargello block is made of 6 identical panels of bargello piecing that create the dynamic 18" star pattern. It uses 5 background fabrics and 4 star fabrics. (A set of 9 fat quarters will make two complete blocks.) Participants will have a couple of hours of homework prior to the workshop to create the strip panels. Most people can finish the block during the workshop time. Skill building with assembly-line piecing and Y seams. Learn an easy technique with your Stripology XL Ruler to cut strips with a 1/4" or 3/4" in the measurement. No one else teaches this! And learn how Fray Check can be used in quilting.

\$60 for members
Oldemeyer Center - 986 Hilby -

Register for Workshop

Looking for a YEA!

Do you know a **Young Emerging Artist** or YEA? **Back Porch Fabrics** is joining **Katie Pasquini, Lisa Ellis**, and others as sponsors for a special juried exhibition to debut at the **International Quilt Festival in Houston 2026**. We are seeking quilt and textile artists (2D, 3D, and wearable artwork) born after November 15, 1991 (35 or younger as of November 15, 2026).

Back Porch Fabrics is offering a \$500 cash prize for *Excellence in Surface Design*. For more information and to enter, go to: <https://yeaexhibit.com>. Deadline for entries is June 30, 2026.

If you have a younger friend, please direct them to the website above and encourage them to enter a special piece. Perhaps a bit of hand-holding from you would further encourage them. We want to get the word out — please help us. Back Porch Fabrics has a zillion postcards, and you can leave one with a contact at schools, colleges, museums, or wherever young people/textile artists gather.

Call for Entry: Seeking Textile Artists 35 and Younger

Curators: Katie Pasquini and Lisa Ellis



Multiple Cash Awards and Prizes

Juried Art Exhibit Debuts:
International Quilt Festival
Houston
November 2026

Sponsors:



Apply Now: yeaexhibit.com



The 2026 Quilt Challenge

MPQG 2026 Quilt Challenge

Harbinger of Peace:

Angels, doves, olive branches or anything that brings you joy



Size: 15" by 20" (portrait or landscape)

- Quilts must have: 3 layers and a 4" sleeve
- Due date: August 3, 2026 Guild Meeting

Label to include:

- Your name
- Name of your Quilt
- 2026 MPQG Quilt Challenge

Your Challenge Team:

Carole Olsen caroleolesen@gmail.com

Karen Shaffer karendshaffer@aol.com

Quilts will be displayed at the August 2026 meeting. They will also be on display at the 2026 Monterey County Fair and at the 2027 MPQG Quilt Show, where they may be judged if you so choose.

Quilts may be inspired by:

Folk art, Americana design, spiritual spark, whimsy, celestial, musical, traditional or modern design.

Upcoming Quilt Events

Now - May 11, 2026 — *The Woven Pixel*, San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, 520 S First Street, San Jose CA 95113, 408-384-8382. <https://sj-mqt.org/on-view>.

Now - May 24, 2026 — *Embroidered Histories*, de Young Museum, Golden Gate Park, 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr, San Francisco CA 94118. www.Famsf.org.

April 4, 2026, 11 AM — 4 PM — *Ultra Textural Weaving on a Unique Substrate with Vicki Assegued* workshop. San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, 520 S First Street, San Jose CA 95113, 408-384-8382. To register: <https://sj-mqt.org/upcoming-exhibitions>

April 11, 2026, 10 AM — 1 PM — *Rust Dyeing with Mirka Knaster* workshop. San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, 520 S First Street, San Jose CA 95113, 408-384-8382. To register: <https://sj-mqt.org/upcoming-exhibitions>

April 12, 2026, 2 PM — *Threads of Thought: Shannon Mirabelli-Lopez*. San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, 520 S First Street, San Jose CA 95113, 408-384-8382. To register: <https://sj-mqt.org/upcoming-exhibitions>

April 18 & 19, 2026 — Quilt Show: Silicon Valley Modern Quilt Guild. Covington Elementary School, 205 Covington Rd, Los Altos CA. <https://siliconvalleymqg.com/guildshow/>

April 18 & 19, 2026 — Quilt Show: GQCCC, 1475 Creekside Dr, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. <https://gqccc.org/event-6506023>.

April 23, 2026, 4 PM — Empty Spools Seminars Session III, *Open House*, at Asilomar. Pick up a classroom map at Merrill Hall.

April 25, 2026, 12 PM - 2 PM — *Cornhusker Flower Arrangements with Angela Zamora*. San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, 520 S First Street, San Jose CA 95113, 408-384-8382. To register: <https://sj-mqt.org/upcoming-exhibitions>

April 25 & 26, 2026 — Quilt Show: Amador Valley Quilters, Trinity Church Gymnasium, 557 Olivina Avenue, Livermore CA.

<https://www.amadorvalleyquilters.org/Wordpress/2026-quilt-show/>

April 25 & 26, 2026 — Quilt Show: Pine Tree Quilt Guild. Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd, Grass Valley CA 95949.

Looking Ahead

April 28 and May 3, 2026, 4 PM — Empty Spools Seminars Session IV and Session V, *Open House*, at Asilomar. Pick up a classroom map at Merrill Hall

Upcoming exhibits at **Visions Museum of Textile Arts**, 2825 Dewey Road, Ste 100, San Diego CA 92106, <https://vmota.org>.

Now - March 28, 2026 — Exhibit by Patti Chamberlain

Now - June 20, 2026 — Exhibits by Vanessa Freitag, ***Cyanotype*** by artists group, and ***San Diego Textile Scene*** by artists group

April 1 - May 9, 2026 — Exhibit by Bibiana Badia

Call for Entries — **YEA! (Young Emerging Artists)**. Open to artists born after November 15, 1991. Multiple Cash Awards. For details: yeaexhibit.com. **Deadline to Enter:** June 30, 2026. Exhibit debuts at **International Quilt Festival**, Houston, November 2026.

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.

members.

ZOOM groups have worked out well. No need to make reservation, no obligation, just a nice quilty visit. They're always open to new quilters. See below for the 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.

Marjorie Longo - Friendship Group Coordinator



Carmel Valley – Cut-Ups

Meets the 1st Thursday
12:00-4:00pm, 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.

**Everywhere – Beyond
Borders**

Meets the 2nd Tuesday
1:00pm Pacific Time on Zoom
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.

**Carmel – Out of the Box
Quilters**

Meets the 2nd & 4th Thursdays
1:00-4:00pm
Marjorie Longo's house, 831-
624-8649 frumml@gmail.com
All levels meet to sew, discuss,
and create.

Marina – Otter Be Quilting

Meets the 2nd and 4th
Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00pm Layne
Rahbar's house, 925-478-9221
layne.rahbar@gmail.com
All levels welcome for
discussion and hand work.

Pacific Grove – Gather Before Guild

Meets before all in-person Guild Meetings. 5:00 - 6:30pm at Allioti's Victorian Corner Restaurant, 541 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove. All are welcome to chat and dine. Just drop in!

Seaside - Sewcial

Meets the 3rd Thursday 10:00am - 2:00pm, Oldemeyer Center
Pam Willoughby, 831-277-5906
pamelaswilloughby@gmail.com
All levels, drop in anytime to join the fun. Help organize and finish community quilts or work on your own project. Fabric, cutting boards and irons are set up for you. Bring your lunch and sewing machine (optional).

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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Newsletter Information

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- Send submissions by email to: Martha Price (pricemmartha49@gmail.com)

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