

Pines & Needles

Newsletter of the Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild

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OCTOBER 2018

General Meeting Monday, October 1, 2018

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 or check for workshops/raffle/membership renewal
- Name tag
- Community Quilts and pillowcases
- UFOs
- Pen and calendar to volunteer

Next Meeting

Quilting is a Contact Sport with Jenny Lyon Monday, September 10, 2018

Quilting is a Contact Sport! is a sometimes humorous look at how quilting effects our lives and relationships. The presentation includes a trunk show of award-winning garments and quilts.

Notes from Jenny... *Joyfully teaching the art of quilting has been my passion since 2006. My classes are encouraging, supportive, and light-hearted. I love seeing my students realize that they CAN quilt their own work. My teaching takes me to various guilds, IQF Houston, Chicago, and throughout the U.S.*

(To read more from Jenny, please go to the [MPQG website](#).)



Phyllis Martin, Program
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MPQG Calendar

September 29 & 30, 2018

Workshop: Jenny Lyon - *Fearless Free Motion Quilting*

October 1, 2018

General Meeting: Jenny Lyon - *Quilting is a Contact Sport*

October 30, 2018

Board Meeting

November 5, 2018 @ 10AM

General Meeting: Quilt Slam - *Highlighting three guild members: Linda Garofalo, Sheryl Ash, and Catherine McGovern*

November 27, 2018

Board Meeting

December 3, 2018

Winter Social

Mark Your Calendars!

November 5th is our first IOAM meeting.

2020 Raffle Quilt Design Proposals

Now is the time to put your design hats on and think up a quilt design for 2020. This quilt will be our major fundraiser from August 2019 to April 2020 to find a final home at our Quilt Show in April 2020. Please submit your design ideas to the Board by November 27, 2019.

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President's Letter - October 2018

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

I don't know about you, but I can definitely feel that fall is coming very quickly. The trees on my street have started to turn color and last week I saw a very large formation of Canadian Geese flying south. My grandmother always said that was a definite sign of the coming of cooler weather. Of course, here on the Monterey Peninsula it signals more sunshine as the valley cools and the marine layer recedes.

It has been a very busy and happy month for me as Guild President. I attended the presentation of the Doc Ricketts quilt at the Steinbeck Museum. There was great satisfaction in watching Joan and Jeanne place the quilt on Doc Ricketts bed at the museum. It is perfect.

The results of the questionnaire for our Winter Social were tabulated and Claudia, Gudny, Sherrill, and I met to set up the guidelines for the new format. The newsletter will have further information. I believe it will serve both the purposes of providing funds for Community Grants as well as give greater opportunity for us to celebrate and enjoy each others company.

I was very heartened to see that we were able to meet our commitment to PIQF through volunteers, thus enabling us to have our Raffle Quilt there for ticket sales. A gigantic "Thank you!" to Noreen for spearheading this effort.

Last, but not least, was our presence at the Monterey County Fair. The quilts showed beautifully and generated some real interest in the art of quilting. So many people recognizing the time and artistry it took to produce each piece.

I am off to the Pacific Northwest to do some sailing for the next few weeks, so will miss our next meeting. I will have some quilting with me, and be back in time for PIQF. Meanwhile I hope you all enjoy this new season and keep quilting.



Upcoming Workshops

Quilt Workshops Update

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

Our final workshop for 2018 is with Jenny Lyon on Sat/Sun September 29-30, to learn FEARLESS FREE MOTION QUILTING. **There are only four spots left**, so sign up soon if you want to participate!

Our first workshop in 2019 is with Kathy Doughty on Sat/Sun, March 30-31, where we will learn, THE MODERN WEDGE. Registration for this workshop will be open at our November 5th meeting.

If you have any questions regarding workshops, please contact Linda Garofalo at 415-444-6142.



Guild News and Activities

Membership News

Welcome new MPQG members: Karen Wallace of Marina, and Pat Schmidt and Emily Paz of Salinas. Emily joined our guild in the Quilt Barn at the Monterey County Fair!

Farewell to our members who have moved away recently: Heather Butts, Jane Jarrett, Corliss Kelly, Marilee Kline, Laurie Pakula, and Carole Rossi. We'll miss you and wish you well in your new homes and new guilds. Sew on!

Thank you to everyone who has renewed membership for our 2018-2019 year. A limited run of our printed membership directory of all our members as of September 10th will be available at the October guild meeting. If a printed copy is important to you, please let me know.

Happy new membership year,
Linda Branting, lmbranting@aol.com, 650-703-0531

2019 MPQG Raffle Quilt Wins "Best of Show"

by Noreen Nance,
nor921seen@gmail.com, and
Janet Taillon, jtaiwhit@icloud.com



If you were at the Fair over Labor Day weekend, you saw that our gorgeous Raffle Quilt won Best of Show with double ribbons. We are continuing to show it and sell tickets. Next up is the Monterey Artist Open Studio Tour at 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 29-30, at The American Tin Cannery in Pacific Grove. Then, the quilt will be at PIQF. Are you going anywhere that you want to show our quilt and sell tickets? If so, contact us and we will give you posters, bookmarks, and tickets to sell.

Studio Sale

Annie Smith is downsizing her studio !



- Koala sewing cabinet and Outback cutting table with storage
- Featherweights (3)
- Brother PQ1500 sewing machine
- Treadle sewing machine
- Shelving and bookcases
- Batting
- Fabric
- Quilt kits
- Books
- Scrapbooking supplies and so much more!

Place: 16929 Sorrel Way, Morgan Hill, CA
(in the back, by the pool and parking)

Date: September 19 & 20, and 27, 28 & 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
--or-- by Appointment: 408-706-6487

Bring your own shopping bags

Time to Consider 2019 Grant Applications!

by Sherrill Ash, quiltersherrill@gmail.com

Hello MPQG members. We have been discussing our annual fundraiser to be held in December at our Winter Social. Now it is time to start thinking about who will receive the money we raise.

Applications for this year's grants are due by December 1st. The forms are [available on the website](#) and I will have them at the Oct. and Nov. meetings.

As you know, the grant requests are evaluated on two criteria:

- 1) The request must meet the goals and objectives of the MPQG outreach and mission; and
- 2) Priority is given to educational and creative programs.

Start thinking about which organization you would like to help with a grant request. Remember, December 1st is just around the corner.

Doc Ricketts Reception

On September 7th, several MPQG members presented the finished Doc Ricketts Quilt to the Steinbeck Museum.



Winter Social - December 3rd

by Claudia Gano, mosswoodcv@aol.com

In response to the survey and comments to the board, we are making some changes to the Winter Social: More time for socializing; fewer raffle baskets (10 specific themed - see below); silent auction of donated items (sewing machine, quilt, special tools) and/or services (such as sewing a binding or sleeve on; basting a quilt on the long arm). Or if you prefer, you may make a cash donation to our grant program.

Bring your basket donations and a donation of a large basket to the November 5th meeting. Notify me by November 25th of any silent auction items you want to donate. Please contact me if you can volunteer to take home donations to put together a beautiful basket and return to the December 3rd meeting.

Here are the basket themes:

Black/White
Civil War Reproduction
Asian
Valentine
Beginning Quilter
Batiks
Modern Solids
Coffee, Tea & Cream
Landscapes
Juvenile



Please bring donations of fabrics, books, tools and notions that will be distributed into the baskets on November 5th which is a morning meeting.

Committee Chairs Needed for Quilt Show

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

It will be here in no time—the 2019 Quilt Show happens on April 4, 5 & 6, 2019 and will be held at Chautauqua Hall in Pacific Grove in conjunction with Good Old Days.

We still need to fill the following chair positions:

- ★ Awards Party
- ★ Signs
- ★ Transportation
- ★ Viewers' Choice Awards
- ★ Volunteer Coordinator

As you know, we can't pull this off without our fabulous volunteers. A number of you are continuing in your positions or have already signed up for one. THANK YOU!!! Please contact me if you are willing to take on one of these positions or would like more details about what a position entails.

Quilt Challenge News

Linda Branting, brantinglm@me.com

Congratulations to everyone who showed their stunning Challenge Quilts at the Monterey County Fair. They were such a big hit with the visitors who cast more than 1,200 votes for their favorites!

Our three winners were Carmay Knowles (1st), Carole Olsen (2nd), and Linda Stoner (3rd).

We're considering all suggestions for our next Guild Challenge. Have ideas? Please email us.

Challenge Committee

Linda Branting, Linda Garofalo, and Mary Kay Hamilton



Quilts to Fire Victims

by Terann Carr, 831-375-7881

I got a contact for sending quilts to the victims of the Carr Fire and other areas in Northern California. I already sent a box of 10 quilts and got an immediate response, by phone, from the gal who will send them on. She was so thrilled at how beautiful they are. If you have a lap-sized or larger quilt to send you may do that on your own of course, but I would be happy to send along another batch any time. Her name and address, if you want to send something right away is: Sally Senestraro, 7864 County Rd. 34, Glenn, CA 95943, and let her know you are with MPQG, or get a label from me to attach to the back.



Your 2018-19 MPQG Board

Officers

President: Rita Jacques, stan2rita@sbcglobal.net

Vice President: Sherrill Ash, quiltersherrill@gmail.com

Secretary: Catherine McGovern, mcjmcgovern@gmail.com

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Community Outreach: OPEN

Membership: Linda Branting, brantinglm@me.com

Program: Phyllis Martin, downfieldpm2@gmail.com

The Board is looking for volunteers for the following coordinator positions starting in January 2019:

UFO

Facilities

Let's Get Rolling! Garage Sale Item Collection

by Terann Carr,
(831) 375-7881



Look for a display of the proper rolling of fabric at the October 1st meeting. There is room in our storage garage to store your donations until April, so take advantage of this time of preparation. We will be collecting items at the October and November meetings, so that gives you some time to sort your stashes. Once this is out of the way, you can concentrate on finishing the quilts you plan to enter in the Guild Show!

Please follow these guidelines when preparing your donations.

Quilters Garage Sale Guidelines

- All quilting and sewing related items IN GOOD CONDITION please!
- Send fabrics that are free of any and all odors.
- All fabric must be measured, rolled, taped with blue painters tape or stapled into zip lock bags and marked with a permanent marker. Questions? Check out guidelines below. Loose fabrics will not be accepted.

See [full details for preparation guidelines](#) on the MPQG website.

Please contact us if other arrangements need to be made for turning in your treasures.

New Evening Friendship Group is Forming

by Marjorie Longo, frumml@aol.com

A new group is forming and looking for interested quilters. Have you always wanted to try out a Friendship Group, but with few evening choices, you couldn't find the right one for you and your schedule? Now you can be in on the ground floor of creating a new evening group. You and your new friends can make it your own kind of group: find your own best evening time, express your own interest, and decide on a place that makes sense for you and your new group. At this time Corral de Tierra area seems a good possibility.



Contact Cecelia Larsen at 831-235-0456 or vavalarsen@gmail.com or Marjorie Longo, Friendship Group Coordinator.

2018 UFO Challenge Update

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

The current standings in the UFO challenge are very interesting! Hopefully, publishing these statistics will be motivational and help participants meet their goals. With just two months left, we have completed 62 quilts. There is room for 25 more UFOs on our vision board. It would be wonderful to see that completed! Twenty one participants have made it into the first prize drawing. There is still time to finish one UFO and enter this drawing. Two participants have made it into the second prize drawing. Several quilters just need one more completed UFO to enter into this drawing. The last prize goes to the participant with the most quilting points. The score is very close! Six participants have more than 100 quilting points. As you can see, every UFO counts! Let's finish strong!



[More information](#) about the 2018 UFO Challenge [registration form](#) can be found on the MPQG website. Registration forms and official rules will be available at the UFO Center.

Thank You Back Porch Fabrics

by Kathrin Brown, kathrin.brown@gmail.com, 408-838-1004

As an annual tradition, Gail Abeloe, owner of Back Porch Fabrics, supplies raffle gifts celebrating each year of her business. This year, she brought 22 gift certificates to the September meeting, which were raffled off to members for a donation of \$1 per ticket. That equaled 22 winners that were announced at 7 p.m. The Guild made just shy of \$400. And in summary: We are all winners having the best LQS (Local Quilt Shop) in our backyard!!! **Thank you Back Porch for your generosity!** www.backporchfabrics.com



Charity and Fundraising News

EASY WAY to Add to our Treasury

by Tina Magill, 831-649-1987, magill1242@gmail.com

You can benefit the guild when you sign up for eScrip and shop at Lucky's and other local shops using your phone number as your eScrip number. And sign up for AmazonSmile...they will make a donation to the Guild based on what you purchase.



eScrip allows for mass registration by the coordinator. I can do this for you and you'll get an email to confirm that you want to join. Again, it's free and only your phone number and an email are needed, just like a rewards card. We can get up to 3% of amounts spent!!!

I will have eScrip signup sheets, more info, and step-by-step directions at the next meeting. NEED HELP? Have questions? PLEASE ASK ME.

CQFG Sew-In

by Terann Carr, 831-375-7881

October 19th, the third Friday of October, should be circled on your calendar! Breast Cancer Awareness Month brings out the wooden spoons. Why? For stuffing the heart pillow forms with fiber fill! It is one of the silliest time at CQFG! Join us at 9:30 a.m., bring a lunch and enjoy our great group. We meet at my home near Laguna Seca, call for directions.



Quilt Tying Event- September 2018



See more amazing quilts on the [MPQG website!!](#)

Block of the Month: October 2018 * Plaid Improv Plus *



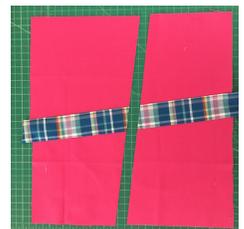
This month we have a fun, easy improv block. You can make a small, medium or large block. Find some plaid fabric in your stash and team it with a matching solid. You can even use shirt fabric.

Materials Needed

There are three sizes this month: 4.5", 8.5" or 12.5" blocks. Choose one or make all - the materials needed are listed in order of size as such 4.5" {8.5" {12.5"}

Plaid: two 6" x 1.25" [two 10"x1.75" {two 15" x 2.25"}] strips of plaid fabric

Background: One 5" {9" {13"} square of solid fabric that coordinates with the plaid



Note: All seams are 1/4" unless noted otherwise. If you are using shirt fabric, spray with starch or sizing to keep it from stretching.

Instructions

1. Take the background square and make a random cut from bottom to top for the first leg of the plus - a slight angle cut is okay, but think more + not x.
2. Take one of the plaid strips and sew it between the cut. Press seams to the strip.
3. Turn the created unit 90 degrees, so that the square lies with the strip horizontally. Make a cut from bottom to top - again your choice of placement and slight angle or not.
4. Take the other plaid strip and sew it between the cut. Try to line-up the first leg as best as you can - but it's improv. Imperfection is expected! Press seams to the strip.
5. Square up your block to size 4.5" or 8.5" or 12.5".

Since these blocks are multiples of 4, you can use them together in the same quilt. See picture below with all three sizes.



Remember, we appreciate DIFFERENT blocks. So if you make multiple blocks, please use different fabrics. This BOM is due at the guild meeting on **October 1, 2018**. More info on the BOM on our website at www.mpqg.org/block-of-the-month.htm

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Calendar, Road Trips, and Events



Sept. 29-30: Harvest Quilt and Art Show. South Valley Quilt Association. United Methodist Church, 17175 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA. svqa.org

Now thru Oct. 2: Bay Quilts: *What If?* quilts by Ann Rhode. Reception on Sept. 2, 1-4 p.m. 5327 Jacuzzi St. 3-C, Richmond, CA. bay-quilts.shoplightspeed.com

Now thru October 14: SJ Quilt Museum: *The Art of Labor, SDA Members Juried Exhibition 2018; Vantage Point: Maggy Rozycki Hiltner; Cut It Out! Explorations in Contemporary Paper Cutting.* 520 S. First Street, San Jose, CA. www.sjqmusem.org

Now thru Oct. 23: Back Porch Fabrics: *15 Quilts for 15 Years*, quilts by Sharon Winter. Opening reception on Sept. 9, 1-3 p.m., 157 Grand at Central, Pacific Grove, CA. www.backporchfabrics.com

Oct. 5-30: Bay Quilts: *Hard-Earned Uncertainty* by Sue Friedland. Reception on October 7, 1-4 p.m., 5327 Jacuzzi St. 3-C, Richmond, CA. bay-quilts.shopspeedlight.com

Oct. 6-7: Golden Threads Quilt Show. Mother Lode Quilters' Guild. Downtown Sutter Creek, CA. www.mlqgsuttercreek.org

Oct. 11-14: Pacific International Quilt Festival. Santa Clara Convention Center. 5001 Great America Parkway. Santa Clara, CA. www.quiltfest.com

Oct. 19-21: Mountain Heirloom Quilt Faire. Independence Hall Quilters. Ironstone Vineyards, 1894 Six Mile Road, Murphys, CA.

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

<p><u>Salinas</u> <i>Que Sera Sera</i> Meets every Monday, 11-2pm Active Senior Center Susan Riddoch, 831-449-6315 Focus on embellishments.</p>	<p><u>Monterey</u> <i>Friends of Fred</i> Meets the 3rd Monday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Regina Liske, 831-333-9302</p>	<p><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</p>	<p><u>Pacific Grove</u> <i>Stitch and Dine</i> Meets the 2nd Thursday 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Gudny Campbell, 831-372-6369 Sewing and dinner.</p>
<p><u>Carmel Valley</u> <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><u>Mid Carmel Valley</u> <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><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.</p>	<p><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.</p>

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