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## Patchwords Newsletter

February 2026

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County



## Winter Wonderland

I've always wondered if Valentine's Day takes place in the middle of February because it's the time of year when we are starting to get tired of winter and are ready for signs of spring and hope? Even if it's not true, it's a happy sentiment to help us get through some gray days. Quilting helps, of course. We celebrate with color, pattern and community. Keep reading to see the exciting events we have planned for the next few months. We look forward to seeing you.

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## February Events

# Business Meeting: February 4

## In Person and Zoom

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

Join us next week on Wednesday, Feb 4th  
for our 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 learn about upcoming events like Sew Day, Round Robin, VP Challenge and more.

We hope to see you there.

## **Veterans Memorial Building**

**1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa**



An example of amazing talent from January's Star  
Quilter, Kanani Jones

# Program Meeting: Wed. February 18

# Round Robin: Life's a Beach

In Person or Zoom

7:00 p.m.

A day at the beach...what images does this evoke in your mind? Maybe you think of activities like collecting seashells, building a sandcastle, flying a kite, or dancing around a bonfire. Perhaps your thoughts go to much calmer scenes like relaxing with a good book and a fruity drink, searching the vast expanse for a whale fluke, or just listening to the gentle lullaby or thunderous roar of the waves.

Whatever arises in your mind, we hope that

you equate it with an easy, relaxing, and carefree "Life's a Beach" experience.



This year's Round Robin program will bring you to the beach for some education, entertainment, and enjoyment. Please join us for our program meeting on February 18th at the Vets' Building at 7 pm to hear from our home-grown MQSC experts presenting you with skills, ideas, and projects in a rotation-style evening. Of course, you can't hit the beach without snacks, so plan on those, too. Sea You Soon!

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## President's Message



February often greets us with chilly days and unpredictable weather, encouraging us to spend more time indoors. For many, these conditions can be limiting, especially when paired with the challenges that come with age or health. Yet, as a quilter, I find endless comfort in knowing that my creative spirit isn't bound by the seasons or circumstances - only by the reach of my imagination.

This month, I'm excited to highlight our VP Donna's inspiring challenge: create a quilt or wall hanging that brings to life your favorite movie, musical, or even TV show. Whether it's the magic of a beloved film or the nostalgia of a classic series, the creative possibilities truly are limitless. Take some intentional time in February to let your creativity soar. Invite a friend to join you, share ideas, and see where your imagination leads. Let's make the most of this month together and let our quilting take flight!

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Sue Evans  
President, MQSC

# January 7 Activity Announcements

## Fabric Exchange



Celebrate Chinese New Year with red and gold fat quarters or pieces of fabric (1/4 yd minimum, please)

## Cat & Dog Cuddles



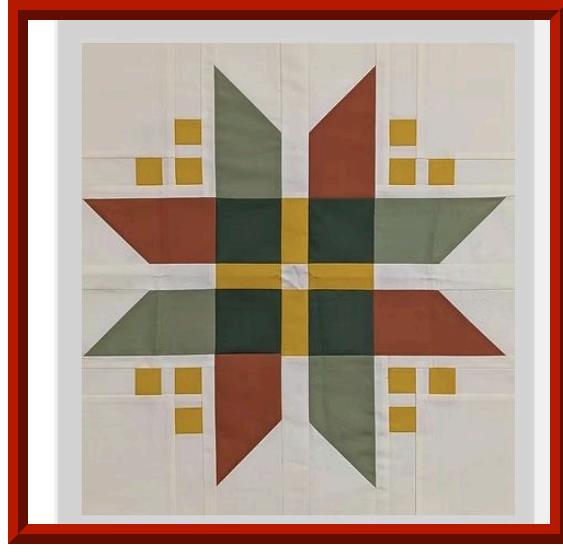
Thank you to the Dec and Jan donors: Maureen, Linda, Kathy, Louise (Diane's mom) and Becky for 6 beautiful cuddles headed to Forgotten Felines and Dogwood Animal Rescue. Beautiful job, ladies!

## Block of the Month



Turn in your Star Block and pick up the March pattern. If you forgot to pick up the Star Block pattern - you can find it [here](#).

## Medallion Quilts



The first round of Medallion Quilts are complete. There are still several starts that have room for more participants.

Medallions Quilts are a fun group project to stretch your creativity, build on others

There will be fabric and batting at the Feb 4 business meeting. I promised Janske that I will add more fabrics to the box.

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.

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



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

Members can register today for \$50.

Registration for non-members is \$60.

## Sewing Day Camp

Friday, April 10 - Sunday, April 12

Pack your sewing machine, your favorite projects, and your sense of fun – it's time for Sew Camp 2026! Join us for three inspiring



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

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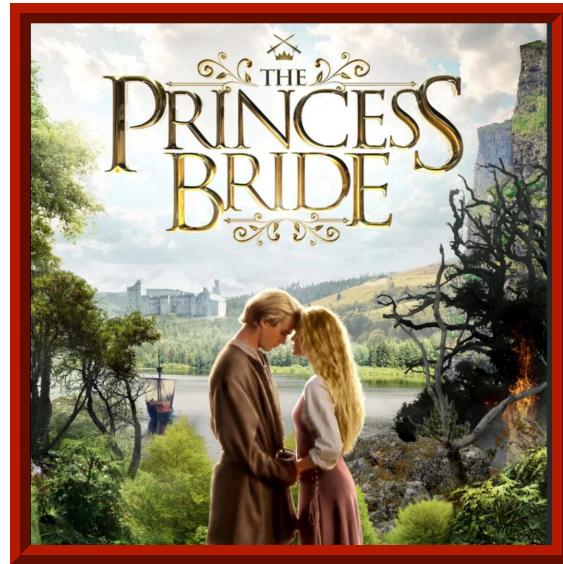
days of stitching, sharing and creating. From Friday, April 10 through Sunday, April 12, enjoy uninterrupted sewing time in great company. Whether you're tackling a long-awaited UFO or starting something new, Sew Camp is the perfect chance to work on your projects and connect with those who love quilting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

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

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. Blocks are due at the June business meeting.



# DeClutter and Support the Fabric Sale

Did you make a New Years resolution to declutter and/or clean up your quilting space? I seem to make this resolution every year. Some years I'm more successful than others. I have found that Karen Brown of [JustGetItDoneQuilts.com](http://JustGetItDoneQuilts.com) 21 Day of Decluttering to have some useful strategies. [Her videos are free](#) and available all year so you can start anytime and take as long as you need.



One of the big challenges is what to do with the notions, patterns and fabric that you no longer want. Consider **donating to the Moonlight Quilter's fabric sale**. If you have a small amount, bring to a meeting and give to Trina or Marilyn to have it put in storage. If a lot of stuff, email either/both of them and arrange to a pickup or a drop off at the storage unit.



## Community News



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.



# 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;

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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.



# Happy Birthday To You....



Linda Acquistapace

Cynthia Besson

Susan Guerrero

Lynne Hammond

April Holdner

## Lillian Ruggles

Carole Simkins



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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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