

Pines & Needles



NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA QUILTERS GUILD

AUGUST 2020

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ZOOM Meetings

Monday, August 3, 2020

6:30 PM via ZOOM

Trudy Cleveland

“How to Shoot Your Quilt”

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

ZOOM Meeting

Monday, August 3, 2020 — 6:30 PM

Speaker: Trudy Cleveland

“How to Shoot Your Quilt”: Why and How to take photos of your quilts with your smartphone

www.trudycleveland.com

Trudy has been sewing since she was 12 years old and has progressively grown as a sewing enthusiast. Starting a long arm business meant she needed to find a way to document her journey. Taking photographs of her customers' quilts seemed the logical step. Trying to perfect her photography of quilts led her to take digital photography classes. The class “Digital Photography”



opened up a new world and led to constantly improving on the technique of photographing a quilt. In her lecture and workshop she shares all she learned over the years. Trudy still maintains a long arming business and takes a photograph of every customer quilt.

A link to this lecture will be emailed to you prior to the meeting.

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MPQG Calendar

July 29 @ 9:30 AM

Board Meeting

August 3 @ 6:30 PM On Zoom

Trudy Cleveland, “How to Shoot Your Quilt”

August 4 @ 9 AM-12 PM and

August 6 @ 9 AM-12 PM

Workshop with Trudy Cleveland

August 24

Challenge Quilt photos due

September 14 @ 6:30 PM

Challenge Quilt Slide Show

October 5 @ 6:30 PM

Cindy Grisdela, “Playing with Color”

October 10 @ 9 AM-12 PM and

October 11 @ 1-4 PM

Improv Abstracts workshop with Cindy Grisdela

November 3 @ 6:30 PM

TBD

We Need You to  **vote** at the August Meeting. See page 2.

President's Letter — July 2020



I know that most of us hoped that our social distancing would be over by now and that we would be back to meeting in person. Thank you all for being willing to try new things and joining in on the virtual programs we have provided so far. Since the news changes daily, it is hard for us to develop a long term plan but we are working to schedule Zoom friendly speakers thru the rest of this year. Many of our originally scheduled lectures are being postponed to 2021 in the hopes we can begin in-person meetings again. Stay tuned to your MPQG e-blasts and newsletters so you will know what is coming.

August is our membership renewal month and we hope you will take a moment to mail in your dues since we can't collect it at a meeting. You will see in the Membership article that the Board has made a reduction in dues amount for the 2020-21 year as a way to thank you for sticking with us. We are doing our best to provide opportunities for interaction that will make you want to continue your membership.

August is also our election month. You will see the proposed slate here in the newsletter and I encourage you to join our Zoom meeting on Aug 3rd to vote. We need a good Board of Directors to lead us through these difficult times.

Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom!

Sherrill
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Important Vote for MPQG Board of Directors

In August you will have an opportunity to vote on the 2020/21 Board of Directors.

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

Vice President – Joan Costello
Treasurer – Christi Sutphen
Membership – Karen Shaffer
Activities – Susan Michelson

These remaining five positions will continue through August 2021.

President – Sherril Ash
Secretary – Deb Ryan
Communications – Barbara Boyer
Community Outreach – Carole Brower
Programs – Kathrin Brown

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

Joan Costello
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Upcoming Workshop

ZOOM Workshop with Trudy Cleveland

“How To Photograph Your Quilts Like a Pro”

2-part Workshop:

Tuesday, August 4, AND Thursday, August 6 - 9 AM - 12 PM each

This is a hands-on (your hands only!!!) workshop using your smartphone to take professional quality images of your quilts. Trudy is teaching this ZOOM workshop in two 3-hour sessions. First session, practice and play with three types of quilt images: full image; close-up image; and staged image. In the second session, the images from session 1 will be edited using crop, straighten, contrast and brightness, and if time allows edited to use for ZOOM presentations.



Limit of 15 students for this workshop so that Trudy can provide individual attention to everyone. \$45 per person. No supply list. No UFO.

Sign up now to secure your spot: email kathrin.brown@gmail.com.

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MPQG Membership

Membership News



20% PRICE REDUCTION for MPQG 2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP!

A full year of membership is now \$40!

MPQG's board has been working hard behind the scenes to bring us the benefits of guild membership during our isolation. Among them, terrific speakers at our new Zoom programs and new Zoom show and tell sessions. Many additional activities will soon be announced. As a guild, we are ahead of the curve in adopting this new format to keep our members in touch, informed, inspired and educated. And while there's a learning curve to this format, it's shallow and super easy — 90 of us gathered via Zoom to hear Teresa Duryea Wong in July! So since we may be experiencing this “new normal” for some time yet, don't let it get you down. Instead, GET EXCITED about our upcoming programs and seeing your guild pals again at our Zoom sessions. Join us for an unprecedented year of education and inspiration with MPQG.

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Community Outreach

Keeping Busy?

This lock-down is wearing on us all, but touching fabric is the best therapy. And I will be touching batting too! Usually in the summer I start getting organized for the Tying Event, our September meeting. But this year, there will be no tying event at the Community Center in September. However, I have a plan to get the quilts finished.

I will prepare the projects just like every other year, and have them available to move to smaller venues. I'm hoping that friendship groups, and other groups of quilting friends not in a formal MPQG group, will step up to get a project or two done. Maybe your church would let you use a room, or another community meeting space that can provide tables. If you limit the number of people around a table to six, and spread two tables apart over a larger area, you can physically distance with no problem. Or if the limit is 10 people in a location at one time, two tables of 5. Let's get creative and have some fun too.

Touching fabric, getting a quilt done, and laughing with friends is the cure everyone is searching for!!

Terann Carr
831-375-7881

While We Stitch at Home

Here are a few things to do in between (or during) crafting at home! Take a hike, walk your city streets, or listen to lectures or take a class.

- [Mystery Quilt Along with Meadow Mist Designs](#) started July 2 with fabric requirement. First clue revealed on August 6th. Not too late to join.
- Jane Haworth - a speaker in 2019 at MPQG is offering her [Love of Pets Collage](#) class online to be taken at your leisure.
- Do you like to be inspired by challenges, BOM and word prompts? Then follow [Kim Lapacek](#).
- Watch Bi-Weekly Fiber Talks sponsored by the [Wisconsin Museum of Quilt and Fiber Arts](#) on YouTube
- [Textile Talks](#) features weekly presentations and panel discussions from the International Quilt Museum, the Modern Quilt Guild, Quilt Alliance, San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, Studio Art Quilt Associates and Surface Design Association.

And these links are repostings from the Monarch Knitting newsletter:

- [The Radical Quilting of Rosie Lee Thompson](#)
- [Take a 360 Video Tour of Ken Burns Quilt Collection](#)
- Quarantined Travel Photographer Creates Miniature ["Outdoor" Scenes with Everyday Objects](#)
- [The Secret to Deep Cleaning](#)
- [Food Pros on How They Named Their Sourdough Starter](#) - For those of you who are keeping one of "America's Rising Pets" here is a cute article on naming your little bubbly friend sitting on the counter.

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Fall Quilt Auction Fundraiser



Back by popular demand! We will be collecting donations to do another online auction this fall, right before the holidays. In addition to mini-quilts and pincushions, quilters can create festive fall or winter decorations and items that would make great gifts.

Auction Item Categories:

1. Wall hangings and mini quilts
2. Pincushions
3. Table runners, placemats, potholders and mug rugs
4. Tree skirts, quilted ornaments, stockings and holiday decorations
5. Other quilted items and gifts
6. Handcrafted items and gifts (Allows for other fiber arts and creations, but keep in mind that we may have to ship items, so please keep their size and weight down.)

The items need to be turned in no later than November 13th. The auction will likely be held November 20th through November 30th (the exact dates will be confirmed as we get closer). We will send out email notifications with times and locations for drop-offs.

The Fall Quilt Action Fundraiser will use the more traditional bidding process rather than the proxy bidding system. This means the amount you submit will be your bid - the system will not update it for you. However, you can be notified by text or email if you are out-bid so you can increase your bid.

I look forward to seeing all of your beautiful creations! Happy quilting!

Heather Clifton

Adding to Our Treasury

Don't forget to use the **Amazon Smile Program** in these times of internet shopping.

Here's how: Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and sign up. You can use Prime, or not. Then, choose Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild as your charity of choice. Last, shop as you normally would ... just make sure that you are on the Smile portion of Amazon. 0.05% of your purchase comes directly into our bank account quarterly. Here are links to the AmazonSmile program....easy to sign up, no charge, works with Prime or regular Amazon....and you can see your contribution at any time. smile.amazon.com.

PICK A COLOR — 2020 Quilt Challenge



Blue



Green



Yellow

2020 has come with more challenges than we expected. One we did anticipate is the MPQG 2020 Quilt Challenge to Pick-a-Color and run with it!

As the County Fair is canceled, we have extended the deadline for submission to **August 24, 2020**.

Please take a photo of your quilt (as we will soon learn how to do expertly!) and send it to Kathrin Brown by **August 24** — kathrin.brown@gmail.com. Kathrin volunteered to make a slide show for our Zoom meeting on **September 14**.

The challenge is still the same: Produce a quilt 18"x18" that is at least 80% dominated by shades of one color.

Add to your virtual submission:

- your name
- name of quilt
- pattern name or inspiration if applicable.

As we do hope to show them in person eventually, the quilt label should have:

- *Your name*
- *Name of the Quilt*
- *2020 MPQG Challenge*
- *And a 4" sleeve for hanging.*

We are excited to see what you come up with!

The Challenge Committee

Linda Garofalo — linda.garofalo27@yahoo.com

Mary Kay Hamilton — marykayhamilton@att.net

Phyllis Martin — downfieldpm2@gmail.com

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MPQG Friendship Groups



MPQG Friendship Groups are open to all members. If you would like information about visiting or joining a group, please call or e-mail the group's contact Member listed below. For general information regarding Friendship Groups, or to get help forming a new group, please contact Marjorie Longo, (831) 624-8649 or frumml@aol.com.

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<p>Carmel <i>Tea Timers</i> Meets Wednesday 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Pat Tillson, 831-625-4123 All levels meet to do handwork.</p>	<p>Carmel <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.</p>	<p>Laguna Seca Area <i>No Strings Attached</i> Meets the 3rd Tuesday 4pm-6pm Chamisal Bistro - Happy Hour Robles Road Corral De Tierra CA Cec Larsen, 235-0456</p>
<p>Carmel Valley <i>Cut-Ups</i> 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 <i>Valley Girls</i> 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>Monterey <i>Stitch and Dine</i> Meets the 2nd Tuesday 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. Gudny Campbell, 831-372-6369 Sewing and dinner.</p>
<p>Laguna Seca Area <i>Charity Quilt Friendship Group</i> Meets the 3rd Friday 9:30 a.m. to ?? Terann Carr, 831-375-7881 All welcome to participate.</p>	<p>Salinas <i>Que Sera Sera</i> Meets every Monday, 11-2pm Active Seniors, Inc. Susan Riddoch, 831-449-6315 Focus on embellishments.</p>	<p>New Monterey <i>Friends of Fred</i> Meets the 3rd Monday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Regina Liske, 831-333-9302</p>

Monterey County Library Quilt Display



Thank you again to those of you who generously loaned a quilt for the library display. Many people commented on the beauty and creativity of your work. I've been returning the quilts but have a mystery quilt with no name. If this is your quilt, please get in touch and I'll do a safe return. Stay safe!

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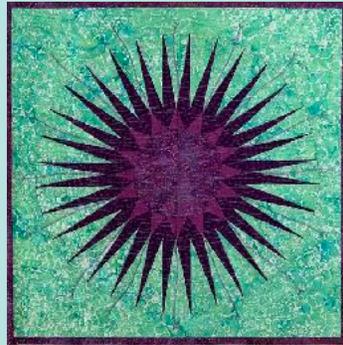
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Member Quilt Show — Current

Quilts by Karen Balch Wagner



July 3rd through September 1st, 2020

The Gallery at Back Porch Fabrics

Member Quilt Shows — Upcoming

Quilts by Kathrin Brown

September 6th through October 27th, 2020

The Gallery at Back Porch Fabrics
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Encore — Two Lindas

Quilts by Linda Branting & Linda Garofalo

November 1st, 2020 through January 5th, 2021

The Gallery at Back Porch Fabrics

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Annual MPQG membership fee for new and renewing members is \$40. for our year September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021.

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

Your name (please print): _____

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

If you are a new member or have updates to the contact info we have on file for you, please fill in any **CHANGES**:

Address: _____

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Thank you for your membership in MPQG.
We appreciate all you do to keep our guild strong and vibrant!