

Pines & Needles

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



General Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 2015
Fourth Wednesday
Note Date Change

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

March 25, 2015 ** Note Date Change **
Sylvia Pippen

Sylvia Pippen grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and learned to sew from her mother. Sylvia studied tailoring and pattern making while raising her family in Massachusetts, where she owned a nursery as well as writing weekly gardening columns for the local newspaper. Later, after the kids grew up, Sylvia and her husband sold their farm and bought an old 40-foot sailboat, where she learned to quilt in cramped quarters.

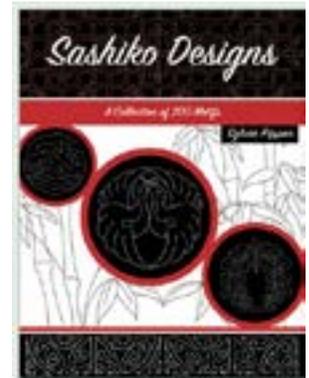


Sylvia will be giving a lecture on sashiko. What is sashiko?

Sashiko is a centuries-old Japanese art form in which a simple, large running stitch of heavy white cotton thread against a dark background can outline the most intricate design.

Sylvia teaches and designs patterns and fabric kits full time. To learn more about Sylvia:

www.sylvia-pippen.com

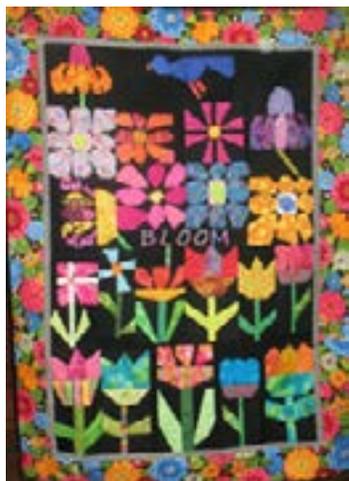


Next Workshop

Mary Lou Weidman
Saturday, February 21, 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!



Jobs & Jobettes

President's Message

By Claudia Sammis

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Are you looking for adventure, good times, and a select group of interesting friends? Please read on because ...

It's that time of year again when your quilt guild is seriously trolling for members to volunteer for a myriad of jobs and jobettes. Are you willing to take on a job but no one has asked you? Why not be the aggressor here and truly volunteer? After all, isn't that the meaning of volunteer as opposed to the less noble conscript.

So ... Who should you call FIRST?

Quilt Show: April 10, 11, and 12 - Dee Davis, Volunteer Coordinator, 831-372-6454, cell 831-521-6506, quilterdee@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed for 2-4 hour shifts for set up, take down, and all the jobs and hours in-between. Reminder, this year we will open on Friday, April 10, so consider taking a shift each day, if you can.

NEXT, do a little research at the links below and choose one or two of the MPQG jobs that might interest you.

MPQG Board and Coordinator Committees - Janyce Anderson, 2nd Vice President, 831-659-3505, cell 831-601-2160, cvoaks2011@gmail.com.

To better understand the guild structure, see the organization chart at www.mpqg.org/business/board/. To read the job descriptions, click the categories:

Officers Standing Coordinators Coordinator Committees Special Positions

I'm reminded of the Chicago saying regarding politics. Vote and vote often. Let's change that to volunteer and volunteer really often. Don't forget, you're about to embark on new adventures, good times, and adding to your select group of interesting friends. Hard to beat, eh?



We would like to welcome two new members to our guild:

Susan Moore and Catherine Toth

We would like to say good bye and best wishes to Maggie Wenzel who will be moving to Texas in March. Maggie has been a long time guild member and served as President from 1996-1998. She has given us many years of experience as a teacher at Back Porch Fabrics, leading a small quilting group at Meals on Wheels and pitching in on numerous quilt shows. We will miss you Maggie but wish you much happiness in your new home and lots of stitching with your daughters.

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



Open Houses at Empty Spools

By Claudia Sammis, especials@sbcglobal.net, 831-333-9133

Enjoy a stroll through the classrooms to see the many works in progress in the upcoming Sessions at Empty Spools. Pick up a map at Merrill Hall.

Session III: Thursday, March 26, 4:00 p.m.

Session IV: Tuesday, March 31, 4:00 p.m.



Monterey Library Displays MPQG Quilts

By Carole Olsen, 831-372-9289

A special display of quilts is now showing in the lobby of the Monterey Library along with two posters to promote our Quilt Show.

The display was designed and hung by Tina Magill and Carole Olsen. A big thank you to the many MPQG quilters who generously shared their quilts.

Please! Stop by the library and admire their hard work. The library is located at the corner of Madison and Pacific in Monterey. Exhibit closes on Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

Opportunity Knocks

By Sally Miller, dsmiller13673@yahoo.com

Be a part of the 2016 Raffle (Opportunity) Quilt. Barbara Barrieau selected an easy "spook-tacular" design especially appealing to the hand embroiderer. For volunteers who picked up a pre-assembled kit at the guild meeting, the completed work MUST be returned at our next meeting on Wednesday March 25. Thanks again to Barbara for leading us again in the creation of our 2016 Raffle Quilt.

Quilting Under The Influence...

MPQG members Carolyn Ticknor & Kathy Del Beccaro are having a show at Back Porch Fabrics. See the event calendar on page 5 for additional details.



BIG NEWS ! DIY Garage Sale at Quilt Show

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

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.

Prep Get Together - March 28

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

DIY Garage Sale

By Terann Carr, Garage Sale Chair, cacarr@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.

An example of how the fabrics should be rolled & marked.



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

- **January 9 - March 14, 2015**, 10:00 am or 5:00 pm **Gwen's Minimal Quilts**, Back Porch Fabrics, 157 Grand, Pacific Grove, CA. www.backporchfabrics.com
- **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.sjqiltmuseum.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.sjqiltmuseum.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.sjqiltmuseum.org
- **March 14 - 15, 2015**, **40 Years of Quilted Memories** presented by The Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association. Quilt show will feature the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles' collection of early quilts in a bed turning. This unique show includes Tumbling Blocks, c. 1880; Mennonite Sunshine and Shadow, c. 1890; and Split Bar, c. 1900. For details, <http://scvqaquiltshow.org>.
- **March 21 & April 18**, 10:30 am or 2:00 pm **Free Pattern Demo**, Back Porch Fabrics, 157 Grand, Pacific Grove, CA. www.backporchfabrics.com
- **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, cafe. Featured artist: Jane Harworth. 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 - 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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Session I	Feb 22	-	Feb 27
Session II	Feb 27	-	Mar 4
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Session IV	Mar 27	-	Apr 1
Session V	Apr 26	-	May 1

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Board Projects

March 2015

- Meeting: Lecture
- Call for volunteers for Quilt Show staffing
- Members return completed Raffle Quilt blocks
- Preview Quilt Show entries and design Quilt Show
- Quilt Show committee members meeting
- 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:

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Location

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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@alexandraberger.com

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