

MNAG News

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President's Message

Hello everyone! It's October, and fall is here and we in the Bay Area are beginning to enjoy our Indian Summer. We have not only the cool, crisp mornings but beautiful afternoons filled with sunshine and the promise of another upcoming season to beat the drought here in California.

A number of our members attended the Petaluma Art Center's "Journeys Through Light & Dark: Dolls as Tellers of Stories" on the 17th; and shared a brown bag lunch afterwards. Our general consensus "spectacular, it was" and I hope everyone had an opportunity to attend this event co-curated by our own Geri Olsen.

We are featuring Cathie Hoover on October 15th, who will be presenting her 1-day workshop, Technique Sampler. If you have not yet paid for this workshop, please bring payment on October 3rd to the Monday night meeting. Speaking of which, we will have a guest speaker on October 3rd, Jamieson Prevoznak, who is a chaplain at the Port of Oakland, Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate. He will be discussing their Christmas at Sea program for sailors, which may be of special interest to our knitters.

I recently dropped off a number of quilts to the Marin office of Hospice by the Bay. They were thrilled to receive the quilts, which will be made available to the patients in the Hospice Room at the Tamalpais. Candace McKinnon, Volunteer Director, was thrilled that Anne Emmerich, Director of Patient Care Services, had reached out to Laura Fraser regarding this exchange. Broadway Quilts' volunteers in Sonoma are also providing quilts to this multi-office organization in the Bay Area. Candace explained that these quilts are handed down to family members (children, grandchildren), as a remembrance of the loved-one that

has been lost. Thank you, members, for your outreach to this community resource center.

I am sending a special thank you to all those who attended the Drive-way Bonanza at my home in early August. Not only were many items that had been donated to us distributed to MNAG outreach projects, Girl Scout projects, and more, but members and friends of members were able to pick up treasures for their own use.

With all that said, I would like to say this will be my last President's letter to our members. I am resigning my position as Co-President of the Guild at the end of this year, and undertaking the varied duties of "Mother of the Bride" in 2017. It will be somewhat difficult wrangling a lot of the details long distance, so I will be making a number of trips to San Diego in preparation for a May wedding (just returned earlier this month in fact – wedding dress, checked off). With my full-time job and weekend trips, my time will be spread a little thin for the next eight months. Little did I know how much I would learn in this position for the Guild, and all the wonderful friendships that have been made. I send special thanks and genuine gratitude for all the officers, Outreach Committee Chairs, Quilting Studio leaders, BOM and the general membership who have supported me in this position.

I'll still be a dedicated MNAG member, though I won't see you quite as often in early 2017 – but, in the infamous words of Arnold Schwarzenegger – "I'll be back".

With love,

LaDonna Dorsey

OPPORTUNITY QUILT

Ticket sales were brisk at the Marin Fair; if anyone wants to take quilt to show at another guild and try to sell additional tickets just let one of the board members know.



Don't forget to get some tickets for yourself, friends, or family. Drawing for quilt will be held at December Holiday Party!

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.

There has been renewed interest in beginning quilting and we may see some new faces at our meeting in October.

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. Below is list of 2016 Blocks through September:

2016 Block of the Month patterns For Quilt Block Patterns –

Go to <http://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:

Morning Star 2

May 2016 block of the month:

Cake Stand

June 2016 Block of the month:

Teresa's Pinwheel Quilt

July 2016 Block of the month:

A Dandy

August 2016 Block of the Month

Tulip Nine Patch

September 2016 Block of the Month

Rising Star

Questions contact Carol Parker at ceprep@comcast.net.

OUTREACH

The guild recently received a donation of yarn and we are hoping to make a number of items to be donate to the Seaman's Ministry before the holidays.

At our last workshop day a number of items were completed for "Stitchin for Kids" as well as Activity Blankets and Bibs for Senior Centers.

Homeward Bound is in the completion stage for "Oma Village" in Novato; they are having a Grand Opening Party on Wednesday October 19th at 2:30 – 4:00pm. Parking will be at **Next Key Center** 1385 N. Hamilton Parkway, Novato; they will be running shuttles to Village as there is no parking at the Village.

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.

Events around the Bay Area

October 1st – November 2nd

“Cold Feet” by Angie Woolman

Bay Quilts

5327 Jacquard St. Ste #-C

Richmond, CA

<http://bay-quilts.shoplightspeed.com/>

Bay Quilts is a new store in Richmond close to Richmond San Rafael Bridge; they opened mid-September

October 1-2nd

“Falling Leaves”

Lake County Fairgrounds

Lakeport, CA

October 1-2nd

“Beauty on the River”

Oroville Piecemakers Quilt Show

October 7 – 31

Textile Art Quil Show

Modesto, CA

November 4-5th

Tokay Stitch N Quilt Guild

Lodi, CA

November 11th -13th

Bay Area Quilters Quest Shop Hop

<http://www.quiltersquestbayarea.com>

Additional information on events listed on MNAG Calendar <http://www.mnag.org/>

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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

October 3rd

Quilt Mentoring 4 -6pm

Knitting/Wearable Arts 4-6

Potluck Sew-cial 6pm

Jamieson Prevoznak to present information about the Seaman's Ministry.

Round Robin's to be revealed!!

November 7th

December 5th Wrap up the year with Annual Holiday Party

Drawing for 2016 Opportunity Quilt

January 2nd 2017 Annual Stone Soup Supper Sew-cial!

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Saturday Meetings /Workshops

October 15th Aldersgate Social Hall 10:00am
Cathie Hoover Workshop Techniques Workshop

Techniques taught in this all-day workshop include: My award-winning machine reverse appliqué, Prairie Points and their application in 21st Century artwork, Afghani Piecwork, Dimensional flowers and knots, Piping and Corded Piping, Rickrack flowers, and the use of rickrack and how to applied rickrack on quilts.

November 19th Aldersgate Church, Social Hall

January 21st Workshop Day

Show & Tell at all meetings