

# Pines & Needles



NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA QUILTERS GUILD  
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## General Meeting Monday, June 13, 2016\*

**6:00 PM New Member Tea**  
**7:00 PM Meeting**

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

### What to Bring

- Name tag
- Community quilts
- BOM
- UFOs
- Library books
- Show & Tell

## Upcoming MPQG Events

### \*June 13, 2016

- New Member Tea (6 PM)
- General Meeting: Leah Zieber  
*History Repeated*

### \*July 11, 2016

- General Meeting: Vicki Johnson  
*Art Quilts in a Series*

### August 1, 2016

- General Meeting: *Tips, Tricks & Techniques & Elections*

### \*September 12, 2016

- General Meeting: *Charity Quilt Tie-in & Recycle Tables*

\*second Monday

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## Meeting: Monday, June 13, 2016 (second Monday) Leah Zieber *History Repeated*



Leah A. Zieber is a Southern California quilt historian and quilt maker specializing in Antique Reproduction Quilts from the nineteenth century. Her reproduction quilts have been exhibited at quilt shows and historical museums across the country.

She has worked closely with antique quilt collectors cataloging, managing and independently researching their extensive textile collections. Over fifteen years of in-depth exposure and study of antique textiles has provided her with a wealth of knowledge that is instrumental in identifying and dating antique and vintage quilts. Her own quilt collection spans over one hundred and fifty years and she shares her knowledge of American Quilt History through lectures and workshops with California quilt guilds and historical societies.

Newly completed, *Libby Morgan: Reunion*, is the first historical fiction novel in her American Heritage Quilt Series, which chronologically follows Elizabeth Jane Morgan and her descendants through one hundred years of American Quilting History. Each novel has an accompanying Quilt Pattern Book which helps to transport the reader back in time through the recreation of real nineteenth and early twentieth century quilts and sewing projects found in the stories. All the projects are based on true-to-period antique quilts, tops and blocks as well as many other textile related items that are found in the Zieber Quilts Collection.

To learn more about Leah, go to [www.zieberquilts.com](http://www.zieberquilts.com).

Tiana Duarte, [kmduarte@yahoo.com](mailto:kmduarte@yahoo.com)

Call for MPQG Members to share "Tips, Tricks & Techniques" at the August 1 Meeting

see details on page 3.

## President's Message for June

### Joining in Camaraderie

by Nora Deans, [nora.deans@gmail.com](mailto:nora.deans@gmail.com), 831.760.9800

It must be June. Hot pink carpets the rocks along the coast, and the fog sometimes clears by midday. More importantly, June brings you the chance to join our energetic group of volunteers on the Guild's Executive Board or as a Standing Coordinator.



Each year, half of the two-year Executive Board positions open up, and several of the Standing Coordinators' positions become available (see "The Guild Needs You" on the website at [www.mpqg.org/news/2016/05/13/mpqg-needs-you/](http://www.mpqg.org/news/2016/05/13/mpqg-needs-you/)). While we're sad to see our colleagues step down, we welcome the fresh energy and insights that new volunteers bring to the table.

Efficient business practices keep the time commitment reasonable. Board meetings only last an hour once a month, and often I get emails from colleagues afterwards exclaiming, "I love this Board!" or "Great meeting!" Don't just take it from me. In her article on page 7, Kathrin Brown shares how she's gained a strong sense of community as a new member after joining the Board.

You might consider joining with a friend, or nominating someone you think might be a perfect fit. You'll find a brief description in our By-Laws and detailed job descriptions in the MPQG Standing Rules on our web site at [www.mpqg.org](http://www.mpqg.org) under the ABOUT US tab. And I'd be happy to talk to you about the nuts and bolts of each position and answer any questions.

By the time you read this, the Board will have met on May 24th with a focus on our finances and how we're doing with our budget for the year, as well as our overall financial trajectory. We'll share the details with you at our June meeting and in the July newsletter.

And please note that our June members' meeting is on the SECOND Monday, June 13th this month. Can't wait to see you there.

Cheers,  
Nora L. Deans



### Open Guild Positions

**Executive Board:**

**1st Vice President**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Standing Coordinators:**

**Activities**

**Membership**

### Board Minutes

By Bonnie Tomscheck, [b\\_tomscheck@yahoo.com](mailto:b_tomscheck@yahoo.com)

The MPQG Secretary, Bonnie Tomscheck, takes and prepares the minutes from the monthly board meetings. These minutes are posted on the MPQG web site. The February 2016 minutes were recently approved. Read minutes here: [www.mpqg.org/business/board/](http://www.mpqg.org/business/board/)

## Call for Members to Share “Tips, Tricks & Techniques”

For our August 1, 2016, General Meeting we'd like six members to share short (10-minute) demonstrations of "quick" ideas on a variety of subjects – sort of a "Speed Dating" session for quilters. We want to keep the demos to 10 minutes so that members will be able to see all six of the demos.

We're looking for new, unique, fun or time saving tips, tricks and techniques. Please submit your name and idea to Tiana Duart at [kmduart@yahoo.com](mailto:kmduart@yahoo.com) or by mail to 1017 Scott Court, Marina, CA 93933 by **June 15, 2016**. The Programs Committee will be meeting in late June to make a decision on which demos would work well together and inform the lucky members (I will send email regrets to those not chosen).



## Membership News

by Noreen Nance,  
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Join us in welcoming our newest members:

Heather Butts  
Linda-Ann Rose

which brings our membership to 178. Please reach out to our new members to include them in a friendship group.

## New Member Tea

On Monday, June 13 (before the general meeting) at 6 PM the Membership Committee (Victoria Duart, Liz Rondelle, and I) will be hosting a New Member Tea starting at 6 PM. There will be information about the friendship groups and volunteer opportunities. It's also a chance to meet all of the Board members.

Liz will be leading a "mini" quilt activity to make your own name badge. No sewing involved. This is for ALL members!

You don't want to miss out on the monthly fat quarter drawing just because you are not wear-



## CQFG Sew-In

by Terann Carr, [cacarr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cacarr@sbcglobal.net),  
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This month's sew-in for the Community Quilt Friendship Group (CQFG) will be on Friday, June 17, 2016, the third Friday, starting at 9:30 AM.

Come and join our busy group - your talents and energy will encourage so many people. If you are new or need directions, give me a call. Bring a sack lunch and tools for the yet-undetermined project. Often we work on charity projects we would otherwise sew at

## September Tying Event

by Terann Carr, [cacarr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cacarr@sbcglobal.net), 831.375.7881

I'm starting to save up quilt tops that can be tied at our September Tying Event. They have to fit on the square tables that are set-up which measure about 60" square. Normally, the quilts that work best are about 45" x 60". Last year a few 8' tables were also available to accommodate longer quilts.

The best tops for tying have regular pieced designs and are not too complex.

Dru Hammond will bring her quilt frame again which was fun to use last year. If you have any questions, just call me.



## Quilt Show and Raffle Quilt Financial Results

by Colleen Johnson, Treasurer

A report on the results of our "Spooky" Raffle Quilt for 2015/2016: The raffle ticket income for the quilt was a total of \$2,251.00. The expenses paid were \$658.64 which resulted in a net profit on our Raffle Quilt of \$1,592.36. A nice result for the "Spooky" wall hanging.

For those members not at our May meeting, here again are the results of the 2016 Quilt Show:

Total 3 day attendance: 758 paid admissions.

Admissions: \$3,790.05

Garage Sale: \$1,862.97

Judging Fees: \$450.00

Mini Quilt Auction: \$1,535.00

Boutique Rental: \$100.00

Total Quilt Show Income: \$7,738.02

Expenses Paid:

General Expenses: \$185.65

Hanging & Judging: \$927.82

Marketing & Publicity: \$373.98

Mini Quilts: \$14.11

Programs: \$190.09

Hall Rental for all week: \$750.00

Sales Tax on Garage Sale: \$161.00

Advertising: \$408.00

Total Expenses: \$3,010.65

Quilt Show net profit for the show of \$4,727.37 with one bill remaining (electrician who hangs the extra lighting for the show).



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Linda Garafalo at the Block of the Month table during the May meeting with the beautiful flower basket blocks submitted.



Karla Alexander's workshop, *Blue Moon - Color Shuffle*, was well attended with raves all around. Shown here are the results. This technique comes from her newest book, *Dynamic Quilts with Easy Curves*.

## 2016 Viewers' Choice Announced

At the May General Meeting, Viewers' Choice Chair, Fatima Dias announced the results of the votes cast by attendees at the 2016 *Quilts By the Bay*.

Here's the list starting at #10. Congratulations to all! So many beautiful quilts from which to choose.

10. *MaryJane*, Barbara Barrieau
9. *Sea Otter*, Linda Stoner
8. *Lost at Sea*, Jeanne Bartels
7. *Wisteria*, Gloria Hatton
6. *Tree of the Dead*, Carole Olsen
5. *Rocky Road to Fall*, Cindy Brown
4. *Oh, My*, Janyce Anderson
3. *Happy Hive*, Linda Branting
2. *Hydrangeas for My Sister*, Nora Deans

and, the winner is ... shown to the right.

1. *Breakwater*, Karen Milne

Note: *Breakwater* also won a first place ribbon in its category.



Registration is now open for 2017 Classes

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## Do you know: Cost of Workshops?

This is an edited excerpt of "Gouging or Just Getting By – Quilt Shop Confidential Part 3" printed with permission by Maddie Kertay - a quilt shop owner and written therefore from her point of view. Full article [here](#).

".... Again this is not meant to be a definitive piece on the subject. I consider it yet another volley in helping the public understand small business better. Again, again I am not unbiased in this situation and yet I do my best to be transparent about a topic that many keep under wraps for fear of embarrassment or condemnation.

....while quilters say that they want access to big name teachers they have no idea what it costs to bring them in... so I thought I would take some time to lay it out .....

A-List Mythical Quilt Teacher Event ( costs based on the averaging of price sheets from 4 national teachers and regional costs for Chattanooga TN)

Teaching charge \$500-\$1000 a day – Yes, this is typical and customary. This person has put years into perfecting their craft as well as a great deal of time preparing for teaching whatever 1-2 day long event you might be considering.

Hotel room for teacher – \$150-\$200 per day depending on region – And no, they should not have to sleep with Tom Bodett at Motel 6 nor should they have to sleep on a pull-out sofa or on a spare bed in someone's basement. These teachers are professionals and should be treated as such, that means a nice safe hotel with business class amenities.

Meals for teacher \$80 to \$100 a day – No sack lunches, fast food or sub par eating is acceptable. Hotel food and eating out are expensive, again this is a business person not a college student on a skip-year backpacking through Europe.

Travel charges \$350 – \$600 for a plane ticket. – NO, they don't have to use up their frequent flyer miles to come teach you... why should they?

Event Space Rental \$300 – \$700 per day– if you are going to have an event large enough to cover your costs you are going to need to rent an event space

Table and Chair Rental \$150 to cover use by 20 people.

Food, snacks, bottled water \$200 for students and teacher and class aids

Employee time \$10-\$12 per hour – for 2, 8 hour days. No teacher can help 20 + students at one time so extra help needs to be brought on for people who are having trouble with machines, missing parts and all the other things that go wrong during the class hours as well as helping set up and break down the event.

And while these are not ALL of the expenses .... It is very easy to see that just the basic costs involved can come to over \$5,000 to put on just a 2 day event.

.... let's take that \$5,000 and divide it by the 20 students....comes to \$250 a person at *COST*.

...what did the student get in exchange for \$250? They got to sleep in their own comfy bed, make a simple and stressless commute to their local quilt store or event site. Use their own machine, be fed lunch, snacks and be taught by a national A-list caliber teacher for 12 hours for \$250.

People, that is \$20 an hour for the experience of a lifetime practically in your own backyard.

So next time you see or hear someone grumble that their quilt store is gouging them, help them do the math first and help them understand that to run a business you **MUST** make a profit or you might as well take all the pretty fabric and throw a match to it, the effect is the same either way."

## Love Wearing My Hats

by Kathrin Brown, [kbkreativ@gmail.com](mailto:kbkreativ@gmail.com)

I joined MPQG in 2014 as a new resident to the area. Having some computer skills, I was asked whether I want to help out by becoming the newsletter editor or web-mistress. Reading the job description, I was better suited for the newsletter. **BEST DECISION ever!**

Putting together the monthly articles is like putting together a quilt top: arrange each page in a visually pleasing way. Most importantly, I am in the know. I am kept up-to-date about what is happening in the guild and even outside thru the calendar and doing some research myself. As a naturally curious person and subscriber to many quilt blogs, this is a perfect fit.



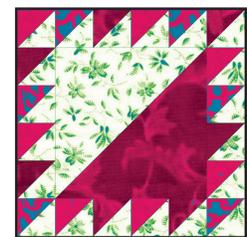
A natural step then was to volunteer for the open Communication Chair position - but HORROR: it requires one to attend the monthly board meeting! I was quickly cured of false impressions: The Board meets for one (1) hour EXACTLY - not more than that! The meetings provide entertainment, camaraderie and information satisfying my curiosity of other activities in the guild. I know our speaker and workshop line-up for next year, do you? :-). And I use the drive into town to run errands those days.

And how better to have an impact, than to "just do it". When noticing that there was no Block of the Month activity, I decided to start it back up (Claudia Sammis was instrumental guiding me). And boy, have I met many people through that activity. I've received much positive feedback plus am learning how to write pattern instructions each month.

As a newbie to quilting, to Boards, and to this region, I couldn't have found a better way to connect and to make a difference than by volunteering. Newly retired, it also provides me with a task, allows me to make friends with the same interests, and most importantly, give back.

### Board Projects: June 2016

- Meeting: Lecture, New Member Tea preceding
- Board evaluation of organization assignments & volunteers
- Update volunteer forms with member survey, optional
- Call for volunteers for MPQG Supporting Committees
- Next fiscal year budget proposals due to Treasurer
- Review and finalize membership dues for following fiscal year
- Finalize General Meeting calendar for year beginning September 1
- Develop nominations for MPQG executive board and standing coordinators
- Call for volunteers for Monterey County Fair
- Board meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2016
- Updates and announcements to communications by the 10th of the month



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## Block of the Month: June 2016 Instructions \*Double Pinwheel\*

This month the block requires only three colors/fabrics to create this double pinwheel. After making half-square triangles for the last couple of months, practice partial quarter triangles and working with bias. Since the fabric is cut on the diagonal, it creates bias, thus **use starch**.

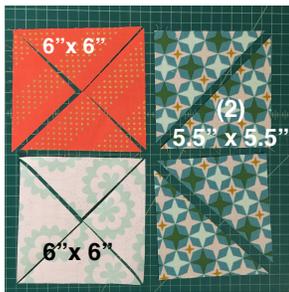


**Material Needed:**

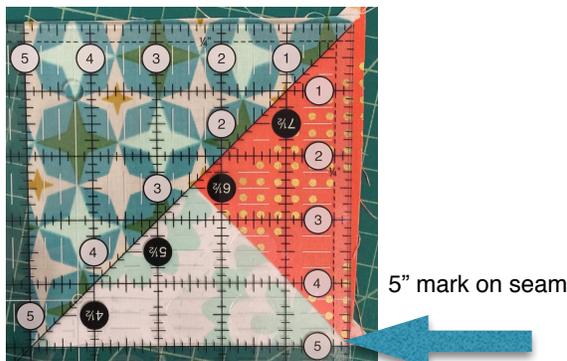
- (1) 6" square in orange
- (1) 6" square in low volume = light color
- (2) 5.5" squares in teal or aqua

**Instructions:**

1. Cut the two 6" squares on the diagonal both directions. Cut the (2) 5.5" squares over the diagonal once like this:



3. Trim all four blocks to 5" x 5" square using the 45 degree line on your ruler making sure to keep the two small triangles equal and centering the ruler.



2. Layout the 12 pieces created in this manner creating 4 blocks:



First, sew the two smaller triangles on each block together; press seams to the orange fabric.

Then sew the large triangle to the quarter triangles. Press seam to the large (teal) triangle.

4. Sew the 4 blocks together in this arrangement creating the pinwheel:



Press the last seam open to reduce bulk in the center.

**Your final block will measure 9.5" x 9.5".**

Make one or several of these blocks (**each should be different, please**) and bring to the June 13th meeting to collect points to win all BOM made by guild members. Five points will allow you to enter your name into the drawing pot. See specific BOM guidelines on how to collect points at [http://www.mpgg.org/activities/block\\_of\\_the\\_month/](http://www.mpgg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/).

Contact me, Kathrin Brown, at [k bkreativ@gmail.com](mailto:kbkreativ@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## Calendar, Road Trips, and Local Events

**now - July 6, 2016**

### **An Eclectic Mix**

Quilts by: Judi Brown; Nora Deans; Elizabeth Hull; Tina Magill; Kathy Miller, Jeanne Mills, and Claudia Sammis. Back Porch Fabrics, 157 Grand Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950, 831-375-4453. [www.backporchfabrics.com](http://www.backporchfabrics.com)



Picture on the right: Abalone Joe by Elizabeth Hull

**now - July 3, 2016**

### **Kaffe Fassett**

News quilts by Kaffe Fassett, and historical quilts from the Collection of the Quilt Museum and Gallery, York, England at the San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles, 520 South First Street, San Jose, CA 95113. [www.sjqmusem.org](http://www.sjqmusem.org).

**June 4 - 5, 2016**

### **Wine Country Quilt Show**

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County. Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95404. <http://www.mqsc.org/annual-quilt-show/>

**June 22 to 26, 2016**

### **Shop Hop By The Bay**

Thirteen quilt shops are participating in this event this year. Stop by Back Porch Fabrics or Family Threads for a flyer or see [www.shophopbythebay.com](http://www.shophopbythebay.com) for complete details.

**June 23 - 25**

### **Sew Original Quilts and Creative Expo**

Grand Sierra Resort in the Silver State Pavilion (located on the Arcade./spa level of the hotel), 2500 E. Second Street, Reno, NV 89595. [www.qscexpos.com/reno.html](http://www.qscexpos.com/reno.html)

**June 25 - 26, 2016**

### **2016 Seven Sisters Quilt Show**

Annual show of associated quilt guilds of the central coast. Alex Madonna Expo Center at the Madonna Inn, 100 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo, CA. Hours: Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 4 PM. [aqqcc.org](http://aqqcc.org)

**June 25 - 26, 2016**

### **Piecemakers Quilt Guild Presents "Legacies of Love Quilt Show"**

Dominican Center on 43326 Mission Circle in Fremont, California. With a special exhibit: Vintage Stitchers, Embroiderers' Guild of America. More info at [www.piecemakersguild.org](http://www.piecemakersguild.org)

**Aug 31- Sept 5, 2016**

### **Monterey County Fair**

For details, go to [www.montereycountyfair.com](http://www.montereycountyfair.com)

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## Next General Meeting: Monday, June 13, 2016

### Location

Pacific Grove Community Center, 515 Junipero Ave.  
(at 15th), Pacific Grove, CA 93950

### Meetings

are usually held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Many members arrive at 6:30 PM for an informal social time. **Please check the front page for any schedule or location change.**

### Membership

New members are welcome any time! Dues are \$35.00 to be paid annually by the September general meeting.

### Guests

are always welcome and are asked to pay a \$5.00 fee to attend the evening program. Please stop at the membership table.

## Pines & Needles Newsletter

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