

Pines & Needles



NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA QUILTERS GUILD

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ZOOM Meetings

Monday, Nov. 2, 2020

6:30 PM via ZOOM

Christa Watson
“Machine Quilting Tips & Tricks”

Monday, Nov. 16, 2020

6:30 PM via ZOOM

Demo: Binding the Sally Miller Way

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

MPQG Calendar

October 24 @ 10:00 AM Zoom
Saturday Sew Along

October 27 @ 5:30 PM
Board Meeting **Zoom**

November 2 @ 6:30 PM Zoom
Lecture with Christa Watson
“Machine Quilting Tips & Tricks”

November 16 @ 6:30 PM Zoom
Demo: “Binding the Sally Miller Way”

November 24 @ 5:30 PM
Board Meeting **Zoom**

December 7 - Winter Social Fun
Zoom

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

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

ZOOM Meeting

Monday, November 2, 2020 — 6:30 PM

Lecture: Christa Watson

“Machine Quilting Tips & Tricks”

www.christaquilts.com

Christa loves to quilt. She has been sharing her love of quilting for over 20 years, teaching others to enjoy every part of the quilt-making process. Her quilting life changed for the better in 2013 when she discovered her passion for modern quilts and combined it with her style of “perfectly imperfect” machine quilting.



The secret to successful quilting is in the planning and preparation. She will guide us through the steps she takes to make each quilting experience fun and stress free. Once you see her methods, you’ll feel empowered to quilt your own quilts! Learn how she bastes her quilts, make a quilting plan, choose thread colors, divide and conquer each task, and apply rich texture with little to no marking of the quilt. She is also excited to share her quilts and answer any questions you may have.

[Kathrin Brown](#), Programs

ZOOM Demo

Monday, November 16, 2020 — 6:30 PM

Binding the Sally Miller Way

Puzzled about binding? Join Sally Miller for a presentation that combines hints culled from decades of conversations, workshops, YouTube videos and her personal school of flabby bindings. For decades Sally has been applying bindings only by machine with happy results. Moreover, she has never received a negative comment from quilt show judges about her machine method. The binding is usually the first part of a quilt to wear out so let’s make great bindings to make our great quilts last!



[Kathrin Brown](#), Programs

President's Letter — November 2020



As we near the end of 2020, I want to say that I'm proud of the way our Membership has embraced the virtual world. We have had large audiences for our lectures, two successful Zoom workshops, a handful of Show and Tell events, and a Saturday Sew Day. There is plenty more to come so be sure reach out to your friends who may need some help learning how to join in.

While we all miss having live quilt shows to attend, I hope many of you are taking part in the myriad of virtual events that are happening. Pacific International Quilt Festival just wrapped up, Quilt Festival Houston comes in December and Road to California in January. These shows offer lectures and classes as well as quilt galleries to browse. I love that the quilting community has figured out a way to stay connected.

Here at MPQG, we are gearing up for our Fall Auction and our Holiday Party. Be sure to read about these events and mark the dates on your calendar. Both promise to be lots of fun and I encourage everyone to participate.

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Fall Auction — November 12-22

We are so excited about all the wonderful items we have to auction off this fall. The money we raise supports our grant program and buys batting for the community quilts. This money usually comes from the Holiday Party basket raffle.

Bidding opens November 12th.

We need you to help us publicize this event.

Please send information to your friends and neighbors.
Build interest by using **#mpqqquiltauction**

We will be sending you more information through emails.

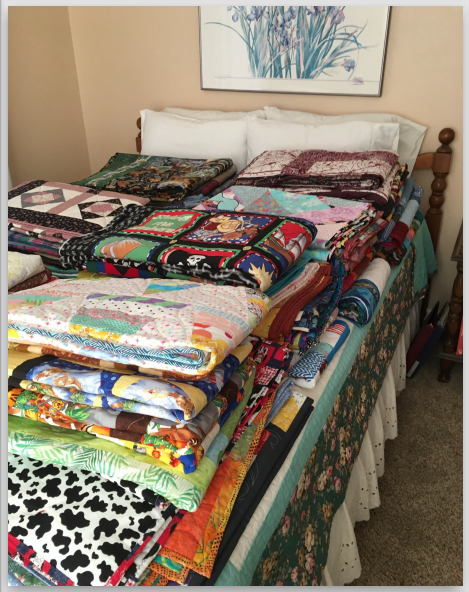
Barbara will take quilts anytime at her quilt studio, just give her a call at 925-485-4376. The last day to donate is November 5th!

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Charity Quilts Report



Wow, quilts keep piling up. I have been able to give out a number of quilts to contacts in Cachagua, but would like to do more. My contact for the Sobranes Fire, Cheryl Goetz, is connected with the Mid Coast Fire Brigade, and has sent my contact information to Fire Stations handling the Dolan Fire and the River Fire, as well as the Carmel Fire.

The responses I have already received are grateful for our offer and I'm sure will get back to me in time.

Terann Carr
831-375-7881



Charity Deliveries



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and one of the best times to provide our popular heart pillows. SVMH received heart pillows twice during COVID, once earlier in the spring and sixteen in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The pillows have been warmly received by SVMH. At this time, because of stricter protocols, SVMH isn't accepting more pillow donations. The cancer resource library has a small number on hand and they are given on a case by case basis. A shout out to June Wolf and Tracy Gates' little group for providing empties and doing stuffing. So many beautiful pillows, I'm sure they will be an encouragement to breast cancer patients.

Terann Carr
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Holiday Social



Party with the Guild!

You're invited to our First Annual Virtual Holiday Party at 6:30pm on Monday, Dec. 7. All you need is a festive spirit.

The evening will feature 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.

To get us all in a merry mood, you are invited to “decorate” yourself for the party. A cheery hat, tinsel necklace, angel wings, sparkly earrings – anything to show off your Holiday spirit in our Zoom Gallery.

We'd also like to feature a slide show of your favorite holiday quilts.

To participate, please send a photo of 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. 20.

You'll also hear updates from recipients of our Charity Quilts and enjoy fun games, surprises and prizes. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact Fatima Dias, 831-917-4693 or Susan Michelson, smichelsonbrophy@gmail.com.

Fatima Dias
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While We Stitch at Home

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

- [SJ Museum of Quilts and Textiles](#) (in concert with SAQA, MQG and others) offers a weekly [Textile Talks](#). October 28: **Kaffe Fassett and Erin Lee Gafill “A Creative Conversation”**
- [Wisconsin Museum of Quilt and Fiber Arts](#) sponsors a bi-weekly [Fiber Talks](#).
- **PBS Short Film Festival about [Paducah Quilt Show](#)** (16 minutes)
- **Craft In America - [Quilts Episode](#)**
- If you like **QUILT ALONGs**, follow [@letsquiltalong](#) on Instagram to see which artists are currently hosting a quilt or sew along!

Kathrin Brown
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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 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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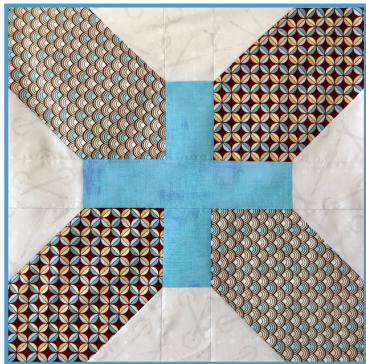
Block of the Month — November

* Come Together *

Come Together was recorded in 1969 by John Lennon for his friend, Timothy Leary, to promote Leary's campaign for Governor of California. Ronald Reagan ended up winning the 1970 Governor's race as Leary sat it out in jail for possession of marijuana. It's a great song for contentious political times. "Come together right now / Don't come tomorrow / Don't come alone / Come together right now".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45cYwDMibGo>

I chose "COMING TOGETHER" by LISSA ALEXANDER for this month's block for the name and for her wonderful introduction. "During this time of isolation I look at this block and can't help but think about how much I miss coming together with my friends and family. I just want to hug everyone's neck including my mailman, but I can't. I look at the big shapes as people and that someday we will all be joined socially together again."



Use this link for your 12 inch finished or 12 ½ inch block: [Block Heads 3](#)

For an 18 inch finished or 18 ½ inch unfinished block, add 3 inches of your background fabric or use these measurements:

- A (4) 8 ¼"
- B (8) 4 ¼"
- C (4) 4 ¼"
- D (2) 4 ½"
- E (1) 11 ¼"

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

Contact me with questions: Joan Costello
beachbreak1250@gmail.com
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WIP from the Cindy Grisdela Workshop

"Artful Improv — Permission to Play"



Kathrin Brown, Programs
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Call for Grant Requests

MPQG annually awards grants to other 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.

Joan Costello, Vice President
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MPQG Membership News



BIG THANKS to our 100+ members who have already renewed—or recently joined—MPQG! While these are the most unusual of times, we are united through our passion for our projects, our interest in learning new techniques, and the inspiration we find through guild friendships.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do it today. This year of fabulous Zoom guild meetings, workshops and events is only \$40 — a 20% discount over last year. And since you can “attend” via Zoom from anywhere (and we hear MPQG is ahead of the curve), invite your out-of-town quilting pals to join us as well! Find the 2020-21 Membership form at the end of this newsletter.

Karen Shaffer
MPQG Membership
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Adding to Our Treasury

Don't forget to use the **Amazon Smile Program** in these times of internet shopping.



Here's how: Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and sign up. You can use Prime, or not. Then, choose Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild as your charity of choice. Finally, shop as you normally would ... just make sure that you are on the Smile portion of Amazon. 0.05% of your purchase comes directly into our bank account quarterly. Here are links to the AmazonSmile program....easy to sign up, no charge, works with Prime or regular Amazon....and you can see your contribution at any time. smile.amazon.com.

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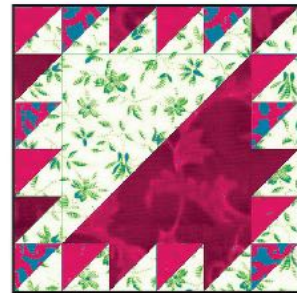
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<p>Carmel <i>Tea Timers</i> Meets Wednesday 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Pat Tillson, 831-625-4123 All levels meet to do handwork.</p>	<p>Carmel <i>Out of the Box Quilters</i> Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Marjorie Longo, 831-624-8649 All levels meet to sew, discuss, and create.</p>	<p>Laguna Seca Area <i>No Strings Attached</i> Meets the 3rd Tuesday 4pm-6pm Chamisal Bistro - Happy Hour Robles Road Corral De Tierra CA Cec Larsen, 235-0456</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. Diana Vorne 247-7635 All levels meet for sewing and some group projects.</p>	<p>Monterey <i>Stitch and Dine</i> Meets the 2nd Tuesday 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. Gudny Campbell, 831-372-6369 Sewing and dinner.</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>Salinas <i>Que Sera Sera</i> Meets every Monday, 11-2pm Active Seniors, Inc. Susan Riddoch, 831-449-6315 Focus on embellishments.</p>	<p>New Monterey <i>Friends of Fred</i> Meets the 3rd Monday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Regina Liske, 831-333-9302</p>

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Annual MPQG membership fee for new and renewing members is \$40. for our year September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021.

Please write your check payable to MPQG and send with this form to MPQG, ATTN: Membership, P O Box 1025, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Your name (please print): _____

If you are currently a member and have no changes in your contact info, that's all we need. Thank you for renewing your MPQG membership!

If you are a new member or have updates to the contact info we have on file for you, please fill in any **CHANGES**:

Address: _____

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Thank you for your membership in MPQG.
We appreciate all you do to keep our guild strong and vibrant!