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MOONLIGHT QUILTERS OF SONOMA COUNTY ESTABLISHED 1980

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Moonlighters!

It was wonderful to get to see and hear some of you at our May 6 virtual meeting on Zoom. We have another meeting scheduled for May 20th. I hope you all will be able to join us then.

We're now entering our third month of staying at home to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. I do hope that all of you are well and staying safe and sane. I find that having a daily routine – along with a daily dose of chocolate – helps me to deal with the stay at home order. Do any of you have useful tips? Please email them to me at mqscpres@gmail.com and we can include them in our July newsletter.

As you know, all guild meetings (business and program) for June are cancelled. At this point, we still do not have a way to keep all of us safe at a gathering at the Vets building. As always, the health of our members remains our highest priority. We are planning to have meetings on Zoom on our regular meeting dates in June – June 3 and June 17.

Our Nominating Committee was successful! They managed to fill all the officer, chair, and coordinator roles in the guild. Later in this newsletter, you will see the list of officers and chairs (the “slate”) that you will be asked to vote on. We will conduct the election via a Survey Monkey survey. You will receive an email blast containing a link to the survey. The “ballot” will contain all the elected offices and chairs (coordinator positions are not voted on). We will be asking for a “yes” or “no” for the entire slate. We plan to have the survey available for voting from May 27 through June 3. If you have any questions regarding the election, feel free to contact me.

Remember to check for email blasts for the latest guild news. If you have any questions regarding the guild, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Don't forget to wash your hands. Find something to be grateful for every day.

alys hay, President
mqscpres@gmail.com

Hello Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County,

It is the pleasure of the Nominating Committee to announce the slate for the election of the Board of Directors for the year 2020-2021.

I would especially like to thank all of the members of the Nominating Committee for their hard work and dedication to this very large job. They are Patti Bassignani, Michelle Crosbie, Robin Dieter, and Jeanne Nelson. I would also like to thank Alys Hay, Karen Derrick and Karen Mansergh for their wisdom and guidance. The Committee's efforts included literally hundreds of phone calls and/or emails.

I would also like to thank all of the people who have stepped up to serve on the Board of Directors for the next MQSC year. They all deserve the gratitude of the entire Guild.

Election Slate for the 2020-2021 MQSC Year

MQSC Board Executive Officers and Chairpersons

Executive Officers

President: Linda Lampson

Vice President: Pam Brown

Secretary: Dawn Gutsch

Treasurer: Michelle Crosbie

Chairpersons

Community Relations Chairperson: Marilyn Lira / Donna Poe

Membership Chairperson: Kathy Vedder / Miriam Marlin

Communications Chairperson: Karen Derrick (new chair position)

Guild Publicity Chairperson: Nora Raggio (new chair position)

Program Chairperson: Linda Lampson; Co-Chair Cyndi Cunningham

Activity Chairperson: Jeanne Nelson

Quilt Show Chairperson: Trina Jahnsen

Ways and Means Chairperson: Gina Stateler-Calhoun

As outlined by President Alys Hay, here is the method for how the election will be held: "Once we have a full slate, we will send it out via an email blast. The slate will also be printed in the June edition of Patchwords. The method of voting will be conducted via Survey Monkey. You will receive an email blast with a link to the "ballot." Click on the link and you will be able to vote. We hope to have the survey / ballot available on May 27. Last day to vote will be June 3. The President will take responsibility for telephoning members who do not have email."

Thank you one and all! Sincerely, Marilyn Lira
Chair, Nominating Committee 2020-2021

Updates and Reminders

- * Our love and thoughts go out to Kris Brown, Debbie Duffy, and Joanne Thomas, all of whose husbands have been ill (not with Covid-19).
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- * Deb Gomes is hard at work designing and piecing our quilt for Jim Wylie (Parkside Sewing). If, by chance, you still have blocks for his quilt, please contact Deb and get them to her ASAP.
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- * The VP Challenge still is on! Who knew when VP Karen chose the theme -- “When Life Throws You a Monkey Wrench” – it would be so appropriate? Challenge rules are on the MQSC website (look under the “Things to Do” tab). The Challenge is due August 19.
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- * Voting for our 2020 – 2021 officers and chairs still is on for Wednesday, June 3.
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- * The Healdsburg Quilt Show may rise again in the summer. We’ll post details as soon as they are available.
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- * Postponed: Basic Skills – Free Motion Feathers with Trina Jahnsen has been postponed until July 18, 2020.
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- *Cancelled: Wine Country Quilt Show. All on-site guild meetings in June.

The Library

While I wait for the County to open the doors to the Veteran's Building, I've read all the books I've checked out and even ordered more for our collections. I recently received Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker and Elm Creek Quilts, projects inspired by the novels to add to our library. I also ordered two more Jennifer Chiaverini novels including Sonoma Rose.

In the meantime, the quilters' collection has prompted this librarian to find something to do with my Sunday newspaper Word Search skills. I tried making a simple puzzle, 14 by 14 squares and 34 quilt-related words to stimulate a few more quilters into reading other articles in the newsletter. Luckily, (or not) I collected more than 100 quilt words that could occupy the Library section of the newsletter for several more months until the Library is back open. I hope you enjoy this Word Search #1, Quilting Style!

Kerry Mertle, Diane Dickenson, Vicki Kaylor - Librarians

VP Challenge

When Life Throws You A Monkey Wrench
Is anyone having a hard time finding subject matter for this year's VP Challenge? If only that was true! In any case, I hope everyone is having a little bit of fun with this one. As a reminder, the rules are (1) include a recognizable amount of Robert Kaufman Kona Chartreuse Color #1072; (2) include a monkey wrench block; (3) make it 12"x12" finished size; and (4) include a moon. The due date, in whatever stage of completion, is August 19. If we are still unable to meet in person by then, I'll organize a slideshow for the big reveal. Please stay tuned for more details.

Karen Derrick, Vice President

Programs

June is upon us and we are staying at home so we have cancelled the workshop and lecture by Colleen Pelfrey. Linda is going to try and schedule her for next year so hopefully we will get to enjoy her talents then. If we are able to hold an in-person meeting in July we will be seeing a presentation by the Pointless Sisters. I have been told that it is a wonderful slide show of many of their wonderful creations. I'm crossing my fingers that we are able to meet. Until we meet again be safe, be happy and HAPPY SEWING!!!

Cyndi Cunningham

Treasurer's report

I hope everyone is doing well during these unprecedented times. There hasn't been much activity with our finances since the shelter in place order was issued. Our net income as of April 30, 2020 is \$2,031. We have raised about \$2,400 from our Opportunity Quilt fundraiser; our goal is \$3,500. Several members have purchased their raffle tickets, but if you haven't please send in your checks. Since our March, April, and May meetings have been cancelled the Vets building has refunded us for the rent on the facility. We were also refunded for the deposit we had put down for the Quilt Show. Most of the Quilt Show vendors have been reimbursed for their booth deposit or payment. I have two more checks to send out. Getting to the bank has been challenging during this time. but most everything has been deposited unless it's sitting at the PO Box. We have decided to hold the quilt show entry fees until next year. Overall, the guild is about even on income and expenses and there are reserves available if we need them for operating expenses. If you have any questions please send me an email mqsctreasurer@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Crosbie

Membership

This past month our membership numbers have grown to 158! Even during this difficult time, we have people interested in joining our guild and enjoying what we have to offer. Welcome Elizabeth Anderson and Brenda Hartley. We hope to get an opportunity to meet you in person, but until then, please join us at our zoom meetings. Hopefully, everyone is staying connected. An updated roster is available if you need one by sending an email to Deana Abramowitz or Kathy Vedder.

Finally, on a personal note, I want to thank all the people who have worked so hard to keep our guild going during this crisis. All of us have had our lives upended in one way or another. For many of us, our free time to enjoy our craft has been severely interrupted and continuing to run the business of this guild through virtual meetings can be difficult. Again, thank you to those who have worked so hard to make this guild an enjoyable experience.

Cat and Dog Cuddles

Though we are not able to get together as a group right now, you can still make cat and dog cuddles to be collected once we are able to get together again. Remember that cat cuddles should be about 17" x 25" to fit in the Forgotten Feline cages. Dog cuddles should be dog sized – anything from small to large dogs. Thank you for your ongoing support of this project.

Julie Neff

Janske Silva

Cat and Dog Cuddles

How to Do Show and Tell Now

Anyone wanting to share a quilt in our Show and Tell should send a photograph to mqschistorian@gmail.com. In the body of the email please include the complete name of the person who made the quilt top, the pattern name and fabric line (if applicable), and the name of the quilter (if quilting completed).

I will gather the photographs into a slide show presentation for the meeting, and the submitter can talk about the quilt during the slideshow if they are attending the meeting. I will also send the photographs to the Newsletter team so they can be included in the next publication. (Editor's Note: June's photos will appear in the next issue!)

Teresa Lewis

**Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County
Minutes of the May 6, 2020 Business Meeting
Meeting Conducted via Zoom**

The meeting began at 7:05 p.m., coordinated by Saraj Cory. Approximately 30 members signed on by phone or laptop. President Alys made the following announcements: Village Sewing Center has filled all its mask requests; please focus on making masks for your family and friends for the moment!

MQSC will hold its election on June 3. We are still in need of a president (or two co-presidents) as well as a publicity chair/coordinator. Without a president, we do not have a guild! Please volunteer or nominate someone by contacting a member of the nominating committee (Marilyn Lira is the chair) or talking to Alys or Karen Mansergh to answer your questions.

Assuming we have a president on the new slate, it will be published in the newsletter, and voting via Survey Monkey will begin on May 27. This will be a simple yes/no vote. Alys will call all members without email to get their votes. The voting deadline will be midnight, June 3; votes will be tallied on June 4. We must have at least 53 votes to meet the by-law requirement of one-third of membership forming a quorum.

Alys is looking for feedback on the best way to maintain connection and continuity while we need to observe social distancing. How do we run our core programs, such as Basic Skills, Program Workshops and Program Meetings? For the near future, we will use Zoom for business meetings.

Members asked how the pandemic and associated shelter-in-place policies have affected Guild finances. Treasurer Michelle Crosbie assured us that our reserves will allow us to weather this lockdown. We are not paying rent for the cancelled meetings at the Vets Building.

We plan to hold our next meeting on Zoom on May 20 at 7 p.m. Meanwhile, we will be searching for appropriate meeting spaces and will broadcast that information as it becomes known. Cyndi Cunningham will talk with NCQC to find out how other northern California guilds are responding to socializing during the pandemic.

In her capacity as Guild Historian, Teresa Lewis has offered to make a slide show of items to be shared during the Show and Tell portion of our meetings. Please send photos to Teresa with label information in time for her to incorporate them into the next meeting and tell her it is for the zoom meeting!

The meeting continued with members presenting items they had been working on over the past two months - lots of beautiful work from members!

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next MQSC meeting will be held on Zoom on May 20 - watch for details by MQSC e-blast.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Miriam Marlin, Secretary.

**Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County-
May 4, 2020
Minutes of the Special Board Meeting -
Meeting held via Zoom**

At 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order by President Alys, formally attired in her business-wear pirate hat. Saraj Cory served as Zoom technical advisor. There was a quorum. After checking in with each other, Alys brought up the following issues created by the Covid-19 lockdown:

The Veterans Memorial Building is likely closed through June, possibly longer.

Board members, chairs and coordinators: if you have a gmail generic MQSC email address, please be sure to check your gmail account regularly – it is how communication is sent out, protects member privacy and will greatly ease the transition to new position holders when we start our new year!

Discussion: Assuming that we will be unable to hold meetings or plan for regular programming for a few months, how do we hold an election or do any other pressing business?

Consensus: Once a slate of officers is confirmed for the 2020-21 guild year, it will be sent out as an email blast. We will use Survey Monkey to approve or disapprove of the slate. In addition to being a familiar, simple format for most, Survey Monkey provides a tally so no guild members need to be involved in the official count.

President Alys will telephone the handful of members who do not use computers in order to get their votes.

Note: Currently, we still need to fill the slots of President and Publicity Chair/Coordinator- please contact the nominating committee to volunteer yourself or

recommend another person for these positions. We hope to publicize the slate next week, in the newsletter. The Survey Monkey ballot will go out by email May 27. The last opportunity to vote will be midnight, June 3, the regularly scheduled June business meeting when such an election was scheduled. A minimum of 53 members (1/3 of current membership) must vote to constitute the required quorum. Votes will be tallied on June 4.

Meetings in general:

In-person meetings have been cancelled for May; the program meeting and workshop for June have also been cancelled. We will investigate larger rooms at the Vets Building where social distancing can be more easily practiced, once we can meet there again. Where possible, we will use Zoom for business meetings as well as program meetings, workshops and basic skills classes. State and county guidance is needed before making any commitments.

Proposed Holiday Boutique: a good idea that we will need to put on the back burner for now, while we wait to see how the county's pandemic response evolves.

Action items: Vice President Karen Derrick will check on room prices and availability at the Vets Building. Program Chair Cyndi will check on room prices and availability at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center.

Coming up: The regularly scheduled May 6 Business meeting will be held on Zoom in addition to business items, we will have show and tell to see what members have been making in quarantine.

The next Board meeting is on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Miriam Marlin,
Secretary

WOW!!! I asked and you answered. As a group we made over 3650 masks – and that's just best estimates for several people. And I'm sure that I did not hear from all of the mask makers. I already knew that quilters are generous people; this group is beyond fabulous!!! You all saw a need and stepped up to fill it. Thank you so much for your kindness, your generosity, and your hard work.

As for where our masks went, we all seem to have taken care of family and friends – including several out of the area. A number went to co-workers. Many, many were donated to various good causes, like hospitals, homeless folks, and others in need.

There's a key at the bottom for abbreviations used.

1. Tim Mcclish (12) Fa; 2. Denise Ragozzino (300) VSC, Casa Allegra Group Homes, Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County; 3. Linda Paladino (100) Fa, Fr, N, random acts of kindness; Jeanne Nelson (50) Fa, Fr, VSC; 5. Marilyn Lira (24) Fa, Fr, VSC; 6. Norma Jean Edwards (17) Fa, Fr, VSC; 7. Michelle Crosbie (10) Fa, Fr; 8. Miriam Marlin (60) Fa, Fr, North Bay Sewists Unite; 9. Sharon McCarty (50) Fa, Fr, N, VSC; 10. Pauline Pellini (20) Fa, Fr; 11. Audrey Giroux (10) Fa, Fr; 12. Pam Brown (52) Fa, Fr, VSC; 13. Marci VonFeldt (45) Fa, Fr – including 2 in Australia; 14. Janet Clark (116) Fa, Fr – including Taos, NM and New York; 15. Toni Dalbec (100) Fa, Fr, local hospitals; 16. Heidi Reid (13) Fa (including immune compromised); 17. Becky Raymond (42) Fa, Fr, H; 18. Sue Badstubner (28) Fa, Fr, construction workers, children, older adults; 19. Jim Haws (16) Fa, Fr; 20. Karen Lavender (40) Fa, Fr --including Texas; 21. Kathy Vedder (30) Fa, Fr; 22. Robin Dieter (25) Fa, Fr, VSC; 23. Janske Silva (46) Fa, Fr, N, medical transport team members and their clients, Carlos Country Kitchen in SR, Bananas (a large music store), strangers in need (keep masks in car); 24. Karen Bolan (6) Fa, Fr; 25. Ruth & Joan Acquistapace (400) Fa, Fr, N, members of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, Marine Corps League members, service folks working in our park; 26. Patricia Bauer (30) Fa, Fr, VSC Plus 42 scrub caps for North Bay Sewist Unite (all this with a replaced shoulder!); 27. Kerry Mertle (10) Fa, VSC; 28. Leti Duenas (70) Fa, N, commission from Redwood Empire Food Bank; 29. Daniela Ruiz (16) Fa, Fr; 30. Carol Kenyon (40+) Fa, local hospitals; 31. Debbie Ward (150) Fa, Fr, N, for a company for its employees; 32. Karen Derrick (60) Fa, Fr, VSC; 33. Katina Repp (75) Fa (CA and OR), my staff and their family members for the Santa Rosa and Eureka crime labs, friends; 34. Lline Woodall (125) Fa, Fr, kids' coworkers, an assisted living place; and an organization that wants to put a mask in school kids' lunches; 35. Judy Mathieson (10) Fa; 36. Kathy Seely (48) Fa, hospital workers and their families; 37. Ann Strom (5) Fa, VSC; 38. Karen Perlis (4) Fa; 39. Bonnie Buckingham (60) Fa, VSC; 40. Joanne Thomas (17) Fa, Fr -- including England and Wales!; 41. Mary Ann Hayre (100) Fa, Fr, VSC, clients of Russian River Clinic; also daughter and granddaughter are making masks; 42. Carole Behlke (150) Fa, Fr, VSC, N; 43. Donna Huckaby (168) Fa, work mates; 44. Gina Stateler-Calhoun (125) Fa, co-workers; also 75 bandanas for homeless folks; 45. Marsha Ashe (136) Fa, hospitals; 46. Julie Neff (140) Fa, Fr, local veterinarian hospital, acquaintances, local food pantry; 47. Linda Lampson (14) Fa, Unitarian Church (as part of breakfast for the homeless); 48. Deana Abramowitz (250) Fa, Fr, VSC, relatives of friends, a prison, in the Central Valley; 49. Dena Harding (80) Fa, Fr, staff of Spring Lake Village, homeless shelter in SF; 50. Patti Bassignani (25) Fa, Fr, VSC; 51. Judy Pudoff (5) Fa; 52. Alys Hay (37) self; Fr, Sonoma County Parks; 53. Ellen Fox (100+) Fa, Fr, friends of friends; 54. Nora G. Raggio (10) Fr, Salvation Army

Key:

Fa – family Fr – friends FaFr – friends of family H – homeless population HW – hospital workers (and their families) N – neighbors VSC – Village Sewing Center (donating to local hospitals, etc.)

2019—2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

President / Holiday Potluck	Alys Hay
Vice President / Webmaster	Karen Derrick
Secretary	Miriam Marlin
Treasurer	Michelle Crosbie

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Shadow	Linda Lampson
Quilt Show Chair / Medallions	Trina Jahnsen
Assistant	Dale Yamamura
Ways & Means Chair	Ellen Fox

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Block of the Month Coordinator	Denise Ragozzino

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Cat & Dog Cuddles Coordinator	Julie Neff
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Norma Jean Edwards
Shirley Johnson
Miriam Marlin
Linda Mason
Dolores McCann
Julie Neff
Kat Novak
Nora Raggio
Frances Ramirez
Becky Raymond
Nancy Samples
Ann Smith
Debbie Ward

More Important Information!

We just got the news that EBHQ's show Voices in Cloth has been cancelled for this year. If you have tickets, check on their website for how to get a refund or turn it into a donation.

There are virtual quilt shows (besides our own Show and Tell!): Mancuso Bros., producers of PIQF, are putting one on at the end of June. Look up guild and show information at NCQC. Let us know what you find and we can send out email blasts.





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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 **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.

Meeting location is in the East Dining Room of 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.

The *Patchwords* newsletter submission deadline is the 15th of each month.

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