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NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA QUILTERS GUILD

DECEMBER 2020

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ZOOM Meetings

Monday, Dec. 7, 2020

6:30 PM via ZOOM

First Virtual Holiday Party

Monday, Jan. 4, 2021

6:30 PM via ZOOM

Lecture with Brandy Maslowski — “Studio Magnificent”

A safe link to both meetings 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

November 24 @ 5:30 PM

Board Meeting **Zoom**

December 7 - First Annual Virtual Holiday Party @ 6:30 PM **Zoom**

December 19 @ 10:00 AM **Zoom**
Saturday Sew Along

January 2 @ 6:30 PM **Zoom**
Lecture with Brandy Maslowski
“Studio Magnificent”

January 16 & 23 @ 10:00 AM - Noon **Zoom**
Paper Piecing Workshop with
RaNae Merrill

January 26 @ 5:30 PM
Board Meeting **Zoom**

February 1 @ 6:30 PM **Zoom**
Lecture with Kim Brownell
“Challenges. What to do?”

ZOOM Meeting

Monday, December 7, 2020 — 6:30 PM

Party with the Guild!

Join us for our First Virtual Holiday Party at 6:30pm on Monday, Dec. 7. The party will feature prizes, updates on the charity quilts and a chance to win prizes, including THREE baskets.

What do you need to do to participate?

1. Send a photo of your ONE favorite Winter Holiday quilt along with a SHORT sentence explaining why it's the favorite. Send both to Joan Costello at beachbreak1250@gmail.com (not the one in the directory) **NO LATER than Friday, Nov. 27.**
2. Decorate yourself so that it will show on Zoom - sparkly earrings, tinsel necklace or antler headgear.

The evening will feature fabric designer Erin Dunne who will discuss her new collection for Moda Fabrics, inspired by her move to Monterey. Erin is part of the family who founded Moda and also will share her perspective on the industry and the development of a collection.



If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact Fatima Dias, 831-917-4693 or Susan Michelson.

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President's Letter — December 2020



2020 is almost over and we are looking forward to our annual holiday party. Just like everything else about this year, it will be different but still promises to be a fun evening. I hope everyone will reach out to any friends who are still not on Zoom and teach them how to participate. Don't forget to don your party hat and prepare yourself some holiday treats before you join us!

I want to take this opportunity to recognize a long time member of our Guild that we will greatly miss when she leaves us. Terann Carr has captained our Charity work for years and I'm sure it will take a team of members to fill her shoes. She will be moving across the country to be near her daughter's family. I'm afraid we can't compete with grandkids.

Thank you Terann for everything you have done for our Guild and we wish you all the best with your move and the new quilty friends you will surely make.

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Fall Auction News

Quilt Auction Exceeds Expectations.

Thank you all so much for your donations to our Auction. Some of you donated beautiful pieces, some bought treasures for your house or friends, and some did both. We appreciate all of you! We are so happy with how it turned out. We have funded our Grants Program and can buy batting for the Community Quilts. MPQG rocks!



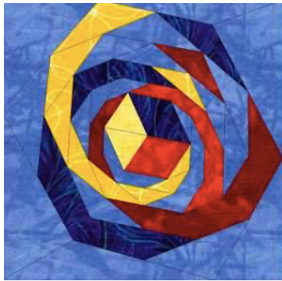
If you were lucky enough to buy one of the works of art, you can pick them up at Barbara's Studio, 207 16th Street #203, Pacific Grove. She will be there the afternoons of November 28 and 29. Please feel free to call her if you need another time 925-485-4376. If you live in Carmel Valley, Heather will contact you for a personal delivery. If you live in Salinas you can pick them up at Barbara's work: 2 Upper Ragsdale Building A (Ryan Ranch Area), again we can find a time that works for you. If none of this works for you Heather says she drives around and can deliver them to your house!

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Upcoming Workshop

“Painless Paper Piecing — Simply Amazing Baravelle Spirals” Workshop with RaNae Merrill via ZOOM



2-part Workshop:

Saturday, January 16, 2021 — 10 am-12 noon

Sunday, January 23, 2021 — 10 am - 12 noon

We just booked this workshop upon request for Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP). RaNae’s name will be familiar to you as a repeat teacher at Empty Spools Seminars. She is also one of the first teachers to embrace the ZOOM platform to teach and is offering a number of workshops of her own and other teachers through her website.

Baravelle spirals have huge "Wow!" factor, yet they are surprisingly easy to design and sew. Thus, this class fits beginners learning FPP and intermediate students who want to draw their own spiral. RaNae’s book [Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts](#) is recommended, but not required. The basic sewing information covered in this class is also contained in her second book [Magnificent Spiral Mandala Quilts](#).

More about RaNae can be found on her website: ranaemerrillquilts.com

Please contact kathrin.brown@gmail.com to sign up for this workshop.

Fee: \$40 plus \$5.00 material fee

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Recap: Christa Watson Lecture “Machine Quilting Tips & Tricks”



No recording was made of this lecture due to copyright. Regardless, Christa has an active YouTube channel. Here you can find many of the techniques she discussed in her lecture, including spray basting quilt sandwiches, quilting from the right side to middle and then turning the piece, anchoring with the walking foot etc. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQNRJj0wmNfu3xR0uh8sTxA>

[Kathrin Brown](#), Programs

Recap: Binding the Sally Miller Way

If you missed Sally’s Binding demo or want a refresher, here is the recording of it: [Binding the Sally Miller Way](#).

In addition, the YouTube video she shared in the presentation can be found here: [Sew Easy: How to Create Continuous Bias Binding](#)

And, the handout is here: [Binding the Sally Miller Way demo AKA French bias binding](#).



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Charity Quilts Report

Fire Quilts

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have gotten a good number of quilts to fire victims. Big Sur Kate helped us get in touch with the right person handling the Dolan Fire neighborhoods. Joan Costello helped get quilts to them. We have some active contacts for the Carmel Fire and soon will be helping our neighbors who suffered in the River Fire. Back Porch Fabrics, 157 Grand Ave #101, Pacific Grove, is a drop off point for bed sized quilts headed for the CZU Lightning Fire. Thanks Gail.

Terann Carr
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Charity Deliveries

At this writing I am about to deliver 6 of our larger quilts to the Veterans' Transition Center in Marina, they are really prized by the folks going through the program, aimed at getting Vets off the street.

There are also neonatal quilts ready to go to SVMH and Natividad, and they are always welcomed into the NICUs.

Terann Carr
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MPQG Handmade Quilts for the Dolan Fire

A thank you note from Community Association of Big Sur

Good morning Joan,

Wow, I got to place all the quilts out and enjoy them over the weekend....they are all very beautiful!



Attached is a photo and Community Association of Big Sur has posted the following on Facebook and Instagram that reads as follows:

The Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild reached out to the Community Association of Big Sur, by way of Kate Novoa, to find someone or an organization that could help get their handmade quilts to those who lost their homes in the Dolan Fire.

Patte picked up these beautiful quilts this last Friday! Photo attached.

There are enough quilts for the local Firefighters at the Nacimiento Station Shelter Deployment incident and those who lost their homes in the Dolan Fire.

CABS feels very honored to be helping to deliver these handmade quilts to our neighbors and very grateful to all the quilters who made this possible.

Thank you, to all the women who made this possible, for these beautiful quilts,

Patte Kronlund

Secretary, Community Association of Big Sur

Joan Costello

Charity Quilts Report (cont.)

Fond Farewell

The rumors are true, I will be moving to Maryland in the near future. My daughter and her family are there and are encouraging me to join them. How can I resist being near the grandkids? After breaking the news to my faithful Charity Quilt friends several have come forward to take on some of my projects. An McDowell would love to take on the Neonatal Quilt Project, Kathleen Clancy didn't hesitate to head up the Heart Pillow Project, and Claudia Sammis will continue our partnership with the National Christ Child Society. Applause. Applause. Applause. The collecting and distributing of the larger quilts will need a committee – just teasing. Things will change on some issues, but I know our fine work of encouraging our community with quilts will continue.

I will indeed miss my wonderful quilting friends, but I can join remotely whenever you are online. There are several Guilds in the area I'm moving to, so there are built-in friends.

I'm not sure of the timing but things seem to be moving along. I've had help with clearing out my guild fabric stash and cutting up the last of the rolled batting in the basement. Donna Foote is babysitting projects set aside for the Tying Event so if you want a smaller project to work on, either tying or machine quilting, give her a call.

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Casa Thank You



To: Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt that you donated to CASA. I was able to provide the quilt on my first visit with my CASA child. She is 5 years old. This is her first quilt. Thank you for all you do!

Charlene Schuss, CASA

Tamara & Preston, Foster Parents

NEONATAL Kits available to Finish!

We need help making the neonatal quilts for our two hospitals. We have 15 kits available and 50 preassembled fabrics that need to be quilted. Contact An McDowell at anmcd311@gmail.com or call her at 233-4853 and she can deliver them to you or make arrangements to get them to you.



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MPQG.org is still the address, but we have a fresh look. Joan Costello's step son Ian Evenstar volunteered to upgrade our site for us. It is now easy to navigate and possible for a novice to upkeep. What a fantastic guy!

Joan Costello spent most of October tediously transferring everything from our old site to the new site. When you check out an old newsletter or BOM send her a "thank-you" thought. She was steadfast in preserving our heritage.

And a huge THANK YOU to those who made and maintained the old website. Claudia Sammis learned HTML and kept it running for years. She handed it off to the indefatigable Maria Faile. Maria continued to work on it until yesterday, despite "resigning" a year ago!. We owe her big-time.

I hope you all enjoy the new look. I know I will enjoy keeping it up!

Barbara Boyer

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While We Stitch at Home

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

- MPQG November meeting Show & Tell pictures can be seen [HERE](#).
- [SJ Museum of Quilts and Textiles](#) (in concert with SAQA, MQG and others) offers a weekly [Textile Talks](#). Make sure to watch this episode with [Kaffe Fasset and his niece Erin Lee Gafill](#).
- **Art quilter Bisa Butler** is currently exhibiting at the Art Institute of Chicago. The Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts is offering a virtual tour with the Associate Curator of the exhibit and a virtual tour of the not-open-to-the-public Institute's Textile Resource Center on **December 3, 2020 at 1 pm PT (3 pm CST)**. This is an incredible chance to see the work of an incredible quilter at an incredible institution guided by experts in their field. Treat yourself to a very special gift! [Virtual Chicago Trip — Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts](#)
- A review of several books with quilting themes or undertones: Fiction with a Quilting Theme <https://frommycarolinahome.com/2020/07/30/fiction-with-a-quilting-theme/>

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Block of the Month — December

* Happy Xmas (War is Over) *

This song came about after more than two years of peace activism by John Lennon and his wife Yoko Ono. In 1969 John and Yoko rented billboard spaces in 12 major cities around the world, for the display of black-and-white posters that declared "WAR IS OVER! If You Want It – Happy Christmas from John & Yoko". Later, Lennon came up with the song as a way of continuing the themes of social unity and peaceful change, while attempting to convey optimism and avoiding the sentimentality he felt often characterised Christmas music. Have a listen to set the tone for your December block. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8hdZVoLHrk>

In a normal year, the holidays are celebrated in many different ways in our community but this year many of us will be unable to experience these celebrations as we normally do. We'll miss the family gatherings and the normalcy of a joyful season. So let's make a joyful block!

Since we celebrate in different ways, I'm including a few options this month. *Remember that you can always design your own block*, either 18 ½ or 12 ½ inches unfinished; 18 or 12 inches finished.



Option 1: Pineapple Block wreath

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l43hkvTvjUI>

Or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ju6t9Fp9Uo>

Use either of these tutorials to make a wreath, with plenty of green fabric from your stash.

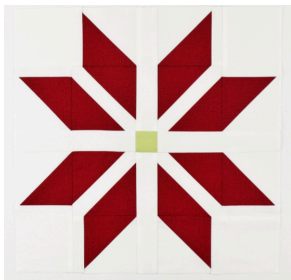
The first has a free downloadable pattern and the second uses a fun “cheater” style. Just stop adding on when you reach the desired size.



Option 2: Wonky Christmas Trees

Many of you have made wonky Christmas trees but I haven't! And I feel that wonky is so appropriate for 2020. If you agree, this tutorial by Leah Day is lots of fun. Make a bunch of trees and use the extras for a table runner, perhaps.

[How to Make Wonky Christmas Tree Quilt Blocks - Easy Quilting Tutorial with Leah Day](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ju6t9Fp9Uo)



Option 3: Poinsettia

You might feel flowery and like this Poinsettia pattern with lots of negative space. It is simple and elegant.

<https://modafabrics.com/2019/12/december-24-poinsettia.html>

As always, you are encouraged to make up your own design

Contact me with questions: Joan Costello
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MPQG Friendship Groups



MPQG Friendship Groups are open to all members. If you would like information about visiting or joining a group, please call or e-mail the group's contact Member listed below. For general information regarding Friendship Groups, or to get help forming a new group, please contact Marjorie Longo, 831-624-8649 or frumml@aol.com.

Friendship Groups are still getting together

In the middle of a Pandemic, Friendship GroupS continue to sew, chat and stay in touch. Some are using ZOOM to keep up, while others are meeting outdoors or in a public place where social distancing can be maintained.

Regina Liske copes with the pandemic by sharing her home or at least sharing her space. Regina has taken coping to a whole new level as she hosts multiple gatherings. She tells me that Tea Timers and Friends of Fred are still getting together in person, but now they meet outside in her driveway. She is adding a roof over the driveway to keep both her friends and her car dry and comfy in the coming rainy season. Bring your own chair and drink, wear a mask, and remember to social distance.

From her driveway, Regina will be hosting "Tea Timers" on Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 and "Friends of Fred", 1:30-3:00, the 3rd Monday of each month. She also hosts The Knitters from Asilomar every Sunday from 1:00-3:00, and she invites other knitters to join the group. The same safe meeting guidelines apply to the Sunday, driveway gatherings.

Regina's way of coping with the pandemic is a win, win for everyone.

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<p>Carmel — Tea Timers Meets Wednesday 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pat Tillson, 831-625-4123 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 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 — Valley Girls Meets the 3rd Thursday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Diana Vorne 247-7635 All levels meet for sewing and some group projects.</p>
<p>Laguna Seca Area — Charity Quilt Friendship Group Meets the 3rd Friday 9:30 a.m. to ?? Terann Carr, 831-375-7881 All welcome to participate.</p>	<p>Laguna Seca Area — No Strings Attached Meets the 3rd Tuesday 4pm-6pm Chamisal Bistro - Happy Hour Robles Road Corral De Tierra CA Cec Larsen, 235-0456</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.</p>

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A Note from Our Treasurer

“I’m not a good person to join the guild – I don’t quilt.” I believe that’s what I told Chris Beach when she invited me to attend a meeting. Chris was kind enough to tell me that the Monterey Peninsula Quilt Guild would connect me to lots of sewers in the area AND that I could learn to quilt.

I had just moved back to the peninsula and I was eager to get connected. I had my clothes, my sewing machine, some sewing notions, a plate, a glass, a mug, and a few utensils. The rest of my belongings wouldn’t arrive for another couple of months. Note: I hope you appreciate my priorities. My sewing machine was among my “precious” belongings that came with me in the car when I moved west! So, I walked the 3 blocks from my house to my first meeting. (This was the good days when we had meetings in person!) I was astounded to see so many people and to feel the energy of the room. As I recall, Christine Barnes was the speaker that evening. It was a treat for me to hear her because I had read one of her interior design books a few years prior.

I was quickly convinced that it was worth it for me to become a member of the quilt guild and I joined that evening. I called my sister as I walked back home and said: “I found my people – I had no idea that there were so many sewers on the Peninsula!” As a fresh transplant from Minnesota, I had wrongly assumed that I had left fellow sewers back in the Midwest. My favorite past time for years has been sewing but, until I found the guild, I knew virtually no one who shared my passion to create out of fabric.

That was less than 2 years ago and I have made a couple of quilts since then. I have a lot more to learn but it has been fun to expand beyond sewing clothing and household décor. Now my membership dollars go even farther because I pay less but we have even more meetings and speakers. I miss seeing you all in person but I’m happy that we have learned how Zoom can be an asset for our Guild.

Christi Sutphen
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Member Quilt Show

Two Lindas 2020

New Work + Additional Highlights from Our First Six Years



Quilts by Linda Branting and Linda Garofalo

November 1st, 2020 through January 5th, 2021
The Gallery at Back Porch Fabrics

From 2021 Quilt Show Chairs

The dates for Pacific Grove's Good Old Days and the MPQG Quilt Show have been changed to April 30th, May 1st and 2nd, 2021. At this time, we have no assurance from the city that we will be able to hold our show as usual or even in some modified way but we are going ahead with preliminary plans just in case. We are also considering a virtual quilt show and how we could make it successful in the event that our regular show is not possible. Most of the Committee Chairs from our cancelled 2020 show have enthusiastically offered to continue their good work next year. THANK YOU ALL!

So please remember that our local quilt show is an opportunity to exhibit what you have been working on and FINISHED. It's a celebration of your efforts, passion and art. ALL MEMBERS, regardless of level and expertise, are HIGHLY encouraged to submit a quilt into the show.... You don't have to have your quilt judged. But we're hoping to figure out a way to have judging, even in a virtual setting. Show off your accomplishment to your family, friends, and (hopefully) the general public, this reminds them that quilting is fun and attainable. Get that quilt finished. You'll need to submit a photo in February or March, and the finished quilt in April. Keep on quilting!

We will have submission details for you soon.

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Call for Grant Requests

MPQG annually awards grants to other non-profit community groups. Due to COVID, these groups are starting out the year with many restrictions, but we hope that as things return to normal quilting will still be a part of their plan. The grants are small (between \$150 and \$200). They are awarded to groups which focus on providing educational and creative programs that preserve the heritage of quiltmakers, promote excellence in quilt design and craftsmanship, and raise public awareness regarding the art of quilting. Grant requests are accepted between October 1st and December 31st of each year.

We are asking the membership to help get the word out about this opportunity. If you know of an organization that does good work in the area of quilting, contact Joan Costello at beachbreak1250@gmail.com. A letter and Grant Request form will be sent to the organization inviting them to participate.

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