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## Kicking off a New Year for MQSC

September is the beginning of our fiscal year, which means it's time for our installation meeting, final preparation for the Fabric sale, holiday quilting and to renew your membership on our new website. More details on this and more! We invite you to read to the end for all the exciting events. In this issue you'll find:

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## September Events

### Installation Potluck: Sept 3rd

#### In Person

6:30 social time, 7:00 p.m. Dinner begins

Join us for the Installation Potluck at the Vets Hall in Santa Rosa. Bring a dish to share and your final community quilts for the year.

Community Quilt Chair, Becky DeLair, will lead us on the second Community Quilt parade. Since we collected more than 40 quilts at August's meeting, it will be a delight for the senses.

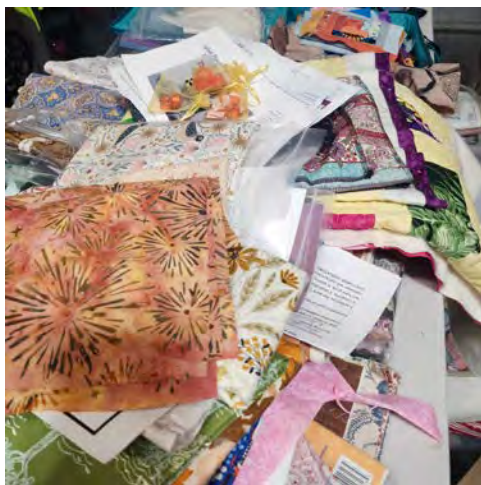
Since all our focus will be on delicious food and community quilts, we will hold off on extra activities such as cat/dog cuddles, friendship blocks, fabric exchange and Medallions until the October meeting.



One of the 2025 VP Challenge Quilts. It will be part of the Installation Dinner Quilt Parade.

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

## Program Meeting: Sept 17



Group Discussion:  
What Motivates You?  
Decluttering and Organizing

Join us online to share your ideas.  
Zoom link can be found in the Members-only section of the website.

## Sewcial Day: Sept 6

**Open Sew and Basic Skills Day**  
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Bring your own projects to work on and socialize with other quilters at the Veterans Building Lodge Room.

The optional Basic Skills topic is Seminole piecing. It will be a brief discussion on making Seminole pieced bands with several examples available to illustrate process.



Sign ups are not required but would be appreciated.

Bring your lunch! Donations to offset room rental will greatly appreciated. See you there!



## President's Message

### A Remarkable End!



This is my final newsletter article marking the conclusion of my term as president of the Moonlight Quilters Guild of Sonoma County.

Reflecting on the past year, our events—including the fabric sale, sew days, basic skills workshops, the two-day “Day Camp,” and the Camp Newman retreat—were highlights that contributed significantly to making this year memorable. We have received a record number of community quilts and have welcomed new

members eager to assist with projects. These accomplishments would not have been possible without your participation. I thank you for all the support you have shown me and your fellow quilters.

The coming year promises to be equally exciting. I look forward to using our new website, featuring images that show the quality of our work and creativity. It's design will show our desire to serve our community and to attract new members. Additionally, we have revised our constitution, which will be subject to a vote in the fall.

Many members are returning to their committees this fall, suggesting they feel encouraged to help continuing the guild's goals. Ongoing support from all participants is valued. Thank you for your time, advice, and participation.

Although my term as president may be over, I will continue to remain involved. Again, thank you for a successful year.

Kathy Vedder, President

## Now Live: New Website!



Can we start with a huge THANK YOU to Karen Derrick, Janet Clark and Kersten Stauffer for this beautiful upgrade to our website? Talk about showing our best selves.

You'll find all your favorite sections: Things to Do, Resources, Events and an expanded gallery of images accessible from the top navigation bar.

The biggest change is the **members only portal** which is where members can register for events before the general public, access the membership roster, and get zoom information for upcoming meetings, and see meeting minutes.

Accessing the member portal is simple:

1. pay your 2025/2026 dues by clicking here: [MEMBERSHIP | mqsc](#)
2. You'll receive 2 emails: confirmation of payment and an invitation to set a password.

3. After you set your password, you'll see your user name underneath the top banner on the home page. Click on that to choose "My Page" and you'll be taken to the members-only portal. (see d2knits on the illustration below)





A few important reminders:

- 2025/26 membership can be renewed and paid online easily and securely on the redesigned website.
- Instructions to create an account will be sent to all active members in September
- Should you have any difficulties, reach out to a member of the website committee for individual support.



## Fabric & Quilt Sale: Oct 11

### Tell Your Friends



### Volunteer SignUp

The Fabric and Quilt Sale Planning Committee is looking for 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, has open shifts to register to volunteer.

## Members 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. 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.



## Holiday Party Table Hosts Needed



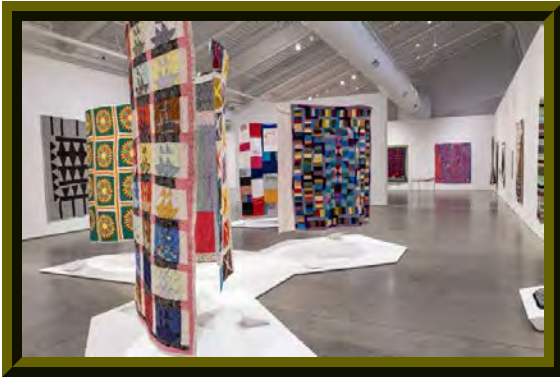
We are looking for volunteers to host/decorate a table at our wonderful holiday potluck party. This year's theme "Comfort and Joy" can be interpreted anyway you'd like...so get your creative juices flowing.

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



## 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 with payment due by September 10th. Email Debbie Loew at the Petaluma Quilt Guild: [petalumaquiltguild@yahoo.com](mailto:petalumaquiltguild@yahoo.com) to secure your spot.

## **2025/26 Membership Dues**

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](#)

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## 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.

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## Happy Birthday To You....



Carole Dehlinger  
Donna Huckaby  
Kathleen Leake  
Teresa Lewis  
Katina Repp  
Lynn Spaulding  
Theresa Stamey  
Marci VonFeldt

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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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