PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

INSPIRATION: As we approach 6 months of sheltering-in-place inspiration can be hard to find. Add excessive heat, summer lightning, rolling blackouts, and fire season starting early to the mix and inspiration pretty much disappears.

I have the best inspiration there possibly can be. I am getting a promotion in early September. No, not at work. I am being promoted from mother to grandmother. I can think of no better inspiration for a quilter. I have spent untold hours combing through books and online looking for just the right pattern to use. Of course, the ultimate idea did not dawn on me until mid-July. Then in the beginning of August another equally fantastic idea dawned on me. Now I am frantically stitching away on both quilts. Nothing like a deadline to put the creative process into high gear. I would tell you all about the designs, but I cannot. You will have to wait for the Holiday Party in December when we reveal our Challenge Quilts. Gail asks, “What does 2020 mean to you?” I answer, “My family grows!” I hope you have found something to inspire you as we muddle through what has to be the most unbelievable stretch of time ever.

Ruth
Sew and Stay Sane, Ruth
IMPORTANT ZOOMING INFO: Something new, we will all need to register for upcoming meetings. 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!

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.

Oct. 13, 2020 (via Zoom)

Patricia Belyea of Oakan Arts Seattle, WA – ENTER THE ALLURING WORLD OF JAPANESE YUKATA QUILTS

Patricia Belyea will tell us stories about visiting Tokyo for the International Great Quilt Show. She will explain the elaborate process of hand-dyeing Japanese yukata cottons and show samples of the different patterns. Also, Patricia will display her quilts made with yukata cottons and talk about how the fabrics inspired each quilt composition.

Nov. 10, 2020 (via Zoom)

Marjan Kluepfel – EVOLUTION OF AN ART QUILTER & FABRIC DYER

This is an educational slide lecture and trunk show with a big dose of humor woven in. Marjan grew up in the Netherlands. You will hear about her nontraditional approach to quilting and how she creates her hand dyed fabrics. She explains where her ideas and inspiration come from, how her work has evolved over the years and why she does what she does. Learn from Marjan’s mistakes so you won’t make them yourself!
Hospitality is looking forward to our September Guild meeting via Zoom, this would be a perfect time for all of us to enjoy a cool refreshing glass of lemonade together. You may make a pitcher of fresh lemonade or purchase a bottle of readymade lemonade from the grocery store. Either way, enjoy!

Old-Fashioned Lemonade Recipe from Country Living

1 ½ c. fresh lemon juice (from about 10 lemons), plus 2 lemons sliced
1 ½ c. sugar  Berries & fresh mint sprigs, for serving

✓ In a small saucepan, combine sugar and 1 ½ cups water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until the sugar dissolves, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat & cool completely.
✓ In a large pitcher, combine lemon juice, 1 ½ cups sugar syrup, and 4 cups cold water (add remaining sugar syrup to adjust sweetness, if desired). Refrigerate until chilled.

Constellation Star (pattern follows) is the September BOM. 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.

If you have any problems please contact Margaret Catelli, Block of the Month chair, @ mlccatelli@msn.com or 415-485-1887. Don’t forget to send a picture of your completed blocks.
Margaret Catelli & Gila Pomerantz BOM Chairs

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.
Con affetto, Gail Angiulo
Greetings from the Library
Hope you are well and ready to build upon your quilting skills during these shelter-in-place times. From our MTQG library collection is a book that has always intrigued me, Sally Collins’ Small Scale Quiltmaking. Small scale is all about precision workmanship, proportion and detail. This is a book about process, that is, designing big but sewing small. Collins’ book offers guidance in color and fabric, construction, borders, and finishing. And there are nine projects for you make.

Another interesting book is Roberta Horton’s Plaid & Stripes. It looks to me as if Horton has covered everything you may ever need or want to know about working with directional fabrics in quilts. Some of the topics discussed are traditional pieced patterns, log cabin quilts, applique and much more. There are templates for 12 patterns. Which ones will you try?

Let me know if you are interested in borrowing either of these books, I just happen to have these at home.

Stay safe, Clare  
415/472-5620 seejzee@comcast.net

WAYS & MEANS

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

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 me (joytroyer@aol.com) know. Joy Troyer, Webmaster

MEMBERSHIP

Greetings, you may receive enquiries from MTQG Members who forgot to renew their membership for the current year; they will notice they are not receiving their newsletters, blasts and invitations to our Zoom meetings. Please reassure them, it is not too late to go to MTQG.org to sign up and get back on the roster.

Do check out the Affiliate Page of the new roster where you will notice 100% renewals. Please think about supporting these local businesses as you go online to buy fabric. Bay Quilts, Broadway Quilts and Quilted Angel all are ready to help you. If you have finished more quilts than you have time to quilt yourself, contact Black Point Quilts or Sew Little Time, and California Sewing and Vacuum are ready for when you need notions or if your machine needs some TLC. Susan and Eileen
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

What a great guild we have! Thirteen of you made a total of 228 masks for Canal Alliance and MarinHealth. Thank you all for answering the Call to Sew-Masks! By the time you read this, they will all be delivered to those in most need.

Members made from between 4 to 42 masks each. I would like to acknowledge their efforts. In no particular order, they are Lillie O-Reilly, Alice Brunsfeld, Martha-Mary Willson, Barbara Searles, Carol Parker, Kathy Norwood, Kathie Brown, Jane Ehni, Clare Zemarkowitz, Margaret Christensen and Ruth Georgevits. (Please let me know who made the 7 kiddie masks and the 7 scrub caps as no name was attached and thank you.)

I am hoping to take another batch of masks to non-profits in September. Please continue to sew masks and drop them off at Joy’s or Ruth’s front porch as the need continues. Date to be delivered to follow.

If you need a break from masks, please consider making a Mystery quilt. See Mystery Quilt column elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thank you all!

Practice the 3 W's: Wear a mask, Wash your hands and Watch your distance.

Terry Giancaspro, Cathy Schuster and Jana Fleming & Kathy Norwood (Pillowcases Outreach) committee

MYSTERY QUILT

ARE YOU READY TO BEGIN TO “UNRAVEL” THE MYSTERY? Well, it’s time to start with selecting and then cutting your fabric selection ladies! Don’t panic, you have a month until the next directions come out. This mission should you choose to accept it is strictly voluntary. We thought it would be a fun thing to do during shelter in place. This quilt pattern is suited to all levels of quilters, even newbies! Jana and I have worked out the bugs and have our quilt tops completed. We can’t show them to you though, cause then it would not be a MYSTERY.

For those new to Mystery quilts, the challenge is that you do not know what the finished pattern looks like (but you will like it!) and you get the directions a month at a time via newsletter and website. You are not timed on your completion rate nor will the quilt police come to tell you that you are running behind!

You can choose to keep, give away or donate your quilt to Outreach upon completion. The quilt top, without borders, measures 48 X 66 inches. You can also choose to add a border or not. I will present two for you to consider when the time comes. However, you need to decide during your fabric selection if you want to add a border. If you do, then you need to locate additional fabric.

Our presenters, Linda and Carl from Colourwerx, taught us at our August meeting about value, contrast and how to know if you have it. You will need three fabrics with three different values, light, medium (feature fabric) and dark with definite contrast between them. Pulling fabric from a stash can sometimes result in a drab quilt. To make sure that you have enough contrast, take a picture of the fabrics and change the photo to Black and White. If you can see a clear light, medium and dark shades, your quilt will have enough contrast.

See picture with description of fabric requirements and cutting instructions to keep you busy in September.
Binding: additional 2/3 yards for your Binding, your fabric color of choice and remember to add this 2/3 yards to one of your fabric totals. I plan to use additional Zinger fabric as my binding.

Border option: Feature medium fabric requires additional 1 yard to equal a total of 2 1/4 yards of feature medium.
Dark fabric additional 1/2 yard to equal a total of 1 yard of dark fabric.
PLUS, you will need to select what is called a Zinger fabric of 3/4 yards, which is NOT featured in the pieced top.
Just so you do NOT make the mistakes that Jana and I made remember these rules:
1. If you DO want Borders, you need more fabric. See paragraph above.
2. Don't forget your Binding and Zinger border fabric.
3. Check the contrast on your fabrics. The sample mystery quilt we saw had one light fabric and one dark and then darker fabric.
4. Take your time, this should be fun.
5. Let's show our completed Mystery quilts at a Zoom show and tell in the future.
6. Contact me with any questions. Cathy Schuster c: 415-370-5848 or cathy.h.schuster@gmail.com
7. Let me know you are making the mystery quilt! I like mine a lot and am now piecing the back with leftover top fabrics.
Outreach committee Terry G., Cathy S., Jana F. and Kathy N.

**TIPS**

**KNEE LIFT NOT COMFORTABLE?** I am vertically challenged. My limbs are short often presenting problems with reaching for things. The knee lift for my machine is invaluable but at first it just didn’t fit my leg. So here is a way to make it comfortable and easier to engage . . . the ubiquitous pool noodle. I cut off a short piece and pushed it over my knee lift and now it is just right (just like the child sized bowl of porridge, chair and bed in Goldilocks and the Three Bears).
NEEDLE THREADING TIPS REFRESHER

髻 Stiffen the thread end. Spray it with hairspray, rub it over a piece of beeswax, or just stick it in your mouth. (Yes, even with covid restrictions – your needle, your spit!) It also helps to pass a wet finger on the backside of the needle eye to use capillary attraction to draw the thread through. (I know, more spit!)
髻 Cut your threads in a 45° angle with sharp scissors so you get a clean cut.
髻 Make sure you have enough light when you thread a needle. Have you tried stick-on LED light strips? I have two on my machine.
髻 A white background makes the needle eye more visible. Keep an index card or small piece of white cardstock pinned to your pincushion. Place it behind the eye of the needle when you’re threading. You can do this with a hand needle or place the card behind your sewing machine needle.
髻 A neat video threading a needle by rubbing it on your palm. How to Thread a Needle! Different, but amazing! https://www.pinterest.com/pin/56998751520841534/

If you have a great tip to share sent it to me ronilda@yahoo.com

SHOW AND TELL

Don’t forget to take a photo of your Show & Tell item and submit to jaehni@yahoo for the next meeting. Deadline is Sept 7th.
MORE SHOW AND TELL

proquiltinate

VERB

1. to work on quilting projects when one should be doing dishes, folding laundry, or picking up one’s children from school

“I had planned on cooking dinner but instead I ended up proquiltinating.”
BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEES

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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
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CONSTELLATION STAR
BOM for SEPTEMBER 2020

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Pick four different colors of fabric – your stash – your choice.

- Fabric A - Cut 2 3 3/8 squares / cut into 4 half square triangles
- Fabric B – (White) Cut 6 3 3/8 squares / cut into 12 half square triangles
- Fabric C - Cut 8 3 3/8 squares / cut into 8 half square triangles
- Fabric D – Cut 8 3 3/8 squares / cut into 8 half square triangles

Sew fabric half triangles together – follow picture 3 above. Make one row at a time with half triangle squares. Makes one 10” x 10” square block.
Mt. Tam Quilt Guild
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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