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## Patchwords Newsletter

January 2026

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County



## Tis the Season of Gratitude

January - the month of new beginnings and promises to ourselves and others. Do you use January as time for new starts, or is this the month to sew for yourself after all the holiday sewing? Do you make resolutions? I make them and keep lists of what I've accomplished. By saying the resolutions out loud even to myself), they become a way to put the energy into the universe to make it more real. So here goes: I'm going to publish interesting newsletters for you, our readers. I'm going to finish at 10 quilt projects that give me joy, read 24 books and knit at least 5 objects. What about you?

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## January Events

### Business Meeting: January 7

#### In Person and Zoom

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

We will kick off 2026 with a full agenda at the January Business Meeting.

Come early to enter Fabric Exchange, Block of the Month or Raffle Baskets, turn in community quilts or Cat and Dog Cuddles, visit with friends and become

inspired with the Quilt Parade and a special showing by Star Quilter, Kanani Jones.

We hope to see you there.

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

Zoom link provided to members.



January Star Quilter, Kanani Jones, will show this along with her collection of award winning quilts.

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## Program Meeting: Wed., January 21

### Adventures in Improv

In Person and Zoom

Join us for a lecture from Michelle Trimble either in person at the Veterans Center or via Zoom.

Michelle will share her personal journey of discovering the joy and freedom of piecing without a pattern. She'll walk you through her creative process, from the first hesitant stitches to the bold quilts incorporating swaths of negative space that followed. This lecture is all about exploration, choosing which rules to embrace, and finding fun in the unexpected twists of improv quilting.



Meeting 6:30 p.m. Free to members, \$5 for non-members. Zoom link will be mailed to members prior to the meeting.

## President's Message



### Reflections on New Year's Resolutions

As January arrives, many of us start thinking about New Year's resolutions. Personally, I've never been particularly fond of making resolutions, perhaps because I can only remember one occasion in my life when I actually managed to keep one!

After the busy holiday season, my first task is usually to cautiously enter my quilting room. It often looks like a tornado has passed through after all the holiday sewing projects. Before I can dive into a new project, I need to restore order and organization to the space.

Despite my hesitation about resolutions, I truly enjoy the sense of new beginnings that the new year brings. I'm excited about the opportunities ahead—new projects, new adventures, and especially the events our guild has planned. We have quarterly sewing days, an April Day Camp, new programs, and fresh challenges on the horizon. This is a great time to seek inspiration through experimenting with different color combinations, patterns, and collaborations.

Above all, I encourage everyone to enjoy your craft and cherish each other's company as we move into the new year.

Sue Evans  
President, MQSC

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## January 7 Activity Announcements

### Fabric Exchange



To honor the fresh new year, this month's fabric exchange will be whites, creams or white on white fabrics.

### Cat & Dog Cuddles

### Block of the Month



Turn in your Bright Circle blocks of the month. If you forgot to pick up the pattern in November - you can find it [here](#).

### Medallion Quilts



Thank you to everyone who donated in 2025. They have all been delivered to the agencies who will give them to the dogs and cats awaiting their forever homes. Batting and fabric will be available at the Business Meeting.



The first round of Medallion Quilts are due January 21st (at the program meeting). Or if you got a jump on your round, bring it to the January 7th business meeting.

Medallions Quilts are a fun group project to stretch your creativity, build on others inspiration and contribute to a quilt that might become yours in October. To sign up for a round, stop by the table to see which rounds are still available.

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## January Star Quilter

**Kanani Jones**



Hi my name is Kanani Jones. I was a sewer before I was a quilter. My grandmother was a great sewer she taught me how to sew . She was fantastic; she could piece fabric together and you would not be able to tell. I started quilting in the early 80's . Through the years I have branched out to trying my luck with art quilting and love doing it. Even though I can't draw or paint, I love quilting as my art form. I also love trying new things and meeting and making new friends,

## Michelle Trimble

### Workshop: Stunning Improv Sunburst

**Saturdays Feb 7 and Feb 28**

**9:30 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.**

#### Zoom Only

Working with improv can be wonderfully freeing, yet the outcome can seem overwhelming to the senses. Choosing constraints at the outset of an improv project can not only lower the decision-making burden that can seem overwhelming, it can also ensure your composition finishes with dramatic flair. In this class, you will explore several different variations of improv triangles, and experiment with variables that will alter the look of each variation. You will then



NOTE: this is an **INTERMEDIATE** class.

incorporate these blocks into a large wedge layout to make a 24" square wall hanging.

Members can register today for \$50.  
Registration for non-members is \$60.

[Visit the website to see upcoming workshops, programs and events](#)

## Vice President's Challenge

**Take Inspiration from your favorite movie or musical**



The 2026 Vice President's Challenge is an exercise in interpretation. Your task is to create a wall hanging, table runner, or even a full size quilt that represents your favorite musical or movie.

Say you love the musical "Cats" - the cat and dog cuddle team will fight you for your inspiration. If Music Man was your jam, dive into musically themed fabrics. Imagine what you could do with "The Princess Bride."

Also, each quilt should include a moon to represent the Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County. The moon can be on the front, back or even the label.

# Round Robin Presenters Needed

## Feb 18, 2026



Every year, our amazing members give short presentations during our annual Round Robin Program. Please consider sharing a skill, project, or general information at the Round Robin on February 18th.

We are looking for presentations that you will repeat every 15 minutes to a small group. This year's theme is Beach Themed Summer Escapes.

Contact Kay Hawkins at  
[hawkinseabass@comcast.net](mailto:hawkinseabass@comcast.net)

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## Community News

### Entries open through Jan 25

The Cloverdale Citrus Fair runs from Feb. 13-16. MQSC will sponsor awards for best use of color and design in adult and youth quilts, including a \$.25 honorarium.

Quilts must have been completed in the last 2 years and you may only enter two quilts per category.

Delivery date is February 1. Linda Lampson is available to deliver and/or pick up quilts.



You can find the exhibitors book here  
<https://cloverdalecitrusfair.org/>

The online Entry form is here:

<https://cloverdale.fairwire.com/>

## Become a Member

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....



Cindy Chadwick  
Cecile Clabaugh  
Cyndi Cunningham  
Jayne Meyers  
Leddie Piccinotti  
Joanne Thomas  
Ruth Wolf

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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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