

MNAG News

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April/May 2016

President's Message

Spring is back! Hope everyone has enjoyed the flowers and trees in bloom (sorry, allergy sufferers), and the extended sunlight hours. The hills are green and gardens are being readied for the wonderful bounties that will be forthcoming.

Our March workshop was filled with the construction of machine caddies and the quilt carrier. We had a great time filling the hours with sewing and conversation. That weekend was also the Vallejo Quilt Show "Voices in Cloth" presented by the East Bay Heritage Quilters. The show was wonderful and there were a lot of vendors (including Colleen) to fill the shopping bags of attendees.

We will be presenting a number of our Outreach Quilts to Homeward Bound's representative at our April meeting. We will also be celebrating the return of baseball for those excited about the Bay Area teams' 2016 seasons (even year, SF Giants!)

The April workshop will be a sewing outreach for the Kenyan Girls project. We have had requests for those who could come early to the April 4th meeting (between 4-6) to assist with cutting out some of the fabric to jumpstart the workshop.

We will have an officers' meeting before the May 4th regular meeting, which will start around 5:15 or 5:30 p.m. to discuss upcoming workshops, advertising budget for our July quilt show at Aldersgate, developing further marketing of the Guild, and pending items for finalization or changes to the MNAG label that was developed last fall.

The Block of the Month program is into the 4th block for the year, and the 2016 Opportunity Quilt blocks have been completed by a number of our guild members. Laura will update us on the further assistance needed to complete the Opportunity Quilt at our April meeting.

Barsha and LaDonna

OPPORTUNITY QUILT

Kits were distributed for making blocks; hopefully most will be returned by April meeting so that the assembly process can begin.

Look forward to seeing the completed 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.

Sara & Jo shared binding tips at the March meeting, which was well received by the members in attendance.

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.

2016 Block of Month patterns can be found on <http://www.quilterscache.com> website. January block pattern “**Winged Four-Patch**” was distributed at January meeting. Each month Carol will give a new pattern to the group. Questions contact Carol Parker at ceprep@comcast.net.

OUTREACH

Kenyan Girls Project workshop is scheduled for April 16th, we will again be making kits to be distributed to young girls in Kenya.

Shirley has also scheduled **June 18th** as the day we will be working on items to be given to the “Stitchin’ for Kids group.”

As a reminder the sizes of quilts that we are making for various causes are listed 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.

Some of the “convalescent” size quilts will be earmarked for Hospice of Marin for their room at “The Tamalpais” in Mill Valley.

KNITTING & WEARABLE ARTS

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.

As Spring arrives Wildcare Bird Sanctuary will most likely be request “bird nests” for orphaned birds. Check their website for information from previous years.

<http://www.wildcarebayarea.org/>

BLOCK OF MONTH

Carol wants everyone who wishes to participate to be able to catch up with this year’s blocks. Below is list of what we have done so far!



2016 Block of the Month patterns

For Quilt Block Patterns –

Go to www.quilterscache.com

this site plays music. 🎵 🎵 🎵

January 2016 Block of the month:

Winged Four Patch

February 2016 Block of the month:

Lover’s Knot

March 2016 Block of the month:

Pinwheel #7

April 2016 Block of the month:

To be introduced at the April 4th meeting

Morning Star 2

If you have questions, please contact Carol

at ceprep@comcast.net

Events around the Bay Area

April 8th – 10th

Best of the Valley Quilt Show

Lindsay, CA

Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild Show

Chautauqua Hall, Pacific Grove

<http://mpqg.org>

April 13th

NCQC Meet the Teachers

320 Civic Center Drive

Pleasant Hill, CA

<http://www.ncqc.net/>

April 22nd – 24th,

Redding Quilt Show

Shasta District Fairgrounds

Anderson, CA

April 30th – May 1st

Pine Tree Quilt Guild Show

Nevada County Fairgrounds
11410 McCourtney Rd.
Grass Valley, CA 95949
ptgg@comcast.net

May 13th – 14th

Roseville Quilters Guild

Lutheran Church of Resurrection
6365 Douglas Blvd
Granite Bay, CA 95746

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

May 21st – 22nd

Quilts in Bloom Quilt Show & Artist Market

Redwood Empire Fairgrounds
1055 N. State St.
Ukiah, CA 95482
gqmc15@gmail.com

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Blue Bird Yarn and Fiber Craft

325 Pine Street
Sausalito, CA
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Broadway Quilts

Gery Rosemurgy
20525 Broadway, Sonoma, CA
707-938.7312
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Hen Haus Boutique

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*Please send newsworthy items to Laura Fraser.
Newsletter will be published every 2 months. Next
publication will be **March 2016**.*

CALENDAR 2016

Mark your calendars for upcoming dates in 2016. **All events subject to change!**
Meetings at Aldersgate Church, 1 Wellbrock Heights, San Rafael (Terra Linda)
www.mnag.org for directions.

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

Monday Night

Apr 4th

Quilt Mentoring 4 -6pm
Knitting/Wearable Arts 4-6
Potluck Sew-cial 6pm
Celebrate the opening of baseball season
with Hot Dogs and all the fixin's

Quilts will be presented to Homeward Bound Representativ

May 2nd

Quilt Mentoring 4 -6pm
Knitting/Wearable Arts 4-6
Potluck Sew-cial 6pm

June 6th

Quilt Mentoring 4 -6pm
Knitting/Wearable Arts 4-6
Potluck Sew-cial 6pm

June 30th thru July 4th Marin County Fair

No Monday Meeting in July

August 1st

Quilt Mentoring 4 -6pm
Knitting/Wearable Arts 4-6

Saturday Meetings /Workshops

Apr. 16th Kenyan Girl's Project

May 21st Serger Class

June 18th Stitchin4Kids

July 16th Quilt Show/Boutique at Aldersgate

August 20th Outreach Workshop

Potluck Sew-cial 6pm

Christmas Stocking Project Lisa Morse

No Monday Meeting in September Sept. 17th

October 3rd

October 15th

Quilt Mentoring 4 -6pm

Knitting/Wearable Arts 4-6

Potluck Sew-cial 6pm

November 7th

November 19th Outreach Workshop

Quilt Mentoring 4 -6pm

Knitting/Wearable Arts 4-6

Potluck Sew-cial 6pm

December 5th HOLIDAY PARTY

Show & Tell at all meetings