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President's Message

As much as I would like to type a message of good cheer and fa-la-la, unfortunately, there are two events that have spurred me to write the following missive. We recently learned the stunningly sad news about Theresa Molnar who passed away quite suddenly in November. Theresa was a sweet soul who took part often in our meetings, both virtually and in person. I grieve I had not tried to get to know her better. The other event is the recognition that our fellow Americans cast a vote that will ensure our future will prove to be remarkably different.

While our parents, teachers and religious mentors taught us to develop characters that would be reliable, trustworthy and caring, we are now all in need of a course correction, as we recalibrate our inner compasses to steel ourselves against cruelty, intolerance and incivility. It is my aspiration to ensure our guild will remain a safe place for all of us to come together, to continue our outreach projects and abide by the purpose of our guild as defined in Article II of our bylaws. But, the one thing missing in our bylaws is a reminder to be good to one another. Hold your dear ones close, and set a place at the table for the strangers.

*God help us,
Nancy Krosse, President*

PQ Calendar

Dec. 4	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Dec. 18	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Holiday Party
Jan. 8	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Jan. 15	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Cindy Grisdela on "Journey of An Art Quilter"
Jan. 16	Thu	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Workshop: Cindy Grisdela: "Fabulous Freehand Curves"



Outreach Scorecard

	October	November
Bundles of Joy	24	6
LifeMoves	14	16
Foster Kids	0	14

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



Hello Guild Members,

I want to thank everyone for my beautiful quilt and wall hanging. I know many of you had various roles in the completion of my treasured quilt.

I have many fond memories of being President the past two years. I will see my gorgeous Tula quilt and wall hanging every day and smile.

Many thanks to all who had large and small parts in the creation.

Big hugs, Sandy

(The President's Quilt was presented to outgoing president Sandy Kelly at the November meeting. The top was pieced by Julie Curry, using Tula Pink fabric that Sandy had admired. Then Angi Merlone quilted it, and Anne Merics bound it. Wanda Lewis Dragon made a mini-quilt for members to sign.)

Upcoming Speakers and Programs

Dec. 18, 2024: Holiday Party

Jan. 15, 2025: Cindy Grisdela on "Journey of An Art Quilter"

Feb. 19, 2025: Joe Cunningham on "The Stories Behind the Quilts"

March 19, 2025: Alex Byrne on "English Paper Piecing"

April 16, 2025: Challenge; New Member Tea

May 21, 2025: Pernille Gutschick will speak at our General Meeting and will teach a Kaleidoscope Quilt workshop the next day.

June 18, 2025: Julie Curry will educate us at the General Meeting about "Things Your Long-armed Wishes You Knew." (Note corrected date: Julie is speaking in June, not July as previously announced.)

July 16, 2025: We will not have a speaker at the General Meeting this month. Instead, immediately following the meeting Sandy Kelly will teach us how to make zippered mesh pouches. (Note corrected date; Sandy's workshop is in July, not June as previously announced.)

Aug. 20, 2025: President's Choice

Sept. 17, 2025: Birthday Party

~Jess Millikan and Sara Guyol

Upcoming Workshops:



Cindy Grisdela: "Fabulous Freehand Curves"

Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Cut large scale curves freehand without templates or patterns. Add dots, skinny lines, wonky triangles and more to give each curve its own personality, then combine them into a fun original design. We'll talk about color and design to create the composition as well as the techniques needed. Basic sewing skills and a sewing machine in good working order are necessary. Best for students with some experience with curves—not for beginners.

Jane Haworth:

"Raw Edge Fabric Collage –Reptiles/ Frogs"

Thursday, March 20, 2025, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location TBD

Jane Haworth is an award-winning professional quilter specializing in making nature inspired raw edge fabric collage quilts using her own hand dyed fabrics and commercial fabrics.



Pernille Gutschick: "Kaleidoscope Quilts"

Thursday, May 22, 2025, Time TBD

Location: TBD

Sandy Kelly: “Mesh Pouch with Zipper”

Wednesday, July 16, 2025, following General Meeting

Location: San Mateo Garden Center

Details: Free class for PQG members

Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting

Nov. 6, 2024

Attendees: Nancy Krosse, Leonie Batkin, Carol Blitzler, Terry Caselton, Holly Colgan, Julie Curry, Jean Dail, Wanda Lewis Dragon, Barb Hall, Harriet Hirsch, Sandy Kelly, Barbara Mattson, Angi Merlone, Michele Parry, Jena Walter, Cynthia Yin and Brenda Ziegler

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

President (Nancy Krosse) asked if the October meeting minutes had been read. Julie Curry asked that a correction be noted. She is still running Bee Charitable, and Barb Hall and Annette Caves are taking over both the Long Arm and Binding Coordinator positions. Julie moved to approve the October minutes with this change, it was seconded and passed. Nancy discussed preparations for a survey of ways to manage costs by having the membership prioritize various guild events. Jena will prepare the survey, which will go out in a PQ Blast. Several people asked Nancy if there would be a Free Sew after the December Holiday Party. Barb Hall said if enough people were interested, she would support it, and Wanda Lewis Dragon offered to help. Next there was a discussion of whether December’s general meeting should be considered a day meeting since it is now common to have a holiday party held during the day. Angi Merlone mentioned that it had been discussed before and approved by a prior board. Michele Parry suggested that it be included in the upcoming survey, so all members had an opportunity to voice their opinion. It was also noted that the guest fee needs to be updated on the website.

Fundraising (Sandy Kelley) said that the raffle baskets will now include yardage (one-yard minimum) and candy.

Recording Secretary (Brenda Ziegler) thanked those who submitted their inventory over \$500 list to her and asked for any others that hadn’t been sent yet.

Membership (Cynthia Yin) reported that we have 146 members. She offered to contact other guilds to review their fees, but it was pointed out that there is a state database with this info publicly available.

Treasurer (Jean Dail) reported sufficient funds for this fiscal year. A budget was sent with an expected loss of about \$12K. There has been minimal activity in October and November. More info at the general meeting.

Parliamentarian (Michele Parry) found that the Bylaws category Communication should be listed as Virtual Events. She will notify the membership who will need to vote to approve. This is a minor issue but needs to be corrected because it involves voting requirements.

Fundraising (Angi Merlone) discussed several fundraising ideas including raffle baskets, boutiques, an auction, quilt show (only if we can at least break-even), vendors (we get a cut), place PQ logo on merchandise for sale. It was mentioned that a group of board members had met before the meeting to make proposals for the next survey. Many of her suggestions had been brought up. Julie Curry said the quilt shows have not made money since 2000, and it’s hard to attract volunteers and vendors. Are we locked into a quilt show in the coming year? Is this dependent on whether we get a grant from the city? Julie pointed out that avoiding use of the pipe and drape would be a huge expense savings. Barb Hall said if we sell fabric we should not cancel the free tables. Angi requested clean fabric can be received before or after the meetings. Holly Colgan suggested using a church as the venue. Some people liked the boutique idea, but some did not because it’s a lot of work. Sandy Kelly will check out the coming SF Guild

boutique and get info. Wanda Lewis Dragon said the SF Guild event does not include an auction.

Opportunity Quilt (Leonie Batkin) is going ahead with an Opportunity Quilt (OQ) for this year even though PIQF will not be held. Sara Guyol is making the quilt. Leonie reviewed the income from the last few OQ raffles other than funds collected at PIQF. In one year of the two-year span of Carol Stapleton's OQ, we raised almost \$4K. The net for last year's Bohemian Garden was \$1,522. So far this year, Linda's Trellis by Rose Erdozaincy has already raised \$536 just from two PQ general meetings. She also said the only expenses for the last three years of OQ was \$140.

Outreach (Barb Hall) reminded us that she and Annette Caves have asked the membership to hold off on bringing any more tops to be quilted until sometime in January so that they can get caught up on the backlog. There are 10 long-arm quilters who work on the Outreach quilts.

Outreach (Julie Curry) suggested that committee chairs should make the choices on where any cuts can be made. Make them kindly keeping in mind the importance of some projects and the PQ Mission Statement. Remember the good times.

Newsletter (Carol Blitzner) asked if someone could take over the new member profiles that Angi Merlone was doing for the newsletter. Suggestions were made to add this to the survey or to add questions on the new member form. Angi pointed out that interviewing by phone was a way to get new members excited and inform them of some activities. There was a discussion of whether we should be printing the rosters or just having them online. Michele Parry pointed out that if they are online, we need to have some security and that member permission would be required if it's on the website.

Nancy adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Secretary



HOLIDAY PARTY with LUNCH
Wednesday, Dec. 18, following general meeting

10:30: Party begins

12:00 Lunch: Lasagna (meat & veg), salad and dessert

* **Holiday Quilts** will decorate our room surrounding us with our members' beautiful work

* **Table Centerpiece Decorations:** created by our members

* **Fun Quilt Bingo:** with prize baskets created by our Bees

* **Antique Quilt Raffle:** 1940s Pennsylvania hand-quilted, \$1 per tix or 6 for \$5

* **Quilting books and patterns:** free for exchange -- a table full of quilting ideas for the new year

Come to enjoy and celebrate a great year of quilting and good friends.

(Any questions? Contact Grace Hardy.)

PQ General Meeting Minutes November 20, 2024

Nancy Krosse called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. The meeting was held at the San Mateo Garden Center and offered on Zoom.

President: Nancy Krosse welcomed everyone and new members and visitors. Everyone is encouraged to buy raffle-basket tickets and opportunity-quilt tickets. Remember to stand on the blue X for Zoomers.

October minutes: Julie Curry had a correction to the October minutes – there were 123, not 23, baby quilts donated. A motion to approve the corrected October minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were approved.

Nancy requested a volunteer to take photos of the Show and Tell as Carlie is not present; Jennifer Graves volunteered.

Nancy reported that Sue Garcia's e-mail was hacked and cautioned everyone to be careful and not to open or respond to questionable e-mails. Call the person involved to alert them to a possible hack.

Treasurer: Jean Dail updated the membership on the current status of our account balances. She gave a summary of the balances for the checking, savings and CD. She also summarized the budget for October 2023 to September 2024, the budget so far for October 2024, and the projected budget for the coming year. Jean thanked the members who gave extra when paying their annual dues. Please forward any outstanding expense receipts to Jean for reimbursement.

Workshops: Jess Millikan reported a change in the policy regarding non-members attending our workshops. In the past non-members could not sign up for a workshop until one month before the event and only if it was not sold out. The guild will now allow non-members to sign up anytime. The cost for non-member would be \$75. If the event is full the non-members would be subject to cancellation if necessary.

Sara Guyol reported that the Jan. 16, 2025, workshop will be Cindy Grisdela, the "Fabulous Freehand Curves," discussing curves without templates or patterns. The March 20, 2025, workshop will be Jane Haworth, "Raw Edge Fabric Collage" with patterns of reptiles, chameleons, lizards and frogs. Additional information on workshops is available on the PQ website.

Holiday Party: Grace Hardy reminded everyone that the holiday party will be December 18 at 9:30, a morning meeting. Holiday-themed quilts are needed to decorate the room. Please bring these earlier to allow time to hang them. Thank you to the bees for donating gift baskets. Grace was gifted an antique quilt that will be auctioned off at the party. Centerpieces will be decorated by Barbara Hall, Judith Paul, Terry Caselton, Marilyn Morton, Mary Rafferty, Sandy Kelly, Harriet Hirsch and Cathy Stillman. There will be a free table of books and patterns for the members to choose from, along with games and a catered lunch.

Social Media Contact: Carlie Peck is not present and Nancy Krosse has her requests. Please send photos of leaf colors or earth-toned quilts for November and anything with stars for December to the newsletter e-mail for publication in Instagram and Facebook, newsletter@peninsulaquilters.org. Carlie is again collecting empty spools for a school project; please bring the empty spools to the December meeting.

Membership: Cynthia Yin reported there were 42 members present with five on Zoom. Welcome new members Lynn Madonich and Geri Travins. Welcome also to visitor Maren Larsen.

Raffle baskets: Sandy Kelly reported that the raffle baskets will have more fabric in larger yardage along with candy and a bag to take your fabric home in; please return the baskets. Be generous and buy lots of raffle tickets. The baskets and the membership gift were raffled off.

Announcements:

Barbara Hall reported that she has an updated instruction sheet for the placemats from the last workshop. She also has quilt tops for longarmers who would like to finish them. Holly Colgan will be taking over the interviewing of new members to include their bios in the newsletter.

Sandy Kelly reported that there is an opening for the quilt retreat in April 2025. If you are interested, please contact Sandy.

The San Jose Museum of Quilting and Textiles is opening a new quilt exhibit on Dec. 6. The guild is invited to the tour of the "25 Million Stitches: One Stitch, One Refugee WMQFA Exhibition." Additional information will be sent out by PQ Blast or check the museum website. Nancy presented a gift to Sandy Kelly for her years of service as president. It is a quilt in her colors and a banner signed by the members. If you did not get a chance to sign it, it will be in the back of the room until the end of the meeting.

If you did not get your roster at the last meeting they will be in the back of the room with Cynthia.

The Guest Speaker is Sarah Goer "Building a Color Palette"; sarahgoerquilts.com. Sarah gave a very informative talk about color and how to use it in your quilts. She will be forwarding a list of resources that will be sent out by PQ Blast.

Meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

There was a free sew in the Garden Center after the meeting until 4 p.m. for those who wished to remain.

Respectfully submitted, Harriet Hirsch, Evening Recording Secretary

Show and Tell: Jennifer Graves took pictures for submittal to the newsletter, and everyone was reminded to write a few words describing their quilt, so Carol can match the photos to the correct quilter.



'How Eye Roll' projects from recent workshop: (from left) Kathy McGuffin, Cynthia Yin, Joyce Wheeler, Sara Guyol, Jess Millikan, Kia Starmer



*Linda McAllister – Charm Dash (left)
and Scrappy Nine-Patch (below)*



Left: Jess Millikan – Tropical Convergence; Right: Julie Curry – King Crazy Scraps



Angi Merlone – Dad's Shirts quilt (left);
Thanksgiving table runner and napkins
(below)



Carol Blitzler – Flannel Baby Quilt
(left), Shark Baby Quilt (below),
Placemat from retreat (below right)





Left: Holly Colgan – Christmas Ornaments;
Below: Nancy Krosse – Corey Yoder
Christmas quilt



Nancy Krosse – two Christmas table runners (left); Paper Pieced Tree Quilt (right)



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Through Dec. 30, 2024: 25 Million Stitches

was initiated and conceived in May 2019 by Jennifer Kim Sohn, a multimedia artist and activist to visually document the enormity of the number of refugees in the world and to sustain the concern for the refugees in the minds of global citizens.

In appreciation for all the support your guild has shown us the *San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles* (<https://sj-mqt.org/>)

invites all your members to a free walk through of our latest exhibit

25 Million Stitches: One Stitch, One Refugee.

Friday, December 6 11 a.m.
SJM&T 520 South First St., San Jose



When I Dream **Sandi DaRoza's solo exhibition**

M Stark Gallery
729B Main St., Half Moon Bay

Through Dec. 22, 2024

Artist Talk
Friday, Dec. 6, 5 p.m.

(Half Moon Bay First Friday Art Walk 4-6 p.m.)

For Sale:

\$300 -- Babylock Jubilant sewing machine purchased July 2023 for \$600. A great lightweight, 15 lb. portable sewing machine.

Contact Kathy McGuffin if you're interested:
kamcguffin@gmail.com or 650-996-1655.



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For sale:

Babylock Jazz II, in very good condition (not heavily used); it comes with an 18x24 Sew Steady extension table that has a drawer in it. 12 feet + walking foot included.

\$500 OBO with extension table

If interested, contact Deborah Snapp,
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Show & Tell

Coffee cup/Water bottle