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MOONLIGHT QUILTERS OF SONOMA COUNTY ESTABLISHED 1980

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a bonus mini-newsletter to keep us all up to date.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Moonlight Quilters!

It's been a busy summer! Lots of behind-the-scenes work on guild matters. Your officers, chairs, and coordinators have been working diligently to come up with way to deliver their various activities so that the membership can enjoy many of our usual fun activities.

At this point, it seems very probable that we will not be meeting in person until the next calendar year. I'd really like to encourage all of you to come to our various meetings and activities on Zoom. We will be including many of your favorite "things to do" at the business meetings on Zoom – Show and Tell, Block of the Month, Medallions, Friendship Blocks, and more. We also have a number of programs and workshops scheduled for the Fall. If you have not had the opportunity to try out Zoom and would like some assistance, please feel free to contact me. We have a small group of members who are ready, willing, and able to assist you in getting on Zoom and using the basic functions.

By the time you read this, we will have had our annual audit committee meeting and our annual finance committee meeting. During the latter, the committee works on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Needless to say, the budget will be very different from any that we have previously had. The majority of our 2019 – 2020 income came from membership dues. We received some income from our opportunity quilt ticket sales, but no income from the Spring Fundraiser or raffles at business meetings or any other sources. For 2020 – 2021, we had to work from the premise that the only income we will have will come from membership dues and donations. I'm confident that our treasurer, Michelle Crosbie, and the finance committee will come up with a workable budget.

It's been a difficult year for all of us. I do hope that you are making time for yourself and for some quilting projects that warm your heart and help keep away some of the craziness we all are experiencing.

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

Stay safe. Wear a mask whenever you are out of the house, keep your distance from others, and don't forget to wash your hands.

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## UPDATES and REMINDERS

- \* All meetings will continue to be held on Zoom for at least August and September, and likely through December.
- \* We will have **two August meetings** this year. As you may recall, our usual practice is to have one meeting in July (program meeting) and one meeting in August (business meeting). Part of the reason for that is to avoid using the Vets building the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> and during the Sonoma County Fair. Neither of those is an obstacle this year. We will have a **business meeting** on Wednesday, **August 5** and a **program meeting** on Wednesday, **August 19**. Note: Block of the Month and Show and Tell will only be shown at the first meeting in August.
- \* As of August, we will be returning to **“regular” meeting schedule**. By that I mean that we will have our usual business meeting activities on the first Wednesday of the month (see below for more information) and either a program meeting, Sewcial, or other similar activity on the third Wednesday of the month.
- \* Our beautiful **Opportunity Quilt**, Swirling Stars Over Wine Country, is now on display at Bolt Fabric + Home in Cloverdale.
- \* **Opportunity Quilt Tickets**: Geri Cross will be selling member packets of Opportunity Quilt tickets again at Village on a drop in basis during August. She will be there during **First Friday (August 7 - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm)**. Other dates and times will be announced via email blast. You also may turn in completed tickets to Geri. Please contact Geri directly if you are unable to make the drop in dates and she will work out logistics with you.
- \* The **VP Challenge** is due Wednesday, **August 19**. A photograph of your Challenge quilt should be sent to Karen Derrick at [mqscvp@gmail.com](mailto:mqscvp@gmail.com) **no later than 5:00 pm on August 19**. The rules for creating your VP Challenge quilt are on the website (click on “Things to Do” then “Vice President’s Challenge”). The photos will be presented as a slide show at the August 19 meeting on Zoom. There will be a “people’s choice” award for the quilts that are in the VP Challenge. Photos will be on the website. Instructions on how to cast your vote will be coming soon.
- \* **Community Quilts and Cat and Dog Cuddles**: Marilyn Lira (Chair, Community Relations) will be holding First Fridays to collect community quilts and cat and dog cuddles. On the **First Friday** of every month, beginning Friday, **August 7** from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm**, she will be in the parking lot of Village Sewing Center accepting community quilts and cat and dog cuddles. This will continue at least through the end of 2020. Also, Bolt will be a Moonlight Quilters drop off location for community quilts and cat and dog cuddles. Items may be dropped at Bolt any time during regular business hours (currently Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sunday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.) Please bring your items in a plastic bag and include a note with your name and what you are donating. Note: You may stuff as many items as you’d like into each plastic bag. Items will be picked up at least once a month. If you have quilts or cuddles to turn in but are unable to make it to Village on a First Friday or Bolt during its open hours, please contact Marilyn directly to work out logistics.

\* **Friendship Blocks:** Current Friendship blocks are up on the website (click on “Things to Do” then “Friendship Blocks” then “Friendship Blocks Ready to be Made”). There you can download the instructions for making each block. New Friendship blocks will be introduced at business meetings (on Zoom) and added to the website. Completed blocks may be dropped off at Village Sewing Center or Bolt Fabric + Home during regular business hours. Place the completed block in a plastic bag along with your name and contact information. Ask at the desk for the Moonlight Quilters Friendship Block envelope. Of course we’d love to see a photograph of your completed blocks during Show and Tell at our business meetings on Zoom. If you have any questions regarding the Friendship Block program, please contact Jeanne Nelson or Margaret Garretson directly.

\* **Block of the Month:** The BOM coordinators have been, and will continue to, put each month’s block up on the website (click on “Things to Do” then “Block of the Month”). There you can download the instructions for making each block. New BOMs will be introduced at business meetings (on Zoom) and added to the website. Completed blocks should be dropped off at Village Sewing Center during regular business hours. Place the completed block in a plastic bag along with your name and contact information. Blocks for each month should be turned in no later than the Monday before the business meeting at which they will be shown. Ask at the desk for the Moonlight Quilters “bin.” Please also forward a photo of your block(s) to Teresa Lewis at [mqschistorian@gmail.com](mailto:mqschistorian@gmail.com) so it may be included in the BOM Show and Tell at each business meeting. Each BOM will be raffled off at the business meeting where it is due, to one of the members who turned in that block. Note: If you have blocks from previous months – March through July – that you would like to include in the block raffles, those may be turned in at Village up until August 3, with photographs sent to Teresa by that same date. If you have any questions regarding the Block of the Month program, please contact Denise Ragozzino or Robin Dieter directly.

\* **Show & Tell:** We will be moving to a once a month schedule for Show & Tell as of August. Show and Tell items will be shown at the first meeting of each month. Please photograph your projects and forward your photo(s) to Teresa Lewis at [mqschistorian@gmail.com](mailto:mqschistorian@gmail.com) no later than the Monday prior to the Wednesday meeting when they will be shown. Please include your name and title of your project. Teresa will combine them into a slide show to be shown on Zoom at our business meetings.

\* Village continues to be a **drop off point** for masks. There still are a number of worthy organizations that need masks.

\* Mancuso, the company that brings us the Pacific International Quilt Show and others, will be holding a second **online quilt show** August 12 to August 15, 2020. There will be an online quilt competition, classes, and vendors. There is a suggested entrance fee donation of \$8, but it is not required. You may attend for free. Classes (taught on Zoom) are fee-based and registration has opened. For more information, go to [www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com) and click on upcoming shows and events then online quilt festival.

\* **PIQF has been cancelled** for this year. There probably will be another online quilt show in place of it.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

As we adjust to meeting via Zoom, Programs is pleased to announce the following lectures and workshops.

On **August 19th** Sarah Goer will join us via Zoom for a lecture titled: [Rules and Options of Planned Improv Piecing](#)

Sarah likes options... but she also likes a plan. This lecture and trunk show will discuss how Sarah uses her planning nature to develop rules for herself which drive her Planned Improv quilt design work. She shares work in a series and shows how she iterates on a design. Sarah explains how she develops a formula for her project. Quilters leave with specific ideas of how to develop a set of rules to guide their improv piecing. We may have her return later for a workshop as well. To learn more about Sarah Goer visit <https://www.sarahgoerquilts.com/>

In September Julia McLeod of Silk and Salvage will join us for both a lecture and a workshop. The lecture on **September 16th** is called [Silk and Salvage: New Quilts from Rescued Materials](#). "A bit of history, a bit of inspiration, & a bit of step-by-step Show & Tell... We've been making quilts from Silk and from Salvaged materials for quite some time now, and the end is definitely NOT in sight! Come see a variety of quilts that Sue Fox and Julia McLeod have been making, along with the themes and techniques we have been exploring, each in our own individual styles."

On Saturday **September 19th** Julia will present a workshop called [Basics of Working with Silks in Quilts](#). Here's a brief description of the workshop: "Over the years, through the trial and error of making dozens of silk quilts, we have learned many systems and strategies—these are tips, tricks and techniques that will enable you to enjoy the process and to succeed in using silks. We always bring lots of samples and examples for you to study, and we share simple exercises that will give you confidence to continue working on your own." The workshop is limited to 20 people. As soon as we've worked out the way to register and pay, we will send an eblast. Also, we have about 100 neckties available for students to use. I'll be distributing those on First Friday at Village Sewing in August and September. Again, more details to come via eblast. To learn more about Julia McLeod and Silk and Salvage visit <https://silkandsalvage.com/>

**October** plans are still in flux.

On **November 18th** Jean Smith will join us for a lecture on [My Quilt Journey and How to Quilt in a 1000 Square Foot House](#).

Linda Lampson, Program Chair

## MEDALLIONS

Hello Moonlighters,

**Round 5** of the 2019-2020 Medallions are due **August 19th**. Please contact either Dale or Trina to arrange to have the completed medallion turned in by August 19.

The completed Medallions will be displayed and raffled off during the Installation meeting on September 2nd. Dale and Trina will arrange to have the medallion and extra fabric delivered to the winners.

**Medallion starts for 2020-2021** are being accepted now. Please contact either Dale or Trina to make arrangements to have your medallion starts and fabric accepted it by Sept 16. As of mid July we have 4 starts turned in and several people have indicated they are going to submit starts. Remember, starts are on a first received first accepted basis.

Contact information: [MQSCMedallions@gmail.com](mailto:MQSCMedallions@gmail.com) Trina home: 707-865-0454 Dale home: 707-568-7277

## CAT & DOG CUDDLES

**Thank you** to those who turned in cuddles in July through the drop off days at Village Sewing and by special arrangement. Patricia Bauer, Carole Behlke, Dena Harding, and Susan Bishop contributed a huge stack of 40 beautiful cuddles. Thank you, ladies!

I have heard from Forgotten Felines that their online auction will be 7/28 – 8/2. I will send detailed information out via eblast once I have it.

We will continue to collect cuddles through the First Friday drop offs, Bolt, and by special arrangement as detailed in the newsletter. Cat cuddles should be 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

## BASIC SKILLS

We are so thrilled that we were able to have our first Basic Skills class on Zoom this past Saturday! Eleven MQSC members attended. Many thanks to our Free Motion Feathers teacher, Trina Jahnsen! So far the feedback we have heard has been positive! Some remarks were: "you are a wonderful speaker and teacher," "I enjoyed this class very much," "we didn't have to travel or drag our machines anywhere," "we could go at our own pace and take breaks when we needed". All in all, we feel good about moving forward with other Basic Skills classes via Zoom during this Pandemic.

We are looking for your input on classes that you might like to participate in or teach such as a machine applique class or how to quilt as you go, or any other ideas you may have. Please send us an email at [mqscbasicskills@gmail.com](mailto:mqscbasicskills@gmail.com).

Patti Bassignani & Karen Lavender

## SUMMER WORD SEARCH FUN

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CARDTRICK	LIAR	PRESSERFOOT	TATTOO
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COTTON	MEET	RAILFENCE	TRIP
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## 2019—2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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**Membership in MQSC** is open to all who share an interest in quilting. Members enjoy meetings and special events, receive a monthly newsletter, have use of a library of quilting books, videos, tools, and patterns, and receive discounts from some affiliate members.

**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](http://www.mqsc.org).

The *Patchwords* newsletter submission deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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