



## May 2026 Communications

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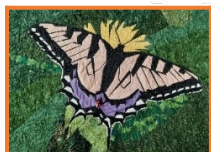
*We look forward to seeing you at the next guild meeting.*

**May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

*Hall open for social gathering at 6:30.*

**Program for May: Jill Huntington: Treasures from the Trunk**

### President's Message - [Karen Gottschlich](#)



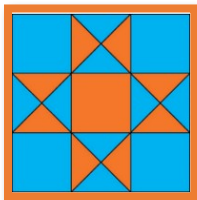
**Our guild needs a program committee chair!** Please give this role serious consideration. There are already 3 members of the guild ready to work with you to create wonderful programs for all of us. Sometimes it feels daunting to take on something new, only to find it is not hard and very satisfying. That is what I experienced taking the President role. Please talk to Marcia Gilson to understand the role more specifically, or let Marcia or me know you are interested in supporting our guild in this way.

### Programs - [Marcia Gilson](#)



**Jill Huntington** will be our speaker at the May 28 meeting. Jill, who resides in Portland, Oregon, will be sharing her presentation of "Treasures from the Trunk – A Collection of Quilts - both Traditional and Modern - and the stories behind them. Jill's presentation will be a power point along with actual examples of her work. She will also have some of her patterns available to purchase.

### Block of the Month – [Debbie Poole](#)



Spring showers, brings May flowers !  
Overnight frost seems to be past us, We can plant our gardens early.

**The winner of the Patriotic Candy blocks was Mary Lou McLocklin**

We are introducing the May block - **Patriotic Disappearing 4 patch**

Turns a simple four patch into a unique looking block. Use Red, White and Blue fabrics from your stash. We will have sample blocks at the May Meeting so you can gain inspiration and paper copies of the pattern.

**Participants need to remember to put their names in the tray for the drawing.**

Thank you all who help make BOM fun!

Block of Month Committee: Debbie Poole, Theresa Valentine and Mary Lou McLocklin

## Challenge Quilt – Belinda Barnes

### 2026 Challenge - Upcycling



Create a project incorporating previously used textiles. Examples of used textiles include items such as clothing or linens. Think worn jeans, men's ties, or an outfit that doesn't fit any longer. Or include household items like sheets, towels, or curtains. The possibilities are endless. The purpose of this activity is to challenge MRQG members to use their creativity while using potentially unfamiliar textiles. There are no limits as to colors, size or dimensions of the finished work. At least 50% of the front of your finished project should integrate your used textiles.

**Challenge quilts will be revealed at the October 2026 meeting.**

For some added inspiration, this and future newsletters will include some informational articles.

Here are several ideas for making memory quilts out of upcycled textiles

[14 Best Memory Quilt Ideas to Make and Cherish - Patchwork Posse](#)

*Articles may contain sponsored links, which are not endorsed by the MRQG.*

**Opening May 21st** is a mixed media art installation at The Art Center in Corvallis which might offer some additional inspiration. It focuses on issues caused by the massive amounts of textile waste produced by the western world. More Information: [Vincent Frimpong - The Frimpong Case - The Arts Center](#) It contains an interesting video about the artist.

## Quilts in The Garden 2026 – Joyce Loper



### Quilts in the Garden

**June 20 from 10 to 4**

Celebrate the rich quilting tradition of the Willamette Valley. Tour 4 beautiful gardens showing hundreds of locally crafted quilts.

This show is worth seeing!



**Mark your calendars for Quilts in the Garden on June 20 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

The event will be held in four gardens in the country club area of Corvallis. Two shuttle buses will provide transportation to the gardens, starting at the Corvallis Young Life parking [lot, 1677 SW 35th St.](#) Parking is limited at the gardens, so participants are encouraged to take the shuttle bus, carpool or bicycle. Tickets will cost \$20 and can be purchased online through our website front page and at several Corvallis garden centers (Garlands, Shonnards, Home Grown and Thyme Garden) **beginning May 20**. Tickets can also be purchased at the gardens on June 20.

**Your help is needed!** To make the event a success, many volunteers are needed to set up gardens and serve as garden attendants on June 20. Please sign up on the [Programs page of the MRQG website](#) with "Sign-Up Genius." Volunteers can attend the event for no cost, but are encouraged to purchase a ticket in support of this fundraiser for the guild.

**Your quilts are also needed:** please consider exhibiting many of your quilts at the event, and especially your smaller quilts. Quilts can be sold at the event, with 10% of the sales price to go to the Marys River Quilt Guild. Quilts can be taken to the May 28 meeting or to the home of Beth Rietveld ([240 SW 7<sup>th</sup> St, Corvallis](#)) from May 28 until June 11. Go to the Program page of the guild website to download the form to submit your quilt(s) for Quilts

in the Garden. A form should be attached to each quilt in the lower right corner with a safety pin.

**Information** on how to be part of this fabulous event will be announced at the May 28 MRQG meeting. For more information, contact the co-chairs Beth Rietveld ([bethrietveld@gmail.com](mailto:bethrietveld@gmail.com)) and Joyce Loper ([loperj2@gmail.com](mailto:loperj2@gmail.com)).

### Service Committee – Lynn Grube

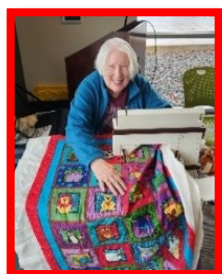
Hello all,

Service committee has received another large donation of fabric! We are planning to have it ready for sale at the June meeting. There are pre-cut squares of different sizes, jelly rolls, complete quilt kits and more. Some of these kits are partially completed. Please plan to come early and shop!

Lynn Grube



### Historian – Ann Smart



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