

Pines & Needles

Newsletter of the Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild
www.mpqg.org



MARCH 2019

General Meeting Monday, March 4, 2019

6:15 PM Set-up & Social Time
7:00 PM Meeting

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

What to Bring:

- Cash for Awards Party ticket
- Calendar to volunteer
- Raffle tickets & \$\$
- Name tag
- BOM
- Tic-Tac-Toe Project
- Community Quilts
- Library Books
- Show & Tell

Next Meeting

Monday, March 4, 2019
7 PM

Speaker: Rosalie Dace
Reflections of an
Itinerant Quilter

www.rosaliedace.co.za



Rosalie is a longtime teacher at Empty Spools Seminars with always sold-out classes. We are fortunate to have her speak at our guild. Here is the description of the lecture in her own words:

We are all products of history and my quilts come directly from my own life. This lecture traces views and thoughts of people, places, ideas, and objects that have inspired and moved me from my childhood in rural South Africa to the rather crazy traveling I have done over the past 30 years. I show images of my homes and quilts, and the people and places that influenced them. The process of quilt making is enormously important to me and I track various works in progress in my studio, as well as discuss how changes around me have affected and influenced my work. Also included are images of artists whose work I admire from around the world in places I have visited. I think this provides a close look at the working artist and teacher, where it all comes from, what makes me laugh, what the challenges are, and where I hope to go with it... and that always changes, so come and enjoy my journey with me as I reflect on what it means to be an Itinerant Quilter.

Phyllis Martin, Program
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MPQG Calendar

February 26 @ 6pm Board Meeting

March 4 @ 7PM

General Meeting: Rosalie Dace -
Reflections of an Itinerant Quilter

March 9 @ 11:30AM

Quilt Show Committee planning
meeting at the Monterey Library

March 30-31

The *Wedge* workshop with Kathy
Doughty at Sally Griffin Center
(waitlist only)

April 1 @ 10AM

General Meeting: Kathy Doughty -
The Accidental Designer

April 5-7

Quilt Show

REMINDER:

APRIL 1st is a MORNING General
Meeting. Doors open at 9:30 AM with
social time and quilt show sign ups.
Program starts at 10 AM.

President's Letter - March 2019

by Rita Jacques, stan2rita@sbcglobal.net, 360-561-6296

January and February have been wonderful months for quilters. Lots of reasons to stay inside and work on our projects. Meanwhile the rain has turned the hills around us to vibrant green and it won't be long before the warmer weather is beckoning us to get outside.

As always, the generosity of our guild members overwhelms me. Not only are we exceeding all expectations with the comfort quilts being completed, but in the first quarter of this year, we had already exceeded our budget for the batting and mailing of these quilts. For those of you who may be away, this includes many quilts for last year's fire victims in Santa Rosa and Paradise. When I announced this, the response was immediate and generous with \$1360 collected and added to our budget for this purpose.

The months ahead are going to be very busy. Kathrin Brown and her team are gearing up for the 2019 Quilts by the Bay. Entries have been completed. The Judging committee headed by Debbie Biller has reviewed the entries, and Linda Branting and Phyllis Martin have begun designing the show. Donna Foote is collecting the mini quilts for the drawing, and the final push for the sale of our Raffle Quilt tickets is on. Definitely a busy time and a need for all hands to participate. Don't forget to sign up for the various positions available for the show.

Happy sewing as you put the sleeves on your entries.

Rita



SHE IS A FINALIST (a winner in my book!)

by Kathrin Brown, kathrin.brown@gmail.com

Our own Linda Garofalo participated in the EQuilters *Love Your Mother* Challenge. And as one of 17 finalists her "Time Is Running Out" quilt is now traveling the world to special exhibits. Read all about each quilt [here](#).

Calling All Members

by Joan Costello, beachbreak112@aol.com

For those of you who have entered one or more quilts to our Quilt Show, please remember that one of the obligations incurred is four (4) hours of volunteering at the show.

For ALL Guild members, please remember that to get in for free to the show, you must volunteer for (4) four hours, or (2) two-hour time slots on the signup forms.

Since adding the Friday show day, WE REALLY NEED all of your hands and willing hearts. Besides, remember HOW MUCH FUN WE HAVE!!!

Look for me at the QUILT SHOW table at the March and April general meetings with the sign-up sheets.

Quilts by the Bay

Quilt Show Get Ready...

by Kathrin Brown, 2019 Quilt Show Chair,
kathrin.brown@gmail.com, 408-838-1004

The biggest event for our guild is the annual Quilt Show. It is an opportunity to show our work, what we are about, a way to increase our funds and to get our word out to recruit new members and keep the art of quilting alive.

As the biggest event of the year, this quilt show can only be a success with all hands-on-deck. The quilt show committee has had its first meeting and we are ready to go with all this knowledge and experience we share. Now, we are going to count on the remaining members to fill in the volunteer opportunities on and before the show days. So, please sign up at the QUILT SHOW table at the next few meetings!

Thank you all for that you do. It would not be possible without everyone's efforts and enthusiasm.



Boutique at the Show

by June Cornell, 831-757-1390

Do you have something you want to sell? If you are interested in participating in the Boutique for the 2019 Quilt Show, please contact June Cornell at 831-757-1390 for details. There is usually plenty of space. As we don't have vendors at our show, this is our "vendor space".

Awards Party

by Stella LePine, 831-901-5030

The 2019 MPQG Quilt Show Awards Party will be held at the Chautauqua Hall on Friday, April 5, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. **Members and guests are invited.**

The \$10.00 ticket price will include admission, champagne, other beverages and finger foods. The party will provide a time for attendees to view all of the Quilt Show entries at leisure and to celebrate those judged which received awards. Tickets will be sold **ONLY** in advance at the February, March and April Guild Meetings. Tickets will **not** be sold at the door the day of the party.

Minis for the Show

by Donna Foote, 530-277-2166

The Mini Raffle at our Quilt Show is an annual hit. Visitors love bidding on the minis, members love donating a mini quilt, and it's a good fund raiser for the guild. So, if you have a mini to donate or want to make a mini there is only one rule. 24" square is the largest size we can accept for a mini. Anything else goes otherwise. A sleeve is not required.

Please find me at the March general meeting to donate your mini.



Garage Sale

by Terann Carr, 831-375-7881

A "Rolling Party" is scheduled for **March 28, from 12-3pm, at St. Dunstan's Church** in Mid-Valley in preparation for our famous Garage Sale. The guidelines for how to prepare your fabric are below as well as what other things can be contributed. We are not accepting books and magazines this year, they don't sell well, but that's the only change.

Don't forget to sign up to work the sale, especially if you have already been trained on the scale!

Garage Sale Guidelines

by Terann Carr, 831-375-7881



THE BIG PICTURE

1. Open to all sewing related items IN GOOD CONDITION
2. NO ODORS IN FABRIC (fresh, not musty, smelling of laundry products or smoke)
3. NO LOOSE FABRIC, ONLY FABRIC THAT IS:
 - measured (mark on tape)
 - rolled and taped (blue painter's tape)
 - fat quarters taped singly or in a stack
 - quart sized zip-lock bags of scraps STAPLED SHUT
4. Anything smaller than 1/4 yd. should go into a zip-lock scrap bag.

MEASURING AND ROLLING

1. One fabric per roll.
2. Use a zip-lock bag if there are many pieces of the same fabric
3. One piece folded selvage to selvage:
 - measure along selvage to the nearest complete increment yardage. If there is just a bit left describe it: _____ + yds.
 - If there is a lot left, fold it over to meet the rest and guess the total.
 - Examples of one piece measured along selvage could be described as:
 - Fat quarter + (20" X 22" for instance)
 - 2 1/2 + (if it isn't quite 2 3/4)
4. Fabric that measures 2 yards or more may be folded instead of rolled. Please measure and roll around bolt board. Use blue painters tape and wrap completely around to secure. Mark length and pull out the board. These will go on the "flat fold" table. Measure and roll around a bolt board. Use blue painters tape and wrap completely.
5. Panel designs and similar pieces will be hung, so they can be turned in loose
6. Co-ordinating fabric pieces can be put into zip-lock bags and stapled shut.

TURNING IN FABRIC

A little extra effort on our part will make the Garage Sale a clean and welcoming environment. You MAY NOT turn in fabric rolls at general guild meetings. DO NOT turn in any loose fabric, it will be thrown out. Honestly.

Turn in prepared fabric and other items at Chautauqua Hall in Pacific Grove at 16th and Central any time during the day of set up.

You may contact Terann Carr at 831-375-7881 if other arrangements need to be made for turning in your items.

Guild News and Activities

2019 Guild Challenge: CELEBRATE

by Linda Branting, brantinglm@me.com

Size: 18 inches x 18 inches square

Subject: A holiday of your choice! Do you look forward to celebrating a particular holiday? This is your opportunity to celebrate that day with a small festive quilt.

Fabric: Entirely your choice!

Due: August MPQG Guild Meeting — 6:30pm, Monday, August 5th.

Your quilt must have three layers — top, batting, and back. It may be any style — traditional, modern, art, or a combination — and it may be embellished any way you like. This is wide open and leaves you ample room to create something special!

It must have a 4" sleeve for hanging. The label on the back of your quilt should include:

Your name
Your quilt's name
2019 MPQG Challenge
Celebrate [fill in holiday name]

Quilts will be displayed at the August Guild meeting, the 2019 Monterey County Fair, and at the April 2020 MPQG Quilt Show where they may be judged if you choose.

Stop by the Guild Challenge table at the next meeting and pick up a sleeved page about the challenge and due date. They will be available only as long as our initial supply lasts.

Linda Garofalo, Linda Branting and Mary Kay Hamilton
2019 MPQG Challenge Committee



February Blocks of the Month:

A total of 40 bird house blocks were turned in and two winners drawn:

Kathleen Erickson
Mary Kay Hamilton

Congrats & Enjoy!

Guild News and Activities cont.



Membership News

by Linda Branting, lmbranting@aol.com, 650-703-0531

Welcome new member Sheila Dietz of Pacific Grove. Sheila came to our February guild meeting on that stormy Monday night when we were buzzing with activity: Handing in last minute Quilt Show entries, posting birdhouse BOMs, borrowing books from the guild library, turning in ticket stubs and money for our outstanding "Give a Hoot" raffle quilt, learning about the new UFO Tic-Tac-Toe contest, and checking in with Terann over heart pillows and her many comfort quilt opportunities. All this was happening even before we heard from our terrific speaker, Fern Royce. Plus we launched our 2019 Guild Challenge! Who do YOU know who'd love to join us for all of this fun? Invite them to our next meeting!

2019 UFO is Stashbuster's Tic-Tac-Toe

by Donna Appleget, jaappleget@aol.com, 831-324-4316

The Stash Busters Challenge has gotten off to a great start! So far, we have 26 participants. Seven of those quilters have already completed a Tic-Tac-Toe Row and been entered into the April raffle.

It is not too late to join. If you complete a row by the April meeting, you can be entered into the drawing. Just drop by the Stash Busters table for information on the challenge and resource pages for project ideas. I am happy to report that my stash is shrinking after just a few weeks! I hope your stash is shrinking, too!

Stash Buster's Tic-Tac-Toe

Mini-quilt for "Quilts By The Bay" Raffle	2019 Challenge Quilt • Guild • Friendship Group • On-line	Heart Pillow Cover
Surprise! small gift project	FREE SPACE	Re-purpose an Orphan Block
Make a Block of the Month	Finish a UFO or WIP	Comfort Quilt for guild charity



2018 Guild Challenge Display Continues

by Linda Branting, brantinglm@me.com

Thank you to everyone who entered 2018 Guild Challenge "What Goes Around?" Quilts in our April Quilt Show. Yes, they were handsomely displayed at the Monterey County Fair in September, but we are looking forward to having them back for a closer look to see how our members incorporated at least one circle into their 18"x18" quilts. We know our Quilt Show guests will be thrilled with our members' imagination and workmanship.

And the show goes on! Please note that after our guild show we will hold your Guild Challenge quilts and securely transfer them to Back Porch Fabric's gallery where they will again be on display. The exact dates of the show — opening and closing — will follow. At the conclusion of the gallery show, you will be able to pick them up directly from Back Porch.

Linda Garofalo, Linda Branting, and Mary Kay Hamilton

Community Outreach and Fundraising

THANK YOU.....

by Terann Carr, 831-375-7881

CASA of Monterey County would like to thank the Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild for your generous contribution not only to Gift of Giving, but throughout the year. It is with your help that our mission to advocate for abused and neglected foster children remains viable.

Each year, we aim to improve how our organization approaches Gift of Giving, and we are proud to have made it our most successful gift-giving event yet! In total, your contributions helped over 150 children pick out gifts. We had 30 donors participate this year, which resulted in over \$5,000 worth of cash and check donations, as well as more than 2,000 newly donated items! We would like to also thank the 73 volunteers that supported the program and their efforts to ensure that all of the youth enjoyed their Gift of Giving experience.

Gift of Giving is made special because of the combined efforts of so many to bring holiday joy to Monterey County's foster children. Please enjoy the collage attached to this email containing handwritten notes from a few of the kids whose lives you made a difference in.

We are grateful for your role in addressing the interests of foster youth in our community. Thank you again for your contribution to a successful event.

With sincere appreciation.

CQFG Sew-In

by Terann Carr, 831-375-7881

Save the Third Friday in March for the CQFG Sew-In at my home near Laguna Seca. I'll be fresh from a visit to the grandkids so we will have an open workshop. Bring a project you are working on, or do a neonatal kit. I have sewing machines to use too. March 15, 9:30 am through lunch time. Call if you need direc-

Quilting 101 at Chamisal

by Cec Larsen, 831-484-1135

The first two Quilting 101 classes raised \$250 minus some expenses and exposed non-members to sewing and quilting.

The next class is on **Wednesday, March 20, at 12:30pm**. In this class each person will make a pillow case and again is expected to finish the project to go home with a new creation. Class: \$25. Kit: \$10. To sign up contact Cec Larsen. Class is held at Chamisal, 185 Robley Rd, Corral De Tierra, CA 93908.

If you are interested in teaching one of these monthly classes, please contact me. We are looking for beginner projects that can be completed in about 2 hours.

GRANTS

by Sherrill Ash, quiltersherrill@gmail.com

Due to the generosity of our members in both donations and ticket purchases, we were able to raise \$2120 for our Grant Program. The Board of Directors reviewed the grant applications and our own charity quilt spending before deciding on the following donations:

- \$200 Robert Down Elementary
- \$300 Monterey Bay Charter School
- \$300 Los Arboles Middle School
- \$300 Pacific Grove Middle School
- \$150 Girl Scout Troup 32140
- \$500 San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles

The remaining \$370 will be applied to our own Charity Quilt projects. We have had such a great response to requests for fire victim quilts that we have gone over budget on postage and batting expenses. This portion of our Grant funds will help to get our budget back on track.

Thank you for your generous donations!

February Show & Tell



Linda Garofalo



Rita Jacques



Joan Costello



Karen Wagner



JoAnne Coss?



Linda Branting



June Cornell



Kathleen Erickson

More Show & Tell on our [website!](#)

Block of the Month: March 2019

* Wonky Star *



Well, when you were looking for bird fabric last month, did you find other animals or some Tula Pink (who hides animals in her prints) fabric that you forgot about? So, let's continue with a fussy cut center block. If you have Tula Pink fabric in your stash with a hidden animal, use it. Otherwise, choose another animal or a flower fabric, and solids for the star and a cream/off-white/light background.

Materials Needed

- (8) 3.5" squares in cream/off-white/light for background
- (1) 3.5" square for center - fussy cut a Tula Pink animal, or other animal or a flower
- (4) 4" squares in 4 different solid or reads-solid colors to coordinate with center square for star points

Note: All seams are 1/4" unless noted otherwise.

Instructions

1. Starch the four star point squares to avoid bias stretch as they will be cut on the diagonal. The "stitch & flip" method will be used to create the star points.
2. Stack the four solid squares on top of each other and cut on the diagonal to create 8 triangles.
3. Take four background squares and four triangles. Stitch a triangle to the right side of a background square. (see pic 2, top 2) Changing the angle of the triangles will help create the wonky-ness of the star. **(Make sure that when the triangle is flipped and pressed to the correct side, it extends past the edges of the background square.)**
4. Flip the star point and press with a hot iron. Cut the excess background off.
5. Sew the remaining four triangles to the left side of these four background blocks (see pic 2, bottom 2) — mixing up the colors and ensuring it extends past the edge of the 3.5" square. You can overlap the triangles slightly at the bottom, or leave a space. Each variation just adds to the wonky-ness.
6. Again, flip the star point and press with hot iron. Cut the excess background off.
7. Trim all four blocks to 3.5" squares by cutting off the excess.
8. Layout the block in final layout, and sew squares together in rows. Press seams to the solid squares. This will create nesting seams when sewing the rows together.
9. Press last two seams open. Finished block will measure **9.5" Square**.



Remember, we appreciate DIFFERENT blocks. So if you make multiple blocks, please use different fabrics. This BOM is due at the guild meeting on **March 4, 2019**. More info on the BOM at www.mpgg.org/block-of-the-month.htm

Our Merchants

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Calendar, Road Trips, and Events

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International TECHstyle Art Biennial IV.

Judith Content: Solo Exhibition.

San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles. 520 S. First Street. San Jose, CA. www.sjqmusem.org

February 19 to May 8

Thomas Contemporary Quilt Collection. Quilts from Del Thomas' Collection. Back Porch Fabrics Gallery Display at 157 Grand Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA. www.backporchfabrics.com

February 23-24

Pajaro Valley Quilt Show. Display and lecture by Featured Speaker Sujata Shah.

Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, Watsonville, CA. www.pvqa.org

February 28 and March 5

Empty Spools Seminars Walk-about/Open House 4-6pm. Pick-up map at Merrill Hall at Asilomar Conference Center. www.emptyspoolsseminars.com

March 2 & 3

Quilt & Cloth Doll Show by Manteca Quilters. 2707 Transworld Drive. Stockton. MantecaQuilters.com

March 9 & 10

Heart & Home by Yuba-Sutter Valley Quilt Guild. Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds. 442 Franklin Ave. Yuba City. CA. www.valleyquiltguild.com

March 22 & 23

QUILT San Francisco. Guest Artist Sujata Shah. The Event Center at St. Mary's. 1111 Gough St & Geary Blvd. www.sfquiltersguild.org

April 27 & 28

Through the Vines Quilt Show. 2nd Annual. Vines RV Resort, 88 Wellsona Road, Paso Robles, CA. vines@sun-communicities.com

May 10 - July 1

Circle Challenge. Quilts by members of Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild. Back Porch Fabrics Gallery Display at 157 Grand Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA. www.backporchfabrics.com

MPQG Friendship Groups

Open to all MPQG members. Please contact the member listed below. If you would like an introduction to a group, or if you need help forming a new friendship group, contact Marjorie Longo, 831-624-8649 or frumml@aol.com

<u>Salinas</u> <i>Que Sera Sera</i> Meets every Monday , 11-2pm Active Senior Center Susan Riddoch, 831-449-6315 Focus on embellishments.	<u>Pacific Grove</u> <i>Friends of Fred</i> Meets the 3rd Monday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Regina Liske, 831-333-9302	<u>Carmel</u> <i>Tea Timers</i> Meets Wednesday 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Pat Tillson, 831-625-4123 All levels meet to do handwork
<u>Monterey</u> <i>Stitch and Dine</i> Meets the 2nd Thursday 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Gudny Campbell, 831-372-6369 Sewing and dinner.	<u>Mid Carmel Valley</u> <i>Cut-Ups</i> Meets the 1st Thursday 12-4, St. Dunstan's Church; Liz Rondelle, 831-620-2512 Meets to sew, share mini demos, group challenges, and charity quilts. Large tables available.	<u>Mid Carmel Valley</u> <i>Valley Girls</i> Meets the 3rd Thursday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Liz Rondelle 831-620-2512 All levels meet for sewing and some group projects.
<u>Carmel</u> <i>Out of the Box Quilters</i> 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. Large tables available.	<u>Laguna Seca area</u> <i>Charity Quilt Friendship Group</i> Meets the 3rd Friday 9:30 a.m. to ?? Terann Carr, 831-375-7881 All welcome to participate.	<u>Off 68</u> <i>New Afternoon/Evening Group</i> Meets the 3rd Tuesday 4:00 p.m. @ Chamisal Bistro Cec Larsen, 831-484-1135 All welcome to participate.

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