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## Spring has sprung!

The signs of spring in Sonoma County: daffodils, browning hills, warmer temperatures and of course, allergies. It seems like everything has decided to bloom or kick off its growing season. Our quilts are no exception - from day camp to special events, we're celebrating the season of expansion and new skills. We hope you'll join us

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## April Events

### Business Meeting: April 1

In Person and Zoom

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

Join us next week on Wednesday, April 1 for our business meeting.

Come early to enter Fabric Exchange, Block of the Month, explore Friendship Quilts, turn in community quilts or Cat and Dog Cuddles, visit with friends and learn about upcoming events like Day Camp, VP Challenge and more.

We hope to see you there.

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

Zoom link provided to members.

Note: Day Camp will replace the program meeting this month



Monthly show and tell is always an inspirational hit. This charming Easter themed quilt from last month's parade is just one example. You're invited to bring your work to share with our members.

## President's Message



Wow! April is already upon us, marking the end of the first third of my year. As I look back, I realize there is still so much I want to learn, accomplish, and experience. April is a month rich with historical events: President Lincoln's assassination, the sinking of the Titanic, the great San Francisco Earthquake, Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in the American League, the first cellular phone call, and the merging of networks to create public access to

the internet. These are just a few of the significant moments that have shaped history.

Each of these events has influenced the world we live in today, sometimes in ways that are subtle, other times in ways that are profound. As I reflect on history, I also think about my own journey in quilting and the experiences that have shaped my craft. In the beginning, I found it difficult to put three colors together without feeling anxious. I wouldn't attempt a quilt without a pattern, and even then, the final product was uncertain.

Over the years, many influences have nurtured my passion for quilting. Quilt shows, magazines, and most importantly, membership in Moonlight Quilters have all played a vital role. Through our members, programs, mini groups, star quilters, and even our show and tell sessions, I have expanded my understanding of what quilting can be. Now, I consider myself a “feral quilter,” open to experimenting and trying new things.

Today, I want to encourage each of you to take advantage of everything our guild has to offer. The possibilities and results are truly limitless.

Sue  
President, MQSC

## April 1 Activity Announcements

### Fabric Exchange



Jewel tones, shiny sparkles and more. That's the theme of this month's fabric exchange. What's the saying about diamonds being a girl's friend?

### Cat & Dog Cuddles

### Block of the Month



Turn in March's Row of Trees and pick up the pattern for May's Easy Peasy Posies. If you miss the meeting you can find the pattern [here](#).

### Opportunity Quilt



Thank you to the March donors: Kathy V, Kathy S, Maureen, Bernadette, Linda, Sharon, Janet, Sue and Christine for the 24 cute cuddles for Forgotten Felines and Dogwood Animal Rescue. The dogs and cats will love them.



Check out this stunning 2026 Opportunity Quilt. Designed by Mary Flynn and constructed by many hands, it's called Pleasure Dome from the opening lines Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem, Kubla Khan.

*In Xanadu did Kubla Khan*

*A stately pleasure-dome decree:*

Tickets will be on sale at the business meeting.

# Sewing Day Camp - Waiting List Only

**Friday, April 10 - Sunday, April 12**



Veterans Memorial Building  
1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa

Pack your sewing machine, your favorite projects, and your sense of fun – it's time for Sew Camp 2026! Join us for three inspiring days of stitching, sharing and creating. From Friday, April 10 through Sunday, April 12, enjoy uninterrupted sewing time in great company. Whether you're tackling a long-awaited UFO or starting something new, Sew Camp is the perfect chance to work on your projects and connect with those who love quilting as much as you do. Expect plenty of table space, lots of ideas and helpful tips.

Friday: 2 - 8 pm., Saturday 10 am - 8 p.m.,  
Sunday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Dinners, snacks, coffee, tea, water and Sunday  
Brunch are included. Come for one day or all  
three and leave refreshed and inspired

You can add your name to the waitlist [here](#)

**Visit the website to see upcoming workshops, programs and events**

## Money for Scraps



Help us raise funds (and reduce landfill) by donating your scraps to the 2025 fabric sale.

This year some of the scraps will be packaged for sale and some of the scraps will be free. Over the next 4 in-person program meetings, Cathleen will (quietly) be collecting and organizing scraps at a back table.

You can help us maximize sales by presorting your scraps into the following groupings:

### Cottons

- coordinated sets of fabrics (orphan blocks, off cuts and scraps from individual projects).  
place folded fabric in bags.
- pieces smaller than a fat quarter (if there are multiple bits of the same fabric, please safety pin together)
- square shapes (2" or larger)
- triangle shapes (any size)
- strings (strips 6' - 42" in length between 1" - 6" wide)

### Batiks

### Flannels

### Non-Cottons

## Community News



**THE VALLEJO PIECEMAKERS**  
Invite you to our  
**Sew Amazing Quilt Show**  
**GARDEN PARTY**  
May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2026

Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building  
420 Admiral Callaghan Lane  
Vallejo, Ca 94591  
Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> 10am to 5pm  
Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> 10am to 4pm  
Admission \$12/Good for Both Days  
Cash, Card and Venmo

**Vendors**  
**Demonstrations**  
**Refreshment Bar**  
**Featured Artist:**  
**Margaret Linderman**

[Vallejopiecemakers.org](http://Vallejopiecemakers.org)  
[VallejoQuiltShow.com](http://VallejoQuiltShow.com)

## June 19: In Person Workshop with Michelle Trimble

The Santa Rosa Day Guild is offering an in-person workshop with Michelle Trimble on June 19th at the Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center. If you missed our zoom workshop with Michelle, this is your chance to learn to make a stunning improv sunburst.

Registration information can be found on the [Day Guild's website](#).



## Become a Member: Half Dues in Effect

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.

**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

As a reminder, meeting minutes are now published online. To access the minutes, go to [www.mqsc.org](http://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....



Susan Bishop  
Wilma Cheong  
Diane Dickinson  
Mary Flynn  
Cherie Gooler  
April Kahnberg  
Bonnie LaPolla  
Marilyn Lira

Karen Mansergh  
Judy Mathieson  
Mary Papsco  
Kathy Seely  
Ann Strom  
Sandee Wickham  
Lline Woodall

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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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