

# Pines & Needles



NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA QUILTERS GUILD

OCTOBER 2020

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## ZOOM Meetings

**Monday, Oct. 5, 2020**

**6:30 PM via ZOOM**

**Cindy Grisdela**  
"Playing with Colors"

**Monday, Oct. 19, 2020**

**6:30 PM via ZOOM**

**Gudny Campbell Trunk Show**

A safe link to both meetings will be emailed to you prior to the meeting.

## MPQG Calendar

**September 29 @ 5:30 PM**

Board Meeting **Zoom**

**October 5 @ 6:30 PM Zoom**

Lecture with Cindy Grisdela,  
"Playing with Colors"

**October 10 @ 9 AM-12 PM and**

**October 11 @ 11 AM-2 PM**

"Artful Improv" workshop with  
Cindy Grisdela **Zoom**

**October 19 @ 6:30 PM Zoom**

Trunk Show with member Gudny  
Campbell

**October 27 @ 5:30 PM**

Board Meeting **Zoom**

**November 2 @ 6:30 PM Zoom**

Lecture with Christa Watson  
"Tips & Tricks on Quilting"

**November 16 @ 6:30 PM Zoom**

Demo: "Binding the Sally Miller  
Way"

**December 7 - Winter Social TBD**

## ZOOM Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2020 — 6:30 PM

**Lecture: Cindy Grisdela**

**"Playing with Colors"**

[www.cindygrisdela.com](http://www.cindygrisdela.com)

Cindy Grisdela, from Reston, VA, is an award-winning fiber artist with over 30 years of experience creating eye-catching quilts. She specializes in improvisational quilt designs and dense free motion quilting, and she travels extensively all over the country teaching and lecturing to guilds and groups. She is excited by the opportunities to continue sharing her work using live online classes and lectures.



Cindy is the author of *Artful Improv: Explore Color Recipes, Building Blocks & Free Motion Quilting*, published by C&T Publishing. Her quilt designs have been published in numerous books and magazines, and she appeared in three episodes of Quilting Arts TV – #2101, #2104, and #2213 – discussing Fearless Curved Piecing, Scrappy Improv Blocks, and Secrets of the Art Show Circuit. She was awarded Best Use of Color – Innovative at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival in 2019 and Best of Show at the Downtown Art Festival in Gainesville, FL in 2015, among other awards.

Kathrin Brown, Programs  
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## ZOOM Meeting

Monday, October 19, 2020 — 6:30 PM



**Trunk Show  
with  
Gudny Campbell**



## President's Letter — October 2020



As fires continue to burn in all of the western States, I would like to express my gratitude for those who are providing help to the affected. Thank you to our members who have been sheltering their neighbors, caring for animals, and donating quilts. We are fortunate to be a part of such a generous community.

I would like to share some thoughts about the fiscal health of our Guild. Our income has definitely been reduced due to the loss of the 2020 Quilt Show as well as reduced dues. However, our expenses are also reduced because we are not paying travel expenses to teachers and lecturers or rents for meeting space. This enabled the Board to adopt a balanced budget despite the current challenges.

While we are hopeful that we will be able to hold our 2021 Quilt Show, we did look at what impact losing it would have on our finances. Removing both the Show Expenses and Income from the budget would result in a loss of just 15 to 20% of our reserves. That means that we have enough money to continue to operate well into the future. Thank you to all of our members for continuing to support this organization.

You will find this newsletter filled with opportunities to create and connect with your fellow members; be sure to read it all so that you don't miss anything. If you know a member that doesn't use email or needs help using a computer, please reach out to help them so they can stay connected as well. As we continue to stay socially distant, we must rely on each other even more.

Sherrill  
[quiltersherrill@gmail.com](mailto:quiltersherrill@gmail.com)

## Call for Grant Requests

MPQG annually awards grants to other community groups. Due to COVID, these groups are starting out the year with many restrictions, but we hope that as things return to normal quilting will still be a part of their plan. The grants are small (between \$150 and \$200). They are awarded to groups which focus on providing educational and creative programs that preserve the heritage of quilters, promote excellence in quilt design and craftsmanship, and raise public awareness regarding the art of quilting. Grant requests are accepted between October 1st and December 31st of each year.

We are asking the membership to help get the word out about this opportunity. If you know of an organization that does good work in the area of quilting, contact Joan Costello at [beachbreak1250@gmail.com](mailto:beachbreak1250@gmail.com). A letter and Grant Request form will be sent to the organization inviting them to participate.

Joan Costello, Vice President  
[beachbreak1250@gmail.com](mailto:beachbreak1250@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Workshop

### “Artful Improv — Permission to Play” Workshop with Cindy Grisdela via ZOOM

#### 2-part Workshop:

Saturday, October 10 — 9 am-12 noon

Sunday, October 11 — 11 am - 2 pm

# FULL

Learn to create your own original quilts with no pattern using improvisational piecing techniques. Students will learn to let go of the “rules” and piece blocks in an intuitive, free form fashion. We will explore contemporary improv blocks, improv circles, and angled stripes, plus insets and curved strips. Use strips and scraps to add interest and make your design your own. There’s no measuring or precise cutting and each quilt will be unique.



We will discuss color choices and using simple design principles to create an original dynamic composition. The extended class goes into these ideas in more depth, as well as discussing quilting options and alternative finishing techniques.

Basic sewing skills and a machine in good working order are necessary. Best for intermediate to advanced quilters ready to take the next step to creating original designs. The quilt shown is an example of a quilt I made using the techniques taught in this class.

Please email [kathrin.brown@gmail.com](mailto:kathrin.brown@gmail.com) for more information or to register for this workshop (\$45 workshop fee for both days).

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## MPQG Membership

### Membership News



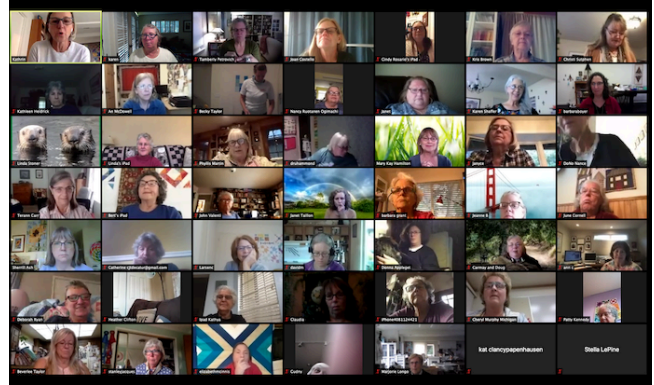
BIG THANKS to our 100+ members who have already renewed—or recently joined—MPQG! While these are the most unusual of times, we are united through our passion for our projects, our interest in learning new techniques, and the inspiration we find through guild friendships.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do it today. This year of fabulous Zoom guild meetings, workshops and events is only \$40 — a 20% discount over last year. And since you can “attend” via Zoom from anywhere (and we hear MPQG is ahead of the curve), invite your out-of-town quilting pals to join us as well! Find the 2020-21 Membership form at the end of this newsletter.

Karen Shaffer  
MPQG Membership  
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# What Quilters say about ZOOM meetings and workshops

- ▶ I have a front row seat every time; thus, I can hear every word and see the detail of the shown quilts!
- ▶ I don't drive at night and can be at the meeting.
- ▶ I don't have to leave the house and still feel the community of my friends while sitting in my favorite chair at home
- ▶ No schlepping. I have access to all my fabric during a workshop and am using my own machine.
- ▶ Sharing is nurturing whether in a workshop or at the "mingle" and I am learning about members that I wouldn't sit next to during a live meeting.
- ▶ I can still attend to any family member that has to be at home.
- ▶ Two session workshops help me to process the information and then catch back up with the group.



**MPQG has a ZOOM account that is available to use for any member and friendship group!  
Just contact me to ask about it!**

Kathrin Brown  
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The Challenge Quilts Show and Tell was held by Zoom on September 14th.  
The full slide show can be viewed at [MPQG Challenge Quilts 2020](#).



## Charity Quilts Report

Thanks to all who have stepped up their game at this time of local hardship. The fires around us have been devastating. It will take some time and ingenuity to get your quilts to those in need, but with help from several places we will get it done. Regina Liske will pick up your quilt donations at Back Porch and The Rabbit Hole, and I can send you labels! I have provided quilts to a contact with Cachagua Volunteer Fire Department and to Pastor Orville of the Valley Bible Fellowship on Cachagua Road. The church has been a hub of activity for fire fighters and FEMA.

If you know of someone who has lost a home please let me know and I will make sure their name and contact information gets on the master list.

Terann Carr  
831-375-7881

## Charity Deliveries

I am glad to report that even during this crazy SIP I have been able to make a few deliveries. Natividad accepted neonatal quilts, SVMH has received 18 heart pillows as well as neonatal quilts. Which reminds me, please add heart pillows to your projects in anticipation of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is October. I hope CHOMP will accept them at that time too.

CASA has had two on-line trainings and accepted 15 quilts for the volunteers to take to their "kiddos". It is great to be able to meet these needs.

Terann Carr  
831-375-7881

## Tying for Everyone

There are still some projects in town if you want something to either tie or machine quilt on your home machine. Donna Foote has the tying projects I mentioned last month at her home since she babysat them while I was evacuated. I have some similar projects at my home, along with a few that are long-arm ready. Donna's number is 530-277-2166

Thanks to all who rescued all the Guild quilts and Finishing Projects during the evacuation. Luckily, I was only away for three days and two nights, staying with Donna Appleget. It was an amazing time of helping each other!

Terann Carr  
831-375-7881

## UPDATE: Monterey County Fair 2020

As you may know, the Monterey County Fair was cancelled. I wanted to bring you up to date.

Michele Soares, the Exhibit Coordinator for the Fair, said there was no judging of the quilts this year for the following reasons:

- There was no budget to pay the judges.
- There was no way to keep the quilts secure during the process of photographing and judging them.

She is hoping to have a special exhibit in 2021 of the 2020 quilts and possibly "Covid" quilts. Our guild will continue to share 2021 Monterey County Fair information as it becomes available. I hope this information is helpful as we begin to plan for 2021!

Carole Brower, Outreach Coordinator  
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## While We Stitch at Home

Here are a few things to do in between (or during) crafting at home!

- SAQA, International Quilt Museum, Quilt Alliance, SJ Museum of Quilts and Textiles, and the Modern Quilt Guild are continuing with their weekly programs - Some amazing talks about quilts, art and community that are free for you to watch and educational and entertaining. Check out the newest on Women's Suffrage - It's Complicated. [Textile Talks](#)
- [Wisconsin Museum of Quilt and Fiber Arts](#) sponsors a bi-weekly [Fiber Talks](#).
- **Pacific International Quilt Festival (PIQF)** will be an Online Quilt Festival Oct 14-17 with workshops and a quilt show - submission deadline is Sept 28. [LINK TO PIQF](#).
- **PBS Short Film Festival about [Paducah Quilt Show](#)** (16 minutes)
- **Craft In America - [Quilts Episode](#)**
- If you like **QUILT ALONGs**, follow **@letsquiltalong** on Instagram to see which artists are currently hosting a quilt or sew along!

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## BOM Update — April Blocks

We heard that there are some lonely butterflies fluttering in some members' homes that are looking for their swarm.

If you made the Butterfly Block of the Month for April and would like to put it into the lottery drawing, here are the instructions:



- Put your name on the block (either write it into the seam allowance or pin a post-it on it).
- Mail the block to **Kathrin Brown, 15355 Via Los Tulares, Carmel Valley, CA 93924**.
- Drop off your block/s at Back Porch Fabrics (there is a paper bag at the entrance, near check out).
- Due date: September 30th.

If you made more than one block, your name will be entered as many times as you made blocks. We will do the drawing at the October 5th meeting to give you time to get the blocks in the mail or the opportunity to make another.

Pattern here: [https://media.rainpos.com/5018/bom\\_april\\_2020.pdf](https://media.rainpos.com/5018/bom_april_2020.pdf)

Any questions, please contact me.

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## Block of the Month — October

### \* Sunshine Star \*

George Harrison wrote *Here Comes the Sun* in 1969 at the house of his friend Eric Clapton, in response to the dark mood surrounding the Beatles. He was under quite a great deal of personal stress during this time with a surgery to remove his tonsils, an arrest for possession of drugs, and learning that his mother had terminal cancer. That winter was the worst recorded in England and the demands of Apple records were making recording feel “like school”. He wrote, “The relief of not having to go see all those dopey accountants was wonderful, and I walked around the garden with one of Eric's acoustic guitars and wrote *Here Comes the Sun*.”

The times we are going through call for the optimism of his beautiful song. Have a listen and feel the weight on your shoulders lift a little bit. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQetemT1sWc>

#### Remember the instructions:

- Choose a favorite color palette of fabrics in a variety of values to use on all the blocks that you create. Use your scraps!
- Each month we will post a new Beatles song with prompts and inspirations for your block. **You will be given the option of following the instructions for a block that we choose or creating your own design inspired by the song.**
- All squares will be either 18 ½ inches or 12 ½ inches unfinished; your choice. If you feel like you might not complete all the months you might prefer the larger size.
- We will ask that you share your completed block each month on our Zoom Show and Tell and then keep your blocks to put together in a quilt of your own design.



Here is the link to the **Sunshine Star** by Sherri McConnel. It's very much like Block 1 with HSTs and I promise to mix it up next month:)



[https://bearcreekquiltingcompany.com/media/uploads/2020/01/24/files/BH3\\_2-Sherri-McConnell-Sunshine-Star1.pdf](https://bearcreekquiltingcompany.com/media/uploads/2020/01/24/files/BH3_2-Sherri-McConnell-Sunshine-Star1.pdf)

The directions are for a 12” finished or 12 ½” unfinished block.

If you make an 18” finished or 18 ½” unfinished block, your square sizes are

A- 5”

B- 5 ½”

Trim your HSTs to 5 “

If you'd like a paper pieced alternative, try this 12 ½ in Sunshine Block.

<https://www.gathered.how/sewing-and-quilting/quilting/sweet-sunshine-quilt-block-pattern/>

Contact me with questions: Joan Costello

[beachbreak1250@gmail.com](mailto:beachbreak1250@gmail.com)

831-247-1907

## Fall Auction — November 12-22

We are so excited about our Fall Fundraiser. The money raised will go towards funding grants to encourage sewing skills in young people. If we exceed our goal, we will use it to buy batting for quilts for fire victims.

We received some items this month, but please keep them coming! It's time to take pictures and post them at #mpqqquiltauction to get your friends and family excited!



I love this Christmas Tree Skirt from Joann Coss. It photographed so well—I know it will get a lot of bids!

### Auction Item Categories:

1. Wall hangings and mini quilts
2. Pincushions
3. Table runners, placemats, potholders and mug rugs
4. Tree skirts, quilted ornaments, stockings and holiday decorations
5. Other quilted items and gifts
6. Handcrafted items and gifts (Allows for other fiber arts and creations, but keep in mind that we may have to ship items, so please keep their size and weight down.)

Our next collection date is October 10th. Barbara will be enjoying Cindy's workshop, so stop by her studio at 207 16th Street, Suite #203, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. Please come anytime from 9-4pm. Call her if you need another time 925-485-4376. Make it a Quilting Day and stop by Back Porch Fabrics to see Kathrin's amazing show!

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## Adding to Our Treasury

Don't forget to use the **Amazon Smile Program** in these times of internet shopping.

Here's how: Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and sign up. You can use Prime, or not. Then, choose Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild as your charity of choice. Finally, shop as you normally would ... just make sure that you are on the Smile portion of Amazon. 0.05% of your purchase comes directly into our bank account quarterly. Here are links to the AmazonSmile program....easy to sign up, no charge, works with Prime or regular Amazon....and you can see your contribution at any time. [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).



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# MPQG Friendship Groups



MPQG Friendship Groups are open to all members. If you would like information about visiting or joining a group, please call or e-mail the group's contact Member listed below. For general information regarding Friendship Groups, or to get help forming a new group, please contact Marjorie Longo, (831) 624-8649 or [frumml@aol.com](mailto:frumml@aol.com).

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<p><b>Carmel</b> <i>Tea Timers</i> Meets <b>Wednesday</b> 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Pat Tillson, 831-625-4123 All levels meet to do handwork.</p>	<p><b>Carmel</b> <i>Out of the Box Quilters</i> Meets the 2nd and 4th <b>Thursdays</b> 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Marjorie Longo, 831-624-8649 All levels meet to sew, discuss, and create.</p>	<p><b>Laguna Seca Area</b> <i>No Strings Attached</i> Meets the 3rd <b>Tuesday</b> 4pm-6pm Chamisal Bistro - Happy Hour Robles Road Corral De Tierra CA Cec Larsen, 235-0456</p>
<p><b>Carmel Valley</b> <i>Cut-Ups</i> Meets the 1st <b>Thursday</b> 12-4pm, St. Dunstan's Church; Liz Rondelle, 831-601-0330 Meets to sew, share mini demos, group challenges, and charity quilts. Large tables available.</p>	<p><b>Mid Carmel Valley</b> <i>Valley Girls</i> Meets the 3rd <b>Thursday</b> 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Diana Vorne 247-7635 All levels meet for sewing and some group projects.</p>	<p><b>Monterey</b> <i>Stitch and Dine</i> Meets the 2nd <b>Tuesday</b> 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. Gudny Campbell, 831-372-6369 Sewing and dinner.</p>
<p><b>Laguna Seca Area</b> <i>Charity Quilt Friendship Group</i> Meets the 3rd <b>Friday</b> 9:30 a.m. to ?? Terann Carr, 831-375-7881 All welcome to participate.</p>	<p><b>Salinas</b> <i>Que Sera Sera</i> Meets every <b>Monday</b>, 11-2pm Active Seniors, Inc. Susan Riddoch, 831-449-6315 Focus on embellishments.</p>	<p><b>New Monterey</b> <i>Friends of Fred</i> Meets the 3rd <b>Monday</b> 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Regina Liske, 831-333-9302</p>

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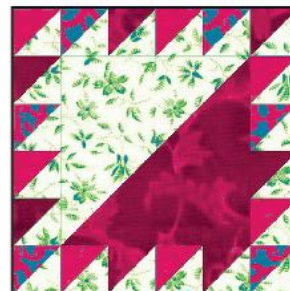
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## Member Quilt Show

# Why I Quilt

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Cause  
Challenge

September 6 to October 27, 2020

The Gallery at Back Porch Fabrics



## Member Quilt Show — Upcoming

Encore — Two Lindas

Quilts by Linda Branting & Linda Garofalo

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 through January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Gallery at Back Porch Fabrics

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Please write your check payable to MPQG and send with this form to MPQG, ATTN: Membership, P O Box 1025, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

**Your name** (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

If you are currently a member and have no changes in your contact info, that's all we need. Thank you for renewing your MPQG membership!

If you are a new member or have updates to the contact info we have on file for you, please fill in any **CHANGES**:

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Thank you for your membership in MPQG.  
We appreciate all you do to keep our guild strong and vibrant!