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Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County



Fabric Sale Month is Finally Here!

What's more exciting than Christmas Eve for a six year old? - The MQSC Fabric Sale! All the fabric is \$5/lb, there's a sale on baked goods and homemade projects plus a quilt sale. More details on the sale below along with the other excitement we have planned this month. Scroll through to learn see the exciting events. In this issue you'll find:

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October Events

Business Meeting: October 1

In Person and Zoom

6:30 social time, 7:00 p.m. Program Begins

Join us for our monthly business meeting - the first of the fiscal year.

We will have all the usual temptations - Block of the Month, Community Quilts, Friendship Blocks, Cat and Dog Cuddles, Fabric Exchange. See below for specific details.

This is also the meeting where our “year long projects” get announced - Medallions, VP Challenges and more.

We hope to see you there.

Veterans Memorial Building
1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa

Zoom link provided to members.



One of the FY25 Medallion Quilts - think of it as inspiration for next year's projects.

Fabric & Quilt Sale: Oct 11

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Building



Volunteer Signup

The Fabric and Quilt Sale Planning Committee still needs some volunteers to help with set up, staffing and tear down for the upcoming sale. There are opportunities to contribute in each of the main categories: Raffle Baskets, Opportunity Quilt, Mini-Quilt Show, Bake Sale, and, of course, the main event: the Fabric Sale.

Set-up begins on Friday, October 10th around 4 p.m (bonus...you get early pickings of the fabric sale). Saturday shifts begin around 9 am. when the doors open and continue into early evening with tear down.

Donna Cambra, Fabric Sale Volunteer Coordinator, will have registration information at the October 1st meeting.



Member Boutique

One benefit of MQSC membership is selling handmade (by the member) items at the Fabric Sale. Items do not need to be quilt related. Last year, there were some tempting knitted goods and household items. Members set their prices. 20% is retained by the guild, and members can either keep or donate 80%

Items, inventory sheets and seller forms are turned into the guild before Friday, October 10. Contact Trina Jahnsen or Nancy Samples to get sale tags and the appropriate paperwork.

Bake Sale

The bake sale is one of the most popular tables (after fabric, of course). Favorites include breads, cupcakes and gluten-free offerings. If you'd like to donate some baked goods, Lilian Ruggles and Jayne Myers will have bags and stickers at the October 1 meeting.

Program Meeting: October 15

Open Sew on Zoom

After the excitement of the Fabric sale, join us on zoom for an open sew. We'll share our experiences from the sale. The show and tell will feature the treasures we all found at the sale.

President's Message



As the golden hues of fall sweep across Sonoma County, I find myself reflecting on the beauty of transformation—both in our landscapes and within our cherished guild. The crisp air and the rustling leaves remind us that change is not only inevitable but often a gift, inviting us to welcome new beginnings with open arms and hearts stitched together by fellowship.

It is with deep gratitude and a true sense of honor that I step into the role of president for the Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County. I am humbled by your trust and inspired by the legacy of creativity, kindness, and generosity that defines our guild. Each quilt we create, each meeting we share, and every stitch we make binds us not only to our craft, but to one another.

Autumn has always been my favorite season when nature itself seems to work its magic, blending colors and textures in ways only the finest quilters could imagine. I hope you find inspiration in the fiery maples, the muted vineyards, and the gentle sunsets of Sonoma. Let these motifs find their way into your quilts and your hearts, as we embark on this new chapter together.

Let this autumn be a reminder that change brings opportunity. As the days grow shorter and our sewing machines hum with renewed purpose, I hope you'll join me in celebrating what's new and what remains timeless—our dedication to craft, creativity, and community.

Thank you for trusting me with this role. I am honored to walk beside each of you, united by our passion and ready to embrace the future—one quilt at a time.

Warmly,
Sue Evans

Oct 1 Activity Announcements

Fabric Exchange



Bring 1 yard (or more) of fabric to be donated to the Fabric Sale. The winner will receive a gift card.

Block of the Month



Turn in your pumpkin blocks of the month and pick up the pattern for the November block.

Cat & Dog Cuddles

Community Quilts



Last year, you created and we donated 331 cat and dog cuddles - a record number! The August donors brought in 64 quilts alone. Big thanks to Kathy V., Kathy S., Janet, Veronica, Maureen, Bernadette, Diane, Sue, Dena, Deb, Janske and Julie. Vera brought another 7 in September. Our animal partners are thrilled.



Last year, we donated more than 130 quilts to Teen Parents Connection and the Oncology Unit at Providence. That wasn't our only donation - last month we donated the quilt above to the Geyserville Education Foundation for their Arts in Schools Auction. Our donation will pay for art supplies, instruments and teachers.

Patricia Harris Strippy Scrappy Quilt

November 22 workshop

Zoom Only

This workshop explores the art of asymmetrical design, value placement, and gradation to achieve a bold and dynamic look.

In this class you'll learn

- **Value & Gradation:** enhance your design by working light-to-dark transitions

- **Scrap Utilization:** transform leftover fabric into a cohesive, modern masterpiece
- **Basic Quilt Making Techniques:** Reinforce foundational skills for precision piecing



Members can register today for \$50.
Registration will open up to non-members in November for \$60.

Visit the website to see upcoming workshops, programs and events

Holiday Party Table Hosts Needed



We are looking for volunteers to host/decorate a table at our wonderful holiday potluck party on December 3rd. This year's theme "Comfort and Joy" can be interpreted anyway you'd like...so get your creative juices flowing.

Will you host a table or have questions? Reach out to Linda Lehmann.

2025/26 Membership Dues Now Due

There are many benefits of being a Moonlight Quilters member such as Basic Skills Classes, Workshops, the ability to sell your handmade goods at the Fabric Sale, discounts from our sponsors and more. Plus the new website has a members only section where you can register for events and pay dues online.

Dues are \$60/year. **The new year begins September 1**, and you can join anytime. Scholarships are available. We are a 501(c)3 organization, so your contributions are tax deductible.

Returning members: If you have not paid your dues by September 30th, you will no longer receive the members-only news blasts.

If you have questions about membership, contact [the membership chair](#).

Use the link below for the online membership application and to pay your dues;

Become a Member

Community News

**Routed West - 20th Century African American Quilts
in California**



Now through November 30th, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, BAMPFA, is hosting an exhibit of quilts created as part of the Second Great Migration (1940s to 1970s) from the south to the Bay Area.

[Visit the website](#) to see the schedule of student led tours of the exhibit.

Sew, Sleep, and Repeat Retreat November 15 - 16



Join the Petaluma Quilt Guild for a retreat where you get to sew for 2 days and sleep in your own bed!

\$60 registration fee covers 2 days of sewing, lunch and snacks, raised cutting tables, ironing boards and irons, inspiration and companionship.

Registration is now open. Email Debbie Loew at the Petaluma Quilt Guild: petalumaquiltguild@yahoo.com to secure your spot.

Meeting Minutes On-Line

As a reminder, meeting minutes are now published online. To access the minutes, go to www.mqsc.org, log in, go to My Page, scroll to the bottom and open the Minutes folder. We also encourage everyone to read last meeting's minutes prior to the business meetings.

Happy Birthday To You....



Vera Bararett
Karen Bolan
Teresa Breazeale
VaDonna Danesi
Deb Doyle
Jean Farnham
Diane LaFoe
Pam Larcher
Lauren Oblad

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How to Contact the Board, Chairs, and Coordinators

In an effort to make communication within the guild easier, there are generic email addresses for key positions which can be found here: [CONTACT US | mqsc](#)

To access the complete list, paid members may log into the members-only portal. After logging in, use the down arrow to select "My Page". On "My Page", the link to "Board, Chairs & Coordinators" is at the top left. You can download or print the PDF for reference as needed.

We are committed to equal member opportunity regardless of race, color, ancestry, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, citizenship, marital status, disability, gender identity or Veteran status.

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