

Pines & Needles



Newsletter of the Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild

www.mpqg.org

General Meeting Monday, June 12, 2017

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

- BOM
- Name tag
- Community Quilts
- UFOs
- Library Books
- Show & Tell

MPQG Calendar

June 10-11, 2017

- Melinda Bula Workshop

June 12, 2017*

6:30pm New Member Tea
- General Meeting: Melinda Bula
The Power and Secret of Color

July 10, 2017

- General Meeting: Jean Impey
Finding your Passion and Running with It

August 5-6

- Hilde Morin Workshop (see page 3)

August 7, 2017

- Challenge Quilts DUE
- General Meeting: Tips, Tricks & Techniques

* second Monday

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Melinda Bula

June 12, 2016

(second Monday)

The Power and Secret of Color



Melinda Bula lives in El Dorado Hills, California and has been sewing since she was a young girl. She has been in love with fabric all of her life and knew when she was 16 years old that she was going to be an artist. After college, she was off to Hawaii as a flight attendant. After marrying, she worked in the interior design field for 15 years as a fabric and wallpaper designer. She and her husband, Joe, started Melinda Bula Designs, a wallpaper and fabric design business soon after the birth of their son in 1988.

Since moving to the Sacramento area in 1996, she has been involved in quilting and wearable arts. Melinda must be a whirling dervish of activity with her finger in many pies: quilts, wearable art, writing books, and most recently teaching online classes (iquilt.com).

She and her quilts travel nationally and internationally to teach and exhibit at quilt shows where she wins many awards. In 2013, the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky bought Melinda's quilt *And Our Flag was still There!*

June Workshop with Melinda Bula: **Hibiscus** June 10-11, 2017 (Sat & Sun)



Don't miss out on this wonderful experience to learn about color in this two-day workshop with Melinda. Only 2 openings remain. Melinda has been to Empty Spools twice this year and this is a great opportunity for those of us who weren't able to spend time with her there.

The Hibiscus flower pattern will be used as inspiration. Students need a [supply list](#) and [color chart](#). Use the color chart to select the fabrics for the class.

Hurry, register with Linda now! Since the workshop is now open to non-members, bring a friend.

Contact Linda at:

Linda Garofalo, linda.garofalo27@yahoo.com, 415-444-6142

President's Message - June 2017

Spring by the Bay

by Nora Deans, nora.deans@gmail.com, 831.760.9800

As we savor these long days of June, we reflect on all of the amazing programs and workshops and Guild activities since September. We've had a great year so far, with dynamic speakers and another successful Quilt Show. It's also the time of year we invite you to join in the camaraderie and volunteer for one of the positions opening up this August 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. While we're sad to see our colleagues step down, we welcome the fresh energy and insights that new volunteers bring to the table. This year, we're looking for someone to fill my position as president, as well as a secretary and community outreach, among others.

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. Ask any of the Board members, and you'll hear this same response. And Jeanne Mills writes about our guild's origin and the foundation built by volunteers so well later in this newsletter.

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 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.

And please note that our June guild meeting is on the SECOND Monday, June 12th this month. We're excited to be hearing from Melinda Bula, who's leading a weekend workshop before she shares her program with us.

Cheers,
Nora

Board Minutes

The MPQG Secretary takes and prepares the minutes from the monthly board meetings. These minutes are posted on the MPQG website in the members only area. The latest approved minutes can be found here: www.mpqg.org/business/board/

Board Projects: June 2017

- Meeting: Lecture
- Call for volunteers for MPQG Supporting Committees
- Next FY budget proposals to Treasurer
- Call for activities to market Raffle Quilt
- Review and finalize membership dues for next FY
- Finalize General Meeting calendar beginning September 1
- Develop nominations for MPQG executive board and standing coordinators
- Call for volunteers for Monterey County Fair (Aug 30-Sept 4, 2017)
- Updates and announcements to communications by the 13th of the month

Thank you from Rod Daniel, our May Speaker

Jeanne,
It was my pleasure to speak to the Monterey Guild. Thank you for all you did to make it an easy experience for us. Afterward, Jim and I spoke in the highest terms of how much we enjoyed meeting everyone there, and what an absolutely enjoyable experience it was.

We made it home safely, although quite tired. Fully recovered now. Time to make some new quilts.

All my best
Rod

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August Workshop Hilde Morin: Bowl Art Saturday & Sunday: August 5 & 6, 2017

The programs committee is bringing you yet another Empty Spools teacher: Hilde Morin. The workshop is filling up fast, so don't miss your opportunity.

Create a three dimensional art piece in the shape of a bowl. Starting with heavy duck canvas, you will shape a bowl and then decorate with your own design and embellishments. Size of finished bowl is approximately 16" diameter. [Supply List.](#)

Look for three different samples of the bowl at our next meeting. If you have any questions, please contact: Linda Garofalo, linda.garofalo27@yahoo.com, 415-444-6142



Tools TIPS & Techniques



Call for Members to Share "Tips, Tricks & Techniques"

Do you have a technique or a cool trick that you want to share with your fellow guild members? We are looking for five (5) members to share an interesting, short (10-minute) tip, trick or technique at our August 7th meeting.

Please contact Jeanne Mills at jeanne@go-fast.org if you want to do a demonstration.



At 6:30pm and after the meeting, we need 10-15 minutes of your time to set-up and take down speaker related equipment (quilts stands, projector table, etc.) and assist the speaker with her quilts and any items she is selling

During the lecture, 3-4 quilt holders/folders have been requested by Melinda.

Please let Jeanne Mills know you are willing to help. jeanne@go-fast.org or 831-647-8973

WORKSHOP UPDATE

We only have 2 slots left for Melinda Bula's "Hibiscus" workshop scheduled on June 10 & 11. Melinda has been to Empty Spools twice this year and this is a great opportunity for those of us who weren't able to spend time with her there.

Hilde Morin's two day "Bowl Art" workshop, scheduled for August 5 & 6, is filling up quickly. Look for three very different samples at our June 12th meeting.

Finally, sign-ups for Mel Beach's one day workshop, "Walking Foot Wow", scheduled for Sunday, October 1, will begin at our June 12th meeting.

Linda Garofalo will be at the **WORKSHOP** sign-up desk at the meeting (or give her a call at [415-444-6142](tel:415-444-6142) if you have any questions). Registration form is on page 9 of this newsletter.

Membership News

By Linda Branting, Lmbranting@aol.com, 650-703-0531

This month we welcome four new members, most of whom discovered MPQG through our very successful Quilt Show: **Mary Kay Hamilton** of Pacific Grove, **Cecilia Wallow** of Seaside, and **Marcia Olsen** and **Jamie Bellew** both of Salinas. We're thrilled you've joined us on our quilting adventures and look forward to getting to know you through your participation in programs, workshops, friendship groups, and of course future shows.

New members, are you wondering how to begin getting involved? Maybe the easiest is to start small with a Challenge Quilt. Our "Touch of Red" Challenge is 18" x 18" and any style you'd like to explore. Stop by the Challenge table at the next Guild meeting (June 12) to sign up and we'll give you some of our official red Challenge fabric. Best of all, you have more than two months to complete your mini quilt. Bring it to our August 7th guild meeting and it will be exhibited in the Monterey County Fair. See more details on page 5.

CELEBRATING ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

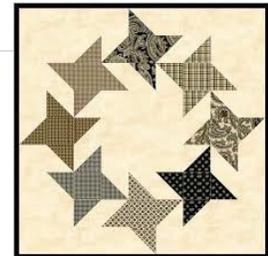
Have you joined our Guild for the first time during this membership year (since September 2016)? Join us at 6:30pm at our June 12th meeting for a sweet treat and introduction to the activity desks.

Cheers,
Linda Branting

MPQG Friendship Groups

by Marjorie Longo, 831-624-8649 or frumml@aol.com

These groups are 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 me.



<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. Large tables available.</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. Dru Hammond, 831-659-1507 All levels meet for sewing and some group projects.</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>Pacific Grove <i>Stitch and Dine</i> Meets the 2nd Thursday 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Gudny Campbell, 831-372-6369 Sewing and dinner.</p>	<p>Salinas <i>Que Sera Sera</i> Meets every Monday, 11-2pm Active Senior Center Susan Riddoch, 831-449-6315 Focus on embellishments.</p>	<p>Monterey <i>Friends of Fred</i> Meets the 3rd Monday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Regina Liske, 831-333-9302</p>

2017 MPQG Challenge: A Touch of Red

By Dru Hammond, druhammond@aol.com, 831-659-1507

The RED CHALLENGE is going to be amazing. We have over 50 people signed up to participate. If you haven't picked up your RED SQUARE and information sheet, be sure to look for Dru at the Challenge sign-up desk at our June 12th guild meeting. The challenge quilts are due to be turned in at the August meeting, so you still have plenty of time to get them finished.

This year, the Challenge Committee hopes all of our quilters (traditional, modern, art, and everyone in between) will participate in our challenge. So ... we're leaving most of the choices up to you and your imagination. We only have two criteria:

- (1) **size (18"x18")**, and
- (2) **must include Kona brand RED** (Kona 1480 Chinese Red by Robert Kaufman) on the front.

Due date August 7, 2017 at the general meeting.

Back Porch Fabrics still has some Kona 1480 - Chinese Red. Get it there if you need more.

2017 Quilt Show Financials - A successful Show

by Jeanne Krener, jkrener@gmail.com

The 2016-7 Raffle Quilt coordinated by Carole Olsen brought in a total of \$3,183. Expenses totaled \$1,015 so the net contribution to MPQG programs is \$2,168. Well done!!

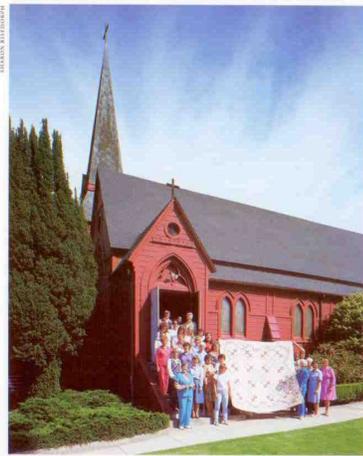
We don't have the electrician's bill for the Quilt show yet, but here are the pending figures as of May 15, 2017.

I would like to point out that this report includes nearly \$800 in one-time expenses for publicity (new sandwich boards @ \$432) and a fabric scale (\$360) for the garage sale. These will be used for years.

Revenue:	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	Expenses:	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Admissions	\$3,140	\$3,790	Data Entry	\$ 59	see General
Boutique Rental	\$ 100	100	Garage Sale	\$ 360	-
Garage Sale	\$2,578	1,863	General	\$ 140	\$ 186
Judging Fees	\$ 544	450	Hanging & Judging	\$ 785	\$ 928
Mini Quilt Raffle	\$1,331	1,535	Marketing & Publicity	\$ 894	\$ 782
MiniBasket Raffle	\$ 547	n/a	Mini Quilts	\$ 25	\$ 14
Preview Party	\$ 790	n/a	Preview Party	\$ 517	n/a
Total	\$9,030	\$7,738	Programs	\$ 206	\$ 190
			Rental/Equipment	\$ 419	\$ 750
			Sales Tax	\$ 781	\$ 161
			Total	\$4,186	\$3,011
Net Quilt Show Proceeds:					
	\$ 4,844	\$4,727			
less electrician's fees.					

MPQG History

I was perusing our website to find articles to add to this newsletter and had not noticed this one and thought it's a wonderful article to share here.



Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild, California.

I've been asked to write a bit about the history of the guild. I recalled this early photo of members who gathered for some early morning picture taking. The photo, taken by Sharon Risedorph, who has given me permission to re-print it, appeared in the 1984 edition of *The Quilt Digest*, by Roderick Kiracofe and Michael Kile. Standing on the steps of St. Mary's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church on 12th St in Pacific Grove, we're proudly holding up an early quilt. It's impossible to distinguish the faces, but if you are in the photo, you know where you are standing. Guild and early members have aged well.

As you know the guild was founded in 1979 and for many years we met for meetings and workshops in St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. I believe we always met on the 1st Monday of the month and, as more members were available for evening meetings, we soon chose early evenings as the meeting time. When we moved to a new venue in the mid-90's there was a sigh of relief as we no longer had to set up and put away chairs and tables and vacuum the carpet before closing the doors.

We've had many quilt shows and made many raffle quilts, listened to and taken workshops from countless nationally and internationally known speakers and teachers, all the usual guild activities. We've always been known for hiring top-notch speakers for our programs and it remains one of our purposes.

Early on, we held an unusual meeting, as a way of having fun and promoting an upcoming Quilt Show. In August 1981, members gathered in my yard, in prairie style dress, bringing with them quilt frames, several quilting hoops, lots of handwork, and food for a potluck lunch. We invited the Monterey Herald to come to our quilting bee. Needless to say the spread of food was delicious and the spread in the newspaper was fantastic.

Our Purpose or Mission Statement was written by Miriam Layton, an early member:

The **purposes** of the MPQG are to preserve the heritage of the beauty, diligence and love embodied in those quilts that have been handed down to us; to acknowledge and encourage a concern for excellence of design and craftsmanship as we perpetuate this American Folk Art; to become a source of information, education and inspiration; to further the personal rewards of companionship among quilters sharing a common interest.

In 1994, Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild's articles of incorporation for educational and charitable purposes, giving us a tax exempt status under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, were filed.

Jeanne Mills, co-founder of MPQG

Here is the link to the article on the website which also includes this paragraph which is personally important to me (<http://www.mpqg.org/mpqg-history.htm>):

Member Participation is the means by which MPQG operates. Our volunteer organization relies on its members to be active participants in its many activities. One can be a committee member, a committee chair or a board member. The biennial quilt show is a success because all members participate. MPQG wants and needs everyone's special skills and talents.

Kathrin Brown, Communication

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Registration opened on Thursday, May 4, 2017.
Check the 2018 workshop schedule by clicking: [here](#).

Block of the Month: June 2017

* Churn Dash *

This month we will make a traditional block that teaches good information and techniques: The Churn Dash. It is also a fun block to fussy cut and show case a special fabric in the center. Thus, pull out your flower fabrics and use it for the center and **use warm colors: red-orange, orange, gold, caramel, coral, or peach** around it.

Materials Needed

Center

(1) 3-1/2" square of a dark or light value flower print or fabric with any insect that might be on a flower

Churn Dash: a medium tone warm print or solid (see color suggestions above)

(1) 14" x 2" strip

(2) 4" squares

Background: ivory, pale cream or any pale warm color

(1) 14" x 2" strip

(2) 4" squares

Instructions

1. Sew together the two 14" strips lengthwise. Press.
2. Cut that strip set into four 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" squares.
3. Draw a diagonal line on the backs of the two background squares.
4. Place the background and churn dash squares right sides together.
5. Sew 1/4" lines on each side of the drawn diagonal line; then cut on the diagonal line to form four half-square triangle (HST) blocks. Trim the HSTs to a perfect 3-1/2" square.
6. Layout the nine units and sew together in rows. Press seams around center block toward the center so that it will be more prominent visually. Other seams press toward the dark.



Your finished block should be 9-1/2" square.

Tips and Techniques:

This block is quick and easy because it utilizes "smart" cutting and sewing techniques such as:

*Sewing the two longer strips together and cutting them into units.

*Cutting and sewing squares to make half-square triangles

History:

The Churn Dash is a very old 9-Patch quilt block pattern, originating between 1800 and 1849. Its name is a result of the resemblance of the triangle and rectangle perimeter of the block to a butter churn and the center square to the stick (or "dash") of the butter churn.

For more information, go to Churn Dash Quilt Block - Quilting in America at:

www.quilting-in-america.com/churn-dash.html

Contact kbkreativ@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Remember, we appreciate DIFFERENT blocks. So if you make multiple blocks, please use different fabrics. This BOM is due at the guild meeting on June 12, 2017. More info on the BOM on our [web site](http://www.mpqg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/) at www.mpqg.org/activities/block_of_the_month/

Calendar, Road Trips, and Local Events

April 3 - June 27, 2017

a common thread - a collection of quilts by Gwen Marston

Always a hit with visitors, Gwen's latest work is featured in the Gallery at Back Porch Fabrics.

157 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove, 831-375-4453. www.backporchfabrics.com

April 21 - July 16, 2017

San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles

Four new exhibits opened on April 21: *Modern Quilt Guild*, *Three Left Coast Artists: Linda Gass, Linda MacDonald, and Gyongy Laki*, *Quilts of Caohagan*, *Quiltbeast*. www.sjqiltmuseum.org

May 7, 2017 11am - 4pm

"Made in 1977: Celebrating 40 Years of eye-opening textile art"

June 2, 3, & 4, 2017

The Central Coast Quilt Shop Tour

Nine shops participating from Paso Robles to Ventura. More information at:

www.quiltshopsofthecentralcoast.com

June 3-28, 2017

Undercurrents

by Alice Beasley Reception: Sunday, June 4, 1-4pm. Every month a different exhibit at Bay Quilts, 5327 Jacuzzi Street, Suite 3-C, Richmond. See website for hours sfbayquilts.com, 510-558-0218

June 21 to 25, 2017

Shop Hop by the Bay 2017

Thirteen shops from San Francisco Bay to Monterey Bay are participating in this five day shop hop. More information at: www.shopHopByTheBay.com

June 24 & 25, 2017

Seven Sisters Quilt Show: Celebrate

Celebrate 10 years with the Seven Sisters Quilt Show, a multi-guild regional show. Madonna Inn, 100 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo. SevenSistersQuiltShow.org

July 8, 2017

Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show

Quilter's Affair Classes: Monday-Friday, July 3-7, 2017 with the Outdoor Quilt Show on Saturday, July 8, 2017.

Sisters. Oregon. www.SistersOutdoorQuiltShow.org

July 29-30, 2017

Truckee Meadows 2017 Quilt Show - You can go home again

Quilts, vendors, demos, country store, rafle table and silent auction. Sat 10-5. Sun 10-4. Admission \$10.

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Location

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Membership New members are welcome any time! Dues are \$50.00 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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