



# Peninsula Quilters Gazette

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## Next Meeting: January 15, 9:30 a.m.

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## President's Message

Ahhh! Here we are at the beginning of 2025; a fresh start for all of us. A chance to start a new quilt project or to set a goal to complete the unfinished items that have been at the bottom of our to-do pile. Nothing feels better than a finished quilt. Despite earning my reputation as the guild's biggest potty-mouth, I find one of the best four-letter words in the English language is the word, "DONE!"

That being said, it is now time for us to earnestly roll up our sleeves and work our way through the results of our guild's first survey to address the budget shortfall that is looming ahead of us. The board members have been meeting with various committee chairs, trying to find the underlying causes of our costs and fees and how they compare to the operating expenses of other guilds in our area. We have also been considering several fundraising means that have worked for us in the past and events that other guilds have found successful for their financial solvency.

If you received our first survey at the December guild meeting, please kindly give it your most sincere consideration, fill it out and send it to Sandy Kelly. You can take a photo of the survey form and text/email it to Sandy. After we read the comments of your individual priorities, we will have the ability to create a more detailed survey that will reflect the joys and concerns of our members. Please be patient with us as we do our best to right this ship, our beloved guild.

*Nancy Krosse, President*

## PQ Calendar

Jan. 8	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Jan. 15	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Cindy Grisdela on "Journey of An Art Quilter"
Jan. 16	Thu	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Workshop: Cindy Grisdela: "Fabulous Freehand Curves"
Feb. 5	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Feb. 19	Wed	7 p.m.	General Meeting: Joe Cunningham: "The Stories Behind the Quilts"

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### Outreach Scorecard

	November	December
Bundles of Joy	14	tba
LifeMoves	16	0
Foster Kids	6	0



Sandi Adger reported that 538 placemats were donated to Meals on Wheels in 2024!!

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### Upcoming Speakers and Programs

**Jan. 15, 2025:** Cindy Grisdela on "Journey of An Art Quilter"

**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-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

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### Upcoming Workshops:



#### Cindy Grisdela: "Fabulous Freehand Curves"

**Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Cut large scale curves freehand without templates or patterns. Add dots, skinny lines, wonky triangles and more to give each curve its own personality, then combine them into a fun original design. We'll talk about color and design to create the composition as well as the techniques needed. Basic sewing skills and a sewing machine in good working order are necessary. Best for students with some experience with curves—not for beginners.

**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 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**

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## **Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting** **Dec. 4, 2025**

Attendees: Nancy Krosse, Leonie Batkin, Carol Blitzler, Terry Caselton, Holly Colgan, Julie Curry, Jean Dail, Barb Hall, Harriet Hirsch, Sandy Kelly, Barbara Mattson, Anne Merics, Angi Merlone, Michele Parry, Jena Walter, Cynthia Yin and Brenda Ziegler

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

**President (Nancy Krosse)** asked if the November meeting minutes had been read. Julie Curry noted that a correction be made on when a profit was last made from a PQ quilt show. A discussion ensued and it was determined that the date should be removed from the minutes. The motion to approve the minutes with the change was made, seconded and approved. Grace Hardy asked Nancy to report that the Holiday Party is all ready to go. Those bringing quilts to hang should arrive early or give them to Nancy to deliver early. Any books, patterns and bee raffle baskets can arrive at the time of the party.

**Treasurer (Jean Dail)** said we have healthy bank accounts. Signed contracts can be given to Jean or she will request them as needed for 2025. She sends a thank you to Jess Millikan who took care of payment to the Canadian workshop instructor. She is reviewing info from other guilds and looking to lower costs.

**Corresponding Secretary (Nancy Krosse for Terry Caselton)** reported that Terry sent a condolence card to Theresa Molnar's family and a donation was made in Theresa's name to the San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles.

**Membership (Cynthia Yin)** reported that we have 140 members. She asked about setting up a time for the affiliates to make a presentation if they'd like. A discussion ensued. This had been done in the past. Nancy will check for general meeting dates available.

**Parliamentarian (Michele Parry)** mentioned that in the new year she will present an addendum to the membership to correct a category name in the Bylaws.

**Fundraising (Angi Merlone)** asked that someone attend the boutique on Dec. 7 held by the SCVQA to raise funds. She also reviewed several other quilt guilds and found that some with \$45 annual dues included a requirement for each member to purchase \$20-\$40 worth of

Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets, thus increasing their actual annual dues. Some also may require members to volunteer.

**Opportunity Quilt (Leonie Batkin)** has been trying to contact Heather Black, the designer of the pattern used in our Opportunity Quilt, for her permission. She had already been told by friends of Heather's that she would be delighted. Leonie will try more avenues if she does not receive a response soon.

**Virtual Events (Jena Walter)** asked if the Zoom transmission should be kept on during the holiday party. It was decided that it should be turned off once the party begins.

**Outreach (Barb Hall)** reported that the Open Sew after the last general meeting was a success. There were 21 participants. There will be an Open Sew after every general meeting if something else isn't planned.

**Newsletter (Carol Blitzer)** requested that the deadline submittal to the January newsletter be Dec 21 due to holiday time restrictions.

**Additional discussion:** Some discussion arose over cost savings. Cynthia asked if we are locked into having a quilt show this year. Julie will check with Jess Millikan. It may depend on whether we get a grant. Angi requested that committee chairs come to the meetings. Julie pointed out that stakeholders need to be involved once we have parameters from the survey for possible cuts. Jena is working on the survey and will send the list of proposed questions to the board. She expects to be ready by Jan. 14. Leonie offered to organize a meeting. Michele pointed out that first we need the survey input from the membership, then the committee chairs input, before presentation to the board. Sandy offered to put a timeline together. Nancy said she has been receiving suggestions from members. Jean offered to present the results at a future general meeting.

Nancy adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Day & Board Meeting Secretary*

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## **PQ General Meeting Minutes December 18, 2024**

Nancy Krosse called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. The meeting was held at the San Mateo Garden Center and offered on Zoom.

**President:** Nancy Krosse introduced one guest, Rose Hummel. Nancy pointed out an antique quilt that was on display. This was made in Pennsylvania by the grandmother of a friend of Grace Hardy and was raffled off at the holiday party following the meeting. Jean Dail was unable to be present, so Nancy presented the Treasurer's report, which was that our bank account is healthy. Nancy later gave a short lesson on how to use the three trash receptacles. Blue: Recyclables - like cans & bottles; Green: Compost - what worms eat; Brown/Black: Garbage, i.e., Landfill.

**Activities and Educational Events:** Jess Millikan discussed the next workshop, Fabulous Freehand Curves, given by Cindy Grisdela. The maximum number of participants is 24, and 20 people have already signed up. Jess will be sending supply lists this week. On March 20, Jane Haworth will give a one-day workshop on Fabric Collage with Reptiles and Frogs.

**Corresponding Secretary:** In Terry Caselton's absence, Sandy Kelly reported that a condolence card was sent to Theresa Molnar's family, and one was sent to Gretchen Michaels who lost her mother recently.

**Survey Form:** Sandy Kelly presented a survey form asking us to value each of several items the guild does in order of importance. This is to help gauge where our funds can best be used. The board is actively discussing our fee structure and costs. She asked that the forms be returned to her at the meeting or a photo of the completed form be emailed to her. Doing this manually saves considerable costs compared to putting this type of survey online. She



mentioned that a review of other quilt guild fees revealed that some charge a fee of \$45 but require their membership to purchase \$40 in raffle tickets bringing the actual total to \$85 annually. Nancy pointed out that the survey results will help with a deep dive into the budget and fundraising to balance the deficit for next year of approximately \$12K.

**Retreats:** Barb Hall reported that the Open Sew following the November meeting was a big success. The next Open Sew will be after the January meeting.

**Membership:** Cynthia Yin reported that there were 62 members present. She also welcomed new member Linda Ashcraft who came in as a guest and joined.

**Special Announcements:** Lynn Dinelli entertained us with a very funny holiday story. Wanda Lewis Dragon let us know that postcards were available advertising the San Francisco Quilters Guild Quilt Show taking place in March 2026. Carlie Peck is looking for donations of any empty thread spools for classroom use and any star-themed quilt photos for social media. Theresa Koettters talked about how impressive the San Jose Quilt Museum's "25 Million Stitches show" is and advised people to attend. The theme is the refugees crisis.

**Holiday Party:** Grace Hardy enticed us with info about the Holiday Party. Kathy Stillman helped her arrange the activities. There will be a centerpiece contest. A thank you goes to each centerpiece designer: 1. Mary Rafferty, 2. Judith Paul, 3. Kathy Stillman, 4. Sandy Kelly, 5. Marilyn Morton, 6. Harriet Hirsch, 7. Barb Hall, 8. Terry Caselton. There are gifts of a fat quarter and a scissors set at each seat, Always Quilting supplied a 40% off coupon, there will be Bingo for prizes and a luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Secretary*

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



Left: Susan Viess – Wedding Quilt;  
Below: Carlie Peck –  
Pink/Orange/Yellow Quilt







*Lorraine Twomey – Mola Quilting*



*Left: Jess Millikan – Plaid dog coat; Right: Harriet Hirsch – HST bags*



*Above and below left: Angi Merlone – Three Christmas Quilts; Below right: Lorraine Twomey – Star Quilt*





Left: Chris Miller – Flower Packet quilt; Right: Chris Miller – Sailing Ship for baby quilt





Left: Rose Erdozaincy – Paper-pieced Christmas Tree quilt; Right: Jessica Bernhardt – Total Eclipse

Below: Cynthia Yin, Kia Starmer, Barbara Mattson, Jess Millikan – Donation Quilt;  
Right: Cynthia Yin – Strawberries and Cream







Left: Julie Curry – Pieced Poinsettia Table Runner (designed by Elizabeth Allocco);  
Below: Marci Rohrer – Mug Rugs



Kathy McGuffin – Christmas Tree with Circles (left); Crazy Christmas Tree runner (below)





## The Holiday Party was enjoyed by all!



*Cathy Stillman caught a few pictures of the winning tablescapes and Christmas-themed quilts that decorated the room. Many thanks to Holiday Party Chair, Grace Hardy, and her spectacular helpers, Cathy Stillman and Terry Caselton, for putting on a wonderful holiday party.*







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### 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.

### For Sale:

\$300 -- Babylock Jubilant sewing machine  
purchased July 2023 for \$600. A great lightweight,  
15 lb. portable sewing machine.

Contact Kathy McGuffin if you're interested:  
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### For sale:

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