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President's Message

Hooray, hooray! The first of May!! It's that time of year when we can dust off our barbecues, dig out that potato salad recipe and unfurl our favorite picnic quilt to enjoy the warming of the sun.

May also ushers in the first of our guild's fundraising events -- the Plant Sale & Craft Fair at the San Mateo Garden Center. I have been collecting assorted items from our guild members over the past few weeks to sell at the Craft Fair, and I am absolutely gobsmacked at the amount of wonderfully creative, hand-crafted pieces that have been donated. Placemats, bowl cozies, scarves, trivets, pillows, neck supports, wall hangings, coasters, baby beanies, handbags, wallets, zippered pouches, cell-phone stands, gift-card holders and totes. I am overcome with gratitude at the massive scale of generosity from our guild members. Thank you all very much!

The Plant Sale & Craft Fair is on Sunday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please invite your friends, family and neighbors to attend this fun shopping event. It is a terrific way to celebrate our community, to support our fellow club members who share the Garden Center, and to find that perfect Mother's Day gift. This also gives you a chance to buy a few more tickets for our guild's fabulous Opportunity Quilt, titled Linda's Trellis.

I look forward to seeing you and your favorite shopping companions at the Garden Center. Happy May!

In community,
~Nancy Krosse, PQ president

PQ Calendar

May 7	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
May 21	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Pernille Gutschick
May 22	Thu	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Pernille Gutschick workshop "Kaleidoscope Quilt"
June 4	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
June 18	Wed	7 p.m.	General Meeting: Julie Curry on "Things Your Long-armed Wishes You Knew."



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

Outreach Scorecard

	March	April
Bundles of Joy	10	6
LifeMoves	12	14
Foster Kids	5 (+5 pillow-cases)	0

Wanted: quilts to display

Wanted: Quilts to exhibit at the Redwood City downtown library during the month of June. We need small items: table runners, potholders, small quilts, etc. Please bring the items to the meeting in May or contact La Vern Newman for delivery time and place.

Upcoming Speakers and Programs

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:

Pernille Gutschick: “Kaleidoscope Quilts”

Thursday, May 22, 2025, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Location: Always Quilting

Sandy Kelly: “Mesh Pouch with Zipper”

Wednesday, July 16, 2025, following General Meeting

Location: San Mateo Garden Center

Details: Free class for PQG members

Welcome: Geri Travins and Lynn Madonich

This month we meet two friends of PQ member Kia Starmer: new members Geri Travins and Lynn Madonich.

Geri started quilting about 25 years ago. She describes her journey as spurts of quilting and herself as an “on again off again” quilter. Once she started quilting she had to take a pause as life got busy, which resulted in many UFOs needing to be finished. To get motivated, Geri likes to take classes through local quilt shops and workshops through guilds. Most recently her interest has been renewed by quilting with Kia and being around other quilters. Geri enjoys the companionship and camaraderie of the guild. She has made mostly baby quilts (one for each grandchild) and enjoys choosing colors when making quilts. Right now she is trying to finish those UFOs when she is not watching her 3 ½-year-old grandson.



Another new member busy with grandchild care is Lynn Madonich. Lynn came to quilting after making clothes for her own children when they were little. Once she started quilting she loved it! Like Geri, life got busy but then recently she reconnected with PQ members who convinced her to join. She is also a member at the Pacifica club. Once retiring, she had more free time for quilting. Lynn is more interested in modern quilting but simply enjoys the peaceful aspect of quilting. Lynn finds energy from being with like-minded people in quilting and excitement from the workshops. Although retired, she is looking forward to life freeing up from her twice-weekly grandchild care to dedicate more time to quilting.

~Holly Colgan

PQ Member Profile: Leonie Batkin

Leonie Batkin is one of the guild's true "local girls." She grew up in Redwood City and lived in San Mateo County. She attended Lincoln, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Sequoia schools. Then, she began her quilting life taking classes from Evie Landis at Canada Community College in 1975.

Evie's lessons were so worthwhile, Leonie went home after and taught her mother what she had learned. She made nine quilts for family and friends and their babies. Then, in the '80s, she and her mother took quilting from Mary Whitehead. Leonie continued traditional quilting all by hand. Then, in 2015, she attended her first quilt show (PQIF) in 20 years and was "blown away" by the changes she saw in the quilting world.

After retiring in 2019, she again took classes, tried different techniques and began an interest in modern quilting. Her first challenge was drawing her own design and then moving from hand to machine quilting. She is particularly interested in and influenced by Mel Beach. The past couple of years Leonie has helped organize work on the Opportunity Quilt.

Her quilting time is rivaled by Leonie's interest in birding, an activity she enjoys with her husband. They met while birding and go out mostly to various San Mateo sites, an average of three times a week. A favorite place is Pigeon Point Lighthouse, where he has recorded the birds and earned a world-wide reputation as an authority. Any out-of-area vacations would be centered on birding. Leonie loves to tell how they alternate cooking and other chores around the house.



~ Mavourneen Lopez

Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting April 2, 2025

Attendees: Nancy Krosse, Carol Blitzler, Terry Caselton, Wanda Lewis Dragon, Barbara 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 10:00 a.m.

President (Nancy Krosse) requested approval of the March board meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded and passed by those present. Later, she spoke about a program through Costco that will send a percentage of your purchase costs to PQ as a donation. She will talk to Jean Dail about signing up.

Fundraising (Sandy Kelly) spoke about the upcoming auction. Donations to date include a sewing cabinet, portable iron and pad, fabric kits, an electric Accuquilt cutter and a manual Accuquilt cutter as well as long-arm services. Sandy again thanked Jessica Bernhardt for her generous donation to PQ, which helped cover the new sound system with the balance going to the general fund.

Fundraising (Angi Merlone) stated that there would be no Opportunity Quilt offered next year unless someone steps up to manage it. Without raffle sales from PIQF, the revenue may not be worth the work. Several suggestions were made to consider, such as: a sports-themed quilt with permission and/or sponsoring only one event. Barbara Mattson will mention this at the New Member Tea. Angi said that other guilds were also not raffling an Opportunity Quilt next year.

Activities and Education (Nancy Krosse for Holly Colgan) let us know that April 23 was the last day to donate for Mills Peninsula Hospital's Wrapped in Love event. Donations can be brought to the April general meeting or Holly will pick up.

Vice President (Barbara Mattson) reminded us that the New Member Tea will be held after the April general meeting. Primarily this is to introduce new members and board members to each other and to talk about the guild and volunteering.

Treasurer (Jean Dail via email) wrote that we have healthy bank accounts. She will have the March activity report for the April general meeting. Several people have volunteered to help review our estimated operating expenses for fiscal year 2025-26 so that she can put together a rough expense budget.

Corresponding Secretary (Terry Caselton) sent a get-well card to Susan Williams, a condolence card and flowers to Barbara Conklin who lost her husband, and a thank-you card to Jessica Bernhardt and her husband for their recent donation to the guild.

Membership (Cynthia Yin) initiated what became a lengthy discussion regarding moving to an online roster. Kathy McGuffin has figured out a password-protected way to have the roster on the PQ site. Cynthia told us that another guild she is in uses Google Docs, which is working well and has other security and availability advantages. There are a few issues with using the PQ site, and further investigation of both options is being carried out. In any case, it is suggested that an option to purchase a printed roster and receive it by mail be available. What information should be on an online roster was also discussed.

Parliamentarian (Michele Parry) mentioned a process for approval of expenses.

Outreach (Julie Curry) processed 10 baby quilts, 12 quilts for LifeMoves, and 5 quilts with matching pillowcases for Foster Care for the month of March.

County Fair (Wanda Lewis Dragon) announced that there will be a PQ Blast going out for signing up to volunteer at the San Mateo County Fair through Sign-Up Genius, not iVolunteer. This is for fair activities, such as assisting with quilt judging, take in, etc. One entry ticket will be offered for every 8 hours of volunteering. We will be handling Treasure Hunt, which is loved by the kids. Also, the Opportunity Quilt raffle sales will need volunteers. Signing up for that will be through iVolunteer.

Zoom Retreat (Barb Hall) reminded us that the next Zoom retreat will be May 16, 17 & 18. You can sign up after the April general meeting.

Nancy adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Day & Board Meeting Secretary

PQ General Meeting Minutes April 16, 2025

Nancy Krosse called the meeting to order at 701 p.m. The meeting was held at the San Mateo Garden Center and offered on Zoom.

President: Nancy Krosse welcomed everyone, new members and visitors. A big thank you to Barbara Mattson for the beautiful decorating job and for organizing the New Member Tea. Everyone is encouraged to buy raffle basket tickets for the Opportunity Quilt.

Please remember to stand on the blue X for Zoomers. March meeting minutes were approved.

Sandy Kelly: Sandy demonstrated how to hold the microphone on the new sound system the guild purchased. This is the second meeting in which we are using the system. The guild will hold an auction after the meeting on Aug. 20. This will be a fundraiser for the guild; outside guilds and people are welcome. She has already received many wonderful items including a vintage quilt, sewing machines, kits, etc. Please contact Sandy if you have any items for the auction. Connie Bowles has arranged for an auctioneer to run the event.

The guild retreat at Nelson Ranch last weekend was a great success with 32 participants. We would like to do this again next year.

Corresponding Secretary: Terry Castleton sent a condolence card to Barbara Conklin; a get well card to Susan Williams, and a Thank You card to Jessica Bernhardt for her generous donation to the guild.

Connie Bowles: Irene Boczek the chaplain at Sutter Health Mills Peninsula is organizing what used to be Nurse's week into Wrapped in Love for all of the employees (not just the nurses). She has already received many quilts to be donated for this event and will be continuing to collect quilts or other items until May 8. The event will be held May 11 to 17. We are welcome to go in and view the donations during this time, but they prefer that we come in later in the day as they are still using the room for meetings.

Workshops: Jess Millikan – Pernille Gutschick will give a presentation at the May 21 meeting and teach a Kaleidoscope Quilts class on Thursday, May 22. The class is full so if anyone would still like to attend they will start a waiting list. Sandy Kelly will teach a Mesh Pouch with zipper class on Wednesday, July 16, following the meeting. Jess is working on workshops for the next fiscal year. She has already lined up Tina Curran for October. Tina will give a presentation on Oct. 15 and teach a class on Oct. 16. The topic is a paper pieced wreath of houses that could be a pillow or wall hanging. The houses and the wreath can be embellished as desired.

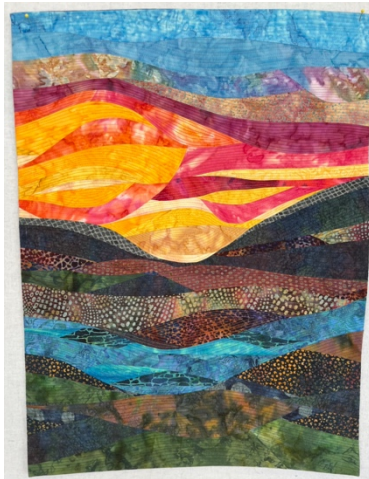
Treasurer: Jean Dail reported on the current status of our account balances. With the closing of the storage locker the money saved went to the purchase of the new sound system. Along with the generous donation the guild received we are doing well.

Leonie Batkin – the San Mateo County Fair will be May 30-June 8, and will not be open June 2 and 3. Friday, May 9, is the entry deadline; apply online (be patient as Leonie had some difficulty applying). 32 volunteers are needed to sell tickets for the opportunity quilt. Please sign up on iVolunteer through the guild website. Use the fair's website to sign up to volunteer to help with the judging and hanging of the quilts. Hanging will be on May 29. Volunteers will get an entry ticket to the fair and 1 parking ticket per shift (you are encouraged to carpool).

Barbara Hall – The May retreat will be on Zoom, May 16, 17 and 18. Please sign up online with Jenna Walter and Barbara Hall. Sign-ups will begin after tonight's meeting. You do not need to be on the entire time; come and go as you wish.

There will be an open-sew after the morning general meetings (except for the July meeting). Everyone is encouraged to come and work on your own projects and socialize. Bring your own lunch, equipment and supplies. Barbara will supply irons, ironing boards and cutting mats. Barbara asks that quilt tops that are submitted for long-arming and donation to be around 60 x 80 inches, or as close as possible. This will make it easier for the long-armers to fit it to the batting and backing they have.

San Mateo Garden Open House: The Open House is May 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The guild will have 2 tables indoors. One table will be to sell tickets for the Opportunity Quilt and the other table will be for selling quilted items and teaching. The volunteer slots have been filled, thank you. Nancy is collecting donations of small sellable items like bowl cozies, pouches, bags, etc. Planning for 2026 Opportunity Quilt is under way. Nancy is looking for a volunteer to coordinate and organize the volunteers. The OQ will be sports-related and raffle tickets will be sold at the San Mateo County Fair.



Spring Challenge winners (l-r): 1st – Angi Merlone; 2nd – Cynthia Yin; 3rd – Lori Atwood

Spring Challenge: Thank you to Sue McCallum for organizing the Spring Challenge, Dreaming by the Stream. Thank you to everyone who participated and all are encouraged to enter their quilts in the San Mateo County Fair (there is a separate category for the Spring Challenge). There were 20 entries. The winners received a ribbon and gift bag, and the participants received a fob for their scissors. The ribbons and fobs were made by Wanda Lewis Dragon.

Announcements: Theresa Koetters reported that the San Francisco Quilt Guild Show last month was a great success. Several of our members are also members of the San Francisco Guild and participated in the show (Sara Guyol, Judy Miyaki, Kathy McGuffin, Becky Simpson, Maren Larsen, and Wanda Lewis Dragon).

Membership: Cynthia Yin reported there were 66 members, 3 guests and 6 members on Zoom.

Show and Tell: Please sign the sheet. Remember to write a few words describing your quilt, so Carol Blitzer can match the photos to the correct quilter. As part of the Show and Tell, Sandy showed off the bags that have been made so far for the Sew Powerful charity. They provide the bags (to carry menstrual products) for girls in Zambia so they can continue to go to school when they have their periods. Anyone wishing to contribute should see Sandy for the pattern and instructions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

The New Member Tea followed the General Meeting. Thank you to Barbara Mattson and her volunteers. Table Runners: Anne Merics, Barbara Hall; Hospitality: Linda Hester, Nell Lee Stinson, Ruth Gilroy, Jennifer Graves; Cupcake Rollers: Cynthia Yin, Nancy Ottenburg, Angie Merlone (pins).

~Respectfully submitted, Harriet Hirsch, Evening Recording Secretary



Above Left: Sandy Kelly with Sew Wonderful bags by Cynthia Yin, Barb Hall and Harriet Hirsch; Right: Carlie Peck – Screen printed quilt, Patchwork duffle bag, Log Cabin Stars with pink border



Geri Travins – Warriors Quilt (left); Baby quilt (below)





Dorothea Copeck-Nolan – Astronomy Quilt for Tech Trek at UC Santa Cruz (left); Baby Quilt (below)



Left: Anne Merics – Violets; Right: Jess Millikan – Teal/Beige Baby Quilt



Mavourneen Lopez – Bird Quilt (left); Betsy Ross' Leftovers (right)



Nell Lee Stinson – Moon Over the Mountain (left); Pink Baby Quilt (below)



Below: Cynthia Yin – Amethyst Project bag, Kaffe Midi bag, Justine’s mini purse; Right: Mary Raftery – Spring large baby quilt



Left: LaVern Newman – Hexagon yellow and black quilt, potholders and Valentine Hearts; Right: Becky Simpson – Upcycled Red Sweater



Holly Colgan – 2 Gerber Daisy quilts



Left: Judy Miyake – *Urban Cabin*; Right: Sue McCollum – *Circles and Arrows*



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