



December 2022

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CALENDAR

Dec 7: Business Meeting & Holiday Gathering, 7-8:30pm Veteran's Memorial Building, Santa Rosa

Dec 21: No Program Meeting

January 4: Business Meeting, 7-8:30pm Veteran's Memorial Building, Santa Rosa

January 18: Round Robin, 7-8:30pm Veteran's Memorial Building, Santa Rosa

February 1: Business Meeting, 7-8:30pm Veteran's Memorial Building, Santa Rosa

February 15: Program Meeting, 7-8:30pm Veteran's Memorial Building, Santa Rosa

March 1, Business Meeting, 7-8:30pm Veteran's Memorial Building, Santa Rosa

President's Message

Winter Greetings Quilting Friends!

It's getting cold outside tonight but I am so grateful to be in a warm house quilting holiday gifts. I am so looking forward to the Winter Gathering of Quilting Friends with potluck (optional for the busy woman or man) Gift exchange, Rafflepalooza, games and good company! If anyone needs a ride to get there, please tell me and we can get you there. If you can't come, ask a friend to put raffle tickets in bags for you. You won't be disappointed!

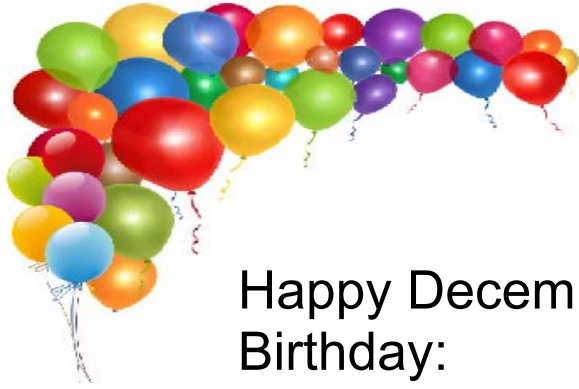
Life does have its twists and turns. I am late turning in this letter because two days ago my oldest son's father passed away very suddenly. We were always family and recently we made plans to move in together again to take care of each other as we age. He was so full of life; I would have never suspected he would be gone. O! the grief! I can't even think what day it is.

Life is so precious! Please heal all wounds between you and family and friends and give all your loved ones an extra hug today.

Please, please give yourself lots of self-care, stay warm and I look forward to seeing you December 7th!

Sincerely yours,

Denise
MQSCPresident@gmail.com



Happy December Birthday:

Linda Paladino, 12/3
Dale Yamamura, 12/10
Debbie Cesaretti, 12/12
Linda Lamson, 12/12
Linda Ralleca, 12/12
Marsha Ashe, 12/16
Holly Palma, 12/25
Shirley Black, 12/26
Nancy Robinson, 12/27
Kanani Jones, 12/30
Denise Ragozzino, 12/30
Margaret Garretson, 12/31

Favorite Block

"My favorite block is 'Rusty's Block' from Quiltmaker in Napa. It has 4 pieces; 8-inch square, 2 x 4- by 8-inch rectangle and a 4-inch square. They can be rotated around or reduced and enlarge in size. I have made several event quilts using this block. They are fast to assemble and impressive."

Kerry Mertle

Fat Quarter Frenzy Fabric Exchange

No Fat Quarter Exchange at the December meeting – Enjoy the Party! January's theme will be Blue and White.

Bonnie Buckingham, Fabric Exchange Coordinator 2022/23
MQSCFatQuarters@gmail.com

Round Robin

Our January 18th Round Robin Workshop will be live and in-person! Plan to join together for a "Cozy Cuppa" and a pleasant evening of presentations from our very own. This is where YOU come in....what would you like to share in a 15 minute presentation? -- a fun simple project, a skill for us to learn, some advice that will make all our lives easier.... Anything from the world of quilts or creative arts is welcome! Please contact Kay Hawkins (check the roster for her # or home email -- or use mqscroundrobin@gmail.com) soon.

Block of the Month

Brrr - it's turned very chilly. Perfect sweater weather and plenty of time to make the "Holiday Sweater" block of the month. This fun pattern is on our website. Blocks are due at our Dec. 7th meeting or they can be turned in at Village Sewing or Legacy in Sebastopol.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of last month's "Autumn Cabin" blocks:
Carolyn Meigs, Lynn Spaulding and Deana Abramowitz.

Pam Brown
Block of the Month Co-Chair

November Show and Tell

November Show and Tell included eight quilts from five members. November was another hybrid meeting and again big thanks go to Cyndi Cunningham for snapping photos and Theresa Stamey for overseeing the other logistics such as the list of participants and the fat quarter drawing. As always, be sure to check out the Show and Tell presentation at the website: [Show & Tell Slideshow](#) to see photos of the quilts in November's Show and Tell.

1. Gina Stateler-Calhoun Community Quilt #1
2. Gina Stateler-Calhoun Community Quilt #2
3. Mary Slack
4. Denise Ragozzino Autumn Abstract
5. Geri Cross 50 Years of Fathers & Sons
6. Deb Gomes Quilt from Husband's Shirts #1
7. Deb Gomes Quilt from Husband's Shirts #2
8. Deb Gomes Quilt from Husband's Shirts #3

Geri Cross won the fat quarter.

Karen Perlis, Show & Tell Coordinator

Cat and Dog Cuddles

Thank you to Alys Hay and Kathy Seely for wonderful *cat and dog cuddles*. So cute! We collected 5 at the November business meeting and they were dropped off later that week at Forgotten Felines and Dogwood Animal Rescue.

Cat and dog cuddles are collected at the business meeting every month. Our next collection day is January 4, 2023. We also bring plenty of fabric, fleece (always a dog and cat favorite), and batting for you to use for cuddles. Feel free to take whatever you like to make cuddles! The recommended size for cat cuddles is 17" x 25". Dog cuddles should be dog-sized. There are additional details on the web site.

Thank you for your support of this project.

Julie Neff and Janske Silva
Cat and Dog Cuddles Coordinators
mqscatdogcuddles@gmail.com

MQSC Business Meeting Minutes 11/02/2022, in person & via Zoom

President Denise Ragozzino called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Denise opened with a welcome to any guests attending and a request to bring back the name tag drawing. Those who do not have the more elaborate name tags can always pick up a paper name tag at the sign-in table.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2022, Business Meeting and the October 5, 2022, Business meeting.

It was moved and seconded to approve the September minutes, as published in the November 2022 Newsletter; motion carried

It was moved and seconded to approve the October minutes, as published in the November Newsletter, motion carried.

Denise would like members to contribute to the monthly newsletter in the form of 'Tibits'. This month's tidbit will be your favorite block and why, please submit these directly to Denise by 11/15/2022.

Vice President's Report

Kathy Vedder introduced the VP 2022-2023 UFO Challenge

The goal is to finish 5 UFO projects in the coming year, these projects can be anything quilt related, projects that when completed will make your life a little more organized.

The Form can be picked up a business meeting or downloaded from the Website. Order of finishing the projects will be randomly selected.

Treasurer's Report

Nothing to Report

Membership Report

Miriam Marlin reported we have 107 members. She requested some help at the check-in table. She has removed the members from the Email Blast who have not renewed their membership. Miriam also announced we have MQSC Enamel pins available for sale, \$5.

Quilter of the Month

Denise Ragozzino introduced the MQSC quilter of the month, Carole Dehlinger. Carol has one of her patterns published in a new book, 'Fun with Panels'. Denise has purchased the book and added it the library. Carole displayed a variety of her finished quilts, two of which were what she termed as "Calamity Quilts", or more lovingly known as quilts with a story.

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Winter Gathering

Mark your calendars for December 7th at 6:30PM, Potluck, Raffle Baskets will be available, with a Special President's Mystery Basket, tickets will be \$5 for this special basket.

Sewcial – Robin Dieter

Let's be Social on April 22nd, All Day event at the Vets Building. More information to come in January.

Fabric Sale and Fall Boutique

Fabric Sale is set for the 1st Saturday of June 2023 and a tentative Fall Boutique for November 11th, 2023.

Committee/Activity Reports

2022-2023 Medallions – Katina Repp and Kanani Jones

There is still room for a few more, please sign up online if you are interested.

Programs and Workshops – Mary Flynn

Karen Bolan will be our guest for the November 16th program meeting, with a workshop to follow on November 19th, featuring "Design Your Own Modern Quilt".

Community Relations – Dena Harding

Current focus is on adult quilts for the Providence Cancer Center, they need to be approximately 48" X 60". She is still looking for an outlet for our stock of children's quilts.

Fat Quarter Frenzy - Bonnie Buckingham

Next Fat Quarter Drawing will be in January.

Block of the Month – Pam Brown and Donna Huckaby

They had 36 blocks total turned in for the BOM, they divided the blocks between 3 lucky winners. The next block will be Holiday Sweater, due at December Winter Gathering

Cat and Dog Cuddles – Julie Neff and Janske Silva

Thank you for the cuddles donations, they will be donated to Forgotten Felines and Greenwood Dog Rescue, fabric will be available at the January Business Meeting

Basic Skills – Karen Mansergh

The Basic Skills bag class was a success!

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Friendship Blocks – Carole Dehlinger and Mary Slack

Wanted to encourage everyone who signed up for a friendship block to finish those UFO's and get them turned in.

Final Announcements

Kay Hawkins will be heading up the Round Robin for the Program meeting on January 18, 2023. She is looking for 5 interested individuals to participate

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting on November 7th, 2022, on Zoom, Email blast with link to meeting will be sent. Any member can attend, not limited to board members.

November 16th, 2022, Program Meeting will be in person with Karen Bolan

December 7th, 2022 - 6:30pm Winter Gathering

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Evans, Secretary

**Minutes of the MQSC Board Meeting
November 7, 2022 (Via Zoom)**

President Denise Ragozzino called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2022 Board Meeting, Linda Lampson noted a correction needed to be made to the September minutes. It was incorrectly noted that the audit had been completed. The budget had been completed not the audit. Miriam Marlin moved the minutes be approved with that correction, Kathy Vedder seconded the motion, motion carried.

President's Report Denise Ragozzino

Denise inquired as to the location of the supplies needed for the Winter Gathering. Kathy suggested she compile a list of items needed and she would go to storage to see what is there. It was mentioned our unit numbers are 544 & 172.

**Minutes of the MQSC Board Meeting
November 7, 2022 (Via Zoom) - Continued**

Vice President's Report – Kathy Vedder

Been in contact with the Vets Building Regarding the leased space and intends to finalize the contract, in the near future.

There was a discussion regarding a Fire-Proof File cabinet and the location of the keys. It was mentioned they could be in the secretary's binder, Sue said she would make a more thorough check.

Kathy needs to get more information on the Program Meeting and the subsequent need for Workshop space at the Vets Building. She and Mary Flynn will communicate on this topic.

Kathy also made mention, that she hoped everyone would participate in her UFO Challenge.

Treasurer – Michelle Crosbie

Michelle expressed the need to pick a date for the Audit, she would prefer a Sunday.

She expressed her concerns over a change in format for the QuickBooks program and hope she would be able to integrate her desktop version.

Michelle has expressed the need for more marketing in respect to our Workshops, she believes this will make them more financially viable.

Membership – Miriam Marlin

Miriam stated current membership is at 110.

Miriam mentioned the need to add a line item to the budget for the Sewcial in April 2023, for \$800, \$495 for room rental and \$255 for miscellaneous supplies.

Michelle Crosbie moved to amend the budget to include a line item of \$800 for the Sewcial, Kathy Vedder, seconded. Due to the \$\$\$ amount the motion needs to be brought before the guild for approval. It was decided to bring the motion before the guild via Survey Monkey.

Robin Dieter and Miriam Marlin will work on the wording for the survey and get the information to Karen Derrick.

Communications – Karen Derrick

Karen expressed her need to have department heads to keep her updated with upcoming events and due dates so she can keep the Website up to date.

**Minutes of the MQSC Board Meeting
November 7, 2022 (Via Zoom) - Continued**

Ways and Means – Gina Statler Calhoun

Gina made mention of the upcoming dates for the fabric sale and fall boutique. She again mentioned the need to have some one step up to help with the marketing of the opportunity quilt.

A discussion ensued as to the viability of future opportunity quilts, it may be an idea whose time has come and gone. Karen Derrick mentioned that she might have a quilt top to donate towards next year's quilt.

It was agreed we would table the decision on the future of the Opportunity Quilt program.

Programs – Mary Flynn

Mary wanted definitive months in respect to the programs where she would find guest speakers. She has agreed to find speakers for 6 months. At this time, she has agreed to have speakers for February, March, May, June, July and September. The discussion then turned to budget for the speakers and workshops.

Mary expressed the need to have a regular place to meet for the workshops, rather than scrambling at the last minute to find a location. The Vets building was suggested, the Lodge room was noted as having a more adequate space.

Mary expressed her concern in respect to the current budget not being adequate to pay for the current going amount for speakers.

Final Things

Shirley Black made known an opportunity for MQSC members to display their quilts at the Rincon Valley Library. Shirley agreed to obtain additional information and the subject would be revisited at the next business meeting.

Kay Hawkins will be heading up the Round Robin for the January Program meeting, she inquired as to whether this would be in person or Zoom. Kathy Vedder agreed to find out if space was available for an in-person meeting.

Denise Ragozzino gave future Board Meeting dates of 03/06/2023 and 06/12/2023 to Karen for the Calendar.

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Dues are \$45 annually, \$15 for those younger than 16 who are accompanied by an adult member, \$50 for affiliates.

The member year is September 1 to August 31. Confidential scholarships are available. Contact the Membership Chair.

The membership form is available at www.mqsc.org/membership.

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The **Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County** hold Business and Program Meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month except in July and August when only one meeting is held.

At present, some meetings are in person and some are on Zoom. When we meet in person, we meet at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa, CA.

For Workshop and Basic Skills Class information, please refer to the website www.mqsc.org.

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