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September 2026 Communications

<https://www.marysriverquiltguild.org/>

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

September 24th at 7:00 PM

Hall open for social gathering at 6:30.



Program for September

Where Quilts Lead Us: My Quilt Making Journey



*Picture from last month's presentation on the
Guild's Quilts in the Garden.*

How can a quilt influence an entire career? Dr. Colleen Pokorny, Assistant Professor in Apparel Design at OSU, shares her journey from a childhood inspired by her grandmother's quilt to becoming an award-winning quilter, apparel designer, researcher, and educator. Through personal stories and examples of quilts, garments, and research projects, she will explore the enduring role of quilt making in preserving history, building community, inspiring creativity, and adapting to changing technologies.

President's Message

Karen Gottschlich



It is starting to feel like fall, which is great sewing weather. Looks like we have a great program in September. See you all there!

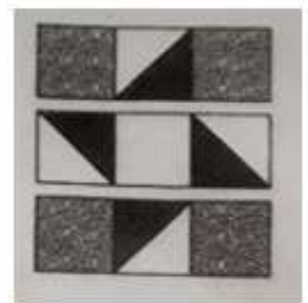
Block of the Month

Debbie Poole, Theresa Valentine, and Mary Lou McLocklin

Hello from the BOM Committee!

Fall is in the air, the welcomed rain has given everything a needed drink of water. With cooler weather, sewing projects are in the air.

At the September Guild meeting we will be drawing for the "Independence Hall" block. Get your blocks ready and **please** put your name in for the drawing. We had a sample wall hanging made from the Independence Hall and 4 Star Color Play at the last meeting. I think they look good together.



For September the BOM is "**Friendship Star**". Comes together really easy and makes a 12 inch block. Keep the color scheme in Red, White and Blue. The pattern is attached for you to get started and we will have a few printed copies at the meeting

Thank you all who participate, just some easy quilting fun!!

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MRQG Library

Joyce Loper

*The library has two new books. Be
the first to check them out!*

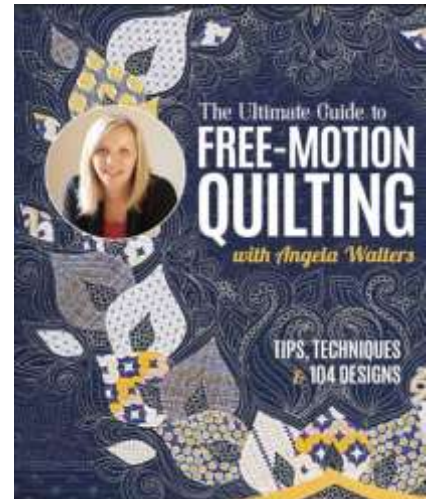


Quilt Small, Dream Big: Unleash Your Creativity with Deceptively Simple Miniature Piecing by Karla Alexander

This book is brand new, published last month by Oregon quilt artist and author Karla Alexander. Learn Karla's methods to add depth, dimension, and intricate detail to quilt tops. This book includes techniques that will expand your quilting toolkit, enabling you to incorporate miniature elements seamlessly and bring your projects to life with five inspiring starter projects.

*The Ultimate Guide to Free-Motion Quilting with Angela Walters:
Tips, Techniques & 104 Designs* by Angela Walters

Angela Walters is a nationally-recognized artist in free motion quilting, and this book is a compendium of her techniques and design library. It is filled with inspiring photos and practical tips for making your quilting the best it can be. The techniques and design library span all styles and skill levels, from Circles & Swirls to stunning Combination designs.



MRQG Website

Debra Mark & Lisa Ullmer

<http://marysriverquiltguild.org>

The Marys River Quilt Guild website is currently under revision to ensure it meets your needs and those of the viewing public.

Take a Look!

Take a look at all web pages and let us know what needs revising. Any and all recommendations are welcome!

What We Need From You:

- Pictures - jpeg only, please
 - One or two pics that you'd like highlighted in your section
 - Photos of your quilts in other quilt shows i.e., Sisters
 - Etc.
- Join/Rejoin Page
 - Three testimonials
 - A couple of sentences explaining why you are a member (to entice new members!)



Send your input to <mailto:debramar@hawaii.edu>

Thank You!

Want to be part of the newsletter? Contact our newsletter editor, Sara Wiger!

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Round Robin

Cindy Graff

It's time to start thinking about Round Robin for next year!

Would you like to meet once every two months with a group of quilting friends for an evening of laughter, quilt talk, and yummy snacks? Do you long to try your hand at quilt design on a small scale with lots of support? If so, Round Robin may be just the experience you are looking for!

Round Robin is a method of quilt construction similar to a progressive dinner. Each quilter supplies a beginning block to which other individuals add a "round" in turn. The fabric used in each quilt is supplied by the person who owns the original block. There are as many quilts in progress throughout the year as there are participants. At the end of the year, each person will have a beautiful, one-of-a-kind quilt to enjoy.



Quilts at the End of Round Robin Party 2026

Meetings are scheduled two months apart to allow sufficient time to accomplish the next round. At each meeting, the latest participant to work on each quilt will show its progress and talk about what was added in terms of color or design choices, surprising discoveries, challenges, "happy accidents", etc. There is also a "free to a good home"

basket where we can bring any fabric, patterns, books, or notions that we no longer want but may wish to pass on to others.

Meetings are held in Corvallis in the fellowship hall of Compassion Church, 1525 NW Kings Blvd. There will be an orientation meeting in January to talk about process, goals, and procedures. The beginning block is due in February, with the "round" meetings following in April, June, and August.

If you would like to register to participate in Round Robin, you may sign up on the clipboard at the next guild meeting or call Cindy Graff at home (541) 758-7040. (This is a landline with message capabilities but no text). Registration closes on December 31st.

If you would like more information, handouts will be available at each month's general guild meeting, or please call Cindy Graff (Committee Chair) at the number listed above.

We are looking forward to another year of quilting fun and friendship in Round Robin!

-Cindy Graff

Challenge Quilt

Belinda Barnes

Just one month left to work on your Challenge quilt!! The big reveal will occur at the October 22, 2026, meeting. It will be a fun night of show-n-tell and sharing our challenges.

CHALLENGE

Challenge:

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.

Service Committee

Check at the next Guild Meeting how you might help!





Show & Tell
*Bring your
 project and
 show it off at
 the next Guild
 Meeting!*

