

MNAG News

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President's Message

Happy 2016! Starting off the year with rain has been a plus – now we are in the thick of it. For those of you who were unable to attend the first meeting of this year, two groups of members came up with ideas for meeting and workshops that will be of interest to all. We are in the process of finalizing some of the dates, and if anyone has not weighed in, then please email us to let us know. We have some members who will be or have already taught some gatherings, so if you have a project to share, let us know.

We have had two inquiries from the public at large and would appreciate hearing from you if you care to follow-up on them: the first is that someone is interested in learning hand embroidery; the second is that someone is interested in selling a spinning wheel. Email either of us to let us know.

Our January workshop was a delight! Laura Fraser presented a “wallet” workshop which was so much fun – plus we all left with the project completed! Laura took some pictures and I know they will show up here on the website. They were so beautiful and the fabric selections made by the members in attendance were wonderful; great gift ideas for next Christmas, or to give to a friend for a birthday. Thanks, Laura, for your presentation and time in giving us another great workshop!

We will have an officers' meeting before the February 1st regular meeting, which will start around 5:15 or 5:30 to approve the upcoming calendar.

A big thank you to all of the members who have stepped up or continued in their current roles as officers, outreach, BOM, Quilt Studio, and Wearable Arts. Your dedication to the Guild is much appreciated, and we look forward to a great 2016.

Dues for 2016 are due if you have not already paid; for those new members and affiliates who paid in the last quarter of 2015, you are paid for 2016.

Barsha and LaDonna

OPPORTUNITY QUILT

The 2015 Opportunity Quilt now lives in its new home. Thanks to everyone for their help in making this beautiful quilt which was so well received by all that saw the quilt and/or bought tickets on the quilt.

It won't be long before we start the process of making the 2016 quilt; stay tuned for more information.

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.

At the February 1st meeting there will be a number of outreach quilts returned to their makers for binding. If you have one that is being quilted you might want to bring your machines and you might get a head-start in binding or prepping the quilt for binding. Laura plans to show members how they can use the “self-binding” technique to finish up their quilts. Bring cutting mats, ruler and rotary cutter.

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

Shirley with the help of Jo Banvard are busy planning several days in the coming months where we, as a group, can work on "outreach projects".

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/>

Events around the Bay Area

January 29-31st 2016

Folsom Quilt & Fiber Guild

Folsom Community Center
Folsom, CA

February 27th – 28th

Foothill Quilters Guild

34th Annual Quilt Show
Gold Country Fairgrounds
1273 High St. in Auburn, CA

March 5th – 6th

Sonoma Quilt Show

Vintage House
Sonoma, CA

March 5th – 6th

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

East Bay Heritage Quilt Show

Craneway Pavillion
Richmond, CA

March 19th – 20th

Yuba-Sutter Valley Quilt Guild's 33rd Annual Show

442 Franklin Ave, Yuba City, CA
East on Franklin off Highway 99, 1.2 miles

April 8th – 10th

Best of the Valley Quilt Show

Lindsay, CA

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*Please send newsworthy items to Laura Fraser.
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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

Feb. 1st
Quilt Mentoring 4 -6pm
Knitting/Wearable Arts 4-6
Potluck Sew-cial 6pm

Saturday Meetings /Workshops

Feb. 20th
Oct 17 Stash Buster Workshop—finish up quilts for

Mar. 7th

Quilt Mentoring 4 -6pm

Knitting/Wearable Arts 4-6

Potluck Sew-cial 6pm **Sew-cial**

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

Quilt Binding Tutorial Jo & Sara

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

Potluck Sew-cial 6pm

Christmas Stocking Project Lisa Morse

No Monday Meeting in September

October 3rd

Quilt Mentoring 4 -6pm

Knitting/Wearable Arts 4-6

Potluck Sew-cial 6pm

November 7th

Quilt Mentoring 4 -6pm

Knitting/Wearable Arts 4-6

Potluck Sew-cial 6pm

December 5th HOLIDAY PARTY

Mar. 19th

Apr. 16th Kenyan Girl's Project

May 21st Serger Class

June 18th Stitchin4Kids

July 16th Quilt Show/Boutique at Aldersgate

August 20th Outreach Workshop

Sept. 17th

October 15th

November 19th Outreach Workshop

Show & Tell at all meetings