

Pines & Needles

Newsletter of the Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild
www.mpqg.org



General Meeting Monday, April 6, 2015 First Monday

Set-up: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Pacific Grove Community Center
515 Junipero Avenue
(at 15th Street)
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

What to Bring

1. Check or cash for workshops
2. Name tags
3. Show-and-Tell
4. UFOs
5. Library Books
6. Pen and calendar to volunteer
7. Community Quilts

Next Meeting

Sandy Klop
April 6, 2015

Sandy Klop is the owner and founder of American Jane Patterns. She also designs fabric for Moda. Her quilts have been featured on the covers of several Quilting Magazines. Sandy has published two books, *Quilts for all Seasons and Some for No Reason* and *A Baker's Dozen: 13 Kitchen Quilts from American Jane*.

She was first exposed to quilting in 1979 at her sister-in-law's when she returned from teaching in Iran. She went on to teach art in Saudi Arabia for the next four years. She loved the rich colors and patterns in the tiles and carpets of the Middle East. Back in California, Sandy began to make pattern samples for a local quilt store. From there she moved to machine quilting. She has worked at a local quilt shop and taught many quilt classes. In 2000 she published a series of quilt books with Jan Patek under the series title Folk Art Favorites before venturing out on her own as American Jane Patterns. In 2003 at Quilt Market Moda approached her to see if she would like to capture her look in fabric. She has been designing for Moda ever since. "Now I have a new fabric range from Moda every six months and I design quilt patterns to feature my new fabrics. I'm truly living my dream."

www.americanjane.com



Next Workshop

Mary Lou Weidman
Saturday & Sunday, May 2 & 3, 2015

This is your chance to make a flower garden sure to impress your friends and family. Come and join Mary Lou Weidman as she shows you how to make different kinds of flowers and birds using her "hoochy mama" method of piecing. Color and fun are all part of this great workshop that lets you make flowers quickly and in a fun way. You will make as many different flowers and at least one bird, as the class time allows. Mary Lou has new flower patterns to show you this year also -- you'll LOVE the fun of all of this!

You may [order the Flower Power book online](#) or buy one at the workshop. You will love the results and whimsical happy look of these quilts -- no two are alike!

Huge Benefits to Job Hopping

President's Message

By Claudia Sammis

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Many of us have been in the same guild or quilt show job for two or more years ... which is a good thing. It takes the first year to figure out what we're doing, and during the second year we can perfect it. If we stay on for a third or even fourth year, we can pretty much skate. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your dedicated service to your fellow quilt lovers. Especially, thank you to all the volunteers who will make this year's quilt show another success.

Why is this column about Job Hopping when we're all volunteers?

Remember the day you turned the laundry over to the kids or younger siblings? You gave them a brief orientation then left them to it. Sure! They didn't do it as well as you did, but it was important that they learned one of the many life skills they would need, and the importance of being part of a family. In today's lingo, it might be called cross-training.

It's much the same in an organization such as ours. The more members who have cross-training, the more vital our guild will be into the future. On the personal side, we are reminded regularly of the health benefits of keeping our brain active with new challenges.

If you have been in your guild job for three or more years, this year I encourage you to leave your comfort zone and Job Hop into a different job or jobette. You have wonderful creative and leadership skills that are needed to revitalize another area. In turn, a new member may bring inspiration and excitement to the job that you've just vacated.

Janyce Anderson is responsible for our slate of officers that is elected in August. She also fills the many committee jobs that are needed each year. Please contact her at cvoaks2011@gmail.com, 831-659-3505. She would be happy to talk over your may options with you.



MPQG would like to welcome back Joy Smith.

Membership News

If you have friends that have gone AWOL, encourage them to rejoin the guild. They are missing out of some fabulous guest lecturers and trunk shows.

I have a membership challenge for all of you! Go to www.mpgq.org/directory/ web site, find your contact info and send a picture of yourself to me so that I can add it to your profile. It would be nice for members to put your face to your name.

For any membership help or information, contact our Membership Chair, Noreen Nance
nor9215een@gmail.com 831-915-3441

Open House at Empty Spools Seminars V

Thursday, April 30, 2015

4:00 PM

Enjoy a stroll through the classrooms to see the many works in progress during the last session of the year. Pick up a map at Merrill Hall.

What's New in the Shops

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Our advertisers have some wonderful classes and studio time to take advantage of. Check out their web sites to learn more.

Back Porch Fabrics - www.backporchfabrics.com

Bella's Sewing Studio - www.bellastudiomonterey.com

Family Threads - www.familythreads.org

Thank you to Bella's for the photo. Will they be our next generation of quilters?



Get Together - Garage Sale Fabric Prep

By Terann Carr, Garage Sale Chair, cacarrs@sbcglobal.net

Join me to measure, mark, tape ... and, to get a first-look at what will be available at the Quilt Show Garage Sale.

Sanctuary Bible Church

8340 Carmel Valley Road
Carmel, CA 93923
9:30 am until 2 pm

Bring a lunch if you can stay.

BIG NEWS ! DIY Garage Sale at Quilt Show

By Terann Carr, Garage Sale Chair, cacarrs@sbcglobal.net

Right: An example of how the fabrics should be rolled and marked.

The big news is that we have a larger space this year and will be accepting all quilting and sewing related items IN GOOD CONDITION.

Start sorting and rolling that extra fabric! Read the DIY Garage Sale Guidelines on the next page. Thanks for your co-operation. We want the garage sale to be attractive and inviting as opposed to the flea market look. I'm sure the Garage Sale will be even more successful this year.



DIY Garage Sale

By Terann Carr, Garage Sale Chair, cacarrs@sbcglobal.net

It's time to de-stash those unloved or 'what was I thinking' fabrics and other sewing items for the Quilters Garage Sale at the 2015 Quilt Show. This is a great fundraiser, so let's keep it going. Good News! Because we have a larger space this year, we will be accepting **all quilting and sewing related items**.

We'll begin accepting fabrics at Chautauqua Hall on Thursday morning April 9th, 2015.

Follow these guidelines and support the garage sale!

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 (blue painters tape) or stapled into zip lock bags. Questions? Check out guidelines below. Loose fabrics will not be accepted.

THE BIG PICTURE

Measuring, Folding and Rolling

- One fabric per roll.
- Exception: if you have a coordinated set of fat quarters, these can be taped in a stack.
- Please fold fat quarters and use a piece of tape to secure the fold. This way they are easily recognizable.
- One piece folded selvage to selvage:
- Measure along selvage to nearest complete increment of yardage. If there is just a bit left, describe it as ___+ yards
- Using same measuring process as above, if there is a lot left, you can guess the additional amount for a total.
- Fabric that measures 2 yards or more may be folded instead of rolled. Please measure and tape the fold. Write yardage on blue painters tape. These will go on a "flat fold" table.

Examples of measurements:

- Fat Quarter+ (approximately 18"x22")
- 2 yards (2 yards measured along selvage)
- 2 yards+ (2 yards plus more than a ¼ yard)
- 2 yards total (multiple pieces of same fabric: 1 full yard plus pieces that equal 1 yard)

If your fabric is smaller than ¼ yard or a fat quarter, or you have the same fabric in multiple pieces, please put in zip lock bag

A variety of scrap fabrics may be submitted in quart-size zip lock bags. These bags must be marked and stapled shut.

Marking

- Wrap/secure rolled or folded fabric with painters tape.
- Write measurements on tape used to secure fabric
- Coordinated fat quarters may be taped in a stack
- Scrap fabrics submitted in a zip lock bag must be marked as "Scraps" and the bag stapled shut.

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

Calendar, Road Trips, and Local Events

By Tina Magill, magill1242@gmail.com

Current Events

- **March 7 - July 5, 2015**, 10am - 4pm, **Kawandi Advent: Quilts by Margaret Fabrizio**, San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles, 520 South First St., San Jose, CA 408-971-0323. www.sjqmusem.org
- **March 7 - July 5, 2015**, 10am - 4pm, **A Common Thread**, San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles, 520 South First St., San Jose, CA 408-971-0323. www.sjqmusem.org
- **March 7 - July 5, 2015**, 10am - 4pm, **Bedouin Textiles from the Collection of Robert and Joy Totah Hilden**, San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles, 520 South First St., San Jose, CA 408-971-0323. www.sjqmusem.org
- **March 21 - May 5, 2015**, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, **Quilting Under the Influence**, Kathy Del Beccaro & Carolyn Ticknor, Back Porch Fabrics, 157 Grand, Pacific Grove, CA. www.backporchfabrics.com
- **March 28 - 29, 2015**, **Wish Upon a Star** presented by Foothill Quilters Guild. Quilt Show at Gold Country Fairgrounds, 1273 High Street, Auburn, CA. 250+ quilts, country store, vendor hall, café. Featured artist: Jane Haworth. www.foothillquilters.org
- **March 14 - July 19, 2015**, 9:30am - 5:15pm, **High Style: The Brooklyn Museum Costume Collection**, Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 100 34th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121. 415-750-3600. legionofhonor.famsf.org/exhibitions/high-style-brooklyn-museum-costume-collection
- **April 18, 2015**, 10:30 am or 2:00 pm **Free Pattern Demo**, Back Porch Fabrics, 157 Grand, Pacific Grove, CA. www.backporchfabrics.com
- **April 18 - 19, 2015**, **Seeing Stars** presented by Amador Valley Quilters. Quilt Show at Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA, Bernal exit off interstate 680. 400+ quilts, vendors, door prizes, raffle baskets, activities for visitors. Featured artist: Rob Appell. www.amadorvalleyquilters.org
- **April 10 - 12, 2015**, **Quilts by the Bay** presented by Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild, Chautauqua Hall, 16th Street (at Central Avenue), Pacific Grove, CA. Friday 11am to 4pm. Saturday and Sunday 10am to 5 pm. www.mpqg.org/quilt-show/

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Board Projects

April 2015

- Meeting: Lecture
- Quilt Show held during Good Old Days Celebration, April 10, 11 & 12
- Choose the winning ticket of the Raffle Quilt
- Call for Challenge Quilt designs
- Assemble next Raffle Quilt and submit bid for quilting to the Board for approval
- Updates and announcements to Communications the 10th of month

Mini Quilts for the Raffle

By Tina Magill, magill1242@gmail.com

IT'S TIME.....to start thinking about a mini quilt for the raffle at the Quilt Show.

Again this year, we will have a mini quilt raffle and we need your quilt!

The 'rules' are almost the same: size small (tiny to up to 30" square); any subject, technique, theme, etc (Roosters seem to be very popular!); AND, new this year, we will require a label (way too many folks asked who made the quilt and often ticket sellers had no idea)...nothing fancy, even just a signature on the front.

Board Minutes

By Nora Deans
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The MPQG Secretary, Nora Deans, takes and prepares the minutes from the monthly board meetings.

These minutes are posted on the MPQG website in the members only area. October 2014 and revised September were recently added. Read them here:

www.mpqg.org/business/board/



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Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild Workshop Reservation				Members	Non- Members*
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday & Sunday	May 2 & 3, 2015	Mary Lou Weidman	<i>Flower Power</i>	\$100	\$120
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday & Sunday	June 6 & 7, 2015	Valerie Goodwin	<i>Map Quilt</i>	\$100	\$120
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For your records:	You are registered for: <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday and Sunday, May 2 & 3 with Mary Lou Weidman <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday and Sunday, June 6 & 7 with Valerie Goodwin				
Send to:	Make check payable to MPQG. Send to: Gail Abeloe, Attn: MPQG Workshop, 157 Grand Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950				
Questions?	Gail Abeloe at Back Porch Fabrics 831-375-4453				
Time:	Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Workshop is 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.				
Note:	Reservations are secured when payment is received. To cancel and receive a refund, cancellation must be made at least 7 days in advance.				
Supply List:	Available at general meetings, on website at www.mpqg.org/news/category/workshops/ or call Gail Abeloe at 831-375-4453				
Location:	Health and Fitness Room at the Sally Griffin Center, 700 Jewel Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950				
Food:	Plan on bringing your lunch, snacks, and beverages				
*Non-Member registration is accepted 30 days prior to the workshop					

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Quilters Guild
PO Box 1025
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

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Location

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515 Junipero Avenue (at 15th)
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Meetings are usually held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Many members arrive at 6:30 p.m. for an informal social time. **Please check the front page for any schedule or location change.**

Membership New members are always welcome! Dues are \$35.00 and are due by the September general meeting in order to be listed in the current directory.

Guests are welcome. A \$5.00 fee is charged for entry and participation. Please ask your guest to stop at the membership table.

Pines & Needles Newsletter

This newsletter is published monthly for the benefit of our members. It is available online at www.mpqg.org. Articles are due on the 15th of the prior month. Please send items to the editor via email at alex@alexandraberg.com

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