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## Patchwords Newsletter

December 2024

Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County



# Gratitude, Joy and Giving

Happy Thanksgiving and early Holiday joy. In the season of giving and gratitude we want to thank you for making our guild an inspirational community. In this issue you'll find:

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## December Events



## Holiday Celebration: Wed, December 4

6:30 p.m. decorating, fun and social time, 7:00 p.m. the party begins

It's a fun-filled holiday celebration with delicious food, gifts, games and frivolity. You can participate by some, all or none of the list below:

1. A wrapped fat quarter
2. A wrapped White Elephant gift. This can be an inexpensive new purchase or a chance to regift something to a new home.
3. A working pen.
4. A holiday quilt to hang for decorations
5. A new toy for little ones. We'll have a Toys for Tots collection box.



Who doesn't love a potluck?

6. New toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush etc), clothing (socks, hats, gloves), or Safeway gift cards for our local un-housed. There will be a donation box to help us help.
7. FOOD!!! The famous MQSC pot-luck alpha ordered:
  - A-E: Dessert
  - F-N: Side dish or Salad
  - O-Z Main Dish

Please remember to provide a label to tell folks about dairy, gluten and/or vegetarian/vegan content.

Email [Karin Beam](#) with questions.

Veterans Memorial Building, (map)  
1351 Maple Drive, Santa Rosa  
Open to everyone

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## Looking for Volunteers: Round Robin 2025

February 19, 2025

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

The start of a new year traditionally marks one of our favorite programs, Round Robin. This is where we get to hear from our own members who share a skill, a project, an innovation, an idea, or all of the above in 15-minute rotations.



We are currently looking for volunteers to share that evening. If you have an idea for a short presentation, please contact Kay Hawkins at [mqscroundrobin@gmail.com](mailto:mqscroundrobin@gmail.com) or [hawkinseabass@comcast.net](mailto:hawkinseabass@comcast.net)

Learn more on the [MQSC website](#)

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## Call for Entries: Rincon Valley Library Quilt Show



2024 Rincon Valley Quilt Show

The Rincon Valley Library invites us to show our stuff next February. **The 2nd annual Moonlight Quilters show has space for 18 quilts, with a maximum length of 72” and a sleeve for hanging.**

Are you ready to show off your skills?

Quilts will be accepted into the show on a first/come first/serve basis. To enter, send Denise Ragozzino a photo of your proposed quilt (it can be a work in progress). No more than 2 quilts per person, please. Denise will confirm your acceptance in early January.

Show quilts will be delivered either to Village Sewing in January or to the Rincon Valley Library on January 29th. We’re planning an opening reception and a Sew Day at the library. More details to come. In the meantime, decide which quilt(s) you would like to display and send Denise those photos.

## President’s Message



The rain has arrived! I hope everyone stayed dry and safe during the latest record rain storm.

Our November program meeting “Giving Back Through Sewing” happened as planned. Even though many of you decided not to weather the storm we had a group of close to 40 people join us on zoom! Members from different organizations spoke about how we

can make a difference in our community. Please check out patterns and instructions on our website under” Things To Do.” If you have questions, you can contact the programs chairpersons. They will be happy to help you out.

## **DON'T SEW ALONE!!**

Would you like company while sewing on these rainy days? **On November 29th the zoom sewing room will be open from noon until 4**, or later, depending on participation. If you're interested, I'll be sending out a zoom link this week. It's open to anyone who wants to chat, share patterns, tips and techniques or quietly sew while listening to others discuss...whatever?

Come and go as your schedule allows. This is a great way to meet other members who you might not get a chance to know in meetings. See what others are working on without having to pack up your supplies and driving in the rain. If you have questions or don't get the link, send me a text at 707-849-2441 or an email to [MQSCpres@gmail.com](mailto:MQSCpres@gmail.com)

Happy Sewing!!

Kathy Vedder, President

# Activity Announcements

## Dec 3rd Holiday Celebration

### **Fabric Exchange**



December's fabric exchange is one yard of any fabric you would like to give. All of the fabric will be donated to the Community Quilt committee, and your

### **Community Quilts**



Each year the Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County make approximately 120 adult and baby size quilts to donate to a variety of organizations that support at-

name will be entered in for a drawing for a \$15 Starbucks gift card.

risk populations in Sonoma County.

Fabrics are donated by members and merchants, the loving stitches are completed by members and friends.

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## Cat and Dog Cuddles

Cat and Dog Cuddles are a quick and delightful way to give back to our community. So far, we've collected 88 cuddles for Forgotten Felines and the Dogwood Animal Rescue.

We will be collecting quilts at the December potluck. If you would like fabric or batting, please email [Julie Neff](mailto:julie@forgottenfelines.com) and [Janske Silva](mailto:janske@dogwoodanimalrescue.com). They will arrange for you to get what you need.



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## Upcoming Workshops

**Peace Cranes Over  
Hiroshima  
January 18 and February 1**

**Scrap Cities  
March 22**



These workshops will be 3 hours each and **on Zoom** with Dana Jones. There are few spots still available. We will be ordering the class kits (patterns etc..) in early November to assure they can be distributed in time, so don't delay in signing up. For more information and registration, click the button below. Learn More about Dana on her website: [danajonesquilts.com](http://danajonesquilts.com)

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

\$20 kit fee for all

Peace Cranes Workshop



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](http://cathyperlmutter.com)

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

Scrap City Workshop

Learn about Moonlight Quilters Activities including Block of the Month, Friendship Quilts, Pet Cuddles and more:

Things to Do at MQSC

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

## Where are my MQSC E-Blasts? Become a Member

Are you missing the MQSC e-blasts? Those are just one of the many benefits of being a Moonlight Quilters member. You also enjoy access to exclusive events 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

## Happy Birthday To You....





Heidi Anderson  
Shirley Black  
Debbie Cesaretti  
Margaret Garrison  
Joan Harper  
Kanani Jones  
Linda Lampson  
Linda Paladino  
Holly Palma  
Denise Ragozzino  
Dale Yamamura

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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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