



Patchwords Newsletter

August 2026

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County



Elections, Fairs and More

I know summer is supposed to be a season of relaxation. But it seems our calendar didn't get the memo - there's so much going on as we head into the fall.

On August 19th, we'll elect the next year's board at our business meeting. The Sonoma County Fair, featuring so many quilts from our members runs August 7 - 16th. Preparation for the October 10th Fabric Sale kicks into high gear. And of course, we're still enjoying long days with lots of sunshine for sewing.

Read below to start your own preparations for the month and the fall. We hope to see you soon.

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August Events

Business Meeting: August 19

In Person and Zoom

In addition to our usual Business meeting activities: Blocks of the Month, Fabric Exchange, Show and Tell, Library and more, the August 19th meeting includes the upcoming Board elections.

If you are a member, please mark your calendars and plan to join either in person or via zoom so we have a quorum.

The slate of 2026/27 board members can be found [here](#).

You can see the full slate of members below, along with more descriptions of the activities.

We hope to you'll join us.

6:30 social, 7 p.m, meeting start

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

Zoom link provided to members.



This will be one of the last opportunities to buy tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. "Pleasure Dome" was designed by Mary Flynn, pieced by MQSC members and custom quilted by Pam Labans. The drawing will be held at our September 5th potluck.

August Activity Announcements

Cat & Dog Cuddles

Block of the Month



We will be collecting cuddles and will have fabric and batting at the next business meeting in August.

Thank you for continuing to support our animal rescue partners.

Fabric Exchange



Turn in Scrap Tease blocks and pick up the pattern for the next block. The pattern can be found [here](#).

We want to extend a big THANK YOU to Donna, our retiring Block of the Month Coordinator for many years of creativity and dedication.

Community Quilts



This month the fabric exchange team celebrates summer at the beach!

They are looking for fabrics that showcase summer waterfront fun - fish, frogs, lighthouses, boats, shells and more.

We hope you've had some time this summer to work on a community quilt or two. There will be fabric, batting and patterns at the August meeting.

President's Message



Reconnecting

As August brings us back together after a summer break, it feels like the perfect time to reconnect—not only around upcoming guild activities, but also around the smaller friendships and conversations that keep us quilting between meetings.

We have so many good things to look forward to: medallions revealed, the VP Challenge and installation potluck in September, the Fabric Sale in October, and, I believe, an orphan block night

planned by Programs. It will be wonderful to see everyone again and hear what you have been working on.

What have you been doing since we were last together? My fair entries kept me busy, but I was especially grateful for my mini group. That time together—quilting and talking, talking and quilting, and maybe even a little shopping thrown in—was a lovely reminder of how much encouragement comes from gathering with quilting friends, especially while the guild was not meeting in person. For those who are newer to the guild, you may be wondering what a mini group is or how one begins. Mini groups are not sponsored or organized by the guild; they simply grow when members with similar interests, schedules, or projects decide they would enjoy a closer connection with other quilters.

If you are new to the guild—or even if you have been here for years—consider gathering a few members and forming a mini group of your own. Some groups meet at Village Sewing, some in members' homes, and others in community centers. Find a time and place that works, send out an Eblast to see who else might be interested, and take that first step. Reach out, make a plan, and enjoy the time together. After all, time spent with quilting friends is never wasted.

Sue
President, MQSC

The Fabric Sale is coming!

October 10th. Vets Building. \$6/lb.



FABRIC
\$6 PER POUND
TAX INCLUDED
FREE SCRAPS

10 A.M. - 3 P.M.
FREE PARKING & ENTRY

VETERANS MEMORIAL
BUILDING AUDITORIUM
1351 MAPLE AVE. SANTA
ROSA, CA

MOONLIGHT QUILTERS OF SONOMA COUNTY

FABRIC SALE
OCTOBER 10, 2026

You won't want to miss the biggest fabric sale in Sonoma County. In addition to a Veteran's Building full of fabric, we'll have a bake sale, quilts for sale, notions, member-created handmade goods, raffle baskets and a scrap pile that will encourage everyone to play.

We will have flyers for the sale at the August 17th meeting. Please take a few and help spread the word.

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

FY27 Board Nominees

Below is the list of nominees for the FY27 Board. I realize the images below are small. You can find a more readable version in [the Members Only section of the website](#).

MQSC BOARD, CHAIRS, AND COORDINATORS FOR 2026-2027
(bold=board member)

President	mqscPres@gmail.com	Sue Evans
Vice President	mqscVP@gmail.com	Dorine Cambra
Secretary	mqscSecretary@gmail.com	Lakshmi Marasa
Treasurer	mqscTreasurer@gmail.com	Miriam Marlin, Linda Lehmann
Past President		

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Community Quilts	mqscCommunityRelations@gmail.com	Becky DeLair
Cat & Dog Cuddles	mqscCatDogCuddles@gmail.com	Julie Neff, Janise Sims
SoCoFair Events Coordinator		Gina Stauder Calhoun
Citrus Fair Events Coordinator		Linda Lumpson

Membership (Chair Trina Jahnsen, Dale Yamamura)

Membership		Trina Jahnsen, Dale Yamamura
Sunshine		Cyndi Cunningham
Historian		
Hospitality Coordinator		Marilyn Lira
Installation Potluck Coordinator		Outgoing Board
Holiday Party Coordinator		Wendy Powers

Communications (Chair Deb Doyle)

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Audio-Visual		Trina Jahnsen
Guild Publicity Coordinator		
Social Media Coordinator		Deb Doyle

Program (Chair Kathy Vedder, Debbie Cesaretti)

Programs Coordinator	mqscPrograms@gmail.com	Kathy Vedder, Debbie Cesaretti
Basic Skills	mqscBasics@gmail.com	Jean Farnham
Quilter of the Month		Debbie Cesaretti
Show & Tell	mqscShowTell@gmail.com	Joanne Nelson, Cyndi Cunningham
Round Robin	mqscRoundRobin@gmail.com	Kay Hawkins

Activities (Chair Bernadette Taylor, Maureen Bray)

Block of the Month	mqscBOM@gmail.com	Diane Hoxter, Laura Ryle
Friendship Blocks	mqscFriendshipBlock@gmail.com	Mary Paterson, Erica Metz
Fabric Exchange	mqscFabricEx@gmail.com	Maureen Bray, Bernadette Taylor
Medallions	mqscMedallions@gmail.com	Kathia Repa, Karish Jones
Library Coordinators	mqscLibrary@gmail.com	Holly Palma, Dene Harding
Day Camp Coordinator		Sue Evans

Ways and Means

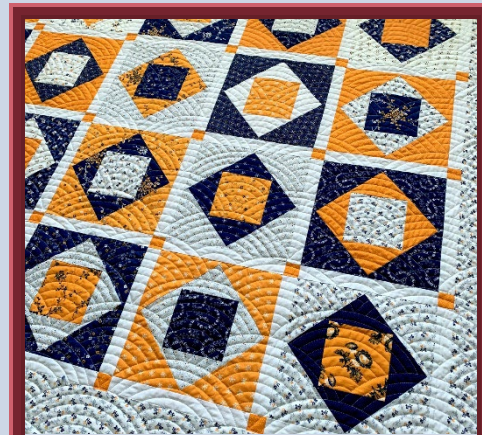
Opportunity Quilt Marketing 26-27	mqscWaysMeans@gmail.com	
Opportunity Quilt Design 27-28		
Fundraiser Leads	mqscFundraiser@gmail.com	Marilyn Lira
Monthly Meeting Raffle		Kathy Forsythe
Holiday Celebration Raffle		Christine Covington
Tri-Guild Luncheon Sewcial		

Not Listed

Retreat Coordinator
Quilt Show Chair
QS Coordinators of: Volunteers
Hospitality
Vendor
Entry
Admissions
Setup

Share Your Skills

Do you have a quilting skill to share like long-arm services or a specific technique? The guild wants to give you some visibility and perhaps a chance to make some money. If you are interested in getting listed on the website under Resources, send a note to MQSCPResident@gmail.com with your name, skills and contact information. We will announce more details at the business meeting.



Community News



Sonoma County Fair

August 7 - 16

Come see the amazing quilts (and more), Be sure to say hello to guild members at the MQSC table where we'll be selling Opportunity Quilt tickets and working on a community project.

Petaluma Quilt Guild **See You at the Retreat!** July 2026

Petaluma Quilt Guild presents

SEW, SLEEP, REPEAT

Raffle Baskets Galore!!

Come join us for a fun, two day retreat at Lucchesi Community Center, 320 N McDowell Blvd, Petaluma

SAT OCT 17, 10 - 7 * SUN OCT 18, 9 - 7

Make a square to win	Lunch Provided Raffle baskets	\$60 for both days	You can leave your work setup overnight
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Sign up & more info: petalumaquiltguild@yahoo.com

Please Present This Form with Payment

Name of Attendee _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Amount Paid _____

Join the Petaluma Quilt Guild for the Sew, Sleep, Repeat Retreat October 17 & 18.

There will be raffle baskets, and a square that you can make and win.

Registration is \$60 for both days. To register, you can download their July Newsletter and fill out the form at the bottom of page 9. Mail it and your payment to

Petaluma Quilt Guild
40 Fourth St. #270
Petalum, CA 94952
attn: Debby/retreat

Questions? Email Debby Lowenthal

Plan a September Road Trip to Santa Barbara to view the Harvest of Colors Quilt Show.

\$20 earns you entry to both days.

For more information, reach out to



Become a Member: Half Dues in Effect

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, 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....



Christine Hauge
Donna Huckaby
Kathleen Leake
Teresa Lewis
Katina Repp
Marci VonFeldt
Carole Dehlinger
Barbara Freiday

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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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