



Patchwords Newsletter

September 2026

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County



Community, Togetherness and Joy

It's the first month of calendar year, and boy, will we be busy. The installation potluck is next Wednesday, the September program meeting will help your orphan blocks find a home and we're in the final push for the Fabric Sale. Read on and join us for one or all of our events.

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September Events

Business Meeting: September 2

In Person and Zoom

We hope to see you for the Installation Potluck next Wednesday. We've made it easy for folks to decide what to bring. Based on your surname's initial, please bring:

- A - F Main Dish
- E - N Side Dish
- O-Z Dessert

To help others choose, please mark our dishes if they meet a dietary restriction (GF, nuts, dairy etc) or are vegetarian/vegan.

This is also the meeting where we reveal and award the 2026 Medallion Quilts and draw a winner for the Opportunity Quilt.

It's a wonderful meeting to connect with old friends and meet some new friends.

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

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

Zoom link provided to members.



Who will be the lucky winner of the 2026 Opportunity Quilt? "Pleasure Dome", designed by Mary Flynn, pieced by MQSC members and custom quilted by Pam Labans.

Program Meeting: September 16

In Person and Zoom

Orphan Blocks

Join us for an interactive meeting of designing quilts with orphan blocks. Bring any orphan blocks and scraps you are willing to part with. Also bring a pair of scissors (labeled with your name). Members will be broken up into groups to scrounge through the orphan blocks and scraps to "design" a quilt. Teams will then rotate to each quilt creation to add their creative touch. Rotations will continue until teams end up where they started.

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Time to put your orphan blocks to good use.

Upcoming & Ongoing Activities

Cat & Dog Cuddles

Block of the Month



We closed out the year with a mountain of beautiful cat and dog cuddles.

They are donated to Forgotten Felines and Sonoma County shelters so adopted pets go home with a familiar object. Just like us, they relish the comfort of a created-with love quilt.



The October block of the month, Lazy Leaf, is a fall-inspired scrap buster. You can find the pattern here (don't let the curves intimidate you) The pattern is [here](#).

Friendship Blocks



Do you have time to help a friend? Sign up to complete a single block for someone who's asking for help completing a quilt.

Community Quilts



Every year, MQSC members quilt for community through our community quilt project. We donate to family organizations and the Sutter Cancer Program. Last year, we donated approx. 150 quilts. Can we

Do you need help completing a quilt top? Stop by the Friendship Block table at the October meeting and find out how your MQSC friends can help you complete it.

exceed that number this year? There will be patterns, fabric and batting at upcoming meetings.

President's Message



Welcome Fall.

I find it hard to believe I am already beginning my second year as Guild President. It has been quite a learning experience, and I am so happy we are returning to our regular meetings. It is such a joy to gather, share, and reconnect as a guild.

As summer comes to an end, I feel ready to welcome cooler nights and the fall colors I love so dearly. This change of season brings fresh perspective and a natural invitation to step into something new.

Each season reminds us that change is a constant in life. Perhaps that is why the founders of Moonlight Quilters chose September as the start of our guild year.

This fall gives us much to look forward to: the September Potluck, October's Annual Fabric Sale—our main fundraiser—and the Warm Winter Wishes Holiday Celebration.

Along with these gatherings, fall is a wonderful time to welcome new ideas, colors, and patterns. Consider trying Modern Quilting; I was pleasantly surprised to discover how much I enjoy the concept.

Here's a season of gathering, sharing, and growing together.

Sue
President, MQSC

MQSC Fabric Sale - October 10th

October 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

There's still time to help with our biggest fundraiser of the year. We are looking for a few more volunteers and the raffle basket team would appreciate contributions. Of course, if you're in the mood to clear out your unwanted/forgotten fabrics or notions, there's still time to donate.

The Bake Sale and Boutique are recruiting participants. Read below for more details.

Questions? Email 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 September potluck. 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 September meeting.

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

Community News



North Bay Craft Fair September 5 Vets Building

Join the Annual North Bay Craft Bash for a fun day of unique handmade goods and local vibes!

The first 100 people get a cloth tote bag.



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



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 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.

This morning (August 29th) current members received an email reminder from the MQSC Webmaster and the guild about new dues.

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....



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.