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NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA QUILTERS GUILD

FEBRUARY 2021

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ZOOM Meeting

Monday, Feb. 1, 2021

6:30 PM via ZOOM

Lecture with Kim Brownell
— *Challenges. What to do?*

A safe link will be emailed to you prior to the meeting.

Meetings start promptly at designated time. Please sign in at least 5 minutes before the start of the meeting.

MPQG Calendar

January 26 @ 5:30 PM

Board Meeting **Zoom**

February 1 @ 6:30 PM **Zoom**

Lecture with Kim Brownell
“Challenges. What to do?”

February 15 @ 6:30 PM **Zoom**

Guest Pam Rocco “Working in a Series”

February 20 @ 10 AM **Zoom**

Sew Saturday

February 23 @ 5:30 PM

Board Meeting **Zoom**

March 1 @ 6:30 PM **Zoom**

Lecture with Maria Shell
“Patchwork to Artwork — Journey of an Alaskan Quilter”

March 6 & 13 @ 10 AM-1 PM

Zoom

Workshop with Maria Shell
“Linear Blocks — Line into Shape”

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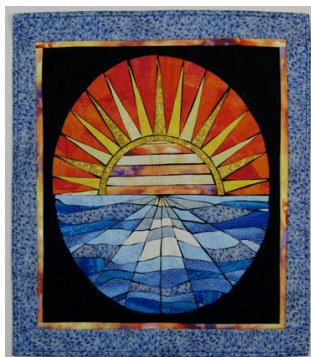
Kim Brownell

Challenges. What to do?

We are excited to have Kim give her lecture now (she was scheduled last April) as it fits perfectly with the reveal of the 2021 MPQG Challenge.

About Kim: “I call myself the ‘Whackydoodle Quilter’ due to my easy-going, whimsical style. In quilting I don’t always follow the rules and tend to ignore the ‘quilting police’. My work gravitates toward animals, nature scenes, and bright colors. My techniques include and blend fabric collage, free form art quilts, raw-edge appliqué as well as many others. I have a passion for entering quilt challenges. These spark my imagination and inspire me.

I have been quilting since 1993, and have received awards and recognition for my quilts in various shows and the California State Fair.



It is my dream to inspire you and to have fun and learn what you can create!”

See more about Kim at
thewackydoodlequilter.com

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President's Letter — February 2021



At this time of year, we are usually busy getting our quilts ready to submit to our Quilt Show and cleaning out our studios as we collect items for the Garage Sale. Instead we are faced with losing our Quilt Show for the second time and continued stay at home orders.

DON'T LET THAT GET YOU DOWN!

We have a plethora of opportunities for you to connect with your Guild friends, hear quilting lectures and learn new skills. We have programs scheduled for our regular meetings thru August and usually have a member or group show and tell on another Monday. We had a workshop in January and have workshops scheduled for March and June. There is usually a Saturday Sew Day for those who want to work on the Beatles BOM or just visit. At least three Friendship Groups are holding their usual meetings via Zoom as well. If there is something else you would like to see us offer, please let us know by contacting me or Kathrin Brown, our Program Director. Also know that Kathrin can make the Guild Zoom account available if you have a group that would like to meet.

Let's keep connecting and creating!

Sherrill
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Upcoming Workshop

A few spots still available.

Workshop with Maria Shell via Zoom *Linear Blocks - Lines into Shape*

2-part Workshop:

Saturday, March 6, 2021 — 10 am - 1 pm

Saturday, March 13, 2021 — 10 am - 1 pm

Although Empty Spools Seminars has cancelled Session 3 (in which Maria was scheduled), we are still able to get Maria Shell to teach this workshop - now virtually!!!

In this class, we will be exploring a variety of ways to use line (strips of fabric) to create shape (quilt blocks). We will experiment with cutting without a ruler as well as explore ways to use your ruler that give the illusion of free form cut fabric. We will discuss how to take these linear blocks and build final compositions. I will begin the workshop with a lecture that includes samples of my work and student work as well the techniques needed to create linear blocks.

Please email kathrin.brown@gmail.com to sign up for this class. Workshop fee is \$55 per person.

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Recap: Love, Loss, and the Latest Quilt

If you missed Joan Costello's talk "Love, Loss, and the Latest Quilt" on Monday 1/19, here is the link to the recording.

[Love, Loss, and the Latest Quilt](#)

[click to play button twice to start the video]



2021 Quilt Show Update

After much investigation into virtual quilt shows as well as communication with the City of Pacific Grove, your Quilt Show Chairs and The MPQG Board have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Quilt Show. There is little hope that the City will allow gatherings as soon as the May date for Good Old Days and a virtual show involves a great deal of preparation time and, as quilters, creating a quilt show website is not our core competency.

We truly regret missing out on another show.

You might ask, "What about a quilt Show in August or later in 2021?...." Well, with so much uncertainty about when the state will open for large gatherings and planning required, we came up with an alternate plan. The July General Meeting has been designated "Quilts by the Bay" night. We will have a slide show of the quilts you would have entered in the show and some entertaining viewers choice categories. Of course this won't be the same as seeing your wonderful quilts in person but it seems to be the best we can do until vaccinations are widespread and our community opens up again.

Thank you for your understanding and work on those show quilts!

Joan Costello and Kathrin Brown

Block of the Month — February

* Strawberry Fields Forever *

The Beatles' 1967 hit "Strawberry Fields Forever" has long been considered one of the greatest pop songs ever recorded. Released in February of that year as a double A side single along with Penny Lane, the song peaked at number eight on the US Billboard charts (The Turtles' "Happy Together" was number one that week).

On July 7, 1936, Strawberry Field, a mansion in Liverpool, was opened as an orphanage for up to forty girls. Two decades later, boys would be allowed in, but throughout most of John's childhood, Strawberry Field was an all-girls' orphanage.

Lennon often alluded to how Strawberry Field was representative of his childhood, on the outside foreboding but once he climbed over that wall, full of wildflowers and secretive gardens. It's also thought that he greatly identified with the orphans who lived there, considering that he felt abandoned by his parents. In 1980, he explained his childhood thinking, "There was something wrong with me, I thought, because I seemed to see things other people didn't see."



Have a listen while you imagine your strawberry block: https://youtu.be/HtUH9z_Oey8

Remember that you can always design your own block.

As always, your blocks are either 18 ½ or 12 ½ inches unfinished; 18 or 12 inches finished.

Below is a lovely tutorial that I used.

Strawberry Block - A Tutorial

<https://skyberrieshandmade.blogspot.com/2014/08/strawberry-block-tutorial.html>

For a 12 ½ in Block

Pink	Green	White
17 — 2 in squares	2 — 2 ½ in squares from print A	4 — 2 in squares
3 — 2 ½ in squares	2 — 2 ½ in squares from print B	5 — 2.5 in squares
	2 — 2 in squares from print C	Strips to finish block to 12 ½ in

For a 18 ½ in Block

Pink	Green	White
17 — 3 in squares	2 — 3 ½ in squares from print A	4 — 3 in squares
3 — 3 ½ in squares	2 — 3 ½ in squares from print B	5 — 3 ½ in squares
	2 — 3 in squares from print C	Strips to finish block to 18 ½ in

Contact me with questions: Joan Costello
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MPQG Friendship Groups are Social Distancing



MPQG Friendship Groups are open to all members. Friendship Groups are meeting in spite of the pandemic. With social distancing the new norm, Friendship Groups have evolved to meet the challenge.

Most groups are now meeting via ZOOM, so space is no longer an issue. That's a plus. But how does ZOOM work for a Friendship Group? Meetings still find some folks working on hand projects, some at their machines, some looking for design advice, some ZOOM to share their creations, and some check in just to visit. Some groups work on special challenges, some groups work on special projects and one group even meets for a late afternoon libation. Still about the same except now you can stay in your PJ's for the meeting.

Three groups are meeting in person. Tea Timers and Friends of Fred are having socially distanced meetings outdoors at Regina Liske's house, and Stitch and Dine still meets, but has frozen it's membership in order to maintain social distancing at their meetings.

So take a chance, call or e-mail the designated contact below to visit a ZOOM Friendship group meeting or an outdoor, socially distanced meeting. There are no membership fees, no requirements, and nobody takes attendance. Just join in and enjoy visiting with old friends and possibly make some new friends. You can find a meeting that is convenient to your schedule below.

Want to start a new ZOOM gathering, but you don't have access to ZOOM? Contact Kathrin Brown at (408) 838-1004 or kathrin.brown@gmail.com for help getting started with Guild member specific ZOOM information.

For general information regarding Friendship Groups contact Marjorie Longo, (831) 624-8649 or frumll@aol.com

*Marjorie Longo
Friendship Group Coordinator*

<p>Carmel — Tea Timers Meets Wednesday 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Regina Liske, 831-333-9302 All levels meet to do handwork. Meetings are outside at Regina Liske's house.</p>	<p>Carmel — Out of the Box Quilters 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 on ZOOM.</p>
<p>Carmel Valley — Cut-Ups Meets the 1st Thursday 1:30 p.m., St. Dunstan's Church; Kathrin Brown,(408)838-1004 or Kathrin.brown@gmail.com Meets to sew, share mini demos, group challenges, and charity quilts on ZOOM</p>	<p>Laguna Seca Area — No Strings Attached Meets the 3rd Tuesday 4:30 p.m. Cec Larsen, 831-235-0456 Happy Hour group meets on ZOOM</p>
<p>New Monterey — Friends of Fred Meets the 3rd Monday 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 & tells are welcome.</p>	<p>Monterey — Stitch and Dine Meets the 2nd Tuesday 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. Gudny Campbell, 831-372-6369 Sewing and dinner. Not accepting new members due to social distancing concerns.</p>

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April 5, 6:30PM — Lecture: Christine Hager-Braun “Finding Your Artistic Voice”

May 3, 6:30PM — Lecture: Pam Holland “My Life Journals in Textiles”

June 5 & 6, 10AM-1PM — Workshop: “Reverse Appliqué Two Ways: By Hand or Machine”

June 7, 6:30PM — Lecture: Margaret Brewster Willingham “Quilting: A Creative Journey”

....more exciting programs to be announced soon...

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Member Quilt Show

Sampling from a **Full Time Quilter**

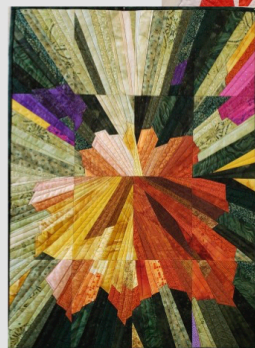
Quilts by Sherrill Ash

January 10, 2021

to

March 3, 2021

The Gallery at
Back Porch Fabrics
157 Grand Ave
Pacific Grove, CA 93950



Outreach & Community Quilts

As the guild seeks a replacement for the Community Quilt Coordinator, I am encouraging guild members to contact me with any questions, concerns or needs. I will make this process as seamless as possible by being the one contact person. While communication is challenging, I want to assist with these important tasks for our Outreach & Community Quilts.

Our donations of quilts/heart pillows require us be creative to find those most in need. I would like to call out to the membership to identify groups or organizations that might benefit from handing out quilts to those in need.

It takes a village... Carole Brower

Membership News



A funny thing happened at Back Porch Quilt shop in Pacific Grove the other day. Kathrin Brown and I ran into one another (masks on and six feet away) taking in Sherrill Ash's gallery show "Full Time Quilter" on display until March 3rd. We were yakking it up when another shopper asked if we might know about the local quilt guild...Ha! She was talking to the membership and program chairs! Thank you Lori, for signing up then and there and handing me your cold, hard cash! Just to remind folks, dues for 2020-2021 are \$40. Membership forms are available on the MPQG website.

Karen Shaffer — karendshaffer@aol.com

While We Stitch at Home

Here are a few things to do in between (or during) crafting at home!

- All of the Textile Talks are recorded. So if you missed any, you click on this link: [San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles](#) (in concert with SAQA, MQG and others) offers a weekly TEXTILE TALK.
- A beautiful String Quilt Exhibit "String Theory: String Pieced Quilts from Past to Present" at Iowa Quilt Museum plus Tuesday Zoom tours available here: iowaquiltmuseum.org/current-exhibit
- "I'd give anything in the world if that little girl with the red hair would come over and sit with me." That's Charlie Brown, in the first mention of his schoolyard crush, published in 1961. That is about the same time the studio craft movement conceived its longing for art-world recognition. How Craft Entered the Mainstream Art World: www.artsy.net/article/artsy-editorial-art-embracing-craft
- Go behind the scenes as American design students set up a Japanese Boro exhibit at Domaine de Boisbuchet in France. The international show included unselfconsciously patched folk textiles from the collections of Amy Katoh of [Blue & White](#), Stephen Szczepanek of [Sri](#), and more. [3:00 video] [+watch now](#) [from OkanArts newsletter]
- Stitching California: Fiber Artists Interpret the State's People, Life and Land. <https://exhibits.exhibitenvoy.org/stitching-california-menlo-park/?fbclid=IwAR1wB-8UtpSx0dFjqR4DGWxj8XuP0qteGTAp7kCe2sOkVUCLNiN3SQdQ4>

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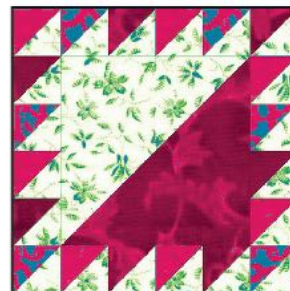
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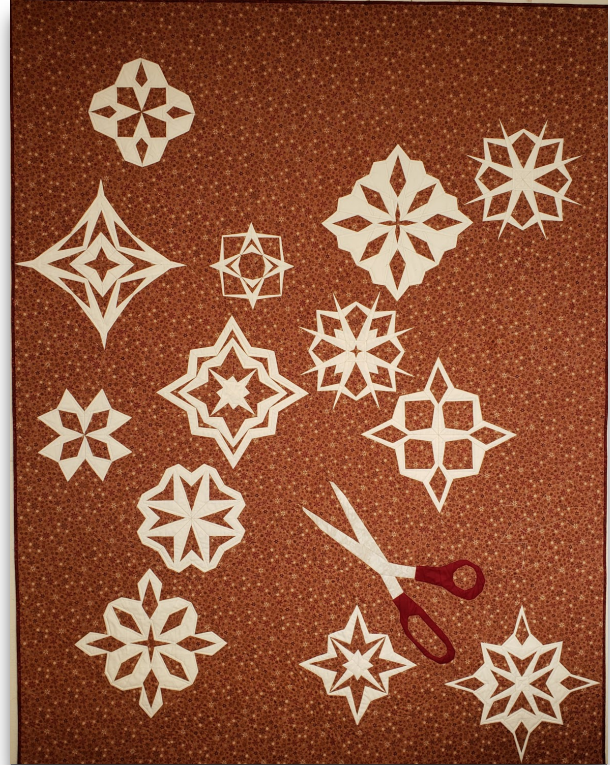
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January Show & Tell



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January Show & Tell - cont.



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