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NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA QUILTERS GUILD

JANUARY 2021

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ZOOM Meeting

Monday, Jan. 4, 2021

6:30 PM via ZOOM

Lecture with Brandy Maslowski — “Studio Magnificent”

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

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

MPQG Calendar

January 4 @ 6:30 PM Zoom

Lecture with Brandy Maslowski
“Studio Magnificent”

January 16 & 23 @ 10 AM - Noon Zoom

Paper Piecing Workshop with
RaNae Merrill

January 26 @ 5:30 PM

Board Meeting **Zoom**

February 1 @ 6:30 PM Zoom

Lecture with Kim Brownell
“Challenges. What to do?”

February 23 @ 5:30 PM

Board Meeting **Zoom**

ZOOM Meeting

Monday, January 4, 2021 — 6:30 PM

Brandy Maslowski (aka Quilter on Fire)

Studio Magnificent

How about kicking off the year with a fresh slate starting with your Sewing Room? Published in Studios magazine Spring 2011 and Summer 2012 and most recently in Quilter's Connection magazine in 2017, Brandy explores clearing clutter, organizing your stash, and managing your creative space. She inspires with tips on storage and ideas to make your space a creative sanctuary that brings you more joy and less overwhelm.



Brandy will be joining us from Canada via ZOOM. See more about Brandy at

www.quilteronfire.com

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Happy New Year!

President's Letter — January 2021



We had a wonderful Holiday Party via Zoom thanks to Fatima and her team. From holiday quilts to holiday head wear, from Erin Michael Lawler's presentation to breakout rooms, from auction report to community quilt reports, and finally prize drawings, we were kept entertained. We have received feedback that members enjoyed the breakout rooms so you will see more of those in future meetings.

2021 will find us still meeting virtually so keep an eye on your email for all of the great programming coming your way. We may also have to go virtual with our quilt show in 2021. The Quilt Show committee is working hard to provide us a way to show our quilts. Be sure to finish those projects because the call for entries will be here before you know it.

Our new website is live and waiting for everyone to check it out. Our directory will now be emailed as a pdf file that you can save on your computer. There may be errors created during the download from the old website (mine had two), so be sure to review yours and let Karen Shaffer know if it needs to be corrected.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all!

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Holiday Party Recap



Dressed up and ready to party, MPQG members made our evening festive and fun for all.

Erin Michael Lawler shared personal stories of growing up in the Moda Fabrics family and fireman Richard (Doc) Martin dropped in to express thanks for gorgeous quilts we donated.

A highlight of the evening was a display of [members' favorite holiday quilts](#).

Holiday Quilting
CHEERS!

Thanks to the generous donations of Marge Abel, Gail Abeloe, Janyce Anderson, Sherrill Ash, Deborah Biller, Barbara Boyer, Kathrin Brown, Fatima Dias, Linda Garofalo, Gloria Hatton, Rita Jacques, Sally Miller and Linda Phillips we were able to draw for three bountiful baskets.

June Cornell, Rita Jacques and Mary Kay Hamilton won baskets and Elizabeth McInnis won a bundle of Fat Quarters donated by Erin Michael Lawler. Thank you to Susan Michelson, Kathrin Brown and Joan Costello. It takes a technically savvy village to make holiday magic.

Fatima Dias

Upcoming Workshop

Workshop with RaNae Merrill via ZOOM

“Painless Paper Piecing — Simply Amazing Baravelle Spirals”



2-part Workshop:

Saturday, January 16, 2021 — 10 am - 12 noon

Saturday, January 23, 2021 — 10 am - 12 noon

Upon request for Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP), we booked this workshop with RaNae Merrill. RaNae's name will be familiar to you as a repeat teacher at Empty Spools Seminars. She is also one of the first teachers to embrace the ZOOM platform to teach and is offering a number of workshops of her own and other teachers through her website.

Baravelle spirals have a huge "Wow!" factor, yet they are surprisingly easy to design and sew and thus this class fits beginners to learn FPP and intermediate students that want to draw their own spiral. Students will receive an extensive supply list and instructions, access to a private Facebook group and access to the recording of the class to review after class.

<https://ranaemerrillquilts.com/collections/workshops-lectures/products/simply-amazing-baravelle-spirals-with-painless-paper-piecing>

More about RaNae can be found on her website: ranaemerrillquilts.com

Please contact kathrin.brown@gmail.com to sign up for this workshop. Fee: \$40 plus \$5.00 for materials.

Only 2 spots remaining.

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Upcoming Workshop

Now taking sign-ups

Workshop with Maria Shell via Zoom

Linear Blocks - Lines into Shape

2-part Workshop:

Saturday, March 6, 2021 — 10 am - 1 pm

Saturday, March 13, 2021 — 10 am - 1 pm

Maria Shell is scheduled to teach at Empty Spools Seminars (ESS) in 2021, and we are able to have her add a two day workshop at the beginning and end of her gig at ESS. ESS has not been canceled, but our guild does not foreseeing an in-person workshop for our members. Luckily, Maria is offering her workshops virtually from her beautiful studio in Alaska, and thus we can book her as scheduled.

Students will use the traditional log cabin quilt block as well as other linear quilt block shapes as the starting point for creating original compositions. Improvisational piecing, contemporary quilt design, and using lines to make shapes are all discussed in this class.

Please email kathrin.brown@gmail.com to sign up for this class. Workshop fee is \$55 per person.



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2021 ZOOM Programs

Jan 4, 6:30PM — Lecture: Brandy Maslowski “Studio Magnificent”

Jan 16 & 23, 10AM-12PM — Workshop: Paper Piecing with RaNae Merrill

Feb 1, 6:30PM — Lecture: Kim Brownell “Challenges. What to do?”

Mar 1, 6:30PM — Lecture: Maria Shell “Patchwork to Artwork - Journey of an Alaskan Quilter”

Mar 6 & 13, 10AM-1PM — Workshop: Maria Shell “Linear Blocks - Line into Shape”

April 5, 6:30PM — Lecture: Christine Hager-Braun “Finding Your Artistic Voice”

May 3, 6:30PM — Lecture: Pam Holland “My Life Journals in Textiles”

June 5 & 6, 10AM-1PM — Workshop: “Reverse Appliqué Two Ways: By hand or machine”

June 7, 6:30PM — Lecture: Margaret Brewster Willingham “Quilting: A Creative Journey”

....more exciting programs to be announced soon...

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While We Stitch at Home

Here are a few things to do in between (or during) crafting at home!

- All of the Textile Talks are recorded. So if you missed any, you click on this link: [San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles](#) (in concert with SAQA, MQG and others) offers a weekly TEXTILE TALK. Make sure to watch this episode with [Kaffe Fasset and his niece Erin Lee Gafill](#).
- Do you know the Quilt Index, a mind-blowing digital archive of more than 85,000 quilts that launched in 2003? After several years of painstaking work, the Index recently unveiled a new enhanced, expanded version with new tools. Check it out here: www.QuiltIndex.org
- If you are a vintage Japanese fabric lover, you are familiar with Patricia Belyea of Okanarts. She has started a new series of **chats with quilt artists**. You can view the first two through her generous recorded offerings [here](#) (Joe Cunningham and Sarah Nishiura). Or go to www.okanarts.com and then Gallery.
- And if you want to advance your quilting skills or learn to knit or crochet, **Craftsy** is alive again and they are promoting the crafty platform with many specials. www.craftsy.com
- Using dental floss (Glide) to match perfect points for those of us that need matching points: <https://www.quiltmavendave.com/how-to-match-perfect-points>

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Charity Quilts Report

This year MPQG has generously donated...

136 Quilts to fire fighters, volunteers and victims of the Carmel, Dolan, River and CZU fires

54 quilts to Christ Child Society, Renal Care and CASA

42 Neonatal quilts

59 Heart pillows to CHOMP and SVMH

Terann Carr



Quilts were distributed at the Cachagua Fire House for Carmel Fire Volunteers and Victims. In addition, on three separate occasions, Terann and her elves distributed quilts to known individuals at the Carmel Valley Community Park.

Block of the Month — January

* Blackbird, by Paul McCartney *

The Beatles released “Blackbird” on November 22, 1968. McCartney was first inspired to write the lyrics after hearing the call of a blackbird while he was in Rishikesh, India. Ultimately, the song developed into a powerful message about the unfortunate state of race relations in the United States in the 1960s.

Have a listen to Sir Paul: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDxfjUEBT9I>

This month’s block is shamelessly borrowed from the South Florida Modern Quilt Guild, where we also found the theme for this project. Thanks, Florida Moderns!

Your block will feature a bird motif. Using flying geese, you will create a block featuring “birds”. Your geese can be of any size. You may mix sizes of geese in your block. You may use a large “goose” with tiny piecing inside. Your geese may be lined up straight or travel in a sideways or in a diagonal on your 12 inch or 18.5 inch block.

Here are a couple of tutorials on flying geese that might be helpful:

- [How to Sew No Waste Flying Geese - no specialty ruler](#)
- Make a One Seam Flying Geese quilt with Jenny Doan of Missouri Star! ([Video Tutorial](#))
- This site has a nice chart for different sizes of Flying Geese: <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/flying-geese-cutting-chart-assembly-options-2821434>



As always, you are encouraged to make up your own design

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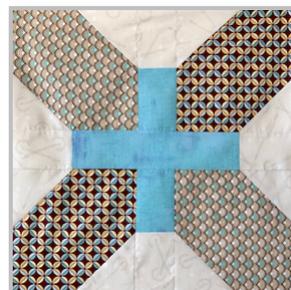
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September



October



November



December

Membership News



Happy 2021! My name is Karen Shaffer and I am your new membership chairperson. As of December, MPQG has 139 returning members and 12 new members. The beauty of these times is that distance is not a deterrent to membership or attendance. I look forward to the time when I can sit at the front door and welcome all of you in person. Until then, thank you for your determination, productivity and resilience! Please reach out to friends and family who might benefit from our quilting community. I have four younger sisters, two of whom quilt, and I am going to invite them to join our guild. Please find the 2020-21 Membership form [HERE](#) on our website.

We are so happy to welcome new members to our guild. We used to have them stand up, but now you will need to keep an eye out for them at our zoom meetings! Remember you can always send them a private “Welcome” through the chat during the meetings.

Mary Bennett — Salinas
Christine Canelo — Sacramento
Sarah Devlin — Mill Valley
Rebecca Glenny — Seaside
Marla Hill — Lebec
Susan Holtam — Pebble Beach

Betsey Jokerst — Danville
Chinyere Ogbonno — Monterey
Diana Potter — Monterey
Ginger Ramirez — Marina
Lu Ann Smallman — San Leandro
Nancy Sherburne — Pacific Grove

So glad to have you all!

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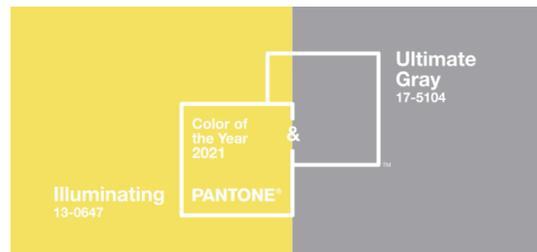
2021 Colors of the Year

Do you look forward to the reveal of the new colors of the year? Well, both, Robert Kaufman (Kona) and Pantone just introduced their 2021 colors.

1. Kona Color is HORIZON.



2. Pantone chose two colors for 2021 - a gray and a yellow to convey: “A marriage of color conveying a message of strength and hopefulness that is both enduring and uplifting.”



More info about their choice can be found [here](#).

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Member Quilt Show

Two Lindas 2020

New Work + Additional Highlights from Our First Six Years



Quilts by Linda Branting and Linda Garofalo

November 1st, 2020 through January 5th, 2021

The Gallery at Back Porch Fabrics

Member Quilt Show - Upcoming

Sampling from a

Full Time Quilter

Quilts by Sherrill Ash

January 10, 2021

to

March 3, 2021

The Gallery at
Back Porch Fabrics
157 Grand Ave
Pacific Grove, CA 93950



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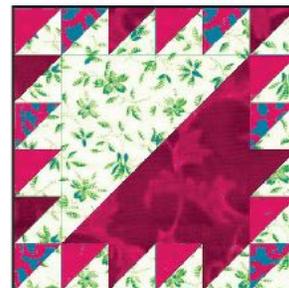
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<p>Carmel — Tea Timers Meets Wednesday 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pat Tillson, 831-625-4123 All levels meet to do handwork. Meetings are outside at Regina Liske's house.</p>	<p>Carmel — Out of the Box Quilters Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Marjorie Longo, 831-624-8649 All levels meet to sew, discuss, and create on ZOOM.</p>
<p>Carmel Valley — Cut-Ups Meets the 1st Thursday 12-4pm, St. Dunstan's Church; Liz Rondelle, 831-601-0330 Meets to sew, share mini demos, group challenges, and charity quilts. Large tables available.</p>	<p>Mid Carmel Valley — Valley Girls Meets the 3rd Thursday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Diana Vorne 247-7635 All levels meet for sewing and some group projects.</p>
<p>Laguna Seca Area — Charity Quilt Friendship Group Meets the 3rd Friday 9:30 a.m. to ?? Terann Carr, 831-375-7881 All welcome to participate.</p>	<p>Laguna Seca Area — No Strings Attached Meets the 3rd Tuesday 4pm-6pm Chamisal Bistro - Happy Hour Robles Road Corral De Tierra CA Cec Larsen, 235-0456</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.</p>

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