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President's Message

Is it just me, or did the year just go by in a mere blink of an eye? Here we are at the end of our fiscal year, and we have accomplished quite a lot. We welcomed 23 new members to our guild and donated 295 quilts to our favorite charities. We emptied out an expensive jam-packed storage unit and held our first boutique at the Garden Center Open House. We also collected a heap of money from our opportunity quilt, purchased a sorely needed audio system, enjoyed terrific guest speaker lectures, attended a slew of fascinating workshops, built beautiful challenge quilts and entered oodles of exceptionally lovely quilts at the County Fair.

Did I forget to mention how we partied? The Birthday Party chaired by Judith Paul and the Holiday Celebration organized by Grace Hardy were gracious gatherings with great food and lots of fun.

The toughest part was taking a sobering look at the financial future of our guild; we took surveys, interviewed committee chairs, and tightened our budget wherever we could. It was really tough, slogging through the numbers while being mindful of our member's budgets to determine the best course of action to keep the guild solvent.

It has been a lot, but the most jubilant event of the year, for me, was the Auction we held in August. So many extraordinarily generous donations from our guild members made this event such a success. Sandy Kelly performed miracles in organizing all these donations and choreographing the flow of the bidding activities. Angi Merlone did a fantastic job in pricing and listing all the auction items. Then, an entire army of volunteers brought it all together for the big night. I was heartened to see so many people show up to the Garden Center with their sleeves rolled up, ready to tackle any job. It was just a remarkable site to see everybody do all this heavy lifting for our beloved guild. The net result was not only an astounding amount for our coffers but an evening where we all came together to enjoy each other's company, while sipping sparkling wine and going home with armloads of quilting goodies.

In retrospect, I have sincerely enjoyed serving as your president these past 12 months. It has been my privilege to work with such dedicated, passionate and talented guild members. Your devotion to this guild, and to each other, has kept this charitable organization in good stead. I will forever cherish this year of working with all of you as we navigated crushing challenges and celebrated triumphant successes.

It is my fondest wish that we maintain this spirit of working together to continue the good work of donating charity quilts while maintaining the bond of friendship and shared appreciation for each other's creativity. I hope you will all work diligently with our new president, Barbara Mattson, to support her efforts in guiding this guild through another fruitful year.

Forever grateful, Nancy Krosse, PQ president

PQ Calendar			
Sept. 3	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Sept. 17	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Birthday Party
Oct. 1	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Oct. 15	Wed	7 p.m.	General Meeting: Tina Curran, "My Excellent Adventure as a Quilter"



Outreach Scorecard

	July	August
Bundles of Joy	3	8 + 6 crochet blankets; 26 tiny knit hats
LifeMoves	9	0
Foster Kids	1	2
Laguna Honda Home		8 smaller quilts

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".

-- Julie Curry, Outreach Coordinator

Upcoming Speakers and Programs

Sept. 17, 2025: Birthday Party

Oct. 15, 2025: Tina Curran, "My Excellent Adventure as a Quilter"

Nov. 19, 2025: Heather Kojan, "Quilt Remix, UFOs, Orphan Blocks, and What was I Thinking?!! Fresh Ideas for Stale Projects" (on Zoom from Virginia Beach)

Dec. 17, 2025: Holiday Party

Jan. 21, 2026: Polly Matsuoka, "Turning Color and Cloth into Wonder: My Art Quilting Journey"

Feb. 18, 2026: Gale Green, "I'm Just a Regula Quilter!"

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

~Jess Millikan and Sara Guyol

Upcoming Workshops:

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

Tina Curran: "Wreath-o-rama Houses block pillow"

Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025

Location: Always Quilting, San Mateo

Time: TBA

Cost: Members \$50; Non-members \$75

**Polly Matsuoka: "Birds With Character:
A Choose Your Own Adventure in Collage Quilting."**

Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026

Location, Time: TBA

Cost: Members \$65; Non-members \$90

Michelle Trimble: "Stunning Improv Sunbursts"

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Location, Time: TBA

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

Officers, Committee Chairs for 2025-26:

Almost all board positions for the Fiscal Year 25/26 are filled. Here is the list of the great members who will continue to support our guild:

Position	Name
Elected Officers	
President	Barbara Mattson
Past President	Nancy Krosse
Vice President	TBA
Treasurer	Jean Dail
Recording Secretaries	
Day and Board mtg	Brenda Ziegler
Evening mtg	Naomi te Wildt
Appointed Officers	
Corresponding Secretary	Terry Caselton
Parliamentarian	Karen Anderson
Web Administrator	Kathy McGuffin
Social Media	Carlie Peck
Email Blaster	Kia Starmer
Newsletter Editor	Carol Blitzer
Standing Committee Chairs	
Activities and Education Chair	Holly Colgan
Semi Annual Challenge	Susan McCollum
PQ Retreat Virtual	Barb Hall and Jena Walter
PQ in person Retreat	Sandy Kelly
Bee Coordinator	Mary Raftery
Volunteer Sign Ups	Cynthia Yin
Library Case Coordinators	Rose Erdozaincy & La Vern Newman
Fund Raising Chair	Nancy Krosse
Current OQ lead	Cynthia Yin
Raffle Baskets	Judy Miyake & Kathy McGuffin

Membership, Roster	Cynthia Yin
Education Chair	Sandy Kelly
Implement 25/26	Jess Millikan
Acquisition 25/26	Nell Lee Stinson
Speaker/workshop support	Sue McCollum (PM) & Elizabeth Hernandez (AM/PM)
Hospitality	Allyson Banducci
2025 Holiday Event Lead	Cathy Stillman
2026 Birthday Event Lead	Judith Paul
NCQC Rep	Terry Caselton
Outreach Chair	Barb Hall
Long Arm Coordinator	Barb Hall & Annette Caves
Bee Charitable	Cynthia Yin (Project Coordinator) Barb Hall (Storage/Equipment) Linda McAllister (Burlingame Rec Liaison)
Binding/Labels Shelter Quilts	Judy Miyake
Delivery	
Baby Quilts	Linda Hester & Mary Raftery
LifeMoves	Judy Miyake
SMC Foster Children	Annette Caves
Virtual Events Chair	Jena Walter
In person event zoom support	Sandy Kelly + TBA

Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting Aug. 6, 2025

Attendees: Nancy Krosse, Carol Blitzer, Terry Caselton, Holly Colgan, Jean Dail, Barbara Hall, Harriet Hirsch, Sandy Kelly, Barbara Mattson, Michele Parry, Jena Walter, Cynthia Yin and Brenda Ziegler.

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

President (Nancy Krosse) received a motion from Michele Parry and a second from Carol Blitzer to approve the July board meeting minutes. This was passed by those present. There was a discussion regarding the reporting of financial data in the meeting minutes. Current procedure will be updated for clarification to specify that dollar amounts of dues and event earnings can be included but data on bank account positions should not be included. Also, any large donations or sponsorships should be acknowledged, but monetary value and donor should be anonymous unless requested by the donor. Michele Parry agreed to the suggestion that this be added to the Standing Rules for the next roster print run.

Fundraising (Sandy Kelly) spoke about the Auction being held at the August General Meeting. She said there are 27-28 items that will be auctioned live and that there are many items on the silent auction. The doors will open at 6 p.m. A Blast will go out. There will be five cashiers, and they will be able to accept cash, checks or credit cards.

Vice President (Barbara Mattson) informed us that there are still two board positions open: VP & Parliamentarian. Quilter of the Year ballots will be available at the meeting. This will also be

the last day to vote. A Blast will go out regarding the open positions. Michele Parry spoke about the Parliamentary position as sounding, but not being, overwhelming and offered to mentor.

Treasurer (Jean Dail) reported that we have healthy bank accounts. Receipts came in for workshops, and our insurance went down since we no longer have the storage unit. She is working on a budget to be presented at the September meeting.

Corresponding Secretary (Terry Caselton) sent a condolence card to Nancy Krosse due to the loss of her brother. She sent Anne Merics a get-well card as well. She mentioned that Judith Paul may need help with the September birthday party.

Membership (Cynthia Yin) has already received a few dues payments for the next fiscal year, and she will be sending out a Blast regarding the fee and scheduling.

Outreach (Barb Hall) reported that she is taking over the set-up for the Burlingame scrappy bee, which will now be called Bee Charitable. It was requested that Bee Charitable be moved back into Outreach. Quilters will be able to work on their own charity quilts or on group projects. Nancy adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Day & Board Meeting Secretary

PQ General Meeting Minutes August 20, 2025

Nancy Krosse called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The meeting was held at the San Mateo Garden Center but not offered this month on Zoom.

President: Nancy Krosse, in order to save time for the planned auction that evening, reported for most board members. Nancy requested and received a motion to approve the July meeting minutes with the correction that Gale Green will not be teaching the March workshop. It will be held on March 19 with Michelle Trimble teaching "Stunning Improv Sunbursts." The motion to approve the minutes with the correction was made by Angi Merlone, seconded by Sandi Adger and approved by the members present. The chair for the September Birthday Party has made the purchases required but due to a death in her family, Nancy is looking for volunteers to assist. Barbara Mattson wanted to announce that ballots for Quilter of the Year are available as is a red basket to drop them in. Tonight was the last chance to vote. Nancy reminded us that we still need a VP for the next fiscal year. The Hospitality and Parliamentary positions have been filled. On Jean Dail's behalf, Nancy reported that we have healthy bank accounts and that dues are due in September. Last month we were over on expenses by less than \$300. For Jess Millikan, Nancy informed us that the next Free Table will be held Saturday, Sept. 27, which is after the September meeting. Donations can be brought to the September meeting or dropped off at Jess' house. Nancy showed a sample of a pillow made for the "Wreath-o-Rama Houses block pillow" class to be given by Tina Curran on Oct. 16.

Challenge Quilt: Sue McCollum stepped in to show two samples of quilts that fulfill the Fall Challenge. The entries are due at next month's General Meeting. Please bring your paint chip with you. Quilts should use colors from these chips with addition of one solid black, gray, white or cream only. Quilts will be hung and judged at the meeting. Quilts do not need a sleeve for the meeting but will need one if entered in the San Mateo County Fair.

President: Nancy Krosse also announced that Barb Hall had a kit ready if one of her long-arm quilters would like to take it. She checked with Membership who tallied 71 members and 5 guests present.

Show & Tell: Carlie Peck took photos of the Show and Tell quilts for submittal to the newsletter. Nell Lee Stinson (kaleidoscope quilt from Pernille Gutschick's class), Annette Caves (crocheted blankets), Carlie Peck (Grand Canyon modern quilt), Lorraine Twomey (red, white & blue quilt). The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Secretary



Left: Nell Lee Stinson – Kaleidoscope Quilt from Pernille Gutschick’s class; Right: Carlie Peck – Grand Canyon inspired modern quilt

Below: Annette Caves – Crocheted baby quilts made by 101-year-old; Right: Lorraine Twomey – Rail Fence Quilt made from her aunt’s pieces in Virginia



Free medical equipment

MELP, the Medical Equipment Loan Program, offers free medical equipment to the community. They also accept donations of medical equipment that you no longer need.

Some of the equipment you can borrow include: wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, knee scooters, crutches, bath benches, adult diapers, crutches and much more. The website is freemedequip.org and lists donation/ loan hours, location and more.

~Annette Caves



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3885 Richardson Dr
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Routed West: Twentieth-Century African American Quilts in California -- through Nov. 30, 2025, at the University of California, Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA), 2155 Center St., Berkeley. The exhibit traces the flow and flourishing of quilts in the context of the Second Great Migration. Consisting of 100 artworks representing nearly 80 individuals—many of them women with ties to the Bay Area—and recent works by local Black quilt artists, *Routed West* honors quiltmakers of this distinctive migrant generation and those who carry forth their aesthetic and cultural legacies.

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