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President's Message

February is such a lovely time of year; the flowering trees are in full bloom offering the promise of Spring just around the corner. I love pulling out my Valentine-themed quilts and table runners to decorate the house. This time of year can be predictably gloomy so filling our homes with cheerful colors and heart-shaped items can prove to be a tonic for the soul.

While we are on the subject of enhancement, we on the board are diligently working on fine tuning our cost-cutting measures while also coming up with clever ideas for raising funds for our favorite Valentine, the Guild. We have decided to drop the quilt show plan as it was proving to be more expensive than what we had expected. Instead, we are planning to put our energy behind selling small items at the San Mateo Garden Center's Annual Open House, which will be held on Sunday, May 4. The guild has been taking part in this event for many years, but, we have never offered up small handmade items to sell at this well attended community event. We will also have our magnificent Opportunity Quilt on display to give the attendees a chance to buy scads of tickets. This Open House is scheduled the week before Mother's Day, so we might be quite successful at selling our guild's treasures. Please consider making some coasters, bowl cozies, mug rugs or even small, zippered pouches to sell at our guild's table. If you're unable to make anything to sell, plan on attending the Open House and bring a friend or neighbor so they can shop for items, buy a few Opportunity Quilt tickets or both! Your participation in helping make this event benefit our guild is truly appreciated.

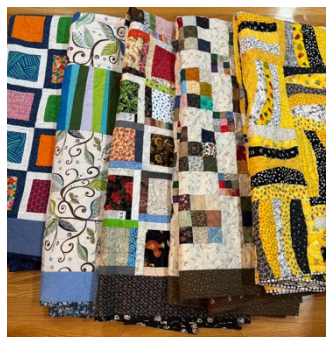
In between the times when you're merrily sewing, indulge yourself in the spirit of St. Valentine. Make your sweetheart a homemade valentine and be sure to make those plans to have a Galentine's lunch with your gal-pals. Go ahead, buy that adorable Valentine toy for your fur-baby, mail those silly Valentines to your children and grandchildren. Heck, while you're at it, buy yourself some flowers! Share the love. Have a wonderfully heartfelt month. See you at our next meeting on Feb. 19.

~Nancy Krosse, President

PQ Calendar			
Feb. 5	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Feb. 19	Wed	7 p.m.	General Meeting: Joe Cunningham: "The Stories Behind the Quilts"
March 5	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
March 19	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Alex Byrne "English Paper Piecing"



Outreach Scorecard		
	December	January
Bundles of Joy	tba	27
LifeMoves	0	12
Foster Kids	0	24



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

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-armer 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:

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

Welcome New Members: Deborah Snapp and Sue McCollom

New member **Deborah Snapp** moved to Los Gatos from Seattle in 2018 to be closer to family. An avid knitter, she exhausted her love of knitting during the pandemic and turned to quilting. Learning from YouTube tutorials and purchasing a new sewing machine, she started making throw quilts. Currently she follows Kim Diehl for patterns and is expanding to machine appliqué as she likes to learn new things. She enjoys New Bees for the social interaction, sharing of projects and advice. Since joining PQ last year she attends meetings virtually, but is looking forward to moving closer so she can attend meetings in person. We will be ready to welcome Deborah face to face then!





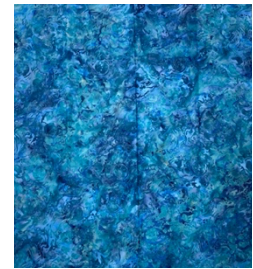
Meet **Sue McCollum** our new Semi Annual Challenge Chair. Last year Sue moved from New Jersey to Belmont, also to be closer to family. Learning to sew from her mom, Sue has been quilting since the 1980s. An active crafter, she also knits, crochets, does cross stitch and embroidery. She likes working with batiks and bright colors but does not like reproduction 1930s fabrics. Belonging to a guild in New Jersey for 11 years, Sue knew the importance of finding community in a new guild here and found PQ four days after arriving! She recognizes the value of getting involved and volunteering to meet people and likes to help and teach people new techniques. We welcome Sue with her energy and ideas!

~Holly Colgan



2025 Spring Challenge: Dreaming on a Stream

This year's challenge is a tad different: Each entrant must be 18" by 24" and must include the required fabric as a "stream" within the bottom 10 inches of the quilt. The stream should measure 2 inches at entry and exit, and must extend to the border and binding.



The quilt can use facing, rather than binding, and should have a 4" sleeve.

Designs can be anything – a scene, abstract, applique, etc. The quilts will be displayed in a row (and could be entered into the San Mateo County Fair).

All entrants are due to Sue McCollum by April 1. They will be photographed for an online slide show for members to vote on, and they will be displayed and winners selected at the April 16 general meeting.

Fabric is available from Sue McCollum for \$5. Any questions? Email sue.mccollum17@gmail.com or text 973-727-8706.

Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting January 8, 2025

Attendees: Nancy Krosse, Carol Blitzter, Terry Caselton, Julie Curry, Jean Dail, Wanda Lewis Dragon, Harriet Hirsch, Sandy Kelly, Barbara Mattson, Sue McCollum, Anne Merics, Angi Merlone, Jena Walter, Cynthia Yin and Brenda Ziegler

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

President (Nancy Krosse) spoke about a party that she and Barbara Mattson attended at the San Mateo Garden Center (SMGC) to celebrate 50 years of community service. Some renovations were done over the recent holiday including resurfacing the parquet floors. She requested that Mike Drilling, the manager, improve the audio system. He said it used to be better and that they have the funds to fix it. Sandy Kelly will work with him on visual and audio issues required for an upcoming speaker in Australia. She also asked for a second microphone. Nancy will join that conversation. Downstairs from the room we use, there is a Garden Shop, which is open 1:30-3:30 p.m. It's suggested that members may want to check it out. PQ member Kerry McArdle is the communication director of the SMGC. The next main Open House is May 4. There was a discussion of PQ selling sewn items at the Open House as well as raffle tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. The Garden Center also has an open house every second Sunday all year and from May to October two Sundays a month. Clubs like PQ can sell items then. The Garden Center wants to make more people aware of the community activities. Later in the meeting, Nancy said that PQ was approached about making fidget blankets. There were issues when we did this in the past, so this was not encouraged. Angi Merlone will respond to the requester. Due to enthusiasm over the Garden Center party, approval of the December minutes was postponed to February.

Survey Results (Sandy Kelly) displayed the results to date of the first survey of member priorities. She received 46 responses. The items listed of highest importance were Workshops, Outside Speakers, Funding Backing and Batting for Charity Quilts, Zoom Meetings, a Free Table without Sales, and a Catered Holiday Party. There was a lengthy discussion about maintaining a Quilt Show as it did not make the top of the list. Neither did the Storage Unit, which primarily holds Quilt Show items. There was a suggestion to reimagine the concept of a Quilt Show, possibly using the SMGC. There was a motion to eliminate the current structure of the Quilt Show, which was seconded and passed. Subsequently, Jena Walter said she and helpers will be putting together a second survey on a more granular level.

Vice President (Barbara Mattson) is planning the New Member Tea, which will be held after the April general meeting. Gift ideas were discussed. She's wondering if we could approach Always Quilting with a request to add info about the PQ workshops held there to their email to boost non-member enrollment.

Treasurer (Jean Dail) said we have healthy bank accounts. We reviewed a chart comparing budgeted items quarterly to the last fiscal year. We are under budget but that is because we had several expenses in the first quarter last fiscal year.

Corresponding Secretary (Terry Caselton) reported that she sent a condolence card to Gretchen Micheals who lost her father recently.

Membership (Cynthia Yin) reported that we have 151 members of which 16 are new.

Fundraising (Angi Merlone) is waiting for the decision on dues for next fiscal year in order to determine additional fundraising needs.

Opportunity Quilt (Nancy Krosse for Leonie Batkin) is looking for suggestions to boost Opportunity Quilt sales, especially since we will not have any income from PIQF this year. Barbara Mattson asked that members encourage family and friends to purchase tickets. Should buying a certain number of tickets be required of members as it is in some other guilds? A small

incentive may be offered for ticket purchases. Showing the quilt at other guilds does not end up being very profitable.

County Fair Liaison (Wanda Lewis Dragon) informed us that there may be changes coming for the County Fair. TBD.

Outreach (Julie Curry) reported that Outreach is doing well, and she is encouraged by the results of the survey identifying the Outreach program as something that members value.

Challenge Quilt (Sue McCollum) is managing the upcoming Challenge Quilt Contest. The theme is "Dreaming Along a Stream." She will bring blue fabric and special instructions to the January general meeting. At the meeting, she will show photos of several quilts lined up next to each other with a stream flowing across all the quilts. It was pointed out that participants are highly encouraged to submit their Challenge Quilt to the San Mateo County Fair. There was a suggestion to place an article in the newsletter and send a PQ Blast.

Nancy adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Day & Board Meeting Secretary

PQ General Meeting Minutes January 15, 2025

Nancy Krosse called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the San Mateo Garden Center and offered on Zoom.

President: Nancy Krosse reminded us that raffle tickets could be purchased for the Opportunity Quilt and raffle baskets. There were two visitors: Abi Simpson and Robyn Peters. Jess Millikan made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes, Harriet Hirsch seconded the motion, and it was approved by the membership present.

Treasurer: Jean Dail reported first-quarter revenues and expenses. She's reviewing quarters fiscal year to fiscal year.

Vice President: Barbara Mattson spoke about the New Member Tea Party, which will be held after the April General Meeting on April 16. She's looking for members to loan garden-style table runners for the event. Next month, there will be a sign-up sheet. The Tea Party is a good way for new members to learn about the guild and opportunities to volunteer.

Activities and Educational Events: Jess Millikan and Sara Guyol discussed tomorrow's workshop, Fabulous Freehand Curves, given by Cindy Grisdela. On March 20, Jane Haworth will give a 1-day workshop on Fabric Collage with Reptiles and Frogs. The location is still TBD. The next Free Table will be Thursday, Feb. 13 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Jess's home. There is already plenty of fabric and some plastic totes available. She will take any additional donations ahead of the event date.

Corresponding Secretary: In Terry Caselton's absence, Sandy Kelly reported that a condolence card was sent to Gretchen Michaels who lost her father recently. Get Well cards were also sent to Angi Merlone, Mavie Portman and May Gaspay.

Survey Form: Sandy Kelly showed a chart with the results of the recent survey. The survey was to help the board determine which activities the membership feels are most important with a view to decreasing expenses and determining the amount of fundraising required to achieve financial solvency in the future. The items listed of highest importance were Workshops, Outside Speakers, Funding Backing and Batting for Charity Quilts, Zoom Meetings, a Free Table without Sales, and a Catered Holiday Party. Since a Quilt Show did not make the top of the list, the board will work on reimagining the concept of a Quilt Show, possibly using the San Mateo Garden Center. The elimination of a Quilt Show also means less need for a Storage Unit, which is a monthly cost. Regarding other items: The roster will be reviewed for cost savings, the New Member Tea will remain, discussion will continue regarding other fundraising options like an Auction and occasional fabric sales.

Challenge Quilt: Sue McCollum will be managing this event, and she introduced the next challenge. It's called "Dreaming on a Stream" and features a blue challenge fabric appearing to flow from left to right through the quilt. Sue has fat quarters available for \$5. The quilt must be 18" wide and 24" high. The stream should be in the bottom 10" of the quilt and 2" high on both sides of the quilt. This includes in the binding. You can also use facing. Full instructions will be given with the fabric. The quilts should be to Sue by April 1. They will be shown and judged in the April General Meeting. Each participant is encouraged to enter the quilt in the San Mateo County Fair. They will hang next to each other to show the flow of the stream.

Opportunity Quilt: Leonie Batkin encouraged people to purchase raffle tickets for Linda's Trellis (pattern by Heather Black), which was pieced and quilted by Rose Erdozaincy. Please let your friends and family know about the raffle and encourage them to get tickets. Remember, since PIQF will not happen this year, we want to be able to make up for the loss of revenue.

Retreats: Barb Hall reminded us that there is an Open Sew after this meeting. She also thanked the long-arm quilters for their work. Please submit only large quilts for long-arm quilting by the PQ group.

President: Nancy Krosse informed us that the San Mateo Garden Center is celebrating its 50th year. Its purpose is to be a resource for the community and is managed by volunteers. There is a Garden Shop downstairs that is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:30 to 3:30. The center is looking into modernizing the sound system. Their Open House is May 4. We usually have a table, and this year we are discussing selling sewn items, like potholders, etc. Kerry McArdle works with the center and will send a PQ Blast about the Open House.

Membership: Cynthia Yin reported that there were 65 members present.

Special Announcements: Anne Merics, as a member of Pacifica Quilters, informed us that they will take used rotary blades and needles. Barb Hall discovered that See's Candies will take unopened candy for exchange.

Raffle Winners: 1. Rose Wilson, 2. Kathy McGuffin, 3. Jess Millikan, 4. Robyn Peters, 5. La Vern Newman, 6. Ruth Gilroy

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Secretary

Show & Tell: Carol Blitzter took photos of the Show & Tell quilts for submittal to the newsletter.



Left: Judy Miyake – Topsy Turvy by Heather Black; Right: Judy Miiyake -- Noah's Ark



Sandy Kelly – Flowers (left) and Bubbles (right)



Left: Jess Millikan – Super Size Queen Mid Century Stars; Right: Cynthia Yin – Crazy Baby quilt



Left: Cynthia Yin -- Vest; Middle and Right: Jennifer Graves Sawtooth Scrap quilt front and back



Left: Sue McCollum
– Winter Trees;
Right: Kathy
McGuffin – The
Avenue Quilt (quilted
by Angi Merlone)



Becky Simpson – Kafe Fasset Hexigons (left); Orange and Green 3-yard quilt (right)



Lorraine Twomey – Maroon
Stars/Flowers Quilt



Mavourneen Lopez – Two Charity Quilts



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Exhibiting artists include Claudia Casarino, Reiko Fujii, Charlotte Kruk, Robin Lasser & Adrienne Pao, Victoria May, Kate Mitchell, Laura Raboff, Beverly Rayner, Rose Sellery and Jean Shin.

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