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Patchwords Newsletter

March 2025

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County



Sewing into Spring

The weather is finally warming, the daffodils and poppies are blooming, and spring is in the air. We have so much going on, please read to the end for all the exciting events on our calendar. In this issue you'll find:

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February Events

Business Meeting: March 5

Open to Everyone: In-Person and Zoom

6:30 p.m. social time, 7:00 p.m. meeting begins

Join us at the Veterans Memorial Building for a Community Quilt parade, and Star Quilter, Pet Cuddles, Block of the Month, Friendship Blocks and more.

We will have updates on our upcoming events include Day Camp, the annual fabric sale, Medallion Quilts and Scrap Cities.



One of Sue Evan's gorgeous quilts

Veterans Memorial Building, (map)

1351 Maple Drive, Santa Rosa

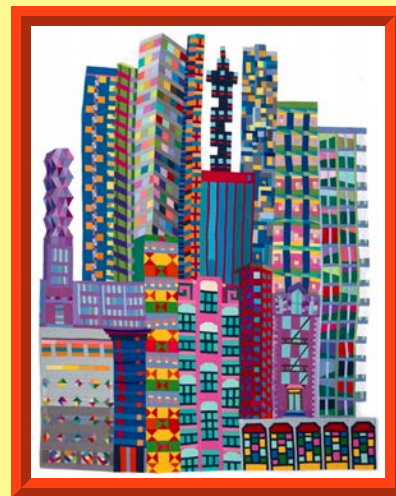
Zoom link provided before the meeting (members only)

Cathy Perlmutter “Scrap Cities” lecture

March 19, 2025

7:00 p.m. Zoom (members only)

Cathy Perlmutter elevates architectural quilts to new heights with her signature scrap cities technique. Her quilts have been inspired inspired by New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and many fantasy lands. In this lecture, she'll take us on a whirlwind tour with photos of real buildings, and how they inspire fun, mostly pieced fabric versions. This lecture stands on its own, or can be the opening of my workshop on the subject.



Sew Day at the Library

March 8, 2025

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rincon Valley Library



MQSC quilts in the wild 2025

Rincon Valley Library
6959 Montecito Blvd, Santa Rosa

The MQSC Rincon Valley Library show, featuring 18 quilts from MWQC members runs through April 30th.

Be sure to stop by the information desk to read the inspirations of each quilt.

On March 8th, join other members for **Sew Day at the Library** to promote our craft and guild. Sew in public or help a newbie learn to make a disappearing 4 patch block.

President's Message



Signs of spring are starting to emerge. The days are getting a little warmer and a little longer and my desire to be in the garden are increasing with the inviting sunshine.

Today, as I write this, I'm enjoying the surroundings of Camp Newman with 20 other attendees. Whenever I attend a retreat or quilt gathering, I'm struck by the creativity, imagination and beauty

that surrounds me. The accommodations and food are wonderful and we are treated royally. I highly recommend joining us in next year.

Don't forget to join us for the zoom board meeting and in person business meeting In March. We also have a great zoom presentation happening by Cathy Perlmutter with a workshop to follow.

All the dates can be found on the Moonlight Quilters Webpage.

See you there

Kathy Vedder, President

March 5 Activity Announcements

Fat Quarter Frenzy



The March fabric exchange will feature animal prints and cozy felt fat quarters.

Medallions



Round 3 Medallions are due back to Katina by April 16th. There are several medallions that need to be filled so you can still join in this design challenge. You can see the options [here](#) before you sign up.

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.

Block of the Month



Bring your completed Turnstile blocks to the March 5th meeting while picking up the next design.

It was quilted by Mary Slack. Learn more [here](#).

Fabric Donations for the Fabric Sale



The Craft & Quilt Boutique and Fabric Sale is a great opportunity for you to declutter/cull your quilting stash. For each in person meeting between now and October, the Fabric team will be collecting specific types of fabrics. The March meeting will feature **purple and green fat quarters or larger**. Of course if you want to tackle and purge all at one time, contact Marilyn Lira (mlira4350@comcast.net) or Trina Jahnsen (tjriver@yahoo.com) and they will arrange for your donation to get to the storage unit.

Cat & Dog Cuddles



Over the winter months, we collected 77 cuddles from Carole, Maureen, Christine, Sue, Jean, April, Diane, Kathy and Janske. Forgotten Felines of Sonoma County and Dogwood Animal Rescue thank you!. There will be fabric, batting and patterns at the meeting.

March Star Quilter: Sue Evans



I learned to sew in junior high HomeEc, as many of my generation did. I thoroughly enjoyed sewing and admired quilts from a distance. In the early 90's my childhood best friend lost her mother who had been an avid quilter. My friend mourned that maybe she should of taken her Mom up on learning to quilt. In honor of her mother I purchased us a class at Ben Franklin on beginner quilting. We were both hooked.

We started with the log cabin, graduated to half square triangles, did a lengthy stint with rag quilts while they were the rage. I tried paper piecing, not my favorite, I love panels until I have to decide what to do with them. I did a wedding ring quilt and said never again! My favorite block is a house block, because I believe every home needs a quilt.

At this stage of my quilting journey, I love the richness of Fall Colors, I love Batiks and I love trying new things. One thing I know for sure is there are no rules in quilting, and if you think there are, you probably should try to break a few.

Upcoming Member Events

Scrap Cities

March 22

In Person Workshop

Day Camp

April 5/6

10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Vets Building



"Scrap Cities" with Cathy Perlmutter. This will be an in-person workshop at the Vets Building in the North Room. Cathy has self-published two fabulous books on architecture inspired quilts and has been featured on "The Quilt Show" with Alex Anderson. Learn more about Cathy and her quilts on her website: cathyperlmutter.com

\$50 member free, \$60 non-members

Scrap Cities Workshop



Are you ready for a weekend filled with creativity, laughter, and delicious meals? At MQSC Quilt Day Camp you'll have time to sew, chat, and enjoy lunches and dinners with fellow quilters. Please register in advance, since space is limited. Your \$60 registration fee includes lunch and dinner for both days.

Questions: email Sue Evans at mqscvp@gmail.com

Day Camp Registration

SAVE THE DATE
2025 Fabric & Quilt Sale
Volunteers Needed



Barn Quilts Lecture
May 21
In person and Zoom



The Craft & Quilt Boutique and Fabric Sale is our largest fundraiser. This year's event, on October 11 will again feature:

- Fabric \$5 per lb (tax included)
- Quilt Show with quilts for sale
- Opportunity Quilt Raffle
- Bake Sale
- Raffle Baskets

We are looking for volunteers to plan and work this event. Please contact Trina Jahnsen to assist in planning and Robin Deiter to volunteer.

In May, our program meeting will be focused on the wonderful wood artwork created by Rick and Sandy Carroll showcasing traditional quilt blocks. Rick will talk about how his retirement became a second career in partnership with his wife, Sandy, and answer your questions about the design process, responses from the community and anything else you think of!

Read about Rick and Sandy in the Press Democrat

[Browse Our Full Calendar of Upcoming Events](#)

Community News

Cloverdale Citrus Fair Quilt Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the MQSC color and design prize.



Helen Anderson, Adult Category



Noah Shaffer, Youth Category

Eat Your Veggies
Quilted and pieced by Helen

Nightingales at Night
Quilted and pieced by Noah



Quilt San Francisco comes to the Event Center at St. Mary's Cathedral at 1111 Gough Street on March 28 - 29. Tickets are \$15 at the door OR buy in advance for \$12 the [SF Quilt Guild website](#). Doors open at 10 am. both days.

Northern CA Quilt Happenings

Follow the goings on of quilt events throughout Northern California such as quilt shows, quilt teachers and other guild activities by subscribing to the Northern California Quilt Council newsletter. As a member of MQSC, you are automatically a member of the Northern California Quilt Council.

[Read the latest newsletter](#)

[NCQC Website](#)

MQSC Quilt Retreat: Spring 2025



Become a Member

There are many benefits of being a Moonlight Quilters member such as Basic Skills Classes, Workshops, zoom links to meetings and more.

Dues are \$60/year. The new year begins September 1, but you can join anytime. Scholarships are available for those who have trouble paying their 2024-25 dues. 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](#)

Welcome New Members

Wendy Powers (right)
Kerstin Stauffer

We hope to see you at a meeting
soon.



Happy Birthday To You....



Maureen Bray
Lee Inman Feinstein
Sharon Harper
Jeanne Nelson

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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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