

MNAG News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this message, the rain is falling – what a welcome sound which I hope starts a trend for our spring.

I would like to thank all the members who have been giving input from the “two” (reduced from three) interest groups regarding projects and workshops of interest. We are making final arrangements for a quilt lecture and workshop in May, and we are trying to arrange a fabric “doll” or “3-D garden plants” workshop for later in the fall. We have also had some members that have stepped up to give or will give presentations and/or teach a number of workshops, so the 2015 schedule is coming along. Our members have such diversified interests and talents – please make arrangements to come learn a few new tricks and get great information on varied subjects!

We've had a number of people sign up for these workshops, both of which will be \$35 per workshop (the doll/plant workshop will also require a \$10-\$15 kit fee since the teacher prepares all you need for her workshop). There will be a sign-up sheet at the April 6th Monday night meeting – sign up early since we will be advertising both workshops to non-members if there is room.

Thanks to the guild members that support the wonderful outreach programs, assist with clean-up after each meeting and come to our activities with such great ideas! It makes it so much easier when we get input from our members – working together as a group has so many benefits. Special thanks to Bunny Anderson for mailing out inquiries to local businesses to become “business affiliates” of our Guild; we hope you will frequent local businesses when possible to support them as well.

Remember to pay those dues for 2015 if you have not already done so; we will distribute a copy of the 2015 Members Roster soon.

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BEGINNING QUILT CLASS - UPDATE

The beginning quilters group continues to meet on the 1st Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. – all are welcome. The format is a relaxed atmosphere where everyone is working on their own projects. Sara and Jo are available to answer questions and provide assistance where necessary. Anyone is welcome to come to the sessions and just sew up a storm.

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.

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 – is in progress. Not too late to join the fun. We are again using blocks from <http://www.quilterscache.com> website. If you missed a month check the site for instructions for 12" blocks:
January—Amish Diamond
February—Broken Wheel
March—Next Door Neighbor

If you have questions, please contact Carol Parker at ceprep@comcast.net

OUTREACH

Shirley with the help of Jo Banvard are coordinating Outreach. We have already had a "stitchin for kids day" where we made a number of items that will be distributed to children in hospitals. By the end of the day Caroline left with "snakes", "snails", "small taggy blankets", a couple of small quilts and a few other items. All were appreciated and I know some members took items home to finish up. Hospice of Marin has advised us that the "Hospice

Room" at Novato Community Hospital has been put on hold by the hospital; we have a few quilts put aside that will be given to them as soon as the room is ready for occupancy.

Several people have asked about sizes for quilts for donation. You can use the information below as a guideline as to what size quilt to make.

Quilts for **Stitchin for Kids** group:

Isolet/Premie covering: 24" - 30" x 30" - 36"
cotton or flannel

Older child: 40" x 60" can use Fleece, which can easily be fringed. If fringing and knotting don't tie knots too tight as they want the item to lay flat! 1 ½ yards fleece is perfect and will make an item about 54" square.

Remember all items going to "Stitchin" group get washed by them before they are donated!

www.stitchinforkids.org/ has information and patterns for a number of items that they give to the children.

Homeward Bound Quilts:

Twin Size 60" x 78" will provide some overhang

Lap or snuggle quilt: 45" x 60" great for watching TV or lounging around

Convalescent and Care Facilities:

Lap Quilts for Wheelchair use 36" x 40", can't be too large as they interfere with wheels

Lap Quilts 40"-48" x 60" can be used on beds or while sitting in chair or couch.

Special Thanks to Sienna Rose, 365 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley for selling Japanese bags and cards, proceeds will go towards our outreach projects. Next time you are in the area stop in and check their shop.

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.

Events around the Bay Area

April 10-12 2015

Best of the Valley Quilt Show

Lindsey, CA

April 11-12, 2015

Guild of Quilters, Contra Costa County

Concord, CA

April 10 – 12, 2015

Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild

Pacific Grove, CA

April 18-19 , 2015

Amador Valley Quilters

Pleasanton, CA

April 25 – 26, 2015

The Secret Language of Quilts

Red Bluff, CA

May 2-3, 2015

Pine Tree Quilt Guild

Grass Valley, CA

For more information check www.ncqc.net/ ; they have additional information on all Northern California Quilt shows.

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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 (2nd 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 (2nd 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 (4th 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 for directions.

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*Please send newsworthy items to Laura Fraser.
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publication will be **January, 2015**.*

MARIN COUNTY FAIR

The theme for the 2015 County Fair is, July 1st –
5th 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!