



Pines & Needles

Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild

April 2014

General Meeting

Monday, March 31, 2014

Set-up: 6:00 p.m.
Refreshments: 6:30 p.m.
Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

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

What to Bring

- Check or cash for workshops, raffle tickets
- Name tag
- Community quilts
- Library books
- UFOs

Upcoming MPQG Events

March 31 - Monday - Meeting
Diana McClun & Laura Nownes

April 4 - Quilt Show Preview

April 5 & 6 - QUILT SHOW
Please sign up to help!

April 30 - Wednesday - Meeting
Jo Diggs, Multi-Layered Applique

June 7/8 - Workshop
Denise Oyama Miller
Painting with My Scissors

June 9 - 2nd Wednesday - Meeting
Denise Oyama Miller

QUILTS BY THE BAY
Saturday & Sunday
April 5 & 6, 2014
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Chautauqua Hall
16th Street (at Central Avenue)
Pacific Grove, CA

Tickets \$7.00
Children under 12 are free

Chautauqua Hall, Pacific Grove



Above: Photograph courtesy of Cedar Street Times

"Quilts by the Bay," the 35th Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild Quilt Show, will be held the weekend of April 5 and 6* in historic Chautauqua Hall in downtown Pacific Grove. The show runs in conjunction with Pacific Grove's Good Old Days festivities along Lighthouse Avenue.

The show kicks off with a 6:00 p.m. reception for MPQG guild members and their guests on the evening of Friday, April 4. Chautauqua Hall, built in 1881, is located at the corner of 16th Street and Central Avenue in Pacific Grove. Free street parking is available.

***Please note that our quilt show and Good Old Days will be one week earlier than the date previously published.**

In addition to a colorful display of some 177 traditional and art quilts on display, a Boutique will offer a wide variety of unique items for sale. An assortment of quilt fabric will be available for purchase at the Garage Sale. The show will also feature a Mini Quilt Raffle where you may win one of the beautiful small-scale quilts on display. You may also purchase tickets for the Raffle Quilt. Drawings for the Mini Quilts and the Raffle Quilt will be held late Sunday afternoon.

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Next Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 31
(NOTE DATE CHANGE)

DIANA MCCLUN AND LAURA NOWNES
Date changed due to our **QUILT SHOW!**

Charity Work

Pfeiffer Fire Update

Terann received a lovely letter thanking the guild for our efforts in making charity quilts.

Dear Terann,

*I wanted to thank you and the wonderful group of quilters at MPQG for helping Eby and I reach our goal of getting a quilt to **every** person that lost all in the Pfeiffer Fire. Your willingness to help was above and beyond our expectations, we couldn't have done it without you!*

Being able to give each and every person a quilt and seeing their reactions was one of the most touching things I've ever been able to do. The emotions that came with giving each person a quilt will stay with us for a long time, all of us were filled with gratitude. There's just something about receiving a quilt that makes you feel loved!

We are blessed to live in such an amazing community!

*With gratitude,
Nadine*

The Charity Quilt Friendship Group

The Charity Quilt Friendship Group will meet in Terann Carr's home on March 21st from 9:30 am till after noon. They will use their time to work on their own Charity projects. Another good use of time would be for you to bring fabric that you would like to donate to the Garage Sale and measure/mark your bundles among friends!

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Quilt Show News

Quilt Sleeve Tutorial by Susan Brubaker Knapp

Susan Brubaker Knapp of Bluemoonriver.com has created a great tutorial showing how to add a sleeve to your quilt.

This is helpful as you prepare your quilts for our annual show.

[How To Make a Quilt Sleeve](#)

Dear MPQG Members,

We have an emergency! There are many empty slots that are still open on most committees for the Quilt Show.

Listed below are the open slots that need to be filled. Please find the best spots where you can work. The quilt show is great fun and we all have a lot of fun volunteering at it. Each MPQG member is required to put in 4 hours of effort yearly at the show. Please contact Kathleen (Dee) Davis to sign-up: uil-terdee@gmail.com or (831) 521-6506

Here are the committees and the slots that still need "feet on the floor."

White Glove and Security Sat., 10-11:45, 3:15-5:00, Sun. 11:45-1:45, 1:30-3:15

Friday Door Sitters – Fri – 10-11:45

Raffle Quilt – Sat. 10-11:45, 1:30-3:15, 3:15-5:00, Sun., 11:45-1:30, 1:30-3:15

Admissions – Sat., 10-11:45, Sun. 10-11:45, 3:15-5:00

Signs – Sat., 9-11, 11-1:00, 1-3:00, 3-5:00, Sun., 9-11, 11-1:00, 1-3:00, 3-5:00

Thursday Door Sitters – 10-11:45, 11:45-1:30, 1:30-3:15, 3:15-5:00

DIY Garage Sale – Sat. 10-11:45, 11:45-1:30, 1:30-3:15, 3:15-5:00, Sun., 11:45-1:30, 1:30-3:15, 3:15-5:00

Take Down

Mini Quilt Auction – Sat., 3:15-5:00, Sun. 10-11:45, 11:45-1:30, 1:30-3:15

Time to celebrate! Quilt Show April 5-6, 2104

On April 5-6, 2014, our quilt show returns to Chautauqua Hall in Pacific Grove. As the artistic star of the Good Old Days celebration, Quilts by the Bay will showcase 177 quilts. Chautauqua Hall will be filled with the very best of our members' creativity and craftsmanship.

Each day from 10 AM to 5PM, visitors can wander through the colorful aisles and delight in the variety of color, texture, and design. Our guests can buy chances to win the Dancing Log Cabin—our 2014 raffle quilt. They can also buy chances to win their favorite small quilts in the Mini Quilt Raffle. Finally, visitors can vote for their favorites on the Viewers' Choice ballots.

Special treats await visitors in this year's Boutique and Garage Sale. The Boutique is stocked with one-of-a-kind, handmade treasures. The Garage Sale will offer something irresistible for every stash builder.

Winners of the Mini Quilt Raffle will be selected Sunday afternoon at 3 PM. The drawing for the Dancing Log Cabin—our 2014 raffle quilt—will be Sunday at 4 PM. Winners will be notified by phone at the time of the drawing.

Last year we had more than 700 paid admissions to Quilts by the Bay. Get the word out to your friends about Quilts by the Bay in Chautauqua Hall. We may be able to sell more than 1000 admissions this year!

Quilt Entry News

Hooray! We have 177 entries and 60 entries to be judged. This will be an outstanding show thanks to all of our members.

You should expect your acceptance letter in the mail by March 17. Please open it immediately and read it CAREFULLY to proof the information. If there are any errors, report them to Sharon Winter (831)647-8769, as soon as possible.

In the letter, instructions will be included for making and applying a required sleeve with which to hang your quilt. There will also be a paper label that you must sew to the back of your quilt in the correct place BEFORE you turn in the quilt for the show.

Pay attention to the time and place to deliver and pick up your quilt. Judged entries must be delivered by Thursday, April 3, no later than 8:30 a.m. All other entries must be there by 11:00 a.m. If you cannot get it there on time, please ask a friend to take it for you and/or pick it up. You will receive a receipt which MUST be presented at the time of pick up.

If for some reason you cannot finish your quilt on time, please call Janyce Anderson, 659-3505 or 601-2160 or Carole Olsen, 402-8988 or 372-9289, as soon as you can. Even though we always plan ahead emergencies do arise. We hope that doesn't happen.

Thank you all and happy quilting. We are really looking forward to the show.

2014 Judging Committee

Blocking Your Quilt Congratulations. You have finished your quilt for the show and you are very proud of your work, which you should be. But the edges of your quilt are wavy and don't lay flat or hang straight. Now what do you do?

This is the ah-ha moment when you realize there is something you can do. The judges always look for square corners and straight edges. The solution is to block your quilt.

How? This is what you will need:

- A flat pin-able surface like a design wall, carpeted floor covered with clean sheet, or cardboard cutting board.
- To ensure long straight lines use a laser level or square, a plastic quilting square or a gridded surface.
- Tape measure and/or ruler (I like plastic square rulers)
- Pins
- Spray bottle of water

If you wash your quilt you may do this before it dries or spray water on the surface of the quilt while flat and let it rest for 15-20 minutes.

Begin by pinning the top to your surface. Next, pull the bottom corners down and out and pin. Measure from the top to the bottom on both sides. If there is a difference, average the two measurements and re-pin so both are the same. Continue pinning the same way for the sides. Spray again if necessary so that you can pull straight. If there are bumps or waves in the quilt lay a flat plastic ruler on top (if on the carpet). Check each corner to make sure it is square. Let it dry overnight or until completely dry and remove the pins. If you are still not satisfied you may do it again. It always works!

Reference: <http://dreamweavers-quilts.com/2008/11/quilt-blocking-a-short-tutorial/>

Folding Party: Can you Help?

The guild has received a large estate donation of fabrics for the quilt show garage sale.

To prepare these fabrics for the sale, join us for a folding and marking party on Saturday, March 29th from 10am – 3pm at Sanctuary Bible Church in the Fellowship Hall.

The church is located on the corner of Schulte Rd. and Carmel Valley Rd., not far from Carmel Manor.

Come for one hour or for six! More hands make light work.

Your help would be greatly appreciated, this donation will greatly help our garage sale.

Contact Maia Liddle if you can help. liddlecentral@sbcglobal.net

DIY Garage Sale

Guidelines

This is a DIY (do it yourself) project. This year, the Garage Sale will share space with the Boutique in Chautauqua Hall. Consequently, space is limited.

Big Picture:

ONLY quilting fabric will be sold. It must be

- * measured (mark yardage on tape), and
- * rolled and taped with blue painter's tape.
- * Fat quarters must be taped singly or in a stack

NO batting, notions, trims, patterns, books, etc.

NO ODORS (fresh, not musty nor smelling of laundry products or smoke); and

NO LOOSE FABRIC. Do not turn in any loose fabric, it will be thrown out. Honest.

How to -- MEASURE AND ROLL

- 1) One fabric per roll.
- 2) Use a zipper lock plastic bag if there are many pieces of the same fabric.
- 3) Fold fabric selvage to selvage then measure along selvage to the nearest complete quarter-yard increment.

How to -- MARK

One piece measured along selvage could be described as

- * fat quarter+ (18" X 27")
- * 2+ yds. (two healthy yds. selvage to selvage plus a little more)
- * 2 yds. (any healthy yds. selvage to selvage to the nearest 1/4 yd.)
- * 2 yds. total (one piece with over an healthy 1 yd. selvage to selvage and a total of 1 more yd. of oddly cut fabric)

How to - TURN IN FABRIC

Turn in prepared fabric on Friday, April 12th at Chautauqua Hall in Pacific Grove at 16th and Central between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. You MAY NOT turn in fabric rolls at any Guild meeting.

Note: To turn in fabric early, you may contact me ONLY if you are coming from OUT OF TOWN on Thursday the 11th to turn in quilts for the show. Otherwise, please do not ask for exceptions, ask a friend to bring your fabric in Friday a.m.

Shopping Etiquette: Patrons may lose privileges for opening packages or breaking tape.

Volunteers needed to help with the Education "Booth" at the Show

Terann Carr is running the booth and has several things to relay: Debbie Biller and Suzanne Schmidt will help on Saturday. Terann plans to be there most of both days but would like a half hour lunch break on Sunday too. She also needs someone to take over 3 pm until closing. Terann will be back in time to take apart her display and pick up her quilt.

Terann Carr
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Quilt Show Boutique

If you are interested in participating in the boutique this year, you can contact me either by phone, by email, or at the meeting on March 31st.

We have plenty of space and would love to have you join us. Maybe you just have a few things, but when you add everyone's together, we end up with quite a full booth. Looking forward to hearing from a few of you.

June Cornell,
Quilt Show Boutique Coordinator,
757-1390 or junecornell@yahoo.com

President's Message For April

It's April and it's Quilts by the Bay! Yippee!! The process is exhilarating.

First, we are so fortunate to have access to an historic venue with a soaring roofline in a charming, small town ... American's last home town.

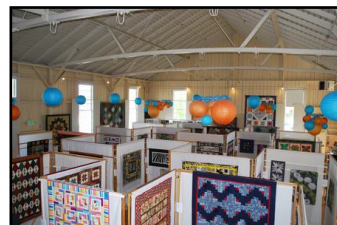
What's your favorite quilt show volunteer jobette?

During the past two years, I've been the photographer for the newsletter and web site. What's great about that job is that after all the quilts are hung, the photographer can roam around the now blissfully quiet Chautaugua Hall, and calmly photograph the quilts without anyone stepping in front of her. For a close-up look, I would just let the lens zoom in. If you would like to revisit last year's show, go to www.mpqg.org/gallery/2/page/1/ and double click on an image to go to full screen. This year, I'll be selling raffle tickets for our gorgeous quilt designed by Holly Casey. There's space on the schedule if you'd like to join me.

At my old guild, my favorite job was always white gloving. It's a very self-indulgent job because you are encouraged to study the quilts while you're doing your volunteering. You simply stroll among the visitors and share information about each quilt occasionally flipping back a corner so the back is visible (and, wearing white gloves harkens back to my youth). Give white gloving a try this year if you're undecided.

Where's the best view in the house? After you've helped with set-up day, climb the stairs at the back of the room and look out over the sea of newly hung quilts. It's a pretty thrilling sight. An aside ... best to sneak up there for a look before they put up the "do not enter" sign at the base of the stairs.

Come Sunday afternoon when we're all tired, we'll know that we put on yet another terrific quilt show. What a nice way to spread our passion for quilting.



Claudia Sammis, President
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Guild News

Free Pattern Demos Saturday, April 19, 2014 10:30 and 2:00 by Gail Abeloe

- * Free Quilt Pattern
- * Demo on how to sew the pattern
- * Door Prize at both sessions
- * Show and Tell

No need to sign up, just show up and enjoy the fun.

When you attend 4 demos and bring back 3 projects made with Back Porch fabrics, you will earn a free class!

Location: **Back Porch Fabrics,
Pacific Grove, CA.**

For a class schedule, go to
www.backporchfabrics.com

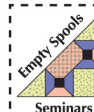
Mini Quilt Raffle

Donation Quilts for the Mini Quilt raffle are due to Tina Magill by the March 31st regular meeting.

There are no forms to fill out. Label and hanging device are optional. Use any quilt technique. Try to keep quilts smaller than 30" x30".

Call or email if you have any questions....

Tina Magill 831-649-1987
or cell 510-206-8477
or magill1242@gmail.com



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Session I	Feb 16 - Feb 21
Session II	Feb 23 - Feb 28
Session III	Mar 14 - Mar 19
Session IV	Mar 25 - Mar 30
Session V	Apr 27 - May 2

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Empty Spools "Walk About"

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Empty Spools Seminars has an open house during each session. You can "Walk About" and see most of the classrooms and what students are working on.

Empty Spools is at The Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove (cross streets are Holman Hwy. [68] and Asilomar Blvd). The open house starts at 4pm.

The dates are:

- March 29, 2014
- May 1, 2014

Check out the Empty Spools website www.emptyspoolsseminars.com or their brochure (available at Back Porch Fabrics) for more information about who's teaching when.

MPQG BOARD: APRIL PROJECT'S

- Quilt Show held during Good Old Days Celebration
- Choose the winning ticket of the Raffle Quilt
- Assemble next Raffle Quilt and submit bid for quilting to the Board for approval
- Updates and announcements to Communications the 10th of the month

Challenge Quilt Packets

Last Call for 2014 Challenge Quilt Packets. There are only 3 packets left for the 2014 Guild Challenge, "A Contemporary Classic". Contact Alice Stoll at 659-3273 if you are interested in taking the Challenge!

Allison Barrett

Dinner with the Stars

Would you enjoy having dinner with our guest speaker before a monthly MPQG meeting? It's a great way to get better acquainted with other guild members and a wonderful opportunity to get to know the speaker in a relaxed setting with good company.

Here's how it works: A representative of the Program team takes the speaker to dinner at about 5:00 p.m. before each meeting. Our Standing Rules provide a budget for the Program representative, the speaker, plus one other guest. That guest could be YOU. Additional members are welcome to sign up as well but they must pay for their own meal. We ask that you be the hosted guest just once per year, but you're welcome to join the group as a paying guest as many times as you wish.

If you're interested, please let us know by providing your name and contact number on the signup sheet at the Workshop Information table at the next meeting. We're accepting signups for April through August.

A caveat ... please be flexible if the speaker has other plans for dinner. We'll work you into the schedule at the next opening.

MPQG Program Committee

Raffle Quilt 2015 Winning Design Announced

Holly Casey of King City has won the competition for the design and construction of 2015 MPQG Raffle Quilt. Her quilt design was selected by the MPQG Board during the design review process undertaken each year by the Board. Congratulations, Holly.

Timeline:

April 30 - Holly to present design to guild members and distribute block instructions.

July 7 - Collect finished blocks

August 4 - Completed Quilt to be shown at guild meeting.

April Classes at Bella's Studio

Here are some of the exciting classes coming up at Bella's Studio in Monterey. For full descriptions and to register, visit their website at: www.bellastudiomonterey.com

April 5 – Appliqué Easter Napkins

April 12, Easter Surprise Balls

May 3 – Mothers' Day Spa Accessories

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Road Trips & Local Events Calendar, Road Trips, and Local Fun Stuff

March Events

Mar 22 - Mar 23, 10am-4pm, Gateway Pavilion, *Voices in Cloth Quilt Show*, East Bay Heritage Quilters Quilt Show. 1414 Harbor Way South, Richmond, CA. Admission: 2 day is \$12; Advance tickets \$10. For info, go to www.ebhq.org.

Mar 29 - Mar 30, 10am-4pm, The Golden Palace, *Springtime in the Valley Quilt Show*, San Joaquin Valley Quilters Guild, Quilt Show. 2625 West Vassar Ave., Fresno, CA (just off highway 99 at Clinton Avenue on the west side of the freeway). Quilts, Door Prizes, Raffle Quilt, Boutique, Box Lunches. For info, go to www.sjvqg.org or Sharon Carter 559-431-0255.

Mar 29, 4pm-6pm, Asilomar Conference Center, *Empty Spools Seminar's Walkabout*, Pacific Grove, CA. Empty Spools Open House...come and see what great teachers are featured. Session 4: March 29, Session 5: May 1. <http://www.emptyspoolsseminars.com>

April Events

Now - May 3, 10am-5pm, Back Porch Fabrics, *Del Thomas Exhibit - One Quiltmaker - Many Visions*, quilts by Del Thomas. 157 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove, CA. Contact 831-375-4453 or . www.backporchfabrics.com

Apr 5 - Apr 6, 9am-5pm, Chautauqua Hall, Quilts by the Bay, MPQG Quilt Show, 16th Street at Central Avenue, Pacific Grove, California. Raffle quilt, and Mini quilt raffle, come and see the Good Old days, www.mpqg.org

Apr 5-Apr 6, 10am-5pm, Centre Concord, Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County Quilt Show, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521. 41st Annual Quilt Show, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. Admission: \$8/day or \$10 for both days, Youth 6-17 \$4 and under 6 free. <http://www.contracostaquiltguild.org>

Apr 9-Apr 13, 9am-4pm, Northern California Shop Hop, *Quilt Rush Shop Hop* at: Vacaville (A Quilted Heart); Winters (Cloth Carousel); Fairfield (Cornerstone Quilt Shoppe); Elk Grove (Country Sewing Center); Paradise (Debbies Quilt Shop); Sacramento (Fabric Garden); Paradise (Morning Star Quilts); Willows (Quilt Corral); Sacramento (Quilter's Corner Inc.); Stockton (Quilters Quarters); Marysville (Sew So Shop); Grass Valley (Sugar Pine Quilt Shop); Chico (The Rabbit Hole); Fair Oaks (Thistle Dew Quilt Shoppe) and Auburn (Whistle Stop Quilt and Sew), Grand Prize \$1500 shopping spree, see website for directions. www.quiltrush.org

Apr 11- Apr 12, 11am-4pm, Ventura County Fairgrounds, San Miguel Hall, *Quilting by the Sea in Ventura*, Sponsored by Camarillo Quilters Association. San Miguel Hall. Show, vendors, boutique. www.camarilloquilters.org

Apr 15 - Apr 29, 12pm-7am, *Quilting Cruise Through the Panama Canal*, Cruise through the Canal on the Holland America ship the Westerdam...workshops and classes...and great scenery and ports. Fun for the whole family! <http://www.worldofquiltstravel.com>

Apr 24 - Apr 26, 10am-5pm, Hyatt Regency Monterey Conference center, *Eddie's Sewing by the Sea*, Cypress Ballroom, 1 Old Golf Course Road, Monterey (use lower entrance off Mark Thomas Drive). Eddie's Quilting Bee Store will be in Monterey, April 24 and 25, 9:30am to 7pm and April 26, 9am to 5pm. Sewing Machine Sales and Repair, Accessories and Cabinets www.eddiesquiltingbee.com

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Location:

Pacific Grove Community Center
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Meetings are usually held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Many members arrive at 6:30 p.m. for an informal social time. Please check the front page for any schedule or location change.

Membership: New members are always welcome! Dues are \$35.00, and are due by the September general meeting in order to be listed in the current directory.

Guests are welcome. A \$5.00 fee is charged for entry and participation. Please ask your guest to stop at the membership table.

Pines & Needles Newsletter

This newsletter is published monthly for the benefit of our members. It is available online at www.mpqg.org. Articles are due on the 15th of the prior month. Please send items to the editor via email at alex@alexandraberg.com

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