

# Pines & Needles



NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA QUILTERS GUILD

JULY 2022

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## July Meeting

Mon, July 11, 2022

6:30 PM in-person

**Roderick Kiracofe**

*Unconventional & Unexpected Quilts*

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

## In Person Meeting

Monday, July 11, 2022 — 6:30 PM

*Zoom option possible – information to follow in an e-blast*

## Roderick Kiracofe

### *Unconventional & Unexpected Quilts*

Roderick Kiracofe is a quilt collector, author, exhibitor and consultant. He has been collecting quilts since the 1970s. “Kiracofe’s keen eye has identified quilts that capture the soul, if not the name, of their makers.... The quilts in Kiracofe’s collection exhibit a high degree of aesthetic thought. All quilts, regardless of the style, are made with intentions - not by ‘happenstance.’” Quoted from Foreword by Carolyn Mazloomi, *Unconventional & Unexpected*, Second Edition.

Roderick has a wealth of information and many quilts that are *Unconventional & Unexpected American Quilts Below the Radar* that he will be sharing with us during this lecture.

[roderickkiracofe.com](http://roderickkiracofe.com)

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Kathrin Brown, Programs – [kathrin.brown@gmail.com](mailto:kathrin.brown@gmail.com)



## MPQG Calendar

June 27 @ 5:30 PM

Board Meeting **Zoom**

July 8 @ 5:30-6:30 PM

Opening Reception for MPQG 2021 Challenge Quilts, No Strings Attached group’s “Counting Sheep”, and Friends of Fred’s “A River Runs Through It” at Pacific Grove Public Library’s Nancy & Steve Hauk Gallery, 550 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA

July 11 @ 6:30 PM

General Meeting

Speaker: **Roderick Kiracofe**

*Unconventional & Unexpected Quilts*

July 16 & 23 @ 9:00 AM

Workshop **Zoom**

Instructor: **Mel Beach**

*Intriguing Interleaves*

July 25 @ 5:30 PM

Board Meeting **Zoom**

August 1 @ 6:30 PM

General Meeting

Speaker: **Meri Henriques Vahl**

*An Art Quilter’s Journey*

July meeting is **IN-PERSON**  
on the **SECOND** Monday – July 11

## President's Letter – July 2022



As we continue to navigate our Guild's path toward our next fiscal year beginning September 1st, the MPQG Board is closely monitoring our budget and looking for volunteers for some key roles. The Board's vigilance has kept us financially sound while offering programs and workshops from superb teachers accessible by Zoom from across the country and around the world. In spite of our physical limitations, MPQG has flourished! Going forward, we plan to offer a mix of in-person and Zoom events, doing our best to please as many members as possible. Would you like to play a greater part in MPQG's future? Joan Costello would love to hear from you. Several important positions are available and you may have the perfect mix of abilities and insight that will make our guild even stronger.

Please join us on Monday, July 11th, at 6:30 at the Pacific Grove Community Center, 515 Junipero (at 15th Street), for our first in-person meeting since March 2020. Following our long and unprecedented hiatus, it seems uniquely appropriate that our speaker will be Roderick Kiracofe on his collection of Unconventional and Unexpected American Quilts, which are sure to surprise and inspire us.

Another get-together coming soon: on Friday, July 8th, 5:30-6:30, we will celebrate MPQG with a show of Guild Challenge 2021 "Home Is Where the Heart Is"; No String's group challenge "Counting Sheep"; and Friends of Fred's "A River Runs Through It". We are honored that MPQG has been invited to exhibit in the Pacific Grove Public Library's Nancy & Steve Hauk Gallery, a beautiful environment suited to showcasing small work. Join us to celebrate challenge quilts in this very special space. Leave resolved to join the fun with Challenge 2022 "Flying Geese Folly". Yes, you still have time! Our flying geese challenge quilts are due at our general meeting next month, August 1st!

I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

Linda Branting  
[brantinglm@me.com](mailto:brantinglm@me.com)

## Vice President's Message

I'm happy to announce that one of our new members, Kayla Otteson, has stepped up to help us provide a hybrid option for our in-person meetings. She has also accepted a nomination for the board position in charge of Activities. Thank you Kayla for bringing your energy to the guild and for setting such a great example to other new members as **we still have the board positions of Secretary and Treasurer to fill**. All of our board meetings are via Zoom on the fourth Monday of the month and they're quite efficient and fun! We also need a **volunteer to take over neonatal quilts** and **volunteers to organize the next annual Challenge Quilt**. I'll be circulating at the July meeting to find a few wonderful volunteers!

Joan Costello  
[beachbreak1250@gmail.com](mailto:beachbreak1250@gmail.com)

## Viewer's Choice Award

Linda Garofalo and Phyllis Martin have tallied up the Viewer's Choice awards and we've decided to present the beautiful awards at our July meeting when we finally get to meet in person.

Joan Costello, 2022 Quilt Show Chair  
[beachbreak1250@gmail.com](mailto:beachbreak1250@gmail.com)

# Heritage Society of Pacific Grove Birdhouse Quilts

Now that you've finished your MPQG 2022 Challenge Quilt, here is an opportunity for more fun.

The non-profit Heritage Society of Pacific Grove has added an additional category, Small Birdhouse Quilts, to their annual silent auction of whimsical and fantastic birdhouses. The display and auction will be at Chautauqua Hall on October 1 & 2, 2022. They are looking for donations of small art quilts.

Birdhouse Quilts must:

- Include a birdhouse, of course
- Size: no larger than 20" x 24"
- Include a label with the quilt name and name of maker

Print out the Birdhouse Quilt form and pin it to your quilt. To download the form, go to [Resources](#) on the MPQG web site.

Drop off your quilt at Back Porch Fabrics between September 19th and 23rd. Jeanne Mills will take them to the Heritage Society.

Birdhouse quilts and birdhouses will be open for public viewing and bidding, from 10:00 to 4:30, on October 1st and 2nd, 2022 at Chautauqua Hall.

And a bit of history, our first few quilt shows were jointly put on by MPQG and the Heritage Society of Pacific Grove.

For information, contact Jeanne Mills, [jeanne@go-fast.org](mailto:jeanne@go-fast.org)



*Wren's Quilt by Karen Wagner*

## June BOM – 9 Rails

This is a simple 9-patch variation using strip sets.



- Select four fabrics
- Cut 1.5" x WOF strip from each fabric.
- Sew strips together. Press to one side.
- Cut the strip set into (9) 4.25" x 4.25" squares
- Arrange the squares alternately. Sew each row, press. Sew the rows together. Press. Trim.

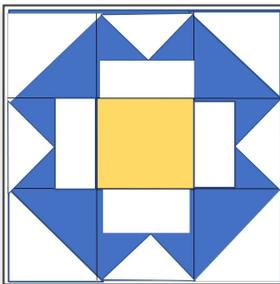
That's it!

Questions?

Elizabeth McInnis – [emcinnis@me.com](mailto:emcinnis@me.com)  
Block of the Month Coordinator

# July BOM – Big T Origami

We have Jenny Doan to thank for this block. Her tutorial is at [missouriquiltco.com/pages/big-t-origami-quilt-tutorial](http://missouriquiltco.com/pages/big-t-origami-quilt-tutorial).



- Use two fabrics, plus a contrasting background fabric
- Cut a 4½” square from one of the fabrics
- From the other fabric, cut two 5” x 5” squares and eight 2½” squares
- From the background fabric, cut two 5” squares and eight 2½”x 4½” rectangles
- Match a colored 5” square to a background 5” square.
- Draw a diagonal line.
- Sew ¼” on both sides of the diagonal.
- Cut along the diagonal.
- Repeat with the other pair of 5” squares.
- Press to the light, you will have 4 half square triangles.
- Trim to a 4½ “ square.
- Place a colored 2½ “ square at one end of a white rectangle. Sew diagonally across the colored square. Trim outside the stitching line.
- Repeat at the other end of the rectangle. Make sure the colored fabrics overlap in the center.
- Press to the dark – you have made flying geese!
- Sew your flying goose to a background rectangle. To preserve the ‘beak’ of the goose, make your seam go exactly through the intersection. Press.

Questions?

Elizabeth McInnis – [emcinnis@me.com](mailto:emcinnis@me.com)  
Block of the Month Coordinator

Block of Month Pattern	Newsletter	Block of Month Pattern	Newsletter
<a href="#">Disappearing Pinwheel</a>	November	<a href="#"># Greatblock</a>	March
<a href="#">Turned Corners</a>	December	<a href="#">Random Sticks</a>	April
<a href="#">Wonky Winter Solstice</a>	January	<a href="#">Angular Spiral</a>	May
<a href="#">Interlock</a>	February	<a href="#">9 Rails</a>	July
<a href="#">Disappearing Shoo Fly</a>	February	Big T Origami	July

## Upcoming Programs

<b>Jul 11</b>	6:30PM	Speaker	<b>Roderick Kiracofe</b> <a href="http://roderickkiracofe.com">roderickkiracofe.com</a>	<i>Unconventional &amp; Unexpected Quilts</i>	
<b>Jul 16 &amp; 23</b>	9:00AM	Workshop	<b>Mel Beach</b> <a href="http://melbeachquilts.com">melbeachquilts.com</a>	<i>Intriguing Interleaves</i>	Zoom
<b>Aug 1</b>	6:30PM	Speaker	<b>Meri Henriques Vahl</b> <a href="http://meriartquilts.com">meriartquilts.com</a>	<i>An Art Quilter's Journey</i>	
<b>Sep 12</b>	6:30PM	Speaker	<b>Carole Olsen</b>	<i>My Reflections of the Pandemic</i>	
<b>Oct 3</b>	6:30PM	Speaker	<b>Karen Foster</b> <a href="http://capitolaquilter.blogspot.com">capitolaquilter.blogspot.com</a>	<i>Motivation and Method</i>	
<b>Nov 7</b>	6:30PM	Speaker	<b>Tina Craig</b> <a href="http://seaside-stitches.com">seaside-stitches.com</a>	<i>EPP vs. FPP: The Showdown</i>	Zoom
<b>Nov 12</b>	10AM - 1PM	Workshop	<b>Tina Craig</b> <a href="http://seaside-stitches.com">seaside-stitches.com</a>	<i>3-D EPP Christmas Ornament</i>	Zoom
<b>Dec 5</b>	6:30PM	Winter Social & Fundraiser			tbd

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## July Workshop – Zoom

### *Intriguing Interleaves*

**Mel Beach**

(6-hour workshop is split into two sessions)

July 16, 9am - 1pm and July 23, 9am - 11am

Unlock the fun and intrigue of Interleave quilts. This workshop will reveal all the secrets behind creating the illusion of curves and transparency using only straight line stitching. Best of all, Interleave quilts are assembled using a quilt-as-you-go technique, so your unique Interleave quilt will be pieced and quilted at the same time!

Mel is passionate about teaching/lecturing, with a focus on quilting on a domestic machine and modern quilting techniques. Starting in 2016, Mel has taught for quilt shops, guilds and quilt shows all across the United States including several large venues: Road to California, Pacific International Quilt Festival, Virtual Quilt Show, Online Quilt Festivals, Virtual Quilt Festival, and Craft Napa.

[melbeachquilts.com](http://melbeachquilts.com) – [Intriguing Interleaves Supply List](#)

Workshop fee: \$46 (includes Pellon 820 – 22" x 22" which will be mailed upon registration.)

Kathrin Brown, Programs  
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**Workshop is FULL**



# Our Guild is Full of Winners!



Linda Garofalo took home first place in this year's Artichoke Festival Quilt Contest.



Cheryl Murphy won first place in the 2021-22 Challenge for the Casual Quilters of Brighton, MI.

## Membership News



A warm welcome to our newest member **Laurel Eden** from Seaside. Also, **Ruth Mehrwein** from Salinas joined us back in May.

Joke of the month:

You haven't had enough coffee until you can thread your sewing machine while it's running! Ha!

Karen Shaffer, Membership Chair  
[karendshaffer@aol.com](mailto:karendshaffer@aol.com)

## Monterey County Fair



### Key Dates

Entry deadline: August 1

Entry received: August 21

County Fair: September 1-5

Entry released: September 6

[2022 Monterey County Fair Guidebook](#)

# Community Quilts

Thanks to y'all, I had a delightful experience yesterday delivering quilts to a refugee Afghani family that was recently relocated to Monterey. At the June meeting, Jan Mason heard me say we were looking for new groups to receive our quilts. Her church had recently agreed to help sponsor a family and she asked for quilts for the little girls. We ended up gifting them four quilts, one for the mom, who is expecting a daughter in July, one for the coming baby and two for the little girls. Neglected dad was delighted nonetheless and graciously offered us typical Afghan hospitality.

In talking to the family's sponsors, I learned they've been contacted about a Ukrainian family who needs a sponsor. They already know they want our cheerful quilts as part of the welcome for that family. I'll keep you posted.

On another note, An has experienced anonymous neonatal drop-offs at her house. Although we're delighted to receive your quilt donations it helps to know who's gifting them. First, we want to thank you. Second, sometimes people misunderstand the guidelines so we want to be able to reach them to explain what needs to be done differently.

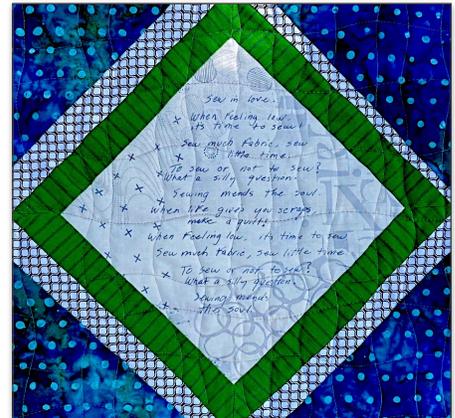
Lastly, thank you to ALL the folks who took finishing kits. Now we have a plethora of quilts that need binding. You can come by or look for our table at the IN PERSON July meeting! Yeah!



Afghani Girls Delight in MPQG Quilty Hugs.

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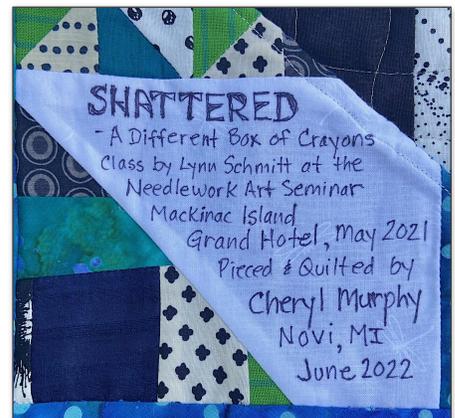
## Show & Tell



Shattered – recently completed by Cheryl Murphy.

The inscription of the back reads:

*Sew in love. When feeling low, it's time to sew! Sew much fabric, sew little time. To sew or not to sew? What a silly question. Sewing mends the soul. When life gives you scraps, make a quilt! When feeling low, it's time to sew. Sew much fabric, sew little time. To sew or not to sew? What a silly question. Sewing mends the soul.*



# Flying Geese Challenge

Fellow quilters, now that the Quilt Show is over it is time to look forward to making a small challenge quilt.

The Challenge was presented in February – **Flying Geese Follies**. The quilts are due at the **August 1** guild meeting.

Each quilt must contain 3 Flying Geese blocks:

- They can be any size – how many (or few) Flying Geese can you fit on your quilt?
- The geese can be flying around in a wedge, or can be a gaggle nesting in one corner.
- Use any technique you wish: appliqué, piecing . . .
- Feeling “artsy”? Incorporate the Flying Geese into a scene, flying over a building, trees, or a pond.
- Only the sky (and your imagination) are the limit.

**Each quilt should measure 18” x 18”  
and contain 3 layers (top, batting and backing).**

We would love to have at least 50-60 quilts entered. Now that we have over 200 guild members we are hoping for a huge response to this challenge.

The quilts will be shown to the public as a whole group at the Fair, the next quilt show and hopefully at one more venue. People love to look at our quilts and the feedback of our skill and creativity is over the top with positive comments.

If you have never participated in a challenge, now is the time with this fun simple block, easy to construct, use your stash, no need to buy any new fabric. (Unless you absolutely have to) haha.

If you have any questions please contact Catherine or Phyllis to get your questions answered.

Enter this Challenge, make a small quilt, you won't regret it!!!!!!!

Your Challenge Committee:

Phyllis Martin – [downfieldpm2@gmail.com](mailto:downfieldpm2@gmail.com)

Catherine McGovern – [mcjmcgovern@gmail.com](mailto:mcjmcgovern@gmail.com)



*Flying geese quilts by Karen Wagner*

# MPQG Friendship Groups



## Most MPQG Friendship Groups are meeting in person.

With vaccinations plentiful and safety protocol well established, most MPQG Friendship Groups are meeting in person and most are open to new members. These small groups of quilters meet regularly to enjoy quilting, chatting, and sharing in a small group setting. For information about joining a specific group, please contact the member listed below. For general information regarding Friendship Groups or for help starting a Group, please contact, Marjorie Longo, 831-624-8649 or [frumml@gmail.com](mailto:frumml@gmail.com).

Before attending an in person gathering, please check with the contact person listed below to verify that your personal standard of safety protocols are in place. See below for Friendship Groups on ZOOM.

Marjorie Longo – Friendship Group Coordinator

<p><b>Carmel – Tea Timers</b> Meets <b>Wednesday</b> 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pat Tilson's house Regina Liske, 831-333-9302 All levels meet to do handwork. <i>Group is currently full.</i></p>	<p><b>Carmel – Out of the Box Quilters</b> Meets the 2nd and 4th <b>Thursdays</b> 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Marjorie Longo's house, 831-624-8649 <a href="mailto:frumml@aol.com">frumml@aol.com</a> All levels meet to sew, discuss, and create.</p>
<p><b>Carmel Valley – Cut-Ups</b> Meets the 1st <b>Thursday</b> 12-4 p.m., St. Dunstan's Church Liz Rondelle, 831-620-2512 <a href="mailto:bukavugirl@aol.com">bukavugirl@aol.com</a> All levels meet to sew, share, mini demos, group challenges, and charity quilts. Large work tables available. Bring your lunch at noon or drop in anytime.</p>	<p><b>Laguna Seca Area – No Strings Attached</b> Meets the 1st and 3rd <b>Thursdays</b> 4:00 p.m. at Chamisal Bistro Cec Larsen, 831-235-0456 Enjoy libations as you do a little hand work and share your quilting thoughts. <i>Group is currently full.</i></p>
<p><b>Monterey – Material Girls</b> Meets 3rd <b>Friday</b> 12 - 3 p.m. Donna Appleget's house, 831-324-4316 <a href="mailto:jaappleget@aol.com">jaappleget@aol.com</a> All levels meet to share ideas and skills for quilt making. Bring your lunch. <i>Due to Covid concerns, this group is currently full.</i></p>	<p><b>Monterey – Stitch and Dine</b> Meets the 2nd <b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. Gudny Campbell, 831-372-6369 Sewing and dinner. <i>Group is currently full.</i></p>
<p><b>New Monterey – Friends of Fred</b> Meets the 3rd <b>Monday</b> 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Regina Liske, 831-333-9302 Meetings are outside at Regina Liske's house Bring a project to work on. Show &amp; tells are welcome.</p>	<p><b>Everywhere – Beyond Borders</b> Meets the 2nd <b>Tuesday</b> 1:00 p.m., Pacific Time Dru Hammond, (831) 241-1411 <a href="mailto:druhammond@aol.com">druhammond@aol.com</a> All levels from near and far meet to sew, share, and visit with old and new friends on <b>ZOOM</b>.</p>
<p><b>Everywhere – Moonlight Zoomers</b> Meets the 4th <b>Wednesday</b> 6:30 p.m., Pacific Time Elizabeth McInnis, (831)756-8001 All levels from near and far, are welcome after hours to sew, share, and visit with friends, both old and new, on <b>ZOOM</b></p>	

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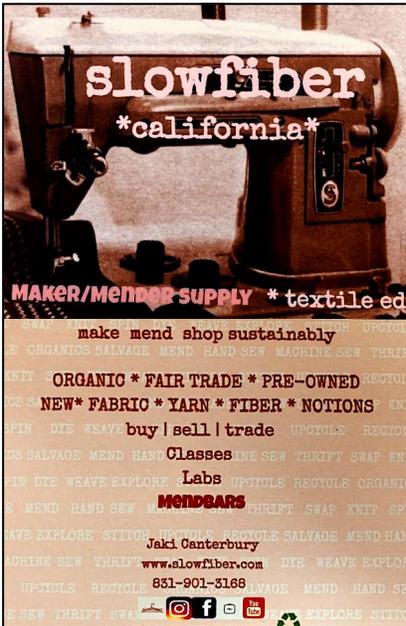
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## Thru September 25

**45TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION: NEW DIRECTIONS.** San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles. 520 S. First Street, San Jose, CA. [sjquiltmuseum.org](http://sjquiltmuseum.org)

## Thru July 17

**Prism Play: A Full Spectrum of Art Quilts.** Peninsula Museum of Art. Tanforan Art Hub, Space 204, 1150 El Camino Real, San Bruno, CA. [peninsulamuseum.org](http://peninsulamuseum.org)

## July 8 - September 1

**Pacific Grove Public Library.** Monterey Peninsula Quilt Guild will show our "Home is Where the Heart Is" Challenge Quilts. No Strings Attached friendship group's "Counting Sheep" Challenge Quilts and Friends of Fred's "A River Runs Through It" will also be on display. Nancy & Steve Hauk Gallery, Pacific Grove Library, 550 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA. [pacificgrovelibrary.org](http://pacificgrovelibrary.org)

## August 6

**Quilt Reflections Quilt Show.** Castro Valley United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria St., Castro Valley. [castrovalleyumc.org](http://castrovalleyumc.org)

## September 1-5

**Monterey County Fair.** "Wool Meet Ewe at the Fair". Monterey County Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairground Road, Monterey, CA. [montereycountyfair.com](http://montereycountyfair.com)

## September 15-17

**Quilter's Harvest Hop** – Autumn Leaves and Quilts Please. 12 NorCal Quilt Shops are participating in this quilt shop hop. More info: [quiltersharvesthop.net](http://quiltersharvesthop.net)

## September 23-25

**On the Road Again – Quilt Show.** River City Quilters' Guild. Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA. [rivercityquilters.org](http://rivercityquilters.org)

## September 24-25

**Harvest of Colors Quilt Show – A Members Showcase.** Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real Las Positas Entrance, Santa Barbara, CA. [coastalquilters.org](http://coastalquilters.org)

## October 13-16

**Pacific International Quilt Festival.** Celebrating Thirty One Years at the Pinnacle of the Art of Quilting in 2021! Pacific International Quilt Festival XXXI. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA. [quiltfest.com](http://quiltfest.com) – **Registration Now Open**

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