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President's Message

To quote Rodgers and Hammerstein, "June is busting out all over!" Our days are finally getting longer and warmer, thank goodness. It is also an exciting time to look forward to summer activities and to celebrate the successes we have achieved for our guild.

Our guild's fundraiser The Plant Sale & Craft Fair at the San Mateo Garden Center was a resounding triumph. We had such wonderful volunteers who sold tickets for the opportunity quilt and who helped sell all the fantastic hand-crafted items that our generous guild members donated over the past few weeks. The attendees at the Craft Fair were really impressed with the creative and useful goods we had on sale. The biggest hit was the bowl cozies. We sold out all our cozies within the first hours of the fair. All told, the combined amount we collected from both opportunity quilt ticket sales and the hand-crafted items was a cool \$1,002. Wahooo!

With this surprising bonanza from the May 4 event, we now have the wind at our backs as we prepare for our auction in August. Sandy Kelly is continuing to collect donations from our guild members to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. We are hoping the auction will raise added funds to keep our guild in good financial shape as we continue the good work of building quilts for our beloved charities.

I want to thank everyone who donated items to the Craft Fair and to the volunteers who worked all afternoon to ensure a successful fundraiser. This guild is such a spectacular group. I am profoundly grateful for all of you.

In community,
~Nancy Krosse, PQ president

PQ Calendar

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."
July 2	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
July 16	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting, followed by Sandy Kelly demonstrating how to make zippered mesh pouches



Outreach Scorecard		
	April	May
Bundles of Joy	6	17
LifeMoves	14	13
Foster Kids	0	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

San Mateo Garden Show a great success



A big thank you to all the volunteers who made the many bowl cozies, placemats, totes, bags and other cherished goodies, as well as those who 'manned' the tables at the San Mateo Garden Center event on May 4. We made more than \$1,000!

Upcoming Speakers and Programs

June 18, 2025: Julie Curry will talk about "Things Your Long-armed Wishes You Knew."

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.

Aug. 20, 2025: President's Choice -- Auction

Sept. 17, 2025: Birthday Party

Oct. 15, 2025: Tina Curran, "My Excellent Adventure as a Quilter"

Nov. 19, 2025: Heather Kojan, "Quilt Remix, UFOs, Orphan Blocks, and What was I Thinking??!! Fresh Ideas for Stale Projects" (on Zoom from Virginia Beach)

Dec. 17, 2025: Holiday Party

Jan. 21, 2026: Polly Matsuoka, collage quilting birds

~Jess Millikan and Sara Guyol

Upcoming Workshops:

Sandy Kelly: "Mesh Pouch with Zipper"

Wednesday, July 16, 2025, following General Meeting

Location: San Mateo Garden Center

Details: Free class for PQG members

Tina Curran: "Paper-Pieced Wreath of Houses"

Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025

Location: TBD

Welcome: Marilyn Lynch, Maren Larsen, Linda Ashcraft

New member **Marilyn Lynch's** mother Doris Morey was a PQ member. Marilyn grew up around quilting, making covers for old army blankets with her mother. She then progressed to quilting as we know it today. Although Marilyn has many quilting friends and enjoys going on retreats, she was searching to connect to other local quilters near her Redwood City home. Considering herself more of a modern quilter, Marilyn recently took a class with Cyndi Grisdela at Asilomar. You may remember her quilt from Show and Tell. She enjoys brights, non-traditional art quilts and making it up as you go. In addition to grandchild care 2x a week, she also volunteers at a low-income preschool for which she is currently making 125 baby doll blankets.



SF quilt guild past president **Maren Larsen** is a new PQ member. Maren began sewing at age 10, making clothes with her sister and mother. From these fabric scraps, she began making crazy quilts. Although a SF guild member for 30 years, retirement has given her the free time to meet more quilters by joining PQ and taking advantage of our daytime meetings. Maren considers herself an advanced quilter, preferring more traditional patterns, scrap quilts and complicated patterns with intricate piecing. Perhaps if you attended the QUILT San Francisco 2025 show you saw some of her work, as she was a featured guild artist.

A year ago, new member **Linda Ashcraft** moved to Menlo Park from Auburn to be closer to her grandchildren. In Auburn, she participated in the Project Linus project and took classes at the local quilt shop. Linda enjoyed quilting with others so she started looking for a quilt group here. After trying several different groups, she attended our Holiday party, and finding PQ to be a friendly group she decided to join. Linda has been sewing and quilting on and off for 40 years, but since retiring 15 years ago, she was able to return to quilting, which she now shares with her granddaughter. Other than quilting she is busy with her book club, hiking, cooking, traveling with her husband, and volunteering at a local school.

~Holly Colgan



Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting May 7, 2025

Attendees: Nancy Krosse, Jean Dail, Barbara Hall, Harriet Hirsch, Sandy Kelly, Barbara Mattson, Michele Parry, Cynthia Yin and Brenda Ziegler

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

President (Nancy Krosse) postponed approval of the April board meeting minutes because we did not meet the quorum of voting board members. She spoke about the San Mateo Graden Center's Open House, which was very well attended. Between the Opportunity Quilt raffle and the sale table, more than \$1,000 was raised. Most paid via cash or Venmo. By far the most popular items for sale were bowl cozies. Supply could not meet the demand. It was suggested to use an Open Sew or another gathering to make more. There was a discussion on whether or not to return a recently purchased card reader since it was only used once, and it is now possible to tap to pay on a cell phone for those who want to use credit cards. Discussion of dues for the next fiscal was tabled until we get a quorum. This needs to be completed by July 31.

Fundraising (Sandy Kelly) said she has been getting donations for the auction. She can take small items also as they can be pulled together for baskets. She also later mentioned that small items were requested for the Redwood City Library display and can be given to La Vern Newman or Rose Erdozaincy.

Vice President (Barbara Mattson) reported on the success of the New Member Tea. There were 24 new members present. The costs were in line with the budget.

Treasurer (Jean Dail via email) reported that we have healthy bank accounts. Due to cost saving, our loss year to date is lower than expected, and we do not have many more anticipated expenses this year. Revenue from the Garden Center Open House went to miscellaneous events in the budget. Other funds came from the Opportunity Quilt and raffle baskets. A large donation went to general funds, and we also anticipate funds from the auction.

Membership (Cynthia Yin) said we have 155 members. After review of options for a digital roster to replace the cost of printing and mailing, it appears that the best choice is a Google Doc that would be accessible to members only. Each member can decide what information they want on the Doc. It would be monitored and edited by Membership. A link to the page on the PQ website could be set up at no extra cost. Barbara Mattson reviewed member sign-up sheets from other guilds and suggested that we add information about the digital roster as well as basic

policy to the PQ member sign-up form. Michele Parry added that it would have to say the info is for personal use only. Cynthia Yin and Barb Hall volunteered to help Michele draft a document.

Activities and Education (Barb Hall) reminded us that there would be an Open Sew after the May general meeting. Also, sign-ups are open for the coming Zoom retreat. She asked for donations for giveaways during the retreat. She also later told us that a generous donation of batting was given to Outreach and to remind us that donations are accepted and appreciated at any time.

President (Nancy Krosse) asked the board members present if they would keep their current positions for the coming fiscal year. All said yes but Michele Parry. Michele has been Parliamentarian for many years and is ready to pass the baton. A Parliamentarian is required to maintain our nonprofit status. Michele pointed out that it's important to have a strong set of Bylaws to help provide a safe environment for club members and foster beneficial transparency. A replacement was suggested and Barbara Mattson can mention it in the general meeting.

Nancy adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Day & Board Meeting Secretary

PQ General Meeting Minutes May 21, 2025

Barbara Mattson, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the San Mateo Garden Center and offered on Zoom.

Vice-President: Barbara Mattson welcomed members, Zoomers and visitors, and reminded people to stand on the blue X for Zoomers. April meeting minutes were approved.

San Mateo Garden Open House: Barbara thanked everyone who donated, volunteered and helped with the Garden Center Open House. The Guild made \$847 selling quilted items and \$155 in raffle tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. The bowl cozies were very popular. Thank you also to the Garden Center for accommodating us with two tables at no charge. Barbara also thanked members who made donations to the Outreach project.

Sandy Kelly: The retreat at Camp Newman in Santa Rosa in April was a huge success. Sandy is planning next year's retreat. It will be April 6-9, 2026, Monday through Thursday. If you are interested in participating, please see Sandy. There will be a \$100 non-refundable deposit. 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 six passes to a behind-the-scenes tour of the San Francisco Zoo, a vintage quilt, sewing machines, kits, etc. Please contact Sandy if you have any items for the auction, mid July will be the deadline for accepting donations. This will give her time to organize and catalog the items.

Sandy will be giving a class on making a zippered mesh bag. The class is free and will be held after the guild meeting in July. If you wish to attend please sign up on line. She is selling kits for \$12 and will bring some kits to the next meeting. You will need to bring a sewing machine and sewing supplies. Note: The mesh cannot be ironed.

Corresponding Secretary: Terry Castleton's husband is undergoing surgery, has a friend with cancer, and had a death in her family. Please send her a card or note.

Treasurer: Jean Dail reported on the current status of our account balances. With the revenue from the Open House and the purchase of the sound system, we are doing well.

Jess Millikan has the Peninsula Quilt Guild pins if anyone is interested, they are \$5 each. The next free table will be on June 21, the Saturday after the guild meeting. Please give your donations to Jess by June 18. Large pieces of fabric are given to the long-armers to use as backing. Mid-size pieces are given to Outreach and Grateful Garments. Please no notions, patterns or books.

Workshops:

May 21 – Pernille Gutschick will give a presentation today after the meeting and teach a Kaleidoscope Quilts class tomorrow. There are a few cancellations so if you would like to join in please see Jess.

June 18 – Julie Curry will give a presentation on what long-armers require for quilting. A short video was played.

July 16 – Sandy Kelly will teach a Mesh Pouch with zipper class.

Aug. 20 -- Auction

Sept. 17 – Birthday Party

Oct. 15 – Tina Curran will give a presentation on Oct. 15 and teach a class on Oct. 16. The topic is a paper-pieced wreath of houses, which could be a pillow or wall hanging. The houses and the wreath can be embellished as desired. A video was played previewing the class.

Nov. 19 – Zoom speaker from Virginia Beach, Heather Kojan, “Quilt Remix, UFOs, Orphan Blocks, and What was I Thinking. Fresh Ideas for Stale Projects.”

Dec. 17 – Holiday Party

Jan. 21 – Polly Matsuoka, collage quilting birds (She has patterns.)

Feb. 18 – Gale Green, regular quilter

Leonie Batkin: The San Mateo County Fair will be May 30-June 8, and will not be open June 2 and 3. The volunteer slots for the Opportunity Quilt are filled, thank you. Per Wanda, the Fair is still in need of volunteers, please sign up on the fair’s website. Friday and Saturday are intake days.

Barbara Hall: The May retreat was a big success, lots of fun and gifts. Thank you to Barbara, Jenna and Justine. The next workshop will be in October.

There will be an open-sew after today’s meeting.

Fall Challenge: Sue McCollum announced the Fall Challenge, Paint Chips. There is no cost for this challenge. Participants will receive an envelope with paint chips in it. You must use one or all of the colors on the paint chips in your quilt (you do not need to use all of the colors, ombre fabrics could be used). You may add a solid of white, cream, gray or black. The quilt should be a minimum of 18” and maximum of 36”. The deadline is Sept. 17. There will not be any advance online viewing or voting. (If you are turning in your quilt at the meeting, please come early so it can be hung.)

Announcements: We are looking for a volunteer for Parliamentarian. Michele Parry has been doing a great job for many years and is ready to pass the job on. She will remain available to answer questions.

Membership: Cynthia Yin reported there were 59 members, 2 guests and 3 members on Zoom.

Show & 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. Show & Tell included: Sandy Kelly for Rita, Sew Powerful purses; Jessica Bernhardt, Nickel Fun; Carlie Peck, Lucky Links Irish Chain (with ice-dyed fabric); Gwen Matteucci, Spring Challenge quilt, Puffins; Dorothea Copeck-Nolan, Witch’s Moon, Fall Fantasy pillow, Go Giants, Betsy’s Flag; Nell Lee Stinson, One-year Late Wedding Gift; Sue McCollum, Convergence, My Wicked Heart; Harriet Hirsch, Candy Mix (Barb Hall’s design); Judy Brennan, My Happy Quilt; Cathy Stillman, White Sampler Quilt; Carol Blitzer, two baby quilts; Barb Hall, Snails, Modern from class; Kay Pauling, Large quilt with hexagon pattern on back; Emily Leavitt, Sew Powerful purse; Kia Starmor, How Eye Roll.

Meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Pernille Gutschick gave a presentation following the meeting.

~Respectfully submitted, Harriet Hirsch, Recording Secretary



Left: Sandy Kelly and Barbara Marsden show Sew Powerful bags made by members; Below: Emily Leavitt and her Sew Powerful bag



Left: Carlie Peck – Lucky Links Irish Chain (with ice-dyed fabric); Right: Jessica Bernhardt – Nickel Fun



Gwen Matteucci – Spring Challenge (left); Puffins (right)



Dorothea Copeck-Nolan – Witch's Moon (left); Fall Fantasy Pillow (middle); Betsy's Flag (right)



Left: Nell Lee Stinson – One-year Late Wedding Gift



Sue McCollum – Convergence (left); My Wicked Heart (right)



Left: Harriet Hirsch – Candy Mix (Barb Hall design); Right: Judy Berman – My Happy Quilt



Left: Cathy Stillman – White Sampler Quilt; Right: Carol Blitzler – 2 baby quilts



Barb Hall – Snails (left) and Modern from class (below)



Left: Kay Pauling – Large Quilt with hexagon pattern back; Below: Kia Starmor – How Eye Roll



Wrapped in Love, Peninsula and Mills Hospitals

Thank you so much to those of our members who were able to donate items to the hospital appreciation event held each year for the nurses and staff at both Peninsula and Mill hospitals. Collectively, Holly and I gathered 72 items for the Chaplain, Irene Boczek, who hung the quilts in the conference room at Peninsula Hospital and sent a few to Mills for display. I hope some of you were able to attend the reception at Peninsula.

Combined, Holly and I were given 25 quilts, eight wall hangings, seven table runners and four table toppers plus pieces of art, bags, pillows, coasters and many other small items.

As you complete quilts this year or think about the inventory you already have that would make another person thrilled, please put it aside for when we get the call from Irene next year. It's wonderful to be able to give back to people that take such good care of us.

~Connie Bowles and Holly Colgan



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June 5 – Sept. 7, 2025: Kay Sekimachi: Ingenuity and Imagination -- Kay Sekimachi learned to make origami figures and to paint and draw while in an incarceration camp for Japanese Americans during World War II. She enrolled at the California College of Arts and Crafts in 1946, spent two summers at the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Maine, and by 1949 was weaving large, complex wall hangings. In the late 1970s, Sekimachi began to create small pots and bowls that combine Japanese paper with materials left over from her weaving.



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