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June 2026

Pines & Needles

*Newsletter of the Monterey Peninsula
Quilters Guild*

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June Speaker



**Next General
Meeting & Lecture
Monday, June 8,
2026 - 7:00 pm
In-Person and
ZOOM
Guest Speaker:
Kristin Echols
*Seminole Patchwork.
Then and Now***

Kristin began quilting in 1999 when her best friend, Wendy, was pregnant. She wanted to do something special, so she made a baby quilt from her bridesmaid's dress. After that experience, she decided to pursue quilting as a hobby. It was a colorful and creative outlet to balance her career as a computer programmer. And she started teaching other local quilters.

she started teaching at her local quilt shop...

Kristin's lecture is on the history of the Seminole Indians and their vibrant patchwork technique. Explore their method for using strips of fabric to create intricate designs. She will show some of her own Seminole quilts and some that her students have made.

Social time starts at 6:30 pm.

[Kristin's Website](#)

Calendar for June:

June 6: Kristin Echols workshop

June 8: MPQG meeting

June 16: July newsletter submissions due

June 18, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Sewcial at the Oldemeyer Center in Seaside

June 25: MPQG Board Meeting

President's Message





I've compiled the reasons why I believe our quilt show stands out:

1. **Rich History:** Our show has a storied past, spanning 46 years. It's built on the foundation of volunteerism and excellence in all aspects of craftsmanship, from frame makers to muslin sewers. The plans that have been passed down through generations add to its legacy.
2. **Amazing Volunteers:** This year, we had at least a dozen committee chairs and others who were present every day, often working tirelessly to ensure that every job was filled. Many guild members also brought along their tall, strong family members, which was greatly appreciated. The atmosphere was filled with joy and camaraderie.
3. **Strong Community Support:** We receive immense support from various organizations, including the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, the Recreation Department, The Bridge Restoration Project, KAZU Radio, and KSBW.
4. **Exceptional Quilts:** Our quilters are incredibly talented! When the quilters from Empty Spools came on Saturday evening, they couldn't believe ours was a guild show. They repeatedly exclaimed, "Is this really a guild show?" and "This is the best guild show I've ever seen." Everyone was thoroughly impressed by the quality and variety of the quilts. People were genuinely excited to vote for their favorites.

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Thank you all, especially Sara Lyon, who will be taking on the role of quilt show chair in the future.

Joan Costello

beachbreak1250@gmail.com

Quilt Show 2026



**Best of Show: Nancy
Holinski**
Frankie



**Judge's Choice: Mary
Ellen Parsons**
Hollyhocks





Best Use of Color:
Christine Beach
2025 Carmel Valley
Temperature Quilt: Color
Me Mild



Best Machine Quilting:
Sally Miller
Blossoms of Reverie



Hand Quilted
First Place: Darcy Latta
Jardin de la Reine



Hand Quilted
Second Place: Susan
Michelson

About Time!



Hand Quilted
Third Place: Darcy Latta
Fiesta Gitana Azul



Pieced - Small
First Place: Darcy Latta
Bleu Marine



Pieced - Small
Second Place: Loreen Kinnev



Quilted
Birds of a Feather



Pieced - Small
Honorable Mention: Sara
Lyon
Jewel of the Sierra Madre

Pieced - Small
Third Place: Laura
Lawrence
Charlie's Cats in Space

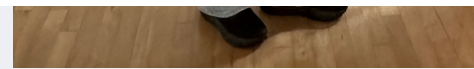




Pieced - Small
Honorable Mention:
James Potts
You Rule



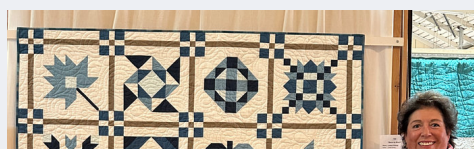
Pieced - Medium
First Place: Karen
Learned
Little Blocks



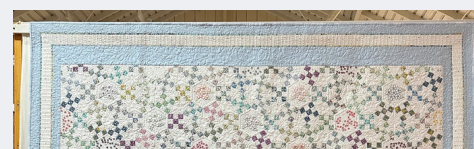
Pieced - Medium
Second Place: Linda
Herrera
Bullseye Blooms



Pieced - Medium
Third Place: Catherine
Toth
Under the Maple Tree in
Western NY



Pieced - Medium
Honorable Mention:
Christine Beach
2025 Carmel Valley
Temperature Quilt: Color
Me Mild
(Also, Best Use of Color)





Pieced - Medium
Honorable Mention:
Loreen Kinney
Block by Block



Pieced - Large
First Place: Linda Herrera
Blossoms of Reverie



Pieced - Large
Second Place: Karen Learned
Carnival Flower



Pieced - Large
Third Place: Karen Learned
Arctic Star





Pieced - Large
Honorable Mention:
Carole Olsen
Magpies



Pieced - Large
Honorable Mention:
Cindy Brown
Flowers for Gwen



Appliqué
First Place: Nancy
Holinski
Frankie
(Also, Best in Show)



Appliqué
Second Place: Christine
Beach

The G.O.A.T. Stamp



Appliqué
Third Place: Carole Olsen
Down the Rabbit Hole



Appliqué
Honorable Mention:
Gloria Hatton
Blue Jay



Modern
First Place: Deborah
Rvan



Limeade



Modern
Second Place: Deborah Ryan
Disinformation



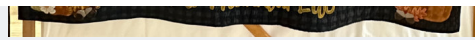
Modern
Third Place: Linda Toeniskoetter
Alligator



Special Techniques
First Place: Claudia Gano
Rising Moon



Special Techniques



Special Techniques
Second Place: Cindy Brown
Live a Thankful Life



Third Place: Claudia Gano
Christmas Tree Farm



Wall Art, Original
First Place: Joan Costello
King Tide



Wall Art, Original
Second Place: Stephanie Zunic
The Point



Wall Art. Original

**Third Place: Claudia
Gano**

Zmudowski Beach



**Wall Art, Original
Honorable Mention: Katie
Hamilton**

Buttons on a Field



**Wall Art, Other Source
First Place: Linda
Garofalo**

Railroad Tracks at Dawn



**Wall Art, Other Source
Second Place: Katie
Hamilton**

Walks with Grandma





Wall Art, Other Source
Third Place: Karen
Wagner
French Quarter



Wall Art, Other Source
Honorable Mention: Sally
Miller
Postal Challenge 2025



The Mini Quilt Raffle

Group Quilt
First Place: Faith
Lancaster/
Christine Beach
Knot Again!

Quilts by the Bay

What a terrific show it was! The fabric sale did quite well, the mini quilt raffle did better than last year, and attendance was over 700 people! We'll have all the numbers for you soon;

just know that it was well worth the effort.

The Viewers' Choice Awards will be announced at the June 8 general meeting. The top ten winners have been notified and hopefully will be able to attend the June meeting.

The After Party was well attended by Empty Spools students and they really appreciated being able to see the show. It was not as successful for our guild members and we took note. Parking is just too difficult. The party will be moved back to Friday night and if Empty Spools continues to have Saturday as their free day, we'll figure it out.

Thank you to everyone who helped pull it off! What an incredible group of volunteers you are.

With appreciation,
Joan Costello and our new chair, Sara Lyon.



FABRIC SALE

The fabric sale was a HUGE success and I have all of you to thank! We received many generous donations as you cleaned out your stash, I had many helpers who folded and organized the donations, and a number of you showed up to work in the fabric sale room(s) during our quilt show.

THANK YOU SO MUCH! I want to especially thank Cat Toth, Susan Michelson, and Pam Willoughby who worked by my side for five days to keep the sale running smoothly.

Thanks to all of you, we earned some valuable money that will lead to more fabulous speakers for our guild.

Christi Sutphen



Welcome New Members!

HI, I'M NEW TO THE GUILD!

LISA GRAY

GAYLE CROWELL

SARAH PARENTEAU

CHLOE STOFFERS

Community Outreach

We were able to deliver 25 incubator quilts and nine 45" square quilts to Natividad last week. The nurses were so thankful, as they had completely run out of quilts. They said to please thank everyone and that their patients treasure these quilts. We also delivered 20 Tummy Time quilts for the nurses there to gush over.

Our next Sewcial will be on June 18, 2026, at Oldemeyer Center, 986 Hilby, Seaside, CA. Starting in July the Sewcials will switch to the third Wednesday of each month.

Can't wait to see everyone.

Pam Willoughby
Community Outreach

MPQG Activities

UFO Challenge

We have two months left in the UFO Challenge! Our UFO Challenge participants have finished 91 projects since September 2025, and donated 13 of them to Community Outreach. Please bring your finished projects (or photos of them) to the June 8 meeting so you can earn tickets for the giveaway. The June meeting giveaway is a copy of the "Looking Up" quilt pattern from Australian quilt

designer and quilt teacher Wendy Williams, plus a set of three zippered project bags.

June Mini Challenge for UFO Participants

For the June Mini Challenge, the random number is 11. To participate, finish project number 11 on your list(s) by the June 8 meeting. 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 three bonus tickets for finishing.

500 Yard De-stash

We have surpassed our goal of de-stashing 500 yards of fabric and batting before our August 3 guild meeting! Great work! We are still accepting squares of fabric until our August 3 meeting. Let's see how many more yards you can de-stash.

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. At the June meeting, we should have the second “Twirling at the Disco” quilt finished. See if you can spot your squares!

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 the squares to Karen Shaffer at the monthly Sewcials or mail them to: MPQG,

Attn: De-stash, PO Box 1025, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

If you have any questions or need help calculating yardage, please contact 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



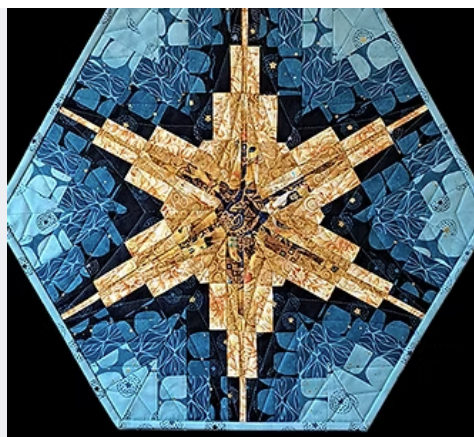
In-Person Workshop
July 18, 2026
9:00am - 3:30pm
Stunning Improv
***Sunburst* with Michelle Trimble**

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 lower the decision-making burden that can seem paralyzing, and 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 a wall hanging or a throw pillow cover.
NOTE: this is an INTERMEDIATE class.

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

Register for Workshop

In-Person Workshop



Jefferson Workshop

September 12, 2026

9:00am - 3:30pm

Bargello Star with Jeff Warner

This Kaleidoscope Bargello block is made of six identical panels of bargello piecing that create the dynamic 18" star pattern. It uses five background fabrics and four star fabrics. (A set of nine fat quarters will make two complete blocks.) Participants will have a few 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
- Seaside

[Register for Workshop](#)

Open Board Positions

We are so lucky to have most of the guild's Board staying on in their

positions, but there's room for you to be a part of our vibrant culture! We have only one 90-minute meeting a month. The following positions will be open:

- **TREASURER**— This is a great opportunity for someone who is familiar with Quick Books to use their skills to help the guild. You will be depositing checks, following payments on Stripes, and writing checks.
- **ACTIVITIES**— This position allows you to make choices! Do you want to restart the BOM? What is your idea of a fun Holiday party? How should we welcome new people? We would love to have you join us!
- **MEMBERSHIP**— This position requires an interest in paperwork. You will check for new members on our website and receive checks. Then you will update the Members Directory and send it out quarterly. You also get to introduce the new members at our meetings!

Please feel free to contact the current Board members if you have any questions about what their job is like. The outgoing members in the above positions--CarolAnne, Laura, Loreen, respectively--are eager to talk to you!

And let me know if you have any interest or just want a little more information. If you would like to be involved but not on the Board, I would love to hear from you as well!

Thank you,
Barbara Boyer

*The 2026 Quilt
Challenge*

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

Upcoming Quilt Events

Now - May 30, 2026 — Art Cloth Network, PHES Gallery, 2633 State St., Carlsbad, CA. <https://phesgallery.com>.

May 30, 2026 — Quilt Show, Car Show, Fabric and Bake Sales, Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Southern Alameda County, Community of Grace, 30 Elmhurst St, Hayward, CA 94544.
<https://www.piecemakersguild.org>

June 6, 2026, 2:00 PM — Threads of Thought with Ryan Carrington. San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, 520 S First Street, San Jose, CA 95113, 408-384-8382. To purchase tickets: www.SJ-MQT.org.

June 7, 2026 — Going Beyond the Frame with Vicki Assegued. San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, 520 S First Street, San Jose, CA 95113, 408-384-8382. To purchase tickets: www.SJ-MQT.org.

Exhibits at Visions Museum of Textile Arts, 2825 Dewey Road, Ste 100, San Diego, CA 92106; see website for details, <https://Vmota.org>.

Now - June 20, 2026 — I Find Little Treasures by Vanessa Freitag, Cyanotype by artists group, and San Diego Textile Scene by artists group. Off-Site at San Diego International Airport, Terminal 1 near Gate 121, Snapshot San Diego, details to follow.

June 11 - 13, 2026 — Quilt Show Reno, Grand Sierra Resort, 2500 E 2nd St, Reno, NV 89595, www.quiltshowReno.com. Friday night trunk show with Ron Appell. For bus trip info: <https://ncqc.net/calendar>.

June 12, 2026 - Opening Event A Mi Manera (My Own Way), San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, 520 S First Street, San Jose, CA 95113, 408-384-8382. www.SJ-MQT.org.

June 24 -27, 2026 — Shop Hop By The Bay,
<https://shophopbythebay.com>. Eight shops from Back Porch Fabrics
in Pacific Grove to San Mateo. Free. Win prizes for going to all eight
shops and getting your Passport stamped.

June 26, 2026 - Beginning Tapestry with Kathleen Dickey, San
Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, 520 S First Street, San Jose, CA
95113, 408-384-8382. To register: www.SJ-MQT.org.

June 27 & 28, 2026 — 30th Annual Quilt Show: Ocean Wave
Quilters — Gardens by the Sea, Dana Gray Elementary School,
1197 E Chestnut St, Ft Bragg, CA 95437.

June 27, 2026, 2 - 3 PM — Sashiko and Boro Textiles Up Close
with Dr. Cathy Cerny, Menlo Park, CA (address tba to ticket
holders). To see if space remains available and to reserve tickets,
go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sashiko-and-boro-textiles-up-close-tickets-1988925662196>.

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

Claudia Sammis

Editor's Note: Thanks to Claudia for providing listings for the
Upcoming Quilt Events calendar. The calendar is much more
interesting when it's well populated. Anyone who knows of a quilt
event is welcome to submit information and it will appear in the
calendar. Please send listings to the Martha Price, Editor:
pricemarttha49@gmail.com.

**Call for Entry: Seeking Textile
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Curators: Katie Pasquini and Lisa Ellis



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June 11, 12, 13, 2026

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510.967.3441 or email beth@fabric-chicks.com.



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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 fits your schedule. In-person and Zoom Friendship Groups listed are open to all members.

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.

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.

Everywhere – Beyond

Marina – Otter Be Quilting

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.

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 in
June
Meets the 3rd Wednesday
starting in July
10:00am - 2:00pm, Oldemeyer
Center
Pam Willoughby, 831-277-
5906
[pamelaswilloughby@gmail.co
m](mailto: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)

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.

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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Your Board is here to serve you, and we cherish your input. If you have any suggestions, comments, or interest in volunteering, please contact the appropriate board member. Board meetings, held on the 4th Monday, are open to all members. Please contact [Toni David](#) if you want the Zoom link.

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due on the 1st of the prior month. Before you email an item to the editor, please review the Submission Guidelines on our website at: www.mpqg.org/files/ugd/3c7d86_9272b6b230f64237a02dd59860565ca1.pdf

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

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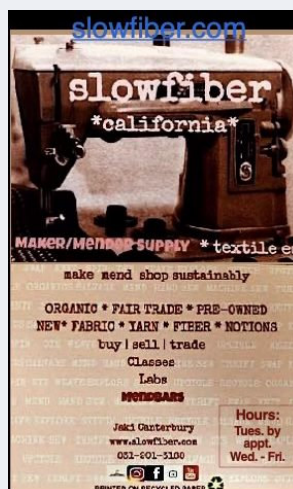
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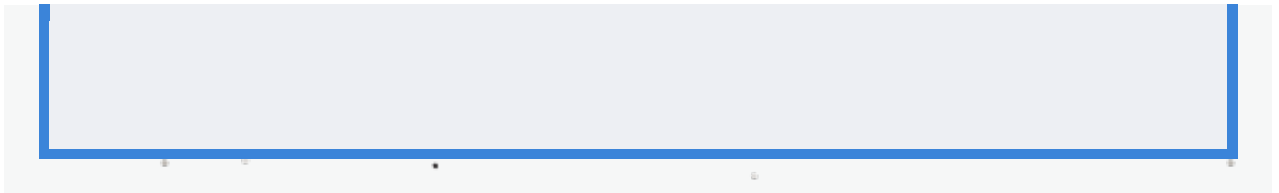
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