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A turning of the season for MQSC

August is one of those months where you realize we are turning the corner of the year....Back to School, the County Fair, our Annual meeting, harvest, planning for holiday quilting and one of my favorites...peak melon season (and you wondered how I chose this months newsletter color) We invite you to read to the end for all the exciting events on our calendar as we head into the fall. In this issue you'll find:

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August Events

Business Meeting: August 20

In Person and by Zoom

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

Join us for our Annual Business Meeting at the Vets Hall in Santa Rosa. We will elect the new board, unveil the new website, hear from Star Quilter Heidi Anderson, and so much more.

All members are encourage to attend either in person or by zoom. We need a quorum to formally elect the new Board.

Veterans Memorial Building
1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa



We are in for a treat from Star Quilter, Heidi Anderson

If you can't make it in person to a MQSC meeting, you may join via zoom. If you have difficulty hearing or understanding what is being said in the meeting, you can use [the Closed Caption \(CC\) feature.](#)



President's Message

MQSC has a new website on the way!



With hard work and determination, our Web design committee is ready to launch the new and improved MQSC Website at the end of August. The updated website demonstrates that resources may be limited, our contributions are mighty.

I hope you enjoy it much as I do.

MEMBER PORTAL

The new website is more than a facelift. We now have a members-only portal that will simplify registration, improve communication and encourage creativity.

Member Registration

One of the key advantages of the new website is efficient member management. Now, instead of laborious paper-based registration and manual data entry (along with human errors), the new website lets members securely register and renew their membership via the password-protected member portal. This change significantly reduces volunteer workload and supports accurate record management.

Communication and Event Coordination

Also, the member portal allows for improved communication, registration and payment for workshops, retreats, or basic skills classes,

Members can access the up-to-date membership roster through the portal. This lets members contact each other more easily while keeping the information private for non-members.

Advancing Creativity and Community

Our redesigned website lets us share more photos of our members' latest creations.

Launch Details

The launch date for the new website is scheduled for August 20th. While the web design committee has been working exceptionally hard to ensure a smooth transition, we will ask everyone to be patient and communicative about issues or glitches they discover when the site goes live.

Please note the following important points:

1. 2025-2026 memberships will be renewed and paid for online through the members-only portal.
2. Instructions to create an account will be sent to all active members.
3. The new process is a challenge, please reach out to the membership chairperson for assistance.
4. Should you encounter any difficulties, a member of the website committee will be available to provide individual support throughout the process

Launch Details

Using websites as a valuable tool for our quilt guild is more than just convenience—it is an investment in the future, its members, and the community itself. By embracing these tools, and learning how to make them work for us, we can grow our membership and enhance our sense of education and community.

To continue to grow and as technology continues to evolve, so must we. Please come learn with me.

Kathy Vedder, President

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August Star Quilter: Heidi Anderson



Here are a taste of the quilts Heidi Anderson will be sharing with us at the August meeting. She learned to sew in middle school and learned to quilt at the Santa Rosa JC. To further her knowledge of quilt making, she joined both Moonlight Quilters and the Day Guild and worked for fun at a Quilt shop.

Heidi says she is a seasonal quilter who loves to quilt every day.



August 20th Activity Announcements

Fabric Exchange



Zoom! Zoom! The fabric exchange at our August meeting will focus on transportation (perhaps we celebrating the “get-out-of-town” season). Planes, trains, automobiles and any other mode of

Cat & Dog Cuddles



Cat and Dog cuddles are a wonderful way to try new skills on a smaller scales. Stop by the booth and pick up fabric, batting and patterns.

transportation will be welcomed. Does
horseback riding count?

Opportunity Quilt



Get your tickets for the drawing to win
“Fairies in the Garden” which was pieced
by a group of members led by Saraj Cory.
It was quilted by Mary Slack. Learn more
[here](#).

Block of the Month



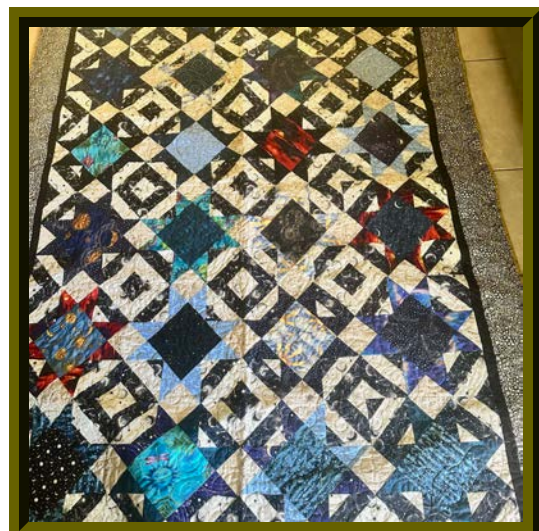
The August Block of the month is Stairway
to Heaven. The instructions create 2
blocks so bring them both to the August
meeting. Instructions for the block can be
found [here](#).

Community Quilts



Home stretch! If you need backing fabric,
or batting, please text or call Becky DeLair.

Friendship Blocks



Help a member by making Friendship
Blocks, commissioned by members who

We also have several community quilt tops that need finishing, if you are willing.

Becky will even do the binding! The 2025 Community Quilt parade will take place at the Sept. meeting.

have earned Friendship Quilt Block Credits.

The photo above from Denise Ragozzino shows her finished Friendship Block quilt. Thanks to all who contributed.

Fabric & Quilt Sale: Oct 11

Volunteers Needed

The Fabric and Quilt Sale Planning Committee is looking for volunteers to help with set up, staffing and tear down for the upcoming sale. There are opportunities to contribute in each of the main categories: Raffle Baskets, Opportunity Quilt, Mini-Quilt Show, Bake Sale, and, of course, the main event: the Fabric Sale.

Set-up begins on Friday, October 10th around 4 p.m (bonus...you get early pickings of the fabric sale). Saturday shifts begin around 9 am. when the doors open and continue into early evening with tear down.

Shift and role registration will be open soon. Look for a reminder e-blast and an update at the August meeting.

Questions: Reach out to Donna Cambra, Fabric Sale Volunteer Coordinator.

Members Boutique



One benefit of MQSC membership is selling handmade (by the member) items at the Fabric Sale. Items do not need to be quilt related. last year, there were some tempting knitted goods. Members set their prices. 20% is retained by the guild, and members can either keep or donate 80%

Items, inventory sheets and seller forms are turned into the guild before Friday, October 10. Contact Trina Jahnsen or Nancy Samples to get sale tags and the appropriate paperwork.

Holiday Party Table Hosts Needed



We are looking for volunteers to host/decorate a table at our wonderful holiday potluck party. This year's theme "Comfort and Joy" can be interpreted anyway you'd like...so get your creative juices flowing.

Will you host a table or have questions? Reach out to Linda Lehmann.



Community News

Sonoma County Fair Through Sunday, Aug 10th

This year, more than 100 quilts were entered into the Quilt show, many of them by our members. Who one the ribbons?

Stop by the Garrett Building to be awed by the creativity and skill levels.

The volunteers who are representing the guilds would love to have you stop by and say hello.



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.

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. You can access and read previous meetings minutes [HERE](#). We also encourage everyone to read last meeting's minutes prior to the business meetings.

Happy Birthday To You....



Patti Bassignani
Susan Bastubner
Karin Beam
Carole Behlke
Pam Brown
Donna Cambra
Janet Clark
Becky Delair
Karen Derrick
Jim Haws

Diane Hoxeng
Trina Jahnsen
Linda Morand
Pauline Pellini
Susan Peretti-Keith
Megan Schofield
Janski Silva
Bambi Weinberg-Tuttle
Wendy Wood

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How to Contact the Board, Chairs, and Coordinators

Do you have a question about what size quilts Community Relations is looking for and don't know who to ask? Are you unable to return your library book on time and don't know how to let the Library folks know? In an effort to make communication within the guild easier, there are generic email addresses for key positions. You can access the complete list on the MQSC website. Navigate to the [Membership](#) page, then scroll down to Member Documents and look for the link [Board, Chairs, and Coordinators for 2024-25](#). 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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