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Mt. Tam Quilt Guild
Marin County, California

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
Living with a mandatory shelter in place order can be difficult for everyone. When you think about it, quilters are probably one of the more prepared and most adaptable demographics.

Social Distancing and Quarantine - Quilters can spend endless hours by themselves sewing without noticing how much time flies by. We can entertain ourselves by getting lost in a quilting book or website and letting our imaginations soar. We are capable of talking to our sewing machines the same way one would talk to a plant or pet. You know they will not speak back but it feels good to converse with them.

Shelter in Place – This is easy when you are a quilter with a pile of UFO’s and an endless stash. I know there are some of us who could keep busy for a year attacking the UFOs and whittling away at the stash.

Supporting Our Community – Quilters, especially members of Mt. Tam Quilt Guild, are always willing and ready to lend a hand when a need arises. We are committed to providing quilts to hospitals and various service agencies as well as pillow cases to campers. And don’t forget, we can support our local quilt shops by ordering online. Many are ready to take your order so you can continue to resupply and keep quilting for the duration.

I hope everyone is well and that we can be together for our May meeting. I am expecting an abundance of Show and Tell!

Keep Quilting, Ruth

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Note: Newsletters are brief snapshots of what goes on in our guild. Our website MTQG.ORG is the main source of all sorts of information both old and new so check it frequently. See new Member Activities section.

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REMEMBER THAT YOU WILL NOT NEED A RIDE!

NO APRIL MEETING

HOSPITALITY
EVEN IF YOU ARE SHELTERING AT HOME

YOU CAN STILL COLOR AN EGG!
During this shelter-at-home time, I've tried to make our website a place where you can go for:

- Affiliate members (quilt stores) that are using online shopping and shipping or pickup.
- Cancellation notices and reschedule dates of both guild activities and other quilt-related shows and workshops around the Bay Area.
- Ideas of things to do while at home - online classes, tutorials, patterns for Ways & Means or Outreach items, etc.

So please check it out at [MTQG.ORG](http://www.mtqg.org). If you know of cancellations, reschedules, or good online classes or tutorials, let me know and I will post them on the website.

Joy Troyer (joytroyer@aol.com)

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### GUILD MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS 2020

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Due to the current COVID 19 restrictions on gatherings we have rescheduled the March and April speakers to later this year and next year respectively.
Our May speaker is Sujata Shah. Please check out her website https://therootconnection.blogspot.com/. She's scheduled to hold a Windmills workshop on May 30th. If you have an interest in her upcoming workshop, please contact me at jaehni@yahoo.com call 415-235-6558, as soon as possible so I can add you to the sign up list. Another way to register for Sujata Shah’s May 30th workshop is online at MTQG.org; scroll to the workshop section and click the link.

Upcoming speaker schedule for August through December 2020:
- August 11-Meet and see the quilts of members who entered the County Fair. (If there is one.)
- Sept 8-Pattie Klimek, Slow Stitching
- Workshop, Sept. 26- Free Motion Quilting with Nancy Sumner
- October 13-Jane Haworth-Journey of a Quilt Artist
- Nov 10-Marjan Kluepfel-Evolution of Art Quilter & Fabric Dyer
- Dec 8-Holiday Party

Opportunity Quilts:
- May 12-Diablo Valley Quilters
- Aug 11-Napa Valley Quilters
- Sept 8-MNAG

DONATIONS: We have received a donation of dowels for hanging quilts. Contact Jane Ehni (415-235-6558 or email jaehni@yahoo.com) if you have an interest in any of these.

Jane Ehni

Margaret Catelli has a BOM ready for the next live guild meeting. Hopefully, that will happen soon. If you won a BOM at any time in the past, use your shelter in place time to finish the project. You’ll be able to show it at the holiday party or earlier in a meeting Show and Tell. In the meantime, stay safe, take care and quilt away.

The Batik Bedazzled group quilt project will be put on hold and we will pick it up again next year.
Janis Bosenko and Margaret Catelli
**CHALLENGE QUILT**

Being confined to your home is the perfect time to work on your challenge entry. What does 2020 mean to you? Will we have references to CV-19? It is an interesting time; make the most of it.

Gail Angiulo

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**LIBRARY**

Don’t forget to bring the library books you borrowed back in February to our next live meeting.

Clare

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**OUTREACH**

Outreach has kits for you to make lap size quilts. How to get one? Terry Giancaspro has a box of 20 quilt kits on her front porch. Look through them and find the one you want. Record kit number and your name in nearby notebook.

No need to call Terry. No due by date. Instructions and label are included.

We are also in need of preemie quilts. You can make these from your stash. Preemie measurements are 28 inches by 28 inches.

When you need the batting, call Terry and she will cut batting for you, and place on her porch for you to pick up. Our supply of large pieces of backing is very limited. Our workday to fix this got cancelled with Shelter in Place. Please feel free to make your own backing. If you get stuck, send Cathy a picture of the top and I will look through my own stash. Terry lives in the Terra Linda area at 647 Tamarack Drive, San Rafael.

Reminder for when we have our next live meeting: if you have a have pillow case kit out, please bring it back to the next live meeting. If you want to make new ones at home use the youtube video of Jennifer’s Magic Pillowcase for instructions. It is okay to use flannel fabric.

Thank you, Cathy (C. 415-370-5848) and Terry (H. 415-479-0250)
**MEMBERSHIP**

Remember that membership renewals for 2020/21 will be done differently this year. **We are asking everybody to renew their membership during the month of June.**

June 1-9: mail a check to MTQG or pay online with PayPal through our website: MTQG.org.  
June 9th meeting: pay by check, cash or PayPal.

- Paying on the night of the meeting means less time to socialize or enjoy the speaker.  
- We will have a drawing for all who renew by June 9th.

Eileen and Susan

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**PILLOWCASES**

**Pillowcases**— Thank you for making pillowcases. I am not providing kits at this time. If you need instructions please check out [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAomYjHzUQk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAomYjHzUQk) and [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrYW/Cma9wgM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrYW/Cma9wgM). Flannel makes a great pillow case.  
Kathy Norwood

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**WAYS & MEANS**

**Please Make Stuff:** While you are at home, please make a few things for Ways & Means fall craft fairs. I can send just about any pattern to anyone who wants one. I also have a bunch of kits for micro-cozies and crayon totes. If you want a kit, let me know and I can leave it out in my car port for you to pick up. I also have patterns I can email you to make micro cozies, closet safes, and potato cookers just to name a few.

**Saturday, May 9 at Bay Quilts, 5327 Jacuzzi St 3-C, Richmond, CA 94804**  
This is going to be a “Zipper Workshop”. Jeanne Bartlett will erase all your fears of zipper installation! We will each make a small coin purse, a pencil zipper tote, and a closet safe from kits provided by Ways & Means. If you turn in your finished items to Ways & Means, the class is free. If you want to take your items home, you have to purchase them (which is still cheaper than a normal workshop!) Register online or sign up at the Ways & Means table at our next live meeting. Registration is $10 which will be returned to you the day of the workshop.

Joy Troyer
Spring came early this year in fact the vernal equinox fell on March 19 nationwide this year. It's the earliest start to spring since 1896. It also occurred when we have been required to “shelter in place” and observe social distancing because of a virus that has sprung up all over the globe. However don’t forget to step outside and breathe the spring air and look for the life that comes with the season. Take a moment to feel the life around you.

**PASSOVER** - The Jewish holiday of Passover is celebrated for seven days beginning April 8th. The celebration begins on the first day at sundown, when family members gather for a special dinner called a Seder.

**EASTER** - The springtime celebration of Easter is a Christian tradition marking the day Jesus Christ is said to have come back to life. Easter is also a celebration of new beginnings and the changing seasons. In 2020, Easter is celebrated on Sunday, April 12.

**SONGKRAN**, a celebration marking the Thai New Year, is all about making a fresh start with a splash. The festival in Thailand kicks off on April 13 and lasts three days. Water plays a major role in the festival. Symbolically it washes away the previous year so people can get ready for the next one.

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**2ND ANNUAL WALKER CREEK RETREAT**

Back by popular demand! We had “sew” much fun quilting the weekend away at Walker Creek Ranch last December we are going to do it again. Here are the details:

Walker Creek Ranch, 1700 Marshall Petaluma Rd, Petaluma
**February 26-28, 2021** (Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon)

Three Lodging Types: include all meals (6) from dinner Friday night through lunch on Sunday:
- Economy Lodging - $219 (bunk room, bring your own bed and bath linens)
- Semi-private Lodging = $303
- Private Lodging = $395

If we have 15 people register, we will be able to extend the fun to include day trippers. The cost for day trippers will be $61.50 and includes lunch and dinner.

We can decide later if we want to work on our own projects, all work on our own quilt but the same pattern, or have a teacher (this would increase the price). The last retreat saw UFOs being rejuvenated, new projects tackled, lots of camaraderie, and laughs.

Please let me know if you are interested in going and what type of room you would like (rgeorgevits@yahoo.com). This is not an absolute commitment on your part. I need to have an idea of how many of each type of room to reserve. Payment will not be needed until October 2021.

Ruth Georgevits
BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEES

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BOARD MEETINGS 2020

Northgate Community Room, 5800 Northgate Dr., San Rafael, CA 94903
4th Tuesday of every other month - Northgate Community room 7:00 pm – 8:45 pm
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Mt. Tam Quilt Guild meetings are
Held at Aldersgate Church
#1 Wellbrock Heights
San Rafael, CA

Meetings on 2nd Tuesday of the month
Social 6:30 pm, program & 7:00 pm,
Announcements and business 8:00 pm
, show and tell 8:30 pm.
New members always welcome!

Board meets 4th Tuesday @ 6:45 pm every other month,
Usually in Northgate Mall meeting room San Rafael.
Everyone is invited.

The purpose of the Guild shall be:
- To promote interest in and appreciation of the art of quilt making.
- To share quilting information and education.
- To encourage high standards of technique and design.
- To assist our community by utilizing the talents of our members to create quilts for those in need.
- To donate those quilts through Marin County nonprofit agencies.

For Mt Tam Quilt Guild activities please go to: www.mtqg.org