

Patchwords Newsletter

November 2026

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County



Planning for the Future

November is an interesting time for our guild. While we are wrapping up 2026, we're also busy planning for 2027 activities. Doesn't that feel like life, as well. We're headlong into the holidays, and starting to plan projects for next year (okay, I'm speaking for myself).

This month's newsletter is full of information for both categories. We hope you'll find something to inspire you.

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November Events

Business Meeting: November 4

In Person and Zoom

This month's business meeting will congratulation the volunteers who helped with the 2026 Fabric Sale. It was a

particularly happy day with smiles on every face.

We will also have representatives from the various committees - see below for specifics.

Bernadette Taylor will be our Star Quilters, sharing her work and her stories.

We hope to see you there.

6:30 social, 7 p.m, meeting start

Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building
1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa

Zoom link provided to members.



There's still opportunities to sign up for one of the 2027 medallion quilts.

Star Quilter: Bernadette Taylor







I started my quiting journey in 2016, after I retired. I didn't get to involved in quilting until after covid, when I joined the Windsor Senior Center group. Then I joined the MQSC to further my knowledge of the craft. I entered one of my quilts for the first time ever in the Cloverdale Citrus Fair in February this year and was honored with my first blue ribbon! I am excited to continue to learn more and to show off my quilts.

Program Meeting: November 18

Veteran Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa

Hello New Members

The November program meeting is all about you.

We'd like to invite **anyone who joined the guild in 2026** to introduce themselves at the meeting. Bring a project you've finished or working on and tell us a bit about yourself when you are not at your sewing machine.

Each committee chair will introduce their projects as well, so we all get a refresher on guild activities and learn all the ways you can get involved.



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November 4th Activities

Cat & Dog Cuddles



Thank you Laura, Maureen, Janet, Kathy, Linda, Deana, and Dena for donating 20 cuddles at the October business meeting and everyone who stopped by our table at the Fabric Sale. They're have been distributed to Forgotten Felines and Dogwood Animal Rescue.

Fabric will be available at the November business meeting

Block of the Month



Turn in your Soul Mate block at the meeting. You can find the simple pattern on the Block of the Month page: here.

As a reminder, polka dots are uniformly sized circles in a uniform pattern.

You receive an entry for each block you turn in, with the winner chosen at the end of the meeting. It's almost like winning an instant quilt.

Friendship Blocks

Community Quilts



In the spirit of “many hands make light work,” the Friendship Block program is now open to all members.

Ask your fellow quilters to help you with no more than 8 blocks and you will have the foundation of your quilt done in no time.



Community Quilts are one of the many ways we give back to our community.

Last year, we donated almost 140 quilts. Let’s try to beat that number this year.

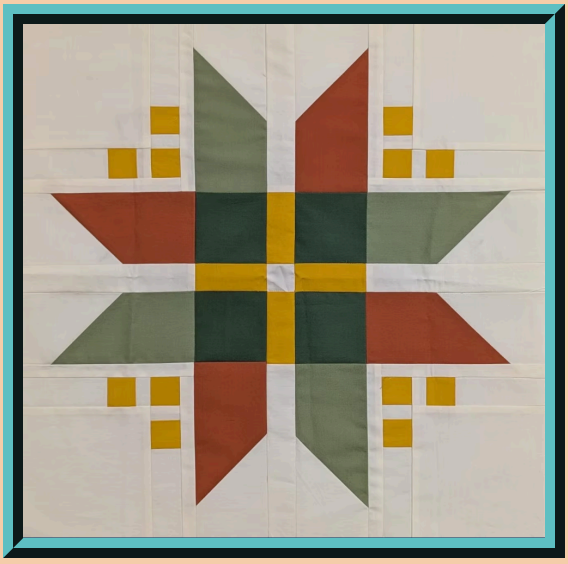
Fabric, patterns, batting and backing will be available at the October 3 meeting.

Fabric Exchange



November Fabric Exchange is going to the zoo! We’re looking for animal prints - lions, tigers, bears, zebras…even cats and dogs.

Medallion Quilts



There is still time to sign up for the 2027 Medallion quilt program. This is an excellent way to stretch your design skills while contributing to a group project.

President’s Message



A Season of Gratitude

As November approaches, my thoughts naturally turn to thankfulness. I have always found that living with gratitude makes life feel easier. Gratitude goes deeper than a moment of thanks; it is an enduring way of seeing the world, regardless of our immediate circumstances.

Celebrating Our Fabric Sale Team

Our October fabric sale gave me another reason to feel deeply grateful: our members worked together to make the annual event a tremendous success.

While it is impossible to thank everyone individually, I would like to recognize a few people. First and foremost, Trina—your organizational and leadership skills are exceptional, and your guidance was invaluable. Marilyn, your eye for seeing how it's all going to come together is exceptional. Kathy, you did an amazing job organizing and recruiting volunteers. Katina, the rotating quilt show was a tremendous success. Jayne, you did a wonderful job with the bake sale. Katie, the boutique was beautiful, and its sales were through the roof. Cathleen, your work in the scrap area was remarkable. You transformed a collection of unrelated fabric pieces—many of which might otherwise have been discarded—into a popular and distinctive part of the sale. Not to mention Deb, your skill in advertising really helped us spread the word.

Donna, your welcome table received wonderful reviews. To Miriam and our checkout team, fabric fluffers, raffle-basket organizers, notions volunteers, display helpers, and everyone who handled the physical work of moving materials to and from storage: thank you!

With Thanks to Our Guild

I love being part of this guild. No matter which role someone chooses to fill, fellow guild members are always ready to help.

Wishing you all a colorful, peaceful, and happy Thanksgiving.

With gratitude,

Sue

2026 Holiday Party



Celebrate the season with warm winter wishes
December 2nd from 6:30 - 8:30
Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building

What to Bring

Your choice of “hearty finger food” or dessert (with serving utensils)

Dollars for more than a dozen full and fabulous raffle baskets

Seasonal quilts to hang for decorations

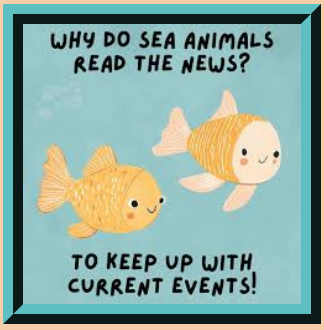
Your holiday spirit!

We are going to collect items for Voices Youth Program, which provides support for foster youths in Sonoma, Napa and Solano counties.

You can help by donating socks, slippers, towels, hoodie sweatshirts (any size), underwear, cozy blankets, hairbrushes, hair scrunchies, reusable water bottles, packs of gum, instant coffee packets or $10 Visa gift cards. (no scarves, please)

2027 Planning

Round Robin Workshops



We Need Presenters.

Kay Hawkins, our fabulous Round Robin organizer, and the queen of themed corny jokes (see the image from last year) is looking for presenters for the January 20th Round Robin.

You’ll give a short informational presentation, which may include a demonstration to a group of about 15 enthusiastic listeners, 4 times during the event.

Past demonstrations included quick project bags, frankenstein batting, and the proper way to iron.

Consider what you could share...a skill, a tip or two, a small project... We need you! Contact Kay Hawkins at mqscroundrobin@gmail.com or hawkinseabass@comcast.net.

Scrap Collections Begin

The Scrap program at this year's fabric sale was a big success. We maximized scrap adoption and minimized contributions to landfill. Let's do it again!

Kathleen will begin collecting scraps in January. You can help by separating scraps into these categories:

- coordinated sets of scraps from projects or kits (in separate bags)
- large scraps that can be folded to be set upright in a display box
- anything smaller than an 8" square, including triangles
- long 1" - 5" strips



Visit the website to see upcoming workshops, programs and events

Community News



Monaluna Studio Sale

Next Saturday and Sunday

Jennifer Moore of Monaluna designs is having an amazing sale of her fabrics. $1 fat quarters, $4 yard, etc. If you can make it over there it is worth it.

You can get a peek at her designs here.

2027 Dues are 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 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.

Members also 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

Meeting Minutes On-Line

Meeting minutes are published online. 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 November Birthday to You….



Ann Herbst
Gretchen Kohl
Sharon Katz
Carolyn Meigs

Jackie Pavlicek
Karen Perlis
Kerstin Stauffer
Kathy Vedder

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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.

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