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President's Message

It's shamrock time! I don't have a shred of Irish ancestry, but I just love this time of year -- the chance to wear my favorite color and an opportunity to pinch anyone who isn't wearing any shade of green. This is also the time of year for our Guild to start planning for the bigger events that are coming our way.

First on our list is to prepare for our upcoming participation in the San Mateo Garden Center's Annual Open House on Sunday, May 4. We are asking all of our Guild members if they would be willing to make and donate a few little handmade items that we could sell at the open house boutique table for the Peninsula Quilters -- items such as bowl cozies, coasters, zippered pouches, table runners, table toppers or even a baby quilt. This will be our first time trying to hold a fundraiser at this Open House, but it is a well attended event for the community, and we're hoping it will be a great opportunity to raise a few funds. There is a sign-up link to volunteer to help sell these items and represent the Guild at the Open House through the iVolunteer section of our PQ website. Here's the link: <https://pq2012.ivolunteer.com/oq2>

Don't forget, Barb Hall is hosting a free sew after our March general meeting. During this time you will have a chance to work on your own project or, perhaps, work on sewing a few items that could be sold at our PQ table.

Second on our list is a reminder to participate in our New Member's Welcome Tea after the evening general meeting in April. This is a lovely event where we can meet and introduce ourselves to the new guild members.

Last on our list is a request for items that will be auctioned off at our PQ Auction that will be held on Aug. 20. This will be our biggest fundraiser of the year so please look around your sewing room to see if there's a vintage sewing machine, an antique quilt, a sewing table or a quilt rack. If you know of someone in our guild who is down-sizing to a smaller home and needs to purge some of her valuable sewing items, we are happy to drive over to pick up articles they wish to donate to our fundraiser. Your participation in helping make these above-mentioned events benefit our guild is truly appreciated.

Here's hoping you have the luck of the Irish this month. See you at our next meeting on March 19.

~Nancy Krosse, President

PQ Calendar			
March 5	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
March 19	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Alex Byrne "English Paper Piecing", followed by sew-in
April 2	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
April 16	Wed	7 p.m.	General Meeting: Challenge; New Member Tea



Outreach Scorecard		
	January	February
Bundles of Joy	27	6
LifeMoves	12	0
Foster Kids	24	0



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

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:

Jane Haworth:

“Raw Edge Fabric Collage –Reptiles & Frogs”

Thursday, March 20, 2025, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*Central Park Room of the Silicon Valley Foundation Building,
1300 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo*

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 Gutschalk: “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 to new members Sally MacDonald and Jeanette Ballaci



Sally MacDonald found us through her friend and PQ member, Annette Caves. Although Sally had previously belonged to the Santa Clara Valley Guild, she was not an active member due to meeting time conflicts. Our Zoom meeting option allows her to take advantage of attending PQ meetings from her home in Sunnyvale. Making masks during Covid sparked an interest in quilting, so she turned to YouTube tutorials to learn more. Naturally, she purchased a new sewing machine then made a quilting space in her garage. Sally considers herself more engineer than artist with

no particular favorite quilting style. Recently she has been dabbling in long-arm quilting, hoping to contribute to our charity quilts. She loves the charity aspect of the guild because of its community importance. Being retired from her position as a finance operations leader, she now enjoys traveling with her husband in their Airstream. Her next project will be a baby quilt for her niece. We look forward to seeing it at Show and Tell!

Although born in Palo Alto, **Jeanette Ballaci** lived in Southern California before moving to Redwood City in 2020 to be with her daughter. Jeanette started quilting in the early 2000s, sharing the hobby with her best friend from grade school. In addition to quilting she has many other craft hobbies. One is crocheting, where she made hats for the NICU babies in Palm Springs. She has continued this practice at Sequoia, making 100 custom-design hats a month with cute seasonal embellishments. Having a father who was President of the March of Dimes, and being a volunteer since age 15, volunteerism is important to her and she would like to help with the PQ charity quilts. Jeanette had taken a pause from quilting for about 20 years, but is now focusing on finishing all those UFO's she moved with her. As with a new move, Jeanette was looking for new friends. She found Barb Hall's class and the friendly group there introduced her to PQ.

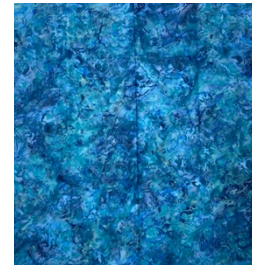


~Holly Colgan



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 February 4, 2025

Attendees: Nancy Krosse, Leonie Batkin, Carol Blitzler, Terry Caselton, Holly Colgan, Julie Curry, Jean Dail, Wanda Lewis Dragon, Gale Green, Harriet Hirsch, Sandy Kelly, Barbara Mattson, Anne Merics, Angi Merlone, Judy Miyake, Jena Walter and Brenda Ziegler

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

President (Nancy Krosse) requested approval of the December board meeting minutes. Angi Merlone made a motion to approve, Julie Curry seconded the motion, and it was passed. Nancy also requested approval of the January board meeting minutes. Angi Merlone made a motion to approve, Julie Curry seconded the motion, and it was passed. Later in the meeting, Nancy talked about selling small sewn items at the San Mateo Garden Center Open House on May 4. Nancy will clear this plan with Kerry McKardle. Barb Hall pointed out that we could use the March Open Sew for production of some items such as table runners, coasters and bowl cozies. **Financial Update (Sandy Kelly)** is continuing to review new ways to balance the budget for the next fiscal year.

Vice President (Barbara Mattson) informed us that we have about 23 new members for the New Member Tea, which will be held after the April general meeting. She requested board members to stay so that they can introduce themselves. Cake and candies will be served. Any loans of garden-themed table toppers for the Tea are appreciated.

Treasurer (Jean Dail) said we have healthy bank accounts. We had a net loss in January, which had been expected. She thanked Sandy Kelly, Cynthia Yin and Ruth Gilroy for assisting with the audit, which went well. Updated voucher forms will soon be available online for expense receipts. There are several filings due in February, and almost all are already completed. These include 1099s and renewal of our raffle license.

Corresponding Secretary (Terry Caselton) reported that she sent several cards out.

Membership (Nancy Krosse for Cynthia Yin) reported that we have 154 members.

Storage Locker (Judy Miyake) opened discussion of distribution of the storage locker contents with a view to closing out the locker by the end of this fiscal year. We are currently renting the smallest unit available, and we receive enough of a discount that we couldn't find a smaller one elsewhere for the cost. It was suggested to ask members if they want the Quilt Show poles (galvanized steel). If not, other options included offering on social media and asking other guilds. If needed, we can rent poles in the future. For the stored documentation, it was suggested that we digitize records, but that may be cost prohibitive. Jean Dail said any financial documents should be kept for 7 years. Other items include tablecloths, aprons, Quilt Show banners and shelving. Suggestion was made to ask the Garden Center and the storage unit operators if they can use the shelving.

Fundraising (Angi Merlone) reported that an auction will be held at the President's Choice General Meeting in August. We will invite other guilds. Please hold any big-ticket items to donate until that time.

County Fair Liaison (Wanda Lewis Dragon) informed us that info on the San Mateo County Fair will be coming soon. She has set up a category for each of our two Challenge quilts.

Nancy adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Day & Board Meeting Secretary

PQ General Meeting Minutes February 19, 2025

Nancy Krosse called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was held at the San Mateo Garden Center and offered on Zoom.

President: Nancy Krosse welcomed everyone, including new members and visitors. Our guests tonight are Kris Jensen from the San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles and Joe Cunningham, our speaker for tonight.

Everyone is encouraged to buy raffle basket tickets.

Please remember to stand on the blue X for Zoomers.

January meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Jean Dail reported on the current status of our account balances. The main expenses for the first quarter were the speakers and workshops. Jean is going back to having separate vouchers for expenses and receipts. These will be on line to complete and forward to Jean.

New Member Tea: Barbara Mattson gave an update on the New Member Tea, which will be held after the April 16 meeting. She is passing around a sign-up sheet for members who plan on attending. She is accepting loans of garden-themed table runners to use for decoration.

Workshops: Sara Guyol stated that there is a waiting list for the next workshop on March 20 with Jane Haworth on Raw Edge Fabric Collage. She has samples of the designs and supply lists for the class. Pernille Gutschick will teach Kaleidoscope Quilts on Thursday, May 22. Sally Kelly will teach a Mesh Pouch with Zipper on Wednesday, June 18, following the meeting. March 28 and 29 will be the San Francisco Quilt Guild Quilt Show at the event center of St. Mary's Cathedral.

Free Table: The Free Table was moved from last Thursday due to the weather. The Free Table will be held on Saturday, March 8, from 9-11:30 a.m. at Jess Millikan's house, 812 Laurelwood Drive, San Mateo.

Guild Auction: Sandy Kelly and Angi Merlone announced that the guild will hold an auction after the meeting on Aug. 20. This will be a fundraiser for the guild; outside guilds and people will be welcome. They are currently seeking donations of items to auction off. These items should be new or in good condition, and should be desirable.

Sandy also stated that she is currently investigating an audio-visual system that will work in the Garden Center.

Spring Challenge: Sue McCallum is coordinating the Spring Challenge, Dreaming by the Stream. The fabric is \$5 for a fat quarter. The quilt must be 18 by 24 inches, and the blue fabric must flow from left to right within 10 inches of the bottom of the quilt.

Corresponding Secretary: Terry Castleton sent a sympathy card to Evelyn Klein, for the loss of her husband, and to Gretchen Michaels for the loss of her father. She also sent a get well card to Mavie Portman and a thinking of you card to June Wallach.

San Mateo Garden Open House (Leonie Batkin): the Open House is May 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The guild will have two 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. Leonie is setting up two shifts one from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m.; she needs three people for each shift; one for each table and a floater as a backup. The sign-ups will be on iVolunteer. Donations are requested of small sellable items like bowl cozies, pouches, bags, etc.

The San Mateo County Fair will be May 30 to June 8, 2025, and will not be open June 2 and 3. It's time to get your quilts ready. Friday, May 8, is the entry deadline.

Storage Locker: The decision to not do a quilt show has lead to examining the contents of the storage locker. Judy Miyake has made a complete inventory and has been working to purge the locker. There are about 150 aluminum poles that she is offering to anyone who will pick them up. Please contact Judy if you, or someone, or some group you know are interested by March 1. Also let Judy know if you are interested in any of the other contents of the locker. The guild will be saving the \$230 monthly fee by emptying the storage locker.

Workshop: Barbara Hall announced that the next Zoom Workshop will be May 16, 17 and 18. Please sign up to receive the schedule of events and patterns. You do not need to be on the entire time; come and go as you wish.

Free Sew: There will also be a free sew after the March 19 general meeting. This will be a good time to sew items for the Garden Center Open House.

Announcements:

On-Line Roster: Nancy would like the membership to consider a password protected on-line roster. This would save \$750 in printing costs for the current paper roster.

San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles: Kris Jensen is the director. The museum is approaching its 50th anniversary in 2027. The museum has over 1,500 pieces in their collection. Kris highlighted the current and upcoming exhibits at the museum and encouraged members to attend. The hours are Thursday and Friday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. On the first Friday of the month they are also open from 6-9 p.m. for free. The museum also has on-line exhibition on their website.

Membership: Cynthia Yin reported there were 38 members, 4 guests and 13 on Zoom.

Raffle baskets: Sandy Kelly encouraged everyone to be generous and buy lots of raffle tickets. The baskets and the membership gift were raffled off.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Joe Cunningham gave a very interesting presentation about his history in quilting. He discussed the quilts that he brought and gave insight into his creativity and design. His website is [joeCunninghamquilts.com](http://joe Cunninghamquilts.com).

~Respectfully submitted, Harriet Hirsch, Evening Recording Secretary

Show & Tell: Please sign the sheet. Remember to write a few words describing your quilt, so Carol can match the photos to the correct quilter. Jessica Bernhardt took photos of the Show & Tell quilts for submittal to the newsletter.



Left: Sara Guyol – the black one; Right: Nell Lee Stinson – Baby Quilt



Left: Nell Lee Stinson – Solar System Quilt;
Below: Sandy Kelly – Black and Blue



Left: Angi Merlone – Saguaro Cactus; Right: Rose Erdozaincy – Baby Quilt with floral leaves



Angi Merlone – Lucha Libre (front and back)



Left: Annette Caves – Galaxy Quilt; Right: Grace Hardy – Alaskan Baskets



Debra Oliver – Remake of antique quilts from husband and sister-in-law, from the 1950s



Left: Theresa Koettters -- Waterfall in sea glass blues/greens; Right: Grace Hardy – wall hanging





Lorraine Twomey – Hawaiian quilt and shams



Lorraine Twomey – Floral twin quilt and pillow shams, ready for quilting



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SustainABILITY traveling exhibit: through April 6. How do we balance humanity's needs and desires against preserving our planet for future generations? This question is at the heart of Sustainability, which addresses some of today's most pressing environmental issues, such as the effect of plastic pollution on our oceans, and the immense amounts of waste generated by the fast fashion industry. All of the artwork in some way illustrates our complex interconnectedness with nature. Some pieces expose the ugly, and often unnoticed, impact of our present way of life; others capture the essence of what makes our world so beautiful, reminding us of the irreplaceable treasures we could potentially lose forever. Thursdays, Fridays, 1- 5 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

24/7 Exhibitions: Inside Out: Seeing Through Clothing

At once utilitarian and deeply expressive, clothing offers protection from external conditions while extending our inner selves—our identities, desires and beliefs—to the surface of our bodies and beyond. This dynamic relationship between what is public and private, visible and invisible, is considered in Inside Out: Seeing Through Clothing, an exhibition that features the work of 11 artists who explore, expand, and challenge the boundary that clothing creates between our bodies and the world. Working in the fields of sculpture, photography, installation and textile art, these artists consider themes of transparency, openness, interiority and visibility to create objects that invite us in while reaching out.

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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