

# MNAG News

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Welcome 2015!** It's a new year, new ideas and plenty of enthusiasm to undertake whatever life has in store for us. Just a reminder that we will not be getting together until Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> for this month's meeting (there was a conflict with the Church's schedule on our regular meeting date). We will have a guest speaker, Robyn Greene, at our meeting, who is a fabric rep for Hoffman Fabrics. She will be discussing the batik making process and how Hoffman treats it's people and the environment.

With the New Year, brings time for **membership renewal -- \$25 as in the past.** Please bring your renewal fees to the meeting or mail them to us: PO Box 6015, San Rafael, CA 94903.

We will also be setting aside a 15-20 minute period for each of the three "interest" groups to get together and discuss ideas for upcoming meeting and monthly workshop projects. This will give each group a time to formulate their plan, and discuss how to use funds allocated for 2015 to each group for these projects. We will also establish a schedule for each group to fill 2015 dates so that planning and guest speakers/teachers can be lined up. From the initial list we distributed in November, the following members have expressed interest in the following groups:

### Quilting:

Jill, Diane, Jo, Sara, Candace, Laura, Colleen, Lorayne, Jane, Barsha, Elaine, Carol, Shirley, Elaine E., Sybil

### Wearable Art:

Geri, Lorayne, Monika, Barsha, Arlene, Elaine E.

**Other:** (notes include knitting, crochet and outreach)

Geri, Diane, Monika, Barsha, Jo, Sara, Candace, Colleen, Jane, Arlene, Carol, Sybil

If you have not yet signed up, please come and join in any group(s) you wish to assist. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting, and we will be announcing the Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> workshop project there.

LaDonna Dorsey

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## BEGINNING QUILT CLASS - UPDATE

The beginning quilt class was a huge success due to the efforts of Sara Johnson and Jo Banvard. The group will continue to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in 2015. The format in future months will be more mentoring sessions, where interested individuals can come, get help and questions answered; this will allow each person to grow at their own pace. Anyone is welcome to come to the sessions and just sew up a storm.

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## MARIN NEEDLE ARTS GUILD PURPOSE

### *MNAG Statement of Purpose*

- *To educate & promote the highest standards of technique & design in the needle arts.*
- *To encourage interest, enjoyment creativity in doing all forms of needle arts.*
- *To promote cooperation and interchange of ideas among those who are engaged in, or interested in, needle arts in all parts of the world.*

The Guild, a non-profit membership organization, brings together quilters, needle artists and fiber artists. Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in the Needle Arts. Current members include educators and award-winning crafts-

people, as well as many enthusiastic amateurs who enjoy learning new skills, sharing ideas and enjoying the company of fellow enthusiasts.

Our goal, in fact, is to promote the Needle Arts through education. This year, 2015, there is a mentoring quilt class on the first Monday of each month and there will be workshop/class the 3rd Saturday of most months.

Members are always available to help anyone interested in learning a new skill, or improving their techniques. Beginners are encouraged to come join us for a fun filled day of learning and productivity. We also invite members to bring guests who may enjoy a particular event.

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## **BLOCK OF MONTH - Update**

*Mission Statement:* The goal of the block of the month program is for members to explore new and old quilting techniques while making a quilt for themselves and one for our outreach program.

2015 Block of Month -- Carol has agreed to continue with great ideas for 2015.

2014 Outreach quilts are in the finishing stages. Homeward Bound will have a representative at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at which time they will be presented the finished quilts.

If you have questions, please contact Carol Parker at [ceprep@comcast.net](mailto:ceprep@comcast.net)

## **OUTREACH**

Shirley has coordinated our outreach activities the last year and Jo Banvard will be helping her this year. Most likely we will be having another "stitchin for kids day" which will enable us to provide more items to that organization. We have also been approached by Hospice of Marin as they are setting up a "Hospice Room" at Novato Community Hospital. The room will be ready in

February. At that time we will be asked to provide a small quilt for the individual who will be in the room and eventually will go to the person's family. We will need to have in reserve a few small quilts, no bigger than 40 x 60, which we can get to them when needed. The way that the program is setup they will specify that it is either male or female and hopefully we will have a quilt available that is gender specific wither by theme or color; most men won't appreciate pink and purple flowers and perhaps trucks, tools and outdoor activities are better served in a quilt going to a male. If anyone wants to make a quilt for this purpose feel free to do so and give to either Shirley or Laura.

## **KNITTING & WEARABLE ARTS**

Wearable Arts/Knitting will be meeting at Aldersgate from 4pm – 6pm, prior to our Monthly meeting and sharing space with the beginning quilt mentoring group.

If wearable arts and knitting intrigue you, join us for techniques, tips and inspiration while working on your projects.

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## **Events around the Bay Area**

**January 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Heart of the Valley Quilt & Textile Show**

Modesto Centre Plaza, 10th and "K" St.,  
Modesto, CA

**February 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Folsom Quilt and Fiber Guild**

Show Folsom Community Center  
52 Natoma St  
Folsom, CA 95630

**February 21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> , 2015**  
**Pajaro Valley Quilt Association**  
Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds  
<http://www.pvqa.org/>

**March 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Murphy Quilt Retreat**

Murphys Suites  
134 California 4  
Murphys, CA 95247  
[http:// www.retreatforquilters.com](http://www.retreatforquilters.com)

**March 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>**  
**QUILT San Francisco 2015**  
1111 Gough St @ Geary  
St. Mary's Cathedral Event Center  
<http://www.sfquiltersguild.org>

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*Please send newsworthy items to Laura Fraser.  
Newsletter will be published every 2 months. Next  
publication will be **January, 2015.***

## **MARIN COUNTY FAIR**

The theme for the 2015 County Fair is, July 1<sup>st</sup> –  
5<sup>th</sup> is "**On with the Show**". Time for our  
creative juices to flow; let's try to come up with  
something that is appropriate to the theme!

## CALENDAR 2015

Mark your calendars for upcoming dates in 2015.

Check website calendar for additional information. <http://www.mnag.org/calendar.htm>

### Monday Night Meetings

January 12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)  
**Stone Soup Dinner**

Feb 2

Mar 2

Apr 6 (Hot Dogs & Salads

May 4

June 1

No July meeting

Aug 3

No Sept meeting

Oct 12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)

Nov 2

Dec 7

### Saturday workshops

Jan 17 (begin work on 2015  
Opportunity Quilt Blocks)

Feb 21

Mar 21

Apr 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

Aug 22 (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday)

Sept 19

Oct 17

Nov 21

(No workshop)

### **Show & Tell at all meetings**

*Meetings at Aldersgate Church,  
1 Wellbrock Hts, San Rafael (Terra Linda)*  
[www.mnag.org](http://www.mnag.org) for directions.

## **BITS & PIECES**

Miriam Burdick sent a Christmas card to the guild which LaDonna will share at the January meeting. She has settled into her new residence and would love to hear from all of us. Julie Oyle is finishing up her Chemo treatments and we hope to see her smiling face back at a meeting in the near future. Sending our heartfelt wishes to both Miriam and Julie for continued good health in 2015.