

MNAG News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, MNAG members. October is here, and the year is heading for the finish line. If you missed Barbara Redemer's trunk show and lecture in September – you missed a wonderful time! Her presentation of various dolls and her beautiful quilts was truly inspiring. She asked our members to pick a specific doll and ask where she got her inspiration for it; she responded with detailed stories that she had woven about the dolls, a delight for all! She held a raffle for three of her wonderful creations, which were quickly snatched up by the happy winners. She had some great Halloween characters as well as some sweet "flat fabric dolls". Thanks, Geri, for making this wonderful workshop happen, and Barbara, for sharing your treasures!

We have a few activities planned at our next few meetings, so I'll get right to it.

October 12, 2015 – our Monday night meeting, with 4:00 – 6:00 hosting wearable art and Quilting Studio attendees. Please bring a pot luck item to share – we do not have a planned speaker on Monday night (unless my memory fails me, which it does often); activities could include preparation for our October 17th workshop later that week, which will focus on Stash Busting you should have been busting for unfinished quilt tops or new quilts you want to get finished (a little bird told me that a number of members have put tops together at a prior mini-meeting or meetings– good work, ladies!), or knitting/crocheting and just all-around good times with friends, finishing up any holiday gifts you plan on giving, etc.

NOTE to Susan Else's Workshop Attendees: Please bring your \$35 check to the October meeting (you'll also give \$20 to Susan at the workshop for the kit fee she is providing). Also, remember to bring along your BOM squares for Carol Parker's program. I have attached a

recap from Carol regarding where we are, and what will be distributed at Monday's meeting!

At the meeting, we will be soliciting for new officers for 2016 which will consist of the following positions:

Officers:

President
First Vice-President
Second Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Parliamentarian

Committee Chairs:

Outreach/Community Relationships
Block of the Month
Membership
Hospitality/Party Planning
Communications/Website
Workshop/Quest Speaker Coordination
Newsletter

Current officers/committee chairs can submit their names for the same position or other positions should they desire. We will be passing around a preliminary list for members to view the responsibilities/requirements of each position, and to submit their own names to fill positions of their choice at Monday's meeting; it is a great opportunity to for those who can to step up and have some fun with the direction of the Guild for 2016. If you are not going to be at the Monday night meeting, you can email me with your request to be added to the ballot and/or a list of responsibilities for each position after Monday's meeting.

I am happy to report that some of our members have been working on PR materials for the Guild. Barbara Giles just delivered to Barsha "MNAG" cards to attach to our various projects for sale at Mill Valley and other activities (Outreach), that will include a space for an

individual artist's name, and a price if the item is going to be sold at a "Fair" type activity. Additionally, it is my understanding that a few members are looking into a custom label design for the MNAG quilts we will be delivering to Homeward Bound this year (The quilt label can be affixed to Opportunity/outreach quilts and other hand-made items in the future as well!)

Upcoming Activities:

October 17th Workshop – Stash Buster / Quilt Completion Workshop (all members are welcome at this workshop)

November 2nd – Monday night monthly meeting

November 21st – Workshop with Susan Else – closed workshop for those who have signed up for Susan's 3-D Sculpture in the Garden workshop (with have 15 attending – still have room for 5)

Whew! I think that's it for now – if I have forgotten something, members feel free to let me know; I'll address it at Monday's meeting!

LaDonna

OPPORTUNITY QUILT



The 2015 Opportunity Quilt is still up for "grabs", don't forget to purchase your chance to win this beautiful quilt. The quilt was well-received at the Marin County Fair, where members helped to sell

tickets for a chance to win this quilt. Since the fair the quilt has been shown at several other venues. There will be a discussion at our next meetings about possibilities for the 2016 Opportunity Quilt.

ON-GOING MENTORING SESSIONS FOR QUILTER—FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

The quilters group continues to meet on the 1st Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. – everyone is 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.

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 and wish to participate contact Carol Parker at ceprep@comcast.net

Cedars of Lebanon & Four Squares were the patterns give out in August, blocks should be completed and brought to the October 12th meeting; remember to bring your blocks and get a ticket for the drawing!

OUTREACH

Shirley with the help of Jo Banvard coordinated the workshop in August where members stitched up a storm making assembling kits to be donated to the Kenyan Girls Project.

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.

The workshop in October has been called “stash buster”; folks have been busy using up scraps to make quilt tops. At this workshop members will work to make and/or match backs. There will be batting available; members can quilt the quilts on their domestic machines or hand tie quilts.

As a reminder for quilt sizes see below:

Quilts for **Stitchin for Kids** group:

Isolet/Preemie 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.

KNITTING & WEARABLE ARTS

Wildcare Bird Sanctuary was successful again this year in saving the lives of many baby birds. Thanks to everyone who knit or crocheted nests to help with this project.

http://www.wildcarebayarea.org/site/PageServer?pagename=babybirdnest_howcanhelp

Wearable Arts/Knitting will be meeting at Aldersgate from 4pm – 6pm, prior to our Monthly meeting and sharing space with the mentoring quilt group. The group has put together several lap quilts that will be used in outreach. If you have squares Arlene is handling putting them together.

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

Events around the Bay Area

October 15 – 18th

Pacific International Quilt Festival

Santa Clara Convention Center

5001 Great America Parkway
Santa Clara, CA

October 21st

NCQC Meeting

Quarterly Meeting: New Opportunities

320 Civic Drive
Pleasant Hill, CA
www.ncqc.net

October 24th

Petaluma Quilt Guild Show

320 N. McDowell

Petaluma, CA 94954
www.petalumaquiltguild.org/

November 7 – 8th

Tuleburg Quilt Guild Show

Stockton Auto Mall, 3158 Center Circle,
Stockton, CA

December 5th

Mill Valley Community Center Holiday Boutique

380 Camino Alto
Mill Valley, CA

January 29-31st 2016

Folsom Quilt & Fiber Guild

Folsom Community Center
Folsom, CA

For more information check 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.***

CALENDAR 2015

Mark your calendars for upcoming dates in 2015.

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

Monday Night

Oct 12 (2nd Monday)
Outreach

Nov 2 Sew-cial

Dec 7 Holiday Potluck

Saturday Meetings /Workshops

Oct 17 Stash Buster Workshop—finish up quilts for

Nov 21 Susan Else Doll Workshop

(No workshop)

2016

Jan 7th Stone Soup Sew-cial

Show & Tell at all meetings

*Meetings at Aldersgate Church,
1 Wellbrock Heights, San Rafael (Terra Linda)
www.mnag.org for directions.*

Bits & Pieces

How many of you have heard or tried the **FriXion** erasable marking pens? They come in all colors and are great for marking fabrics or so we have been told by the store. The marks disappear when heat is applied and if the material is then exposed to cold (like putting in refrigerator or freezer the marks come back). Truth is these pens were not designed to be used on fabric according to the manufacturer.

So in summary, straight from the manufacturer's mouth so to speak, a summary of using the FriXion pens on fabric:

1. FriXion pens combine gel ink and thermo ink. You are marking your quilt with a gel pen that disappears.
2. The marks will reappear if the quilt gets cold (anything below freezing I think-I did not confirm the specific temperature) unless the mark is completely removed with an ink remover. Even after a thorough steam of the marks, they will reappear in the cold. This is part of the inherent chemistry of the ink combination.

3. To completely remove the ink so that it will not ghost or reappear in the cold, you will need an ink remover and also may possibly need to scrub the area. The manufacturer has tested Amodex and Mötsenböcker's Lift-Off 3 and found them to be fairly effective in removing the ink.

4. Frixion pens sometimes leave a ghost mark after steaming. This is the thermo ink showing on the quilt, not the gel. The Pilot rep said to rid the piece of ghost marks you would need to treat it with the ink removers listed above.

So this is a definitive summary of the Frixion pens straight from the pen's manufacturer.

For complete web story check <http://quiltskipper.com/2015/08/13/frixion-pens-all-you-need-to-know/>

Website:

Look for updates on the guild website soon. I have received lots of pictures that will be posted in near future!