



May 2023

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CALENDAR

May 1: MQSC Board Meeting via Zoom, 7:00 pm

May 1: Online Entries open for Sonoma County Fair (deadline of June 30). The Fair runs August 3-13

May 3: Business Meeting, 7:00-8:30pm, Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building

May 15: Newsletter Articles Due

May 17: Program Meeting via Zoom, guest presentation Tammy Silvers, "Interrogating Your Quilt"

May 17: Medallion Round 4 Due

May 20: Workshop with Tammy Silvers via Zoom, 10am—4pm

June 3: Fabric Sale & Boutique, Veterans Memorial Building, Santa Rosa

June 7: Business Meeting, 7:00-8:30pm, Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building

June 12: MQSC Board Meeting via Zoom, 7:00pm

June 15: Newsletter Articles Due

President's Message

Greetings Creative People!

Why do you quilt? (Besides a love of fabric...)

Creativity of all kinds focuses your mind, engages your imagination, and feeds your soul. Being creative can also facilitate understanding and encourage healing. Creativity is mindfulness in motion—intuitive, artistic motion. Creative moments and activities give you a boost and help you feel energized and good about yourself.

Simple as that. Creativity/quilting and arranging fabric is a health benefit. So, keep saving your scraps guilt-free and give lots of quilts to the ones you care about!

Today I have been getting a project ready for the Sewcial. I am super excited about this event that will bring guilds together. This event and the 5 by 5 are the beginning of Moonlight collaborating with other guilds. This may be the answer to the individual guilds in their struggles to stay active. When the pandemic started that is exactly what I told another guild. Collaborate! So let's keep thinking of ways to continue this strategy.

Take care and LOVE to all!

Denise
MQSCPres@gmail.com

Cat and Dog Cuddles

Thank you to Denise Ragozzino for her cat cuddle donation at the April meeting.

We delivered 3 dog cuddles to Dogwood Animal Rescue and 7 cat cuddles to Forgotten Felines of Sonoma County this month. As always, the folks at these charities were thrilled to get them. It always a joy to deliver them to the people who give them to the cats and dogs.

Cat and dog cuddles are collected at the business meeting every month. Our next collection day is May 3, 2023. We also bring fabric, fleece (always a dog and cat favorite), and batting for you to use for 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 ongoing support. .

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

Basic Skills

Upcoming Basic Skills Class

Our next free class will focus on Finishing Your Quilt: Facing, Binding, Etc. will be in late August. So keep reading the newsletter!

Karen Mansergh, Basic Skills Chair
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MQSC Library Corner

Can you believe it....we're starting the 7th month of our 2022.2023 fiscal year! During this 2nd half of the year we're hoping to put our library "books" in order (aka updating the library books list online). It's been a while (remember the pandemic and sheltering in place?) since the library books and check outs were reviewed/updated.

Please check around your sewing nook, book shelves or anywhere you relax or any book(s) that you borrowed from our library. If you happen to find a book(s) at home, not a problem. Please return it to the library at the next business meeting. No questions asked. If you're not quite finished reading it, not a problem, stop by the library and you can check it back out again.

Respectfully,

Your Librarians

Katie Davis & Dale Yamamura
MQSCLibrary@gmail.com

Fat Quarter Frenzy

May's Fat Quarter Frenzy fabric theme is Bright Batiks!

Batiks make absolutely stunning quilts - so bring one, or more than one, to the May 3 meeting, and you might just win them all!

What fun!

Thanks for playing- See you there!

Ann Strom,
Fabric Exchange Coordinator 2022/23
MQSCFatQuarters@gmail.com

April Show and Tell

April 2023 Show and Tell Participants

This month seven of our members shared nine quilts. Remember you can go to our MQSC website: [Show & Tell Slideshow](#) to look at the quilts shared this month as well as those shared over the last several months. As always, the names in this article and the photos in the slide show are thanks to Theresa Stamey and Cyndi Cunningham—we wouldn't be here without their efforts! If you can't get to a meeting, please send your quilt photo to MQSCShowTell@gmail.com for inclusion in the slideshow. Here's who shared some inspiration in April:

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| 1. Karen Bolan | Mountains |
| 2. Linda Lampson | Hearts & Flowers |
| 3. Norma Jean Edwards | 2nd UFO Challenge 30's Quilt |
| 4. Sue Evans | Winter Garden |
| 5. Karen Lavender | Full of Color |
| 6. Karen Lavender | Layer Cake |
| 7. Dena Harding | The Wedding Quilt |
| 8. Christine Covington | Pinwheel |
| 9. Christine Covington | No name given |

Karen Lavender won the fat quarter drawing.

Vice President Message

Wow! What a change in the weather! I hope everyone is going outside and getting that much needed dose of Vitamin D! But don't forget sunscreen.

Did everyone enjoy the "Bee Sewcial" on as much as I did? A huge thank you to Robin Dieter and her team for putting on a successful and fun event. We heard that many of you want to do this again. We'll see what we can do.

This is a reminder that UFO (number 3) is due this next meeting, May3rd. There will be a raffle drawing for those that bring their UFO to show at the meeting or send an email MQSCVP@gmail.com with a description for me to share. We've had so many participants in the last UFO challenges, let's keep the momentum going.

Now, on to important business. I'm chairing the nominating committee for the upcoming 23-24 slate of officers. I'm working on sending out emails to our current positions, hoping many of you will continue the good work you've been doing. For those that want to step away from their current position, thank you for all your hard work.

I've received a number positive responses from many of you when asked to fill a position and that makes our job much easier. However, there are still some important jobs that need to be filled. If you have a position that you might be interested in, don't hesitate to send me an email MQSCVP@gmail.com or call 707-849-2441. We're looking forward to a strong and activity filled year 2024.

Kathy Vedder, MQSCVP@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May Birthdays

Helaine Campbell, May 4
Sue Evans, May 5
Joan Acquistapace, May 7
Judy Pudoff, May 10
Kay Hawkins, May 17
Katie Davis, May 21
Geri Cross, May 28
Gina Stateler-Calhoun, May 29
Rhonda Denny, May 30

Question of the Month

May Question of the Month: who are some of your favorite fabric designers? Send email to MQSCNewsletter@gmail.com.

There were no responses to the April Question of the Month. Let us know if you want this feature to continue.

Programs

The May Program on May 17 will be via Zoom, with guest lecturer Tammy Silvers.

Tammy comes highly recommended by several MQSC members. Her Zoom lecture is titled "Interrogating Your Quilt". From Tammy: Don't be nice about it – force that fabric to talk to you! Get the real info on how it can work for you to help you achieve your "quilt" vision. This humor-laden lecture focuses on getting the most from your fabric choices and how fabric can (and does) influence the finished quilt! The lecture will be supported by plenty of quilt examples from my retinue of quilts – good and bad!

And for our Zoom workshop on May 20, we will be learning about Faux curved piecing via Tammy's pattern Dutch Windmills. The pattern is designed to work with precuts in three sizes, 5" squares, 10" squares, or Fat quarters/eighths. The size precut you choose will decide the size of the resulting quilt (wall, baby, throw). See the programs page of the website for more information.

MQSC Annual Fabric Sale and Boutique

Who: Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County
What: Annual Fabric Sale and Boutique
When: Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Where: Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building
1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Why: To have fun and shop!

You are cordially invited to join us for a day of shopping for fabric, notions, books, patterns, and much, much more! You'll find some of your favorite fabrics and maybe even that last bit to round out your stash or to finish that UFO. The price of the fabric will be \$5.00 per pound (tax included), and we will accept cash or credit cards. Please remember to bring your largest shopping bag; you'll be sure to fill it up. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you there!

Marylin Lira

**MQSC Business Meeting 04/05/2023
In Person and via Zoom
Minutes**

President Denise Ragozzino opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Denise informed the guild of the need to have one more person for the nominating committee.

Denise stated the guild is still in need of a person to shadow Mary Flynn, to learn the ropes of Program person for next year.

Denise sought approval of the minutes from February and March, Teresa mentioned there was an error in the minutes from March regarding the February minutes not making it to the March Newsletter, that statement needed to be corrected, as due to having COVID, Teresa was unable to issue a March Newsletter. Sue Peretti-Keith made a motion to approve the minutes from February and March, with the change of wording regarding the reason for the February minutes not being available in the newsletter, Cindy Cunningham seconded the motion.

Vice President's Report

Kathy Vedder reminded everyone UFO Item Challenge #3 is due at the May Business Meeting. Kathy reminded everyone of the VP Challenge 2023, due August 16th. It will be a quilt with the theme of water any size up to lap and will need to have a moon incorporated somewhere on the front. Specific guidelines will be on the website.

Kathy informed us our use of the Vet's building has been finalized, however we are still looking for a more consistent venue for our program meetings and beginner skills classes.

Treasurer's Report

No updates.

Membership Report

No updates.

Programs and Workshop

Mary Flynn was not in attendance, but the following was announced:

Apr 19th in person - 5 Members of SRQG each bring 5 quilts to share - A reciprocal event

May 17th – Lecture via Zoom – Tammy Silvers – interrogating your Quilt

May 20th – Workshop via Zoom – Tammy Silvers -Faux curved pieces

Teresa made mention she had attended a project where Tammy Silvers was in attendance and found her to be lots of fun.

Linda Lampson announced the upcoming Global Quilt Connection on May 6th and 7th, 'Allstar Sampler Platter'. Linda feels this would be a great resource for finding speakers for future programs. They also offer the Guild representative Forum on April 26th, and Guild Leader Workshop – Building Healthy Guilds.

Also available is the Northern California Quilt Council, featuring Local Teachers.

Quilter of the Month

Featuring Chris Witkowski – Chris brought 4 beautiful quilts to share:

The Wall

Exploding Heart

Shatter – Arriving

Phoenix, which is hand quilted.

Fabric Sale and Fall Boutique

Trina encouraged members to participate in the boutique, 15% of the boutique sales would benefit the guild. She has some tags available to give out tonight. Volunteers are still needed, please sign up to help. A request was made to have a flyer for the event, it was mentioned that was in the works. Raffle baskets will be available, Denise is working on them and would love some help, notions accepted.

Let's Bee Sewcial

Robin Dieter, April 22nd, bring your own Lunch, Coffee, Tea, and Water will be provided. She still has spots available for hand quilters. Set up at 9:30am, the event will run from 10am – 3:30pm. Irons provided, no extra lights allowed.

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Activity Reports

Medallions

A reminder that Round 4 Medallions are due May 17th. Since that program meeting is by Zoom, please leave your completed Medallions at Village Sewing.

Basic Skills

Basic skills class on 3/25, featuring Katrina Repp and Kanani Jones giving the basics on Medallions was a successful fun time.

Cat and Dog Cuddles

Nothing to report.

Friendship Blocks

We are down to only 4 Friendship Blocks, so if you have the points you might want to submit a block to the program.

Library

Dale introduced a new Book 'Quilt the Rainbow'. Dale also asked if any members had library books lurking around their house, could they please return them to the library. They are hoping to sync the list on the website with the actual books in the library.

Community Relations

Dena requested more quilts with a masculine theme and/or teen boy appropriate.

Fat Quarter Frenzy

Mary Slack held the drawing for the Black/White FQ, Trina was the lucky winner. The FQ for May will be Bright Batik.

Block of the Month

11 Sailboat blocks were received. Ann Strom was the lucky winner. Next month's block will be a Cake Stand Block, Floral with a dark background. Instructions on website.

Raffle, this month's winners were Katie, Janet, Dena and Christine and Kathy. The Raffle made \$141.

Show and Tell: A wonderful parade of projects were presented by our talented members. A FQ drawing was held for those showing their quilts, Karen Lavender was the lucky winner.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:24P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Evans

Let's Bee Social





Tammy Silvers Workshop, May 20th via Zoom, 10-3pm

Here are samples of the quilt we will be working on in the May Workshop with Tammy Silvers. Your final quilt size will depend on which size pre-cut you start with. Sign up for the workshop at the Business Meeting on May 3rd, or send an email to MQSCPrograms@gmail.com. You will need to order your pattern ahead of time, so sign up soon!

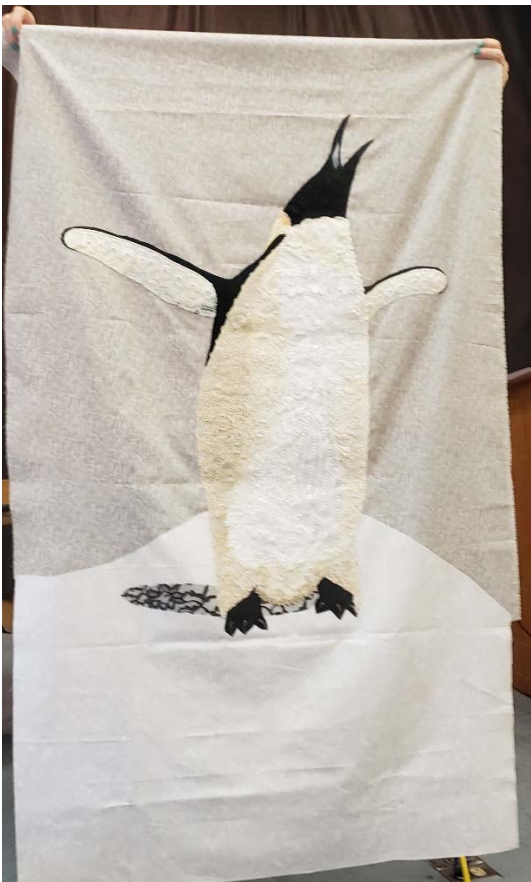


Thank You to the organizers of the Let's Bee Sewcial Committee:

Patti Bassignani, Robing Dieter, Dena Harding,
Kay Hawkins, Marilyn Lira, Holly Palma,
Carole Simkins and Kathy Vedder.

A marvelous time was had by all, and it was great to meet and work alongside members from the Petaluma and Santa Rosa Guilds.

Here are some photos from the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild 5x5 Presentation at the April Program Meeting. What fun to see these beautiful quilts! Unfortunately I don't have the names of the participants, but we do thank them for taking time to come share their work. I didn't get them all, but sure wish I had - Teresa







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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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