

Peninsula Quilters Gazette

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Next Meeting: March 18, 9:30 a.m.
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President's Message

Welcome March! It so good to be moving along throughout the year with all of you doing such fun activities and classes! This month's activities do not disappoint!

We have a speaker Michelle Trimble, Adventures in Improv...another creative journey for us to enjoy! Our meeting is March 18, a day meeting, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Then the follow-up class on Thursday, March 19, doing improve sunbursts. Check out the PQ website for information and availability. It will be our last class at the quilting store before the final closing of the store for walk in's (March 20) then by appointment til March 31.

The new Member Tea will be after our evening meeting on April 15, so don't forget to have that on your calendars. This is also when our spring challenge is due! Our contact is Sue McCollum for fabric or drop-off issues. See the PQ website for the challenge information.

It is time to sew up something for our boutique at the Garden Center this coming May 3. Bring your donations to the meeting (only two meetings left before the event) or contact me, Nancy Krosse, Cynthia Yin or another member of the board if you need directions on how to drop off items. I would love to see our table happy and full of the wonderful items you can make!

An after-sew is planned after the March day meeting! Bring your machine and lunch and join the fun! We are having a bowl cozy sew -a -thon for donations to the boutique (materials and instructions provided, thanks to our guild members) or just do your own thing. Barb Hall has irons and cutting mats set up to use. Such a good time to visit with each other!

Happy St. Patrick's Day 🍀

~In community, Barbara Mattson, PQ president

PQ Calendar			
March 4	<i>Wed</i>	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
March 18	<i>Wed</i>	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Michelle Trimble, "Adventures in Improv"
March 19	<i>Thu</i>	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Workshop: Michelle Trimble: "Stunning Improv Sunbursts"
April 1	<i>Wed</i>	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
April 15	<i>Wed</i>	7 p.m.	General Meeting: Spring Challenge; New Members event



Outreach Scorecard

	Jan	Feb
Bundles of Joy	9 + 67crocheted hats, 5 crocheted blankets	
LifeMoves	0	
Foster Kids	0	
Laguna Honda	10	

Let's keep these generous and much-appreciated donations coming! Baby quilts should be minimum 30" and maximum of 45" on a side. LifeMoves or Foster Kids quilts should be approximately 65" x 80".

-- Barb Hall,
Outreach Coordinator

Upcoming Speakers and Programs

March 18, 2026: Michelle Trimble, "Adventures in Improv"



Michelle Trimble is a quilter, pattern designer and educator based in San Francisco with 20 years of teaching experience, including teaching at regional and national conventions. She enjoys experimenting with new techniques, dramatic layouts with bold saturated colors, and adding texture to her quilts with free motion quilting. Her work has been featured in magazines and hung at local and international quilt shows including Houston International Quilt Festival and QuiltCon. In Adventures in Improv,

Michelle shares her personal journey of discovering the joy and freedom of piecing without a pattern. She'll walk you through her creative process, from the first hesitant stitches to the bold quilts incorporating swaths of negative space that followed. This lecture is all about exploration, choosing which rules to embrace, and finding fun in the unexpected twists of improv quilting.

Website: <https://quiltingchemistry.com/>

April 15, 2026: Spring Challenge; New Members event



May 21, 2026: Cassandra Beaver, "Aurifilosophy" -- "From the thread makers of Aurifil... a program designed to unlock the mystery of thread, educate the masses, and help all users achieve brilliant results! Cassandra, a certified Aurifilosopher, will present a fun and informative presentation and trunk show of her award-winning quilts. She will then take you behind the scenes to see how she created the Endangered Species Block of the Month designs to accompany the Aurifil 2021 Color Builder Collections. Attendees will come away with an increased knowledge of thread, tools, uses, tips, and some exclusive Aurifil swag!"

June 18, 2026: Affiliates

July 17, 2026: Karen Bolan, "Collaboration Is Fun" -- View over 25 stunning collaborative quilts while learning tips for successfully designing, managing, and participating in collaborative quilting projects. Get ready for a discussion of different kinds of collaborative quilt projects, dealing with difficult situations, and how collaborative quilting relates to life beyond quilting. Santa Rosa quilter Karen Bolan has been featured in QuiltCon Magazine, Make Modern and Quilts Japan, and her quilts have been exhibited at local and international shows including Pacific International Quilt Festival, QuiltCon and the deYoung Museum. You can learn more about Karen's work by visiting her website at www.KarenBolan.com or Instagram at www.instagram.com/karen.bolan.



~Jess Millikan and Sara Guyol

Upcoming Workshops:

<http://www.peninsulaquilters.org/forms>

Michelle Trimble: "Stunning Improv Sunbursts"

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Location: Always Quilting

Time: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Website: <https://quiltingchemistry.com/>

Cost: Members \$70; Non-members \$95

Cassandra Beaver: "Raising the Roof"

Thursday, May 22, 2026

Location, Time: TBA

Cost: \$80

Her workshop is a geometric, paper-pieced quilt. Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) is one of the best ways to ensure perfect points, create complex piecing designs and execute detailed pictorial designs. This pattern is written to have minimal fabric waste and is a good choice for beginning and intermediate quilters. During class we will also discuss using value and color to create a dimensional effect. A PDF version of the pattern is included with the workshop.



Wanda Lewis Dragon: "Goodie Bowls"

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Location, Time: TBA

Cost: \$50

Welcome new member: Sarah Bekhit



Our newest member joined just three months after arriving from Dubai. Sarah Bekhit first moved to Dubai from Egypt when she married, then to San Carlos when her spouse relocated for work. It was 2017, in Dubai, when Sarah first started quilting. Having no quilting knowledge but loving the whole quilting vibe after inadvertently walking into a quilt store, she bought a Brother sewing machine, watched tutorials via YouTube and Missouri Star and got to it.

She joined a guild, took some workshops and then entered a quilt in an International Show in Dubai. She took second place in the Beginner Quilting category. Fueled by this achievement, she took even more workshops, learned more techniques and launched her own Instagram page. Sarah began making custom quilts and her client list grew.

Her next achievement was being short listed at the Birmingham Summer International Quilt Show. Now her goal is to purchase and become proficient with a longarm. Join me in welcoming Sarah to her new quilting community!

~Holly Colgan

Call for library display quilts

During the month of April, Peninsula Quilters Guild will have a display of quilts at the Redwood City Library (1044 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City). If you would like to share your small quilts and/or small items at the library, please give them to Rose Erdozaincy or La Vern Newman.

PQ Member Profile: Barbara Conklin

Barbara Conklin adds another story to Peninsula Quilters. She proudly and truthfully proclaims herself a “War Baby” born in London during the blitz in World War II. Her mother was a Londoner who fell in love with and married a Yankee soldier from Kansas. Her father was a radio man who flew many missions over Europe, had to parachute out twice, but was able to come back safely. After the war, her father was shipped back with the troops and Barbara and her mother were transported on the Queen Mary. Barbara says that, unfortunately, she was too young to remember the trip.

They first lived in Denver where her father worked with United Airlines. When United opened its “new hub” in 1949 in Northern California, the family settled in Redwood City where Barbara has lived ever since. She went to school in Redwood City, married her high school boyfriend in Redwood City, established their home in Redwood City, and raised their three daughters in Redwood City. (Girls dominate in her family. Although she had two brothers, she had only girls, has only granddaughters, and one great granddaughter.) Her husband attended Stanford but worked at



the same time. At work he realized there was an opportunity for him to set up their own manufacturing business, so he quit school, and did just that.

Barbara kept her life interesting by various volunteer ventures, primarily with animals. She was a SF Zoo docent for five years in the '90s. She also volunteered as a sidewalker for a Woodside-based equine group that worked with handicapped people, mainly children. They used horses as a means of therapy. The patient would ride the horse guided by a horse trainer. A therapist would decide the therapy plan and a sidewalker walked alongside the horse watching to see if the rider would need catching before he fell. She had to do that once.

Her favorite was working with Coco, the "talking" gorilla. She started as a letter writer responding to letters and pictures sent to her by children from around the world. From that, she graduated to working at the compound in Woodside making her food and carefully weighing it because she was on a diet!

Quilting came in fits and starts. Her neighbor brought her to the Monday quilting class when Erna still taught it. Pretty consistently, scrap quilts have been her favorites to make. Barbara realized that she enjoyed doing it only if she could do the "whole thing." That led her on a journey through long-arm quilting machines. First, she had a Sweet 16 and her husband helped her rig a special table. Aha! At last, she could do it herself, but she hated it. She had no patience with the quilt slipping around, sliding off the edge, not being perfectly easy. She shopped around and found an 8-foot frame, which she was told would work with what she had. NOT true.

That led to a new long-arm. Heaven! She taught herself and loves it. This led to her own quilting business for those of us who do not feel the need to do it all ourselves.

~Mavourneen Lopez

Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting Feb. 4, 2026

Attendees: Barbara Mattson, Karen Anderson, Carol Blitzer, Terry Caselton, Holly Colgan, Jean Dail, Barb Hall, Nancy Krosse, Kathy McGuffin, Judy Miyake, Jena Walter, Cynthia Yin and Brenda Ziegler

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

President (Barbara Mattson) received a motion from Nancy Krosse and seconded by Jean Dail to approve the January minutes. They were approved by those present. She talked about the Quilter of the Year award and the Nominating Committee Chair. Judy Miyake volunteered to organize the Quilter of the Year award, and Nancy Krosse volunteered to assist Barbara with the Nominating Committee. Barbara reported that a woman contacted PQ thinking that we were involved with creating a suicide awareness/commemoration quilt. Barbara suggested that it was another guild with a similar name. The guild was also contacted by Pat Hager from Marin who is working on the "This is What Democracy Looks Like" quilt project. They are looking for 13" squares representing the concept to be sent to LA. This will be mentioned in the newsletter. This is not an activity sponsored by the guild. Any member is welcome to get involved on a personal level only.

Treasurer (Jean Dail) stated that she is working on multiple filings for the state (1099s, non-profit status, etc.). She and Karen Anderson are working on reviewing current finance requirements in the Bylaws/Standing Rules to consider improvement to allow amendment to the budget throughout the year. We have healthy bank balances with income this past month from raffle baskets and Opportunity Quilt raffle ticket sales.

Parliamentarian (Karen Anderson) explained that the Standing Rules cover items that are flexible and the Bylaws are the laws. She feels we need a procedure to amend the Standing

Rules. Jean Dail submitted suggestions and that note will be reviewed by Barbara Mattson and Karen Anderson. Further discussion was tabled for next meeting.

Corresponding Secretary (Terry Caselton) sent a get-well card to Sandy Kelly and one to Connie Bowles.

Fund Raising (Nancy Krosse) reminded us that bowl-cozy production will be the concentration of the Open Sew after the March general meeting. Participants should bring their own 10" squares. Nancy will supply the batting. The bowl cozies will be offered for sale at the Garden Center Open House in May.

Membership (Cynthia Yin) said we have no new members and suggested lower dues for the first year to encourage quilters to join.

Outreach (Barb Hall) agreed that participation in the Democracy project should be on a personal level only. She still has a glut of tops for the long armers so please hold tops for donation. She will supply backs and batting for those who want to quilt their own.

Storage (Judy Miyake) has a bin of old power cords and Quilt Show signs she would like to get rid of. Carol Blitzer suggested that other guilds may want the signs.

Communications (Jena Walter) brought up sending the AI Summary created on Zoom to board members to review after the meeting. There was a short discussion mentioning the pros and cons. It was determined that the secretaries could use the summary, if needed. Copies will not be distributed.

Activities and Events (Cynthia Yin) said that the San Mateo County Fair booklet was released. It should be mentioned at the next meeting. Volunteers are needed to man the Opportunity Quilt table and by the Fair staff for set up, etc. Daisy Segal and Lorraine Twomey will help coordinate volunteers.

Barbara adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Day & Board Meeting Secretary

2026 Spring Challenge: Patriotic Quilts

In celebration of our country's 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we will be making Patriotic Quilts for our next Challenge. Challenge fabric fat quarters can be purchased from Sue McCollum for \$6 (available at Guild meetings).

Your entry must be a quilt (minimum 18", maximum 48"), with a recognizable amount of challenge fabric in it.

Entries are due at the April Guild meeting (by 6:30 p.m., to be hung). Votes will be cast that night, considering best patriotic representation, use of challenge fabric, creativity, and workmanship. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

There will be a category in the San Mateo County Fair where members can display their quilts.



~Sue McCollum

PQ General Meeting Minutes February 18, 2026

Barbara Mattson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The meeting was held at the San Mateo Garden Center and offered on Zoom.

President: Barbara Mattson accepted a motion to approve the January minutes from Nancy Krosse, which was seconded by Angi Merlone and passed by those present. Always Quilting is

closing with March 20 being the last day for walk-ins to the quilt store, the rest by appointment only till March 31 when the store will close. Kit and Julie will be opening Studio AQ, which will be by appointment only. They will have space to hold classes of between 20 to 24 people, which the guild may choose to rent for classes.

Treasurer: Jean Dail said we have healthy balances at the bank. She will have Jan/Feb data for us next month.

Corresponding Secretary: Terry Caselton sent a get-well card to Sandy Kelly who was feeling good enough to attend the meeting. Connie Bowles is recovering. Rose Wilson's husband is home from the hospital.

Workshops: Sandy Kelly (for Jess Millikan) showed pictures of the project being taught at the March 19 workshop. Michele Trimble will talk about use of color. Sandy also mentioned that the April Camp Newman Retreat is full, but there is a waiting list in case of last-minute cancellations.

Fund Raising: Nancy Krosse reminded us that the Open Sew after the March meeting will concentrate on bowl cozy production for the Garden Center Open House in May. She will supply the batting. Participants should bring 10" squares. There will be some donated fabric there for bowl cozy making only. Training will be given for those who ask for it. The bowl cozies were great fund raisers last year. You can give items for the boutique to Nancy Krosse.

Spring Challenge: Sue McCollum showed the challenge fabric. It's a patriotic theme for the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. No sleeve is required for guild judging, but participants are encouraged to enter their quilts in the County Fair where a sleeve will be required. Judging will take place at the April meeting.

Outreach: Barb Hall reminded us that we will have an Open Sew after every morning meeting. She thanked us for not donating tops for long-arm quilting. She will let us know when the backlog is cleared. Finished baby, lap or twin quilts are being accepted.

Announcements: Annette Caves spoke about MELP (Medical Equipment Loan Program), which loans out free medical equipment Saturdays in San Carlos. For more info go to freemedequip.com. Sandy Tsushima invited members to help make "Mats" for Independent Cat Rescuers. She showed a sample of what they are looking for and passed out a flyer with information. This will be posted in the upcoming newsletter. Cynthia Yin spoke about the Silicon Valley Modern Quilt Guild Show on April 18 & 19, which will be held at Covington Elementary, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos.

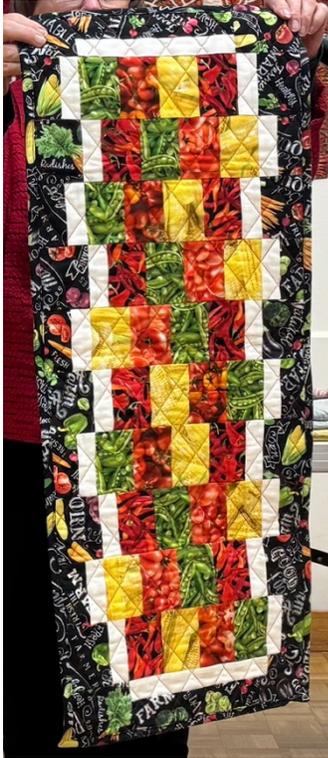
Membership: Cynthia Yin announced that there were 53 people present and 12 on Zoom. The membership raffle was won by Holly Colgan.

Raffle Basket Winners: 1. Kerry McArdle, 2. Joyce Wheeler, 3. Lorraine Twomey, 4. Mary Raftery, 5. Allison Banducci, 6. Gwen Matteucci

Show & Tell: Photos were taken for submittal to the newsletter. Theresa Koetters (Table Runner, purple Mel Beach class wall hanging, Can I Do Curves, blue/grey log cabin), Tracy Phillips (Summers at the Dig, One Only, Outer Limits, Wowza), Cynthia Yin (luggage tag), Nancy Krosse (Two Christmas quilts, Block of the Month Sampler), Carly Peck (All the Things tote bag, Cozy Checkered Heart, Sugar Cone Checkered Garden)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:43 p.m.

~Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Day and Board Meeting Secretary



Theresa Koettters – Table runner (above left); Purple Mel Beach class wall hanging (above right); “Can I do curves?” (below left); Blue and gray log cabin quilt (below right)





Tracy Phillips – from Dora Cary workshop (left); Summers at the Dig (right); Wowsa (from Material Girlfriends workshop) (below left); Outer Limits (Julie Curry design) (right)





Nancy Krosse – Christmas quilt (above left);
HoHoHo Reindeer quilt (above right); Joanna
Figueroa Block of the Month (left); Cynthia
Yin – Luggage Tag (below)





Carly Peck – All the Things Tote Bag (above left); Cozy Checkered Heart (above right); Sugar Cone Checkered Garden (left)



*Deborah Snapp -- Wall quilt from "Show and Tell" by Elizabeth Hartman (left);
"Valentine" by Laundry Basket Quilts (right)*



Support Our Local Independent Cat Rescuers

A dedicated group of local independent rescuers are working with The Homeless Cat Network, Nine Lives Foundation and the Peninsula Humane Society to improve the welfare of free-roaming and feral cats in our community.

What They Do

This group devotes countless hours to:

- Trapping, spaying, neutering and returning feral cats to help reduce unwanted numbers in cat colonies
- Monitoring and maintaining feeding stations
- Rescuing and socializing kittens and cats with potential to become good family members
- Relocating and acclimating feral cats to homes needing barn cats

Why They Need Help

Because this group is not a nonprofit and cannot offer tax deductions, donations are limited and they are always grateful for anything they receive. Most rescue costs — food, medical care and essential supplies — are paid directly by the rescuers themselves. As a result, they often cannot afford nonessential but meaningful items such as comfortable bedding for adoption crates, cages and carriers.

How the PQG Can Help

Rescuers are hoping the Peninsula Quilters Guild can help by donating crate/cage and carrier mats for their adoption events. These help keep the space clean, welcoming and comfortable for the cats as they wait for new homes.



Crate/Cage Mat Sizes:
15" x 21"
16" x 22"



Carrier Mat Sizes:
20" x 12"
19" x 10"
17 x 9"



Where to Drop Off Finished Mats

The group typically holds adoption events every Sunday at Pet Club in San Mateo, but the store is currently relocating a few doors down. Until they reopen, donations may be delivered to:

911 W. Hillsdale Blvd
San Mateo, CA 94403
(½ mile from Laurelwood Shopping Center)



Two cuties waiting for their forever homes!



Coraline (9 years old)



Marilyn (2 years old)



520 South 1st St., San Jose, CA 95113,
408-971-0323; <https://sj-mqt.org>
Open Thu-Fri 1-5 p.m., Sat-Sun 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Through May 11, 2026: *The Woven Pixel* exhibition explores the rise of digital weaving that emerged in the early 2000s. It brings together a variety of work by artists and designers who experiment with digital looms and jacquard software. It pays tribute to two artists in particular, Bhakti Ziek and Alice Schlein, who wrote *The Woven Pixel* (2006), which quickly became something of a bible for weavers in art, design and industry

Democracy quilt project

"What Democracy Looks Like" quilts are collaborative, activist art projects where individuals create 13-inch fabric squares representing their hopes, concerns and civic commitment, stitched together to visualize a unified yet diverse, living democracy. Inspired by the AIDS Memorial Quilt, these projects channel personal, political messages into a collective, tangible form of protest and dialogue.

This not a guild-sponsored activity, but if you want to participate, you can contact Pat Hager at phager109@gmail.com.



Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: **Silicon Valley Modern Quilt Guild 2026 Show** features a wide array of modern works, including the 2025 Community Quilt Challenge quilt, which was exhibited at QuiltCon2025. Local vendors, activities for children, free parking at Covington Elementary School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos. Admission is \$10 presale, \$12 at the door (children under 12 free). siliconvalleymqg.com/guildshow

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Coffee cup/Water bottle