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President's Message

On the first day of Spring my dad would recite this silly saying, "Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the birdies izl?" And here we are; rounding the corner to enjoying our third calendar season since our guild's fiscal year started in October 2024. Now is the time when we see an acceleration of pace to the activities for our guild.

Upcoming, we have the Spring Challenge and the New Members Welcome Tea at our next meeting on April 16. Also, on our busy schedule, the San Mateo Garden Center is hosting its Open House on the May 4, where our guild has been given a couple of tables to sell our Opportunity Quilt tickets and a second table to sell our hand-made items donated by our guild members. Anyone interested in contributing a few items to sell at the Open House can bring them to the April guild meeting. If you can't make the April meeting, I am happy to drive to your house to pick up whatever you are interested in donating to the guild's sale table.

Along with our planned activities, we have accomplished so much for our guild. Since February, Judy Miyake and her husband, Terry, have been working tirelessly to empty out the rented storage space. Their efforts were successful and, as of March 1, the storage locker is empty and our contract with the rental company is terminated. This is a huge savings of more than \$2,700 per year for the guild. I extend my sincere gratitude to the Miyakes for working diligently to get this huge task accomplished.

A second important improvement to the guild is the addition of an audio system that Sandy Kelly spearheaded from her August fundraising event, "From Me to You." Those funds, combined with a very generous donation from one of our fellow guild members, Jessica Bernhardt, Sandy was able to purchase this splendid amplification system. It is truly a wonderful thing to be able to see all the guild members, including the folks in the very back of the room, fully engaged in our meeting's procedures, because now everyone can hear what's being said. As a side note, Jessica wanted to remind our guild members that since the Peninsula Quilter's Guild is under the tax exemption of section 501c3 that all donations made to our organization are tax deductible. So, it's a win-win for all of us.

Enjoy these beautiful crisp sunny days as you sew merrily on your quilt projects. Hopefully, we'll see you at the next guild meeting.

In community,
~Nancy Krosse, President

PQ Calendar			
April 2	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
April 16	Wed	7 p.m.	General Meeting: Challenge; New Member Tea
May 7	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
May 21	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Pernille Gutschick
May 22	Thu	Time TBD	Pernille Gutschick workshop "Kaleidoscope Quilt"



Outreach Scorecard

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

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

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:

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

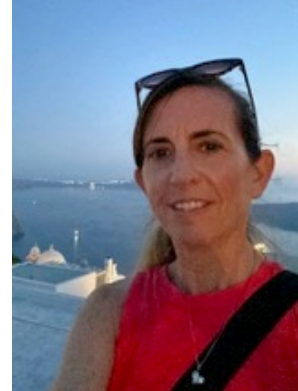
Welcome: Lorraine Twomey, Susan Viess, Cyndi Williamson

You may recognize new member Lorraine Twomey from her San Mateo County Fair Pineapple Quilt, which won the inaugural award for the best use of Hawaiian theme, in honor of longtime PQ member Lynette Cleaveland. This was quite fitting as Lorraine's quilting style is influenced by her growing up in Hawaii. She enjoys searching garage sales for old quilts and fabrics. Her favorite find, which became her first quilt, was an unfinished king-size quilt made with Japanese-style fabrics, which you might have seen at this month's Show and Tell. It's the different techniques, learning experiences and talent showcased that make the guest speakers her favorite part of PQ.



Welcome new member and PQ business affiliate Susan Viess. Although Susan currently lives in San Francisco, but she grew up in San Mateo, playing softball in the

field next to the Garden Center. San Mateo also happens to be where she has her quilting room and long arm housed in her mother's home. She is a member of the Longarm League and enjoys the therapeutic aspect of quilting, finding comfort and calm in the process. Susan finds the quilting community a positive, supportive environment where people want others to succeed and appreciate each other's work. She enjoys going to quilt shows like QuiltCon and PIQF and is looking forward to Houston International Quilt Festival this fall. To learn more about Susan, visit her website: travelbugquilts.com



Cyndi Williamson is a returning PQ member. She had ventured away from PQ to explore more modern quilting groups, belonging to Bay Area Modern Quilting and Silicon Valley Modern Quilt Guild. Viewing all the quilts while volunteering at the San Mateo County Fair, coupled with gaining more free time from retirement motivated Cyndi to rejoin PQ. Still a modern quilter, she enjoys taking classes through quilt shops and guilds. Welcome back Cyndi!

~Holly Colgan

PQ Member Profile: Rose Erdozaincy

Our Opportunity quilt this year was made by our so talented member Rose Erdozaincy. In additions to her recognized quilting talent, she brings an interesting background to our Peninsula Quilt Guild. She was born in and remained part of the vibrant Basque community in Fresno through her college years. Living in her parents' hotel, which provided a type of temporary home to Basque workers and shepherds, allowed Rose to develop a special view of the world. In addition to gaining a knowledge and understanding of people, she perfected skill in pool when she could barely reach the table top.

After St. Teresa's Elementary and San Joaquin Memorial High School, Rose went on to graduate from Fresno State. Her first job was as Health Inspector with the county health department. That meant she lived in Mendota. Tough Job -- outside much of the day, and then in non-air-conditioned rooms. Hot. Time to move to University of California, Berkeley, and become its first female Health Inspector.





From there she moved to Solano. That was a good move. She met her husband, married, and had two sons.

Rose started sewing early and made her first garment at age 12. She still credits her skill and interest to a very good teacher she had then. Her first quilting came when she made a blanket for her baby niece. But what she describes as her passion for quilting has developed in the last 15 years. Her mastery is in both the piecing and the long-arm quilting, and she has recently ventured into paper piecing, which she says can often be very soothing. When asked if she does any hand quilting, she responds with venom that she'd rather cut her arm off than hand sew.

Be sure you check out her work and remember you, too, can have one of your own. Buy tickets for this year's quilt.

~Mavourneen Lopez

Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting March 4, 2025

Attendees: Nancy Krosse, Carol Blitzer, Holly Colgan, Julie Curry, Jean Dail, Barbara Hall, Sandy Kelly, Barbara Mattson, Anne Merics, Judy Miyake, Michele Parry, Jena Walter, Cynthia Yin and Brenda Ziegler

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

President (Nancy Krosse) requested approval of the February board meeting minutes. Barbara Mattson made a motion to approve, Carol Blitzer seconded the motion, and it was passed. Nancy mentioned that Kathy McGuffin is looking into how to set up a password-protected roster available online for little or no cost. Our website management company can set it up but would charge a monthly fee. It was suggested that it could be a members-only Google page. Michele Parry thanked Cynthia Yin for distributing an addendum of new members at last month's meeting. Michele will check on security for a non-profit Google account. Barbara Mattson pointed out that members do not need to supply all currently requested data. They could limit what they wanted posted online. If so, the application form would need to be updated.

Financial Update (Sandy Kelly) has found several ways to help balance the budget for the next fiscal year based on the member survey. These include estimated revenue from an auction, an increase of \$20 to the annual dues (making them \$65), elimination of the storage-locker monthly costs and reducing the birthday party from a full lunch to cake and coffee. Michele Parry pointed out that serving food was a post-Covid addition. In addition, Barb Hall said there are people with special diets who can't partake in the lunches anyway. Julie Curry opened a discussion of the Outreach budget having been cut down from the prior year. Jean Dail explained that the estimated expense was lowered based on actual expenses in the prior year. It's no problem if additional funds need to be used. Julie suggested that committee chairs should be contacted in the future for recommendations. The above-mentioned adjustments will come very close to balancing the budget for the next fiscal year. Michele Parry requested that when the board is ready to put these to a member vote, we should also vote to remove the section of the Bylaws designating Committees. This would make the renaming of Committees easier. Nancy ended by asking if we need to test any machines offered for the auction, but was told that they could be auctioned "as is."

Activities and Education (Holly Colgan) let us know that Mills Peninsula Hospital will be hosting their employee event again this year. More info to follow.

Vice President (Barbara Mattson) is preparing for the New Member Tea, which will be held after the April general meeting. Cake and beverages will be served. She has sent out invitations and an estimated 15 new members will be present. Anne Merics offered the use of quite a few garden-themed table toppers. Nancy Krosse offered to contact the San Mateo Garden Center to arrange for the correct table set up.

Treasurer (Jean Dail) said we have healthy bank accounts. We had a net loss in February, which had been expected since most funds come in during member annual registration. Revenue was from workshops and new members. She informed us that she can pull funds from the CD if needed.

Membership (Cynthia Yin) reported that we have 155 members and 13 business affiliates.

Storage Locker (Judy Miyake) was applauded for the magnificent job she has done emptying the storage locker. She estimates over \$2K annual savings. There was a discussion of distribution of some of the items and review of what can be trashed. Some items will be kept for use at retreats. Old, printed items (i.e., rosters, newsletters) can be discarded. Any financial items need to be kept for seven years. Barb Hall made a motion to officially close the storage locker, which was seconded and passed. Jean Dail requested that Judy get proof of closure for her records.

Virtual Events: (Jena Walter & Barb Hall) Jena offered help with Zoom to anyone who needs it. She is also preparing new name tags for the New Member Tea. Barb reminded us that we will have an Open Sew after the March general meeting.

Nancy adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Addendum: The Board passed a motion March 12, 2025, via email vote, to reallocate budgeted funds of \$1,450 from the storage rental line item (freed up by the decision to discontinue the storage-locker lease) to the minor equipment line item within our 2024-2025 Annual Budget. The total funds budgeted for minor equipment is now \$3,200.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Day & Board Meeting Secretary

PQ General Meeting Minutes March 19, 2025

Nancy Krosse called the meeting to order at 9:33 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. There were two visitors: Layla Aiea and Sara Johnson. A motion was made to approve the February meeting minutes; it was seconded and approved by the members present. Later, Nancy thanked Judy Miyake for emptying the storage locker. Jean Dail told Nancy it's even a larger savings than she expected because the monthly fee was about to go up.

Budget: Sandy Kelly talked about the new sound system that PQ purchased and demonstrated how best to use it. Funds had previously been raised for the system and expenses saved by closing the storage unit were also utilized. Sandy thanked Jessica Bernhardt, who was not present, for giving a very generous donation to PQ. This system can be integrated with Zoom for meetings and for remote speakers. Sandy asked for donations of items for the auction, which will be held at the August meeting. She spoke about PQ's financial history. We have spent down excess funds in our account by design over the past five years. Now the plan is to move towards a balanced budget: Two surveys have been reviewed resulting in adjustments made (including closing the storage unit, not holding a quilt show, and not supplying lunch at the birthday party), comparison has been made with other guilds, budget line items have been scrutinized, and fundraising has been discussed. Sandy thanked Judy Miyake and her husband for the hard work they did in closing the storage unit. We are now on track to have a budget with

a much smaller deficit than we have had for several years. Also later, during the Show & Tell, Sandy displayed a purse she made for Sew Powerful, an organization supporting African women in education by supplying them with purses to carry their menstrual pads so that they can attend classes during their periods.

Treasurer: Jean Dail reported February revenues and expenses. We have healthy bank accounts and are continuing to get interest on our CD. Expense vouchers are available online.

Vice President: Barbara Mattson spoke about the New Member Tea Party, which will be held after the April General Meeting on April 16. She asked those attending to add their names to the sign-up list being sent around.

Activities and Educational Events: Holly Colgan requested donations for the Mid-Peninsula Hospital's Wrapped in Love event on May 12-17. Donations, such as table runners, fiber art, etc., will be raffled off to employees. The items will be hanging on the walls in the auditoriums. We are invited to see the display but later in the day is best due to auditorium usage during the week. Jess Millikan and Sara Guyol spoke about Jane Haworth's workshop, which will be held in the Silicon Valley Foundation building. Due to illnesses, some spots have opened up. Food is available close to the venue or you can bring your lunch. It's on March 20 from 10-4. The next workshop will be May 22 when our own Pernille Gutschalk will present Kaleidoscope Quilts. Instructions will be sent out next week. You will need eight fabric repeats or nine if you want one for the backing. The location is TBD. Workshop can be paid for via PayPal on the PQ website or you can send a check to Jess.

Challenge Quilt: Sue McCollum reminded us that the deadline for quilt submittal was April 1, but she will be available at Always Quilting on April 2 and will accept quilts then also. The "stream" challenge fabric must go all the way to the edge of the quilt – including the binding. Facing can be used. The quilts will be displayed and judged in the April General Meeting.

Opportunity Quilt: Leonie Batkin thanked Dorothea Copeck-Nolan for taking the Opportunity Quilt to a Pajaro Valley Quilt Association meeting. She raised \$95. The Pajaro group may be coming to our April meeting to offer raffle tickets for their Opportunity Quilt. Volunteer openings for the San Mateo Garden Center Open House filled up right away. The San Mateo County Fair will be held May 30-June 8. It's closed June 2 & 3. It will be for eight days. We need two volunteers per shift. The site will be set up in April for sign up. The volunteers need to be doing something – handwork will do. Wanda Lewis Dragon will be managing a Treasure Hunt. Maybe volunteers can share responsibilities. The availability of entry tickets and parking passes is still TBD.

Retreats: Barb Hall reminded us that there is an Open Sew after this meeting. She also confirmed that the next Zoom retreat will be on May 16-18.

President: Nancy Krosse said that she will be collecting donations of items to sell at the San Mateo Garden Center Open House during the April meeting. The Open House is May 4. Nancy is also willing to pick up donations if needed. She has tax donation forms available.

Special Announcements: Mavourneen Lopez spoke about making quilt donations to ALS for auctioning. They will take quilts of any size. Mavourneen has information on the group available. There is a prize of \$1,000 for the person who raises the most. Wanda Lewis Dragon announced that the San Francisco Quilters Guild show is March 28 & 29.

Membership: Anne Merics reported that there were 59 and 4 on Zoom members present.

Show & Tell: Carlie Peck took photos of the Show & Tell quilts for submittal to the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Secretary



Left: Judy Brumm – Crazy Circles; Right: Annette Caves -- Ducky Baby Quilt



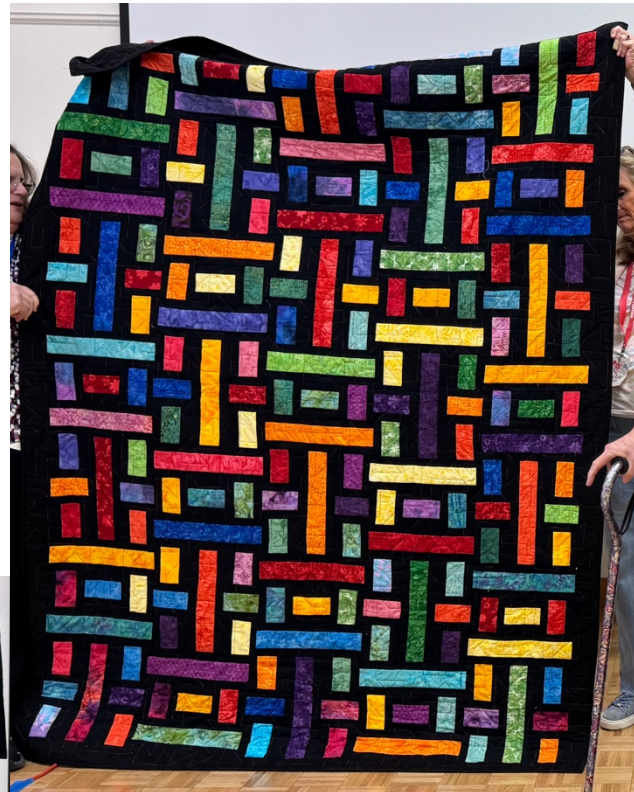
Left: Sandy Kelly -- Curves ; Middle: Sandy Kelly – Sew Powerful purse; Right: Wanda Dragon -- Goodness Bowl (paper pieced)



Carol Blitzer – Flannel baby quilt (left);
Animal baby quilt with 2-inch squares



Mavourneen Lopez – Batik strips on black,
placemats





Left: Marilyn Lynch – Fabulous Freehand Curves per Cindy Grisdell; Right: Judy Brumm – Curves per Cindy Grisdell



Left: Jennifer Graves – Aqua/Coral Mystery Quilt; Right: Kay Pauling – Large Blue Medallion quilt



*Carlie Peck – Log Cabin
scrap quilt (left); Jean
Jacket with wave (below)*



Lorraine Twomey – King-sized Japanese Kimono quilt with shams and pillowcases



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