Oh my gosh! I cannot begin to tell you how surprised I was at our July meeting with the wonderful gifts you gave me. I am speechless. Y'all are much too generous. It is a privilege to be the president of the Mt. Tam Quilt Guild surrounded by people/artists who are to-the-moon-and-back talented, creative, doers, problem solvers, friends, and always ready to contribute to the community. Who wouldn’t want all these contacts in their rolodex? (Totally old school – right?) Seriously, I am simply riding on the bus while you are the wheels and the engine that move the bus forward.

Speaking of creative doers... One of my favorite parts of our monthly meetings is seeing what you have been working on. Show and Tell was the best Friday activity in early elementary school. I was enamored by the baseball card collections, trinkets from vacations and favorite books presented by classmates. I showed my button collection one Friday and it bombed. They were all from my Dad’s worn Brooks Brother’s shirts, plain, transparent, white with 4 holes. I was collecting them to make a pearly necklace. Not one child in my class understood. I bet you would have! Please, please, don’t forget to send Jane Ehni photos of your creations prior to our meetings. Virtual show and tell is inspiring.

Speaking of friends... Do you know someone who has not renewed their membership for 2020-2021? Could you please give them a nudge? Several of our Zoom presenters have contracts stipulating that all who view the presentation must be current MTQG members. I completely understand as presenters and teachers are after all trying to make a living doing what they love. Interlopers undermine the presenters’ ability to entertain and educate us. The upside of Zoom meetings is that we are seeing presentations from talented quilters who live far outside our neighborhood that we might not have been able to afford to pay for their airfare and lodging in real life.

Sew and Stay Sane, Ruth
IMPORTANT ZOOMING INFO: Something new, we will all need to register for upcoming meetings, including the August meeting. An email will be sent (or blasted) out to you with the link to register for each meeting. Click the link and fill in the registration information. Once registered, you will receive a confirming email with the link you need to join the meeting. SAVE THAT EMAIL!

Aug. 11, 2020 (via Zoom)


Boost your colour confidence and learn to use every colour of the rainbow in your quilts. Linda & Carl will discuss the basics of colour theory, demonstrate colour concepts and how to create and combine dynamic colour palettes, as well as share their tips and tricks on how to find colour inspiration in everyday objects to inspire, infuse and ignite the colour in your next quilting project. (BECAUSE OF COPYRIGHT ISSUES, THIS LECTURE WILL BE RESTRICTED TO GUILD MEMBERS ONLY, so be sure to renew your membership!!!)

Sept. 8, 2020 (via Zoom)

**Pattie Klimek – SLOW STITCHING: Rediscovering the Joy of Handwork**

Hand quilting is not a forgotten art. It is a fast, easy, and relaxing way to embellish a quilt and can be combined with machine quilting to accent a quilt in many ways.
GUILD NEWS FLASHES
DON'T FORGET TO USE OUR WEBSITE @ mtqg.org

Watch the MTQG.ORG website for:
-- Information on how members can help during the pandemic (e.g. making masks)
-- Cancellations & rescheduled events (both MTQG & other quilt-related events in Bay Area)
-- News about our members.

If you have events, photos, information, or updates to post, let Joy (joytroyer@aol.com) know and she'll do her best to get it posted promptly. So please check it out at MTQG.ORG. Joy Troyer

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Greetings – due to the pandemic BOM is not able to pass out a pattern and fabric or collect the blocks for the monthly block give away. In order to foster MTQG group participation we will use a “shelter in place” format. Each month a BOM pattern will be posted in the newsletter “until we meet again” (as Roy would say) in person at the church. We ask you to use your own fabric and keep your finished blocks. After twelve (12) blocks you should have enough to make a quilt or lap quilt.

The first block is Pinwheel Turns (instructions to follow.) If you have any problems please contact Margaret Catelli, Block of the Month chair, @ mlccatelli@msn.com or 415-485-1887. Looking forward to seeing your finished block at the next meeting on Zoom. Have Fun!!
Margaret Catelli & Gila Pomerantz  BOM Chairs

Remember the Batik Bedazzled Block? The Block issued at the February meeting was destined to be part of a group quilt to enter in the 2020 Marin County Fair. In March the world changed. No in-person meetings and the Fair was cancelled. For those who have completed blocks, please mail them to Janis Bosenko 67 Shell Road Mill Valley CA 94841. Alternately, if you live in Mill Valley Area or will be coming to a Mill Valley, you can drop it off at my house. Leave the block(s) on my front porch on the red bench. Thank you - Janis Bosenko

CHALLENGE QUILT

Many - possibly hundreds - of you never had a chance to sign up for this year’s challenge. Please consider making a quilt for this project. You still have plenty of time, and 2020 is giving us a lot of material to work with. Here is an edited version of the original guidelines:
What does 2020 mean to you? It’s the theme for this year’s challenge.
You might consider how “hindsight is 2020” and make a traditional pattern. “2020 vision” could produce a quilt about eyeglasses. 2020 is an election year, and politics is a topic often employed by quilt makers. You might select a goal - personal or universal – as theme. It’s also a leap year (frogs? rabbits? kangaroos?) Or compare this year with the 1920’s.
Obviously, themes of social justice and the pandemic would be very appropriate.
Your quilt can be any size, and you can employ any techniques(s) but trying something new is always a good idea. Fabric choice is up to you.
Quilts will be shown at our December holiday party. They will not be judged. There's no need to let me know you’re making a challenge quilt, although I’d love to hear from you.
Con affetto, Gail Angiulo
CHILDREN'S BOOK UPDATE:
Our children's book is well on its way to becoming a reality. Twenty-five guild members submitted 80 quilts for consideration. The story was written and 56 quilts were selected to illustrate the story. Over 4 days in July, all of those quilts were photographed by Allen Schuster, Cathy Schuster's very talented husband! We managed to schedule the quilters at safe intervals, use social distancing, masks and gloves to check quilts in, photograph them and get them back to their owners. Now comes the task of putting it all together in the form for publication. At this point, it looks like it's going to be an awesome book, thanks to the many talents of our guild members! Stay tuned.

W&M KITS: As always, I have kits and patterns if you’d like to spend some of your sheltering time making items for next year’s craft fairs. Just send me a note at joytroyer@aol.com to arrange delivery. Go to this page on our website: https://mtqg.org/ways-means-products-and-patterns/.
Joy Troyer - Ways & Means Chair

LIBRARY
Greetings from the Library
I hope you have been sewing, crafting, or quilting during our shelter in place. Perhaps you’ve been making masks. I miss our in-person meetings. I like how people would casually stop by the book cart and look for project inspiration or just something to broaden their quilting knowledge. Since the Guild’s resource is not available, did you know that Marin County’s libraries are offering curbside service for pickups and returns? When I took a look, I noticed numerous books available that may be of interest. Some are even available as eBooks. The many books listed feature a wide range of quilting subjects such as:
*Quilting techniques  *Quilting styles  *Ways to embellish  *Traditional to modern quilting  
*Color workbooks  *Mystery novels featuring quilters or quilts  *The history of quilting*
There is no way to list everything that is available. If you have a chance, I recommend taking a moment to search through marinlibrary.org. It’s a wonderful resource.

On another note, holiday fabrics and patterns are available in stores and online. Now is the time to start planning. Stay safe and keep sewing, Clare

SHOW AND TELL

Photo shoot for our book.
Don’t forget to take a photo of your Show & Tell item and submit to jaehni@yahoo for the next meeting. Deadline is Aug 14th.

On Friday July 3rd, 10 MTQG members arrived at my house to surprise me. It was indeed a surprise because I was expecting a solo visit from Ruth Georgevits. The masked group presented me with this beautiful quilt made with blocks made by approximately 20 members. It is beautifully quilted by Joy Troyer. She quilted a heart into the center square on each block. I was truly shocked by this gesture. I was thinking “what did I do to deserve this?” For those who may not know, I am going through medical challenges.

I have sent personal thank you notes to all the known contributors. If I missed anyone, thank you for contributing to this quilt. I will treasure it as much as I treasure the caring, supportive community in MTQG.

- Janis Bosenko
MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations on renewing your membership; if you have not renewed yet, please do so now.

Thank you for answering the questions keeping MTQG exciting and in touch with the membership. It is so great to see how well the Zoom meetings are being received, especially amongst the large number who had barely heard of Zoom before this all began. Some are still having trouble, however; if you need help and would like to be matched with a Zoom savvy “Buddy”, let us know. If you are willing to be a buddy, we would love to hear from you.

Susan swgreenhill@msn.com and Eileen eileenminhk@gmail.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

As I write this, my washing machine is swishing away with your quilts to be donated. Buckelew Programs is delighted to be receiving our 10 lap/bed sized quilts. I want to thank Jan Davis, Clare Zemarkowitz, Sydne Bortel, Nancy Sumner and others for their recent outreach quilts. Buckelew Programs provides services for those with behavioral and mental health needs. One of their many services is to provide housing to those in need in our Marin Community.

Whistlestop continues to need fabric and masks made for their clients. Please see their ad and picture elsewhere in the newsletter. Kathy Norwood and Barbara Searles have been big donors of masks for Whistlestop.

Last month we introduced the idea of a Mystery Quilt for outreach donation or to keep for yourself. A Mystery quilt is one in which you do not know the final quilt pattern outcome and the directions are given one 'clue' at a time. Jana, Terry and I have recently selected a pattern. We are each going to make the quilt, to 'test' the pattern instructions and fine tune the directions for you. For now, you can visit your stash and locate three fabrics of light, medium and dark value, which coordinate and are distinct from each other. The fourth fabric, the zinger, will be one of the borders if you choose to border your quilt. Fabric quantities will be given to you after we verify the pattern fabric quantities, likely next month on August 1st.

Practice the 3 W's: Wear a mask, Wash your hands and Watch your distance.
Terry Giancaspro, Cathy Schuster and Jana Fleming Outreach committee

He must be thinking of the Ice Cream Social Meeting in July!
P.S. Hi ladies,
I received this Thank you card to Debbie Bellings-Kee for the Masks she made for the Kaiser Supply Chain dept. Cathy Schuster

P.S.#2
College of Marin Is Offering a Zoom Quilting Class
Responding to the community’s needs, COM is offering Quiltmaking class.

Quiltmaking
This course teaches the fundamentals of quiltmaking, including fabric and color selection, block techniques, finishing borders, batting and binding. Students will create a sampler quilt from start to finish, using techniques such as strip piecing or applique’. Ongoing development of techniques and creative design are supported for different skill levels. A material list will be provided at registration and students must purchase their own supplies (approximately $50).

4773 I Bruvry I Zoom Virtual Classroom
6 Saturdays 10:10am -2:00pm I Aug 29 – Oct 3
$ 104 class fee - Registration begins Tuesday, July 28, at 9:00am via www.marincommunityed.com.

Patricia (Patty) Bruvy, retired from teaching in the Fashion Dept. at City College of SF, last year. She was an instructor of Textile Design, Art to Wear, Sewing and Quilting. Patty will be talking briefly about her class at our August 11, general meeting. Her emails pbruvry@comcast.net if you have any questions.
Stay safe and sane, Terry Giancaspro and Cathy Schuster

TIPS AND GIVE AWAYS

GOT LINT? When changing thread on your machine un-thread the needle, snip thread from off the spool and pull the remainder out from the bottom rather than pull up from the top to reduce the amount of lint getting deposited in the thread pathway.

GOT SEAMS TO RIP? I saw a tip like this a year or so ago and bought an inexpensive beard trimmer to use for about $20 and use it all the time. Here is a how to link from Sew So Easy using a brand name electric ripper. I love using mine and their how to video link: https://so-sew-easy.com/electric-seam-ripper/
**FREEBIE:** This sewing cabinet is looking for a new home. The current owner says: "I am going to get rid of this table. It has a recessed area on the top surface so that quilting can be done more easily without variations in height. It folds up into a smaller space, and it has a cabinet and drawer that will store quite a lot of stuff."

If interested, contact Susan MacDonald 415-747-8416

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**MASK TALES**

My mask story isn’t as dramatic as Debbie’s or Barbara’s. It’s just supporting family and friends along with our guilds Outreach. The one difference is making masks for my son in law’s work for his “team” to be safe. Bryan Osaki is Assistant General Manager at the Executive Inn at the Embarcadero in Oakland. In the beginning of lockdown, the hotel accepted first responders as guests. The hotel didn’t have enough time to order masks from an online retail source so Bryan asked me if I would make masks for his team. I felt honored to be asked!

So, I quickly started sewing and made them about 30 masks. He sent me a picture of some of his team and he called them the “Safety Bunch” a take-off of the Brady Bunch as his picture was set up in the Brady Bunch format. I am supporting Meals on Wheels more because I know how important it is for their clients to be safe

Bryan wanted to pay me for the masks but I told him I would donate his monies to the guild and he was ok with that too. So, the guild received a donation of $75.00 from him.

Kathy Norwood July 12, 2020

By the way: Whistlestop needs 100% cotton fabric for masks

*Whistlestop volunteers continue to make masks for our staff, drivers and older adults in our community. As we create new programs and reopen services, we need 100% cotton fabric for the mask making team. Have you checked with your family or friends who collect fabric and are willing to donate to us? Also, if you are making masks and have some to donate to us, we will have them picked up. We can provide kits if you would like to be a volunteer sewer. For volunteer sewers, and fabric or mask donations please contact: lvermont@whistlestop.org*

Thank you! Laurie Vermont
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BOARD MEETINGS 2020

Zoom or 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
Sept. 22, 2020 - Nov. 24, 2020
MTQG Block of the Month
2020
Pinwheel Turns

From White Print Fabric Cut
1 – 5 ¼ x 5 ¼ - white square/cut diagonally twice to make four white triangles (A1)
4 – 2 ½ x 4 ½ - white rectangular squares (C)

From Gold/Brown Leaf Print Fabric Cut
1 – 5 ¼ x 5 ¼ - square/cut diagonally twice to make four (4) triangles (A2)

From Medium Assorted Print Fabric Cut
2 – 4 7/8 x 4 7/8 - asst. print square/cut diagonally once to make two half diagonal triangles – you will have four (4) of these triangles to make (B)

From Gold/Green Lined Print Fabric Cut
1 – 2 ¼ x 2 ½ - gold/green print square (D)

Assembling - Piecing the Blocks
Sew together 1 white solid (A1) and 1 assorted (A2) as shown in Diagram1. Sew assorted B to joined A’s as shown to complete a unit. Make 4 matching units.

![Diagram](image)
Referring to Diagram II-A sew together unit and white C as shown to make a section. Make 4 matching sections. Iron seams towards darker fabric.

Referring to Diagram II-B partially sew section to gold/green print D as shown. Working in counter-clockwise direction, add sections to remaining 3 sides of D. Complete the partial seam to make block.

Finished Block should measure 10” x 10”.
# Quarantine Quilt Bingo

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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
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