



## Patchwords Newsletter

October 2026

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County



## Hooray, It's Fabric Sale Month

October is my favorite month. The weather is turning crisp, we're in anticipation mode for the holidays (and still convincing ourselves we've got lots of time for hand-sewn gifts, and for our guild, The Fabric Sale on October 10th. Read on for more details and a run down of all the other exciting events we have planned.

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## October Events

### Business Meeting: October 7

#### In Person and Zoom

Look for the usual treats at the October business meeting: Quilt Parade, Community Quilt Collections, Fabric Exchange, Cat and Dog Cuddles and more.

We will also announce some changes to the Friendship Block program (details

below).

There is still time to donate fabric for the sale, sign up for baked goods and items for the craft boutique.

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

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

Zoom link provided to members.



This show-and-tell beauty was created by Sue Evans as part of the Impermanence workshop conducted by Brooke Shankland in July.

## The Fabric Sale: October 10

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

Want to refresh your stash? The fabric sale is the place to start. Yards and yards of fabric all for \$6 per pound.

Additionally, there will be:

- Notions
- Bake Sale (come early, it sells out before lunch)
- Craft Boutique
- Quilt Sale
- Raffle Baskets
- Scrap mania - interactive fun for everyone, including free scraps



There's still plenty of ways for MQSC members to get involved.

1. You can still donate fabric and clean out your shelves.
2. At the October 3rd business meeting, you can sign up to provide baked goods, register items for craft boutique along with tags. See details below.
3. You can spread the word. [Share this event](#) announcement on social media or with your fabric-loving friends.

The more people who attend, the more fun it is for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there.

Note: The Santa Rosa Community Farmers Market, which has been on Farmer's Lane, is moving to the Veterans Memorial Building parking lot. Their first day at the new location will be Saturday, October 10th. While parking is free (and ample) at the Veterans building, you might want to come early to get a preferred spot.

Questions? Email [mqscprograms@gmail.com](mailto:mqscprograms@gmail.com).

## Bake Sale

There's more to life than quilting. Sometimes you have to bake! The bake sale loves cookies, sweets, breads and more. Just nothing that needs refrigeration.

If you're willing to put your baking skills to use, connect with Karen Derek or Dale Yamamura either by email or at the October meeting. They'll provide bags and instructions.

## Boutique

MQSC members can earn extra money and support the guild by offering hand-crafted goods, including quilts for sale at the boutique.

Nancy Samples asks that you let her know in advance what you'll be offering. She and Katie Porter will have instructions on labeling and a donation agreement at the October meeting.

## Upcoming & Ongoing Activities

### Cat & Dog Cuddles



Thank you to the 29 members (and nonmembers) who donated 331 cat and dog cuddles during the last MQSC membership year. The kind people at Forgotten Felines of Sonoma County and at Dogwood Animal Rescue are grateful for your beautiful work

### Block of the Month



Turn in your fall-inspired scrap buster: Lazy Leaf, and pick up the pattern for our November block. You can find the Lazy Leaf pattern [here](#).

that provides so much comfort to the animals they help.

Fabric will be available at the October meeting

You receive an entry for each block you turn in, with the winner chosen at the end of the meeting. It's almost like winning an instant quilt.

## Friendship Blocks



We're changing up the Friendship Block program. Moving forward, it will be open to all members, not just those with accumulated points. We will also cap block requests to no more than 8 blocks so there is less of a waiting line for other requesters.

If you have unused points, at the October meeting, you'll be offered \$.50 for each point to be used at the Fabric sale.

## Community Quilts



This 2026 Community Quilt was made by someone who won the Block of the Month give-away. Talk about a circular economy!

Last year, we donated almost 140 quilts. let's try to beat that number this year.

Fabric, patterns, batting and backing will be available at the October 3 meeting.

## Fabric Exchange

## Medallion Quilts



This will be the last chance to contribute fabric for the fabric sale.

Everyone who brings a donation will receive an entry to win a gift card at the end of the meeting.



Sign-ups for FY27's Medallion Quilts begin at the October meeting.

Sign up early to snag your most inspiring designs.

## President's Message



Dear Guild Members,

As one season gives way to the next, the world around us offers a gentle reminder: change is both natural and necessary. Leaves turn, light shifts, familiar routines take on a different rhythm—and yet each season brings its own beauty, purpose, and promise.

Our guild is experiencing its own season of change. Some traditions may evolve, new voices may step forward, and the ways we gather, learn, and serve may continue to grow. Although transitions can feel unfamiliar, they do not diminish what has made our guild strong. Our shared values, creativity, generosity, and commitment to one another remain the roots that steady us.

Change also creates room: room for fresh ideas, renewed energy, meaningful partnerships, and opportunities for more members to contribute their talents. By welcoming what is ahead with curiosity rather than fear, we can honor our history while shaping a guild that remains vibrant, relevant, and welcoming.

I encourage each of you to be part of this next chapter. Share your ideas, ask questions, volunteer where you can, and offer encouragement to those trying something new. Every thoughtful contribution helps us move forward with care and confidence.

As we enter this new season together, let us carry forward the best of who we have been while remaining open to who we may become. I am grateful for your dedication to our guild and optimistic about the possibilities before us.

With appreciation and optimism,

Sue  
President, MQSC

**Visit the website to see upcoming workshops, programs and events**

## Community News



### Super Sized Pop Up Boutique

October 3

Orchard City Banquet Hall at the Campbell Community Center, 1 W Campbell, Campbell CA 95008.

The Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association is hosting Super-Sized Pop-Up Boutique October 3 from 10am to 1pm. In addition to all the usual quilty stuff, we'll be featuring lots of bolts (4 yards or more), lots of thread spools & cones, and a huge supply of fat quarters.

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

**SEW, SLEEP REPEAT**  
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

Sign up & more info: [petalumaquiltguild@yahoo.com](mailto: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 or register by email:  
[petalumaquiltguild@yahoo.com](mailto:petalumaquiltguild@yahoo.com)

Road to California 2027  
Jan 23 - 27, 2027

Quilt Entries close Oct 2



If you have quilt created after January 2025, you might be eligible to enter the 2027 Quilt show at Road to California.

Class registration opened August 14th.

## Time for 2027 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 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

Meeting minutes are published online. 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 October Birthday to You....



Vera Barrett  
Karen Bolin  
Deb Doyle  
Jean Farnham

Debbie Huckaby  
Pam Larcher  
Denise Nathanson  
Lauren Oblad

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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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