



March 2019

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MOONLIGHT QUILTERS OF SONOMA COUNTY ESTABLISHED 1980

CALENDAR

MARCH 2019

- 2: New Member Tea
- 4: BOARD Meeting 6:45-9PM
- 6: BUSINESS Meeting
 - Fat Quarter Frenzy - Batiks or Oriental
 - Fire RELIEF Raffle Quilt Drawing
- 15: Newsletter Articles **DUE**
- 20: Program Meeting - Sewcial
- 23: Tri-Guild Luncheon

APRIL 2019

- 3: BUSINESS Meeting 6:45-9PM
 - Fat Qtr Frenzy - Words or Letters or a color of your Choice
 - Appoint Nominating Committee
- 7: Deadline to submit quilt show entries
- 13: Board Meeting 6:30-8PM
- 15: Newsletter Articles **DUE**
- 17: Program Meeting - Spring Fund Raiser
- 20: Basic Skills Class

MAY 2019

- 1: Business Meeting
 - Medallion Round 4 due
 - Fat Qtr Frenzy-Travel and /Sports
- 6: Board Meeting
- 15: Newsletter articles **DUE**
- 15: Program Meeting - Linda Wagner
- 30: Quilt Show Drop Off

President's Message

Spring is coming! (Say I with snow covered hills all around us.) And with it, lots of inspiration from nature and quilt activities to boost our quilting. There's about one month before all your quilt entries for our Wine Country Quilt Show are due. Trina and Joanne have all the information on how to enter and will be at meetings to take photos and you can go to our website <mqsc.org>, click on Quilt Show and find all you need right there! Speaking of the Quilt Show, we had a lively discussion at our February meeting about the future of the show with about 50/50 favoring the way it is and changing it to an every other year show. Keep thinking about this and please feel free to let me know your thoughts via email or phone. We will be developing options at the board meeting with another time at our March business meeting to talk more. Part of what the guild needs to realize is many people who hold jobs for a long time may really want someone to step up and ask, can I help and learn how to do this - but when no one shows an interest, feel they must keep doing that job. When people volunteer, it improves the flow of work on the show, and in the guild itself, and the jobs get shared more easily as the years go on. And remember, this is a quilt guild so none of the jobs are too difficult!

Besides finishing up your show quilts, we have our UFO Challenge and the Vice-President's Challenge to inspire us and the April Fabric Sale to supply more fabrics, books and tools (many from DJ Berger's stash) to facilitate our creations. Stay warm, dry and safe as we get closer to real spring and I'll see you at MQSC.

Karen Mansergh, president

WINE COUNTRY QUILT SHOW

- June 1 and 2 (Entry deadline 4/7/2019)

Hello quilters! Trina Jahnsen and I are very excited about all of the quilt show entries that are being entered. They are wonderful and will be well received by the attendees at this year's quilt show.

Please enter on line at www.mqsc.org under the "Quilt show" tab, then click "quilt show entry info." The directions are spelled out.

The only thing that is different this year, is the "Special Exhibit" entries which are group entries. These are not considered Challenges. Special Exhibits are comprised of groups of quilters who create a series of quilts that are connected by a theme. Pointless Sisters has been a Special Exhibit for years in the show. The Telephone Quilts in last year's quilt show are another.

Challenges continue and are entered in the same manner as a regular quilt show entry. You simply put the name of the Challenge in the box called "Challenge." These are comprised of President's Quilts, VP Challenge Quilts, Fire Quilts, etc.

Trina and I will be at the guild meetings to take photos if you cannot photograph your quilt(s). If you do take your own photos, please take them in an upright position as they will hang. Use bright light or a flash in order to get true colors. Email your photo (one per entry) to WineCountyQuiltPhoto@gmail.com. Include your name, the name of the quilt and the dimensions - width and length in inches.

If you have questions, please contact either Trina or Joanne.

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Quilt Show Layout

Be Prepared to Be Challenged!

The **Vice President's Challenge** for 2019 is to reflect on:

What Makes You Smile? What Gives You Joy? What Causes Your Heart to Sing? I hope you will enjoy thinking about this topic and will want to join the fun using fabric to portray what makes you happy. The only requirement is to please include a moon somewhere. We will share our (hopefully) joyful endeavors in whatever stage of completion at the August 21 business meeting.

Perhaps you are interested in a different kind of challenge. Perhaps the UFO Challenge: Money as the Motivator is for you. In this challenge, you decide which of your unfinished projects you want to work on. You also decide how much money you are willing to forfeit to the guild (minimum \$5) if you do not complete what you set out to do by May 1, 2019. What project(s) do you need motivation to work on? How much money does it take to motivate you? Bring your list of UFO's and your money to the next business meeting. Let's reduce our pile of UFO's in 2019!

Refer to the website for additional info on the VP Challenge and the UFO Challenge or direct questions to Karen Derrick, Vice President

Moonlight Quilter of the Month.

I made my first quilt when my first grandchild was born 16 years ago. In the 16 years since I might have made 2 or 3 quilts until recently when I retired.

In 2007 the de Young Museum featured the Quilters of Gees Bend exhibit. I was so moved, that by the end of that day I had become a quilter. It literally changed my life. In 2015 I was lucky enough to be able to see them at QuiltCon in Austin Texas, where they were the Keynote speakers. They delighted the room with Gospel and down home pearls of quilting wisdom. I will treasure that memory all my life.

About 5 years ago I retired and organized a room in my house to really devote myself to being an artist through quilting. Since then I have made around 70 quilts. I am simply happiest when I am quilting.

Thank you!
Toni Anderson

FEBRUARY 2019 CAT AND DOG CUDDLES

Thank you to those who donated cat and dog cuddles at the February meeting.

Thanks to your generosity, we collected 17 cuddles for the cats and dogs – in part due to those of you who produced cat cuddles as part of the basic skills binding class.

Thanks to: Pat Fratis, Gina Stalder-Calhoun, Margaret Garretson, Sue Peretti-Keith, Carole Simkins, and Donna Hinshaw (from up in Washington State).

When I delivered a stack of cat cuddles to the Forgotten Felines office, I learned the sad news that Taylor Page from Forgotten Felines, a many year participant at our quilt show cat and dog cuddles table, passed away unexpectedly late last year. As an artist, she appreciated the beautiful work and colors of the quilts on display and looked forward to seeing them every year.

We will miss her at the show.

We will have the fabric and supplies again at the March business meeting. Cuddles are a good way to try things out, use up those scraps and orphan blocks, or just have fun while providing comfy sleeping mat for a cat or dog.

Thank you for your continued support of this program.

Programs & Lectures

On March 20th we are having a Sewcial. We will again be cutting out recovery bags, that we can then take home and sew. All you need to bring to the guild meeting is cutting mats, rotary cutters, long rulers and fabric if you want to donate it. We will walk you through cutting out the bags and making them if you need that information. We will have fabric from the storage unit ready for you to pick and match together to make the bags. We currently do not have any bags in stock since the last of the bags were sent to the five survivors from the Paradise fire. So please come and enjoy some time playing with fabric and making a difference in the lives of future fire survivors.

In April we will be having the FABRIC SALE!! Please donate any fabric, books or sewing related items. Deb Gomes is in the know on who to give them to at the April 3rd meeting of the month.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Feinstein Lee Inman

Gilligan Deborah

Marshall Melinda

Nelson Jeanne

Sullivan Marlene

Jolley Sarah

***HAPPY
BIRTHDAY***

February Block of the Month.....

Cupid Hits the Spot!!

And the winner of these lovely blocks (plus 3 more at least that didn't make it to the meeting) was Deana Abromowitz.

Congratulations! I played around a bit with the display and really like the on point setting and I loved the dark background! We hope you have fun with the blocks and experiment with the patterns and the fabrics in your stash.

For March we introduced "It's Magic"...aka Arrow Head block. I picked this name as it is what we all said when first introduced to taking two squares of fabric and sewing them together with a *scant* ¼" seam....it is magic when you see the final outcome. Of course....strong contrast is helpful to pop the pattern and I selected a 10" block starting size in case you had a few random layer cake blocks hanging around...this quilt looks fabulous in a scrappy fabric selection...your finished block will be between 12 ½ and 12" square. The winner can trim to a common size.

When we were first introduced to this block we started with 8 ½" and one friend continued to start with smaller and smaller starting squares until she had a 2 ½" finish block....maybe you will be intrigued to give this a try as well...but for our BOM please start with two 10" squares.

Due to space limitations of space I will have to redirect anyone interested to the BOM web page for instructions and pictures.

Membership Team

Prior to the February business meeting we had 143 members with dues paid and 21 still outstanding.

This is just a reminder to check and make sure your current with your dues in order to enjoy the full benefits the guild has to offer.

We welcome our newest member, Gail Abbott. Gail was a member of the guild 15 years ago before she moved to Florida. She's returned and we're glad to have her back.

The membership committee will be hosting a New Member's Tea at Village Sewing Center, 506 Lewis Road in Santa Rosa on Saturday, March 2nd from 10:30 to 12:30. We hope everyone can attend and get a chance to visit with new and old members alike. Please let us know if you can come.

Happy spring from your membership team of Deana Abramowitz and Kathy Vedder.

Friendship Block

Hey Friends, we have some new blocks that you might just want to make for our friends. Also if you want to have us make some blocks for you please come and see us for the easy directions. We'll have you on your way in no time at all. Remember every Friendship block you make, or cuddle, or community quilt earns you a point toward asking us to make blocks for you. 10 points is worth 10 blocks, 20 points will get you 20 blocks. Think about it, we'd love to have more blocks to offer.

Margaret and Jeanne

BUSINESS MTG MINUTES 2/6/2019

President Karen Mansergh called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

She welcomed returning member Gail Abbott, as well as guest Cathy Patterson. Santa Rosa Quilt Guild members Toni Anderson and Diane ? were on hand to sell tickets for their beautiful Opportunity Quilt.

Other announcements: Sadly, D. J. Berger, longtime member and amazing quilt artist, passed away January 25. There will be a celebration of her life in the spring, and other commemorative events being planned. We will be kept informed.

Our storage units have been re-arranged to our advantage, due to several hours of hard work by a hardy band of organizers – a smaller unit dedicated to Quilt Show materials, and a larger unit originally rented for the Quilt Show has been repurposed as the repository of all the other items: archives, community quilt supplies, etc. Thank you to all who helped with this project!

Rethinking the Quilt Show: Moonlight Quilters has sponsored our June quilt show for 22 years now – and people are tired. It is time to consider what works, what might be a welcome change, and why we hold the show. Among the reasons people gave for holding the show are:

- A place to show our work
- The show satisfies the outreach/education requirement of our 501c(3) status
- We have a lot of vendors providing a shopping experience
- It exposes non-quilters to the quilting world
- An opportunity for inter-guild collaboration
- A recruiting tool to increase our membership

There are some options to consider: 1)make the show a bi-annual event
2) change the date to one that is during the school year. Public schools have visited the show as a field trip, exposing a whole generation to the quilting

world – but now school is out for the summer by the end of May so families are away. 3)Change the format to have a smaller scale event every other year.

President Mansergh requested emails from membership on the topic – please write to her with your thoughts on the following:

- Purpose of the Quilt Show
 - Your willingness to pitch in before the show as well as during the show
 - Thoughts about making a change
 - Suggestions for other formats
- Secretary's reports:**

In the monthly newsletter, Board and Business Meeting minutes were incorrectly described as Business Meeting and Board minutes, respectively. The Board minutes were unanimously approved with one correction upon a motion from Alys Hay, seconded by Saraj Cory. (Sue Peretti-Keith was listed as Sue Peretti-Smith.) Sorry, Sue!

The January business meeting minutes are now amended as follows: (thank you to Alys Hay!)

- Business Meeting minutes (Titled "Board Meeting Minutes")
- Under "Visitors" and again under "Triguilid Luncheon," Santa Rosa guild member is Toni Anderson (not Anelli)
- Under "Programming" It's Cyndi Cunningham (not Cyndy)
- Under "Basic Skills" – 20.5" square is good for (squaring up your quilt for) binding; not "piecing."
- Under "Sunshine" It's Audrey Kapitan (not Capitan) and Kristine Brown (not Christine)
- Under "Program" Cyndi will be going to NCQC (not NQC)

The amended minutes were approved upon a motion from Alys Hay, seconded by Cyndi Cunningham.

BUSINESS MTG MINUTES CONT

2/6/2019

Treasurer's Report:

At the end of January, expenses have exceeded revenue by \$5,400 and income from dues is \$3,500 less than budgeted. Expenses are on track for this point in the fiscal year.

Vice-President's Report:

This year, the UFO challenge will be "Design Your Own Penalty." Complete the form, complete your UFO or pay the guild the penalty of your own choosing – due May 1.

"Piece of Joy" is the theme for the VP Challenge this year. Your work will be due at the August business meeting. Use your own fabric; be sure to include a moon somewhere on the piece!

Quilter of the Month: Ann Linville, channeled by Ann Herbst, and introduced by Judy Pudoff. Thank you for sharing your creative, beautiful handiwork!

Committee Updates:

Quilt Show: looking for entries! If you brought your quilt to the meeting, the committee will photograph it and help you to complete the entry form. Exhibitors can also enter on line.

Wanted: A quilt show coordinator shadow to work with Gina Stateler-Calhoun and learn the ins and outs of this critical position.

Membership: We are now at 246 paid members, and 20 who have not yet renewed or paid dues for this year. Please pay up if this is you....

The New Member Tea will be held on March 2 at Village Sewing Center. VSC has graciously allowed us use of their store all day for sewing and demonstrations – plan to take advantage! Gina will be helping to make friendship blocks at VSC that afternoon.

Opportunity Quilt: Help is still needed to market the opportunity quilt – please take this work off of Gina's plate! Volunteers are needed for two-hour stints selling raffle tickets at the Cloverdale Fair February 16-18, as well as the Tri-Guild Lunch March 23 and the Healdsburg Quilt Show March 30.

Programs: February's program will be presented by Lujean Seagal, entitled "Beyond Boring Borders." There is still space available at the day long workshop the following Saturday, February 23.

March's program will be a Sewcial – join us to make Recovery Bags that evening. April brings the fabric sale – start setting aside fabric!

Medallion Quilts: We are on to Round 4! Contact coordinators Helaine Campbell and Trina Jahnsen with questions.

Fat Quarter Frenzy: No drawing was held this month. For March, bring a fat quarter that is black or white, or batik or oriental in theme....

Look for a separate report from the Show and Tell Coordinator – lots of amazing work!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. by President Karen Mansergh.

Respectfully submitted by Miriam Marlin, secretary.



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