



## Patchwords Newsletter

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Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County



## It's time to shine in June

Fair and quilt show season is upon us. Every day seems to bring a new announcement of an upcoming show deadlines: the County Fair, a call to exhibit at the Petaluma Art Museum, and along with roadshows outside Sonoma County. Of course, our guild remains busy with upcoming workshops and other exciting events. Look below for more details. We hope you'll join us.

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## June Events

# Business Meeting: June 3

## In Person and Zoom

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

Join us Wednesday, June 3rd for our business meeting.

Come early to enter Fabric Exchange, Block of the Month, explore Friendship Quilts, turn in community quilts or Cat and Dog Cuddles, visit with friends and learn about upcoming program with Karen Bolan or the July workshop with Brooke Shankland.

We hope to see you there.

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

Zoom link provided to members.



The quilts of our Star Quilter, Trina Jahnsen, show both her piecing talent and quilting skills. Zoom in on this picture to see the details in the quilt designs.

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## President's Message



## The lure of adventure

Summertime is here, and the outdoors seems to call our name. It is a season for travel, adventure, and making memories with the people we love. Did you know that Route 66 turns 100 this year? It is wonderful to imagine what that legendary road must have been like in its earliest days, carrying travelers toward new horizons and unforgettable experiences.

That spirit of adventure felt especially close to home as one of our own members recently made the journey from Petaluma to Fort Collins, Colorado, to celebrate her daughter's graduation. It was such a joy to follow along on Facebook as she traveled from the high desert along Interstate 80 to the breathtaking heights of the Rocky Mountains, climbing to elevations of more than 10,000 feet. What makes her journey even more remarkable is that she experienced it all from the sidecar of a motorcycle—proof that life's most meaningful moments often come with a little extra courage and a lot of heart.

Quilting has changed too over the years. Starting out being made from pieces of old clothing to modern day works of art. Each of our quilting journeys have changed as well, taking us places we most likely never thought we would go, I know mine often feels like a roller coaster, with ups and downs and twists and turns.

As summer unfolds, I wish each of your days filled with beauty, inspiration, and the simple joys that make life rich—whether that means time in the sunshine, moments with family and friends, or peaceful hours spent creating at your sewing machine. May your summer be stitched with happiness, adventure, and love, one beautiful memory at a time.

Sue

President, MQSC

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## June 3 Activity Announcements

**Fabric Exchange**

**Block of the Month**



This month, we're collecting geometric shapes: squares, triangles, circles, or rectangles.

## Cat & Dog Cuddles



Thank you to the May donors: Maureen, Diane and Louise, Pam, Christine, Sue, and Laura for donating 22 lovely cuddles for the dogs and cats. They will be cherished.



Turn in your Bread Basket Blocks (say that 3 times fast). Preferred colors are black/white and something bright.

## Fabric Show Scraps



Bring your scraps and raise guild funds at the fabric show. (while reducing landfill impact. We're looking for pre-sorted bundles of: Cottons

- coordinated sets of fabrics (orphan blocks, off cuts and scraps from

There will be fabric and batting at the June meeting.

## Opportunity Quilt



individual projects). place folded fabric in bags.

- pieces smaller than a fat quarter (if there are multiple bits of the same fabric, please safety pin together)
- square shapes (2" or larger)
- triangle shapes (any size)
- strings (strips 6' - 42" in length between 1" - 6" wide)

Batiks

Flannels

Non-Cottons

## June 3 Star Quilter Trina Jahnsen



I started quilting after graduating from college when I suddenly had more free time. My Mom and I were quilting buddies for several decades and it was difficult to continue to quilt after she passed away but with the help of great quilting friends I found my bliss in quilting again. I generally pick a quilt pattern if it intrigues me in some way or there is something new to learn.

# Program Meeting: June 17

## Karen Bolan



### It's a Small World for Quilters

When the opportunity arises to expand your quilting practice, you take it, right? One such opportunity: traveling around the world to deepen your connection to quilting history and modern practice. In this lecture, Karen will share memories and lessons after leading an incredible tour - Japan in 2025. Perhaps the most comforting lesson for us all is exactly how far we can travel and still connect with a thriving community of quilters. The world is small when we speak the same language: quilting.

Join us in person or on zoom to learn about her creative journey, her studio, and her background as a graphic designer turned fabric designer for Moda Fabrics. Of course, she'll also showcase a trunk show of inspiration with her delightful stitching projects.

## July 18 & 25 Zoom Workshop:

## Brooke Shankland: Impermanence



Register Today

Make your own, unique Impermanence wall hanging / quilt. The Impermanence design is a reminder that everything—both good and bad—is temporary and symbolizes the importance of both gratitude and letting go. Brooke will walk you through the construction of this modern design, including beginner-friendly curves and crescents, which include plenty of room for error for ease & worry-free sewing.

Workshop \$50/members, \$6 non-members. Space limited to 20 students

## Meet Brooke Shankland

Brooke is the designer and maker behind Eudaimonia Studio, which she founded to join her passions for philosophy and modern quilting. Having picked up sewing in 2016, she was quickly captivated by the many steps of the quilting process, and soon began creating her own designs.

Each design she sketches in inspired by her search to answer the ancient question of what it means to live well and make the most of life. Through her academic and personal studies of secular philosophies - such as Stoicism, Humanism, Buddhism, Transcendentalism, among others - Brooke crafts simple, meaningful designs that are imbued with centuries of wisdom for purpose and human flourishing.



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

# Sew Day: June 20



Join fellow guild members for our summer Sew Day and Basic Skills to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building. Bring your own project or work on/participate in one of 2 Basic Skills activities:

1. Quilt As You Go: Bring at least two quilted blocks or bands, plus material for sashing front and back to learn how to connect quilted bands together. Trina will be using the Seminole pieced bands from an earlier Basic Skills class to demonstrate.
2. Make a Pillowcase - either bring your own fabric or use some of the guild's fabric to make pillowcases for donation.

No cost for members, although donations to cover snacks and the room rental are appreciated.

Reserve your spot today

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## 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](mailto:MQSCPresident@gmail.com) with your name, skills and contact information. We will announce more details at the business meeting.



To get started, here are 3 talented members ready to help you out.

Sue Peretti-Keith [suepk12@yahoo.com](mailto:suepk12@yahoo.com) (707)494-3649 LongArm Quilting

Jean Farnham [jeanfarnham@gmail.com](mailto:jeanfarnham@gmail.com) (402)669-4393 LongArm Quilting (edge to edge only)

Sue Evans [operationsshoebox55@yahoo.com](mailto:operationsshoebox55@yahoo.com) (707)548-8426 T-Shirt Quilts

## Community News



### Sonoma County Fair Deadline for Entry: June 30th

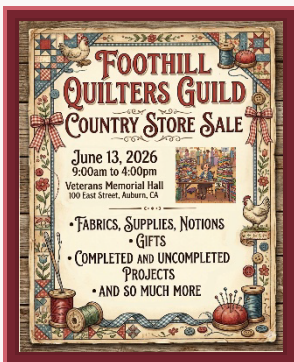
Quilts will be dropped off is July 16th. There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

[Entry Details can be found here](#)

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# Shows Across Northern California

Click on the buttons below for more details about each show.



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## Day Guild

### In Person Workshop - June 19

### with Michelle Trimble

The Santa Rosa Day Guild is offering an in-person workshop with Michelle Trimble on June 19th at the Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center. If you missed our zoom workshop with Michelle, this is your chance to learn to make a stunning improv sunburst.

Registration information can be found on the [Day Guild's website](#).



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## 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](#)

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## Meeting Minutes On-Line

As a reminder, meeting minutes are now published online. To access the minutes, 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 Birthday To You....



Bonnie Buckingham  
Saraj Cory  
Christine Covington  
Michelle Crosbie  
Robin Dieter  
Norma Jean Edwards  
Judy Keating

Miriam Marlin  
Linda Mason  
Dolores McCann  
Julie Neff  
Wendy Powers  
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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.

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