

Nature Through Quilters' Eyes

From abstract to realism, traditional to modern, the fifty quilts in this exhibit reflect personal views of nature expressed in cloth and thread by members of the Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild (www.mpqg.org).

Some of these quilts took hours of detailed handwork, while others reflect extensive quilting by machine, or detailed beadwork or applique. Some quilters dyed or painted their fabric, and created their own original designs. Each ties in with some aspect of the Museum's natural history collections and reflects a wide range of experience and skill.

The **Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild** began in 1979 when a small group of quilters gathered to offer workshops, lectures, and an annual quilt show for the community. Now more than 150 members of all ages meet monthly to hear lectures by leading quilters from all over the world, to share inspiration and to plan our annual Quilt Show held during Pacific Grove's Good Old Days each April.

Preserving American Folk Art

All of the nonprofit Guild's activities seek to preserve the heritage of beauty, diligence and love embodied in quilts handed down through the generations. We encourage excellence of design and craftsmanship as we perpetuate this American folk art. And our diverse members from all over Monterey County inform, educate, and inspire while enjoying the rewards of companionship among those sharing a common interest.

Giving Back to the Community

Guild members make and donate more than 400 quilts each year to a variety of local charities and victims of regional fires and disasters. And we give annual mini-grants to local schools, girl scout troops, theater groups and senior organizations.

Volunteer-Driven Nonprofit

Guild funds come from membership dues, quilt show revenues, raffle ticket sales, workshop fees, donations and advertising revenues.

Learn More

For more about the Guild or to join this enthusiastic and talented group of individuals, whether you want to learn or have been quilting for years, please visit our website at www.mpqg.org