

# MNAG News

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello guild members. Our recent Saturday with Stacey Sharman was a wonderful workshop that was so freeing. The creative process of sewing a traditional block and whacking it apart to create something completely different allows you to free those pre-conceived notions of "perfect piecing" to achieve a beautiful new free-form pattern.

We are planning a quilt and craft show at the Church for our July workshop date. For those members who would like to sell their hand-made items, we would like you to join us --this event is free to participants who are Guild members. If you would like to reserve a table, please send me an email so that you can be added to the list. All proceeds earned will benefit the vendor (no percentage to the Guild) bring your goods and enjoy a day opened to the public. The hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on July 18th. You will be responsible for manning your own table, set up and break down. We will be extending an invitation to non-members at a price of \$10 per table. We are also going to hang quilts in the Fellowship Hall so if you would like to display quilts either for sale or not for sale, please let me know.

Don't forget about the Marin County Fair for viewing all the wonderful submissions that our local artists have entered this year. For those who have volunteered for shifts of selling raffle tickets, I thank you for your assistance to the Guild.

Laura and Barsha will be presenting members with a Guild challenge at the June 1st Monday meeting.

Until then,

LaDonna

## OPPORTUNITY QUILT



Our 2015 Opportunity Quilt is finished. Guild members will be working at the Marin County Fair July 1-5<sup>th</sup> selling tickets. We still have some open slots where we need folks to donate their time. If you can help contact

Flo at [flohoy@gmail.com](mailto:flohoy@gmail.com)

The quilt is a beauty and blocks were made by many members, piece by Laura & her elves; quilting by Colleen (Sew Little Time Quilting).

Great job by everyone!

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## BEGINNING QUILT CLASS - UPDATE

The beginning quilters group continues to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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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 – 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 and wish to participate contact Carol Parker at [ceprep@comcast.net](mailto: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/](http://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.

## **KNITTING & WEARABLE ARTS**

Wildcare Bird Sanctuary has again requested knit or crocheted bird nests; for more information or patterns visit:

[http://www.wildcarebayarea.org/site/PageServer?pagename=babybirdnest\\_howcanIhelp](http://www.wildcarebayarea.org/site/PageServer?pagename=babybirdnest_howcanIhelp)

Many members contributed "nests" last year, let's see if we can help them out again this year. Bring completed nests to a meeting and we will make sure they get to the facility.

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. The group has put together several lap quilts that will be used in outreach.

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

Interested in learning or seeing what is new in "Fashion Arts". Here is an invitation from Canada College in Redwood City.

The **Cañada College Fashion Department** hosts its annual "**Artistry in Fashion**" non-profit event on **Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** This shopping extravaganza features dozens of designers selling clothing, jewelry, and other fashions. Visitors can tour the Fashion Department's Open House to view student projects from noon to 3:00 p.m. Pattern designer and educator, Linda Lee, will present a fashion show in the auditorium at 4 p.m. A \$10 donation benefits student scholarships. On-site food vendors and free parking available. More information: [www.ArtistryInFashion.com](http://www.ArtistryInFashion.com) or call 650-306-3370.

The college is located at 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., in Redwood City

## **Events around the Bay Area**

**June 6 - 7 2015**

**Wine Country Quilt Show**

**Veterans Building**

1351 Maple Avenue,  
Santa Rosa, CA

**June 13-14, 2015**

**Sierra Mountain Quilters Association Quilt Show**

**Oakhurst Community Center**

39800 Road 425B  
Oakhurst, CA

**June 13-14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Foresthill Fabric Frenzy**

24750 Main St.  
Foresthill, CA 95631

**Enormous Fabric Sale supporting  
Foresthill "Friends of the Library"**

**July 15, 2015**

**NCQC Meet the Teachers**

Pleasant Hill Community Center  
320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA  
<http://www.ncqc.net>

**July 18-19, 2015**

**Heart of the Redwoods**

**Redwood Acres Fairgrounds**

3750 Harris Street,  
Eureka, CA

**July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Marin Needle Arts Mini Show & Boutique**

**Aldersgate Methodist Church**

1 Wellsbrook Heights,  
San Rafael (Terra Linda), CA

**September 11-13, 2015**

**2015 Gold Bug Quilt Show**

Cameron Park Community Services District 2505  
Country Club Drive,  
Cameron Park, CA

**September 12-13, 2015**

**Elk Grove Quilt Harvest of Quilts**

SES Portuguese Hall,  
10428 East Stockton Boulevard,  
Elk Grove, CA 95624

**September 19-20, 2015**

**Sierra Quilters Quilt Show**

Mother Lode Fairgrounds  
220 Southgate Drive (Stockton Road)  
Sonora, CA

**September 25-28, 2015**

**UFO Retreat – Duncan Mills, CA**

Colleen Granger is holding a retreat for  
complete details contact Colleen at:  
(415) 686-6067

For more information check [www.ncqc.net/](http://www.ncqc.net/) ;  
they have additional information on all  
Northern California Quilt shows.

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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**”. Looking forward to

seeing lots of entries from guild members!

## **CALENDAR 2015**

Mark your calendars for upcoming dates in 2015.

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

### **Monday Night**

**June 1**-up for a challenge;  
everyone should plan to participate,  
let the creative juices flow

No Monday July meeting

### **Aug 3**

No Sept Monday meeting

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

**Nov 2**

**Dec 7**

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

*Meetings at Aldersgate Church,  
1 Wellbrock Heights, San Rafael (Terra Linda)*

[www.mnag.org](http://www.mnag.org) for directions.

### **Saturday Meetings    workshops**

**June 20** pricing boutique items

**July 18** –Guild’s Boutique/Mini-show Aldersgate

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

**Sept 19**

**Oct 17**

**Nov 21** Susan Else Doll Workshop

(No workshop)