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Next Meeting: July 20, 9:30 a.m.

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President's Message



Hello and Happy July. Wow, we are halfway through the year ...yikes. This month I want to share with you some of my all time-saving sewing tricks:

- Pre-winding bobbins
- Writing down the last step I did and what the next step is when leaving a mid-project.
- Using a project box to keep all fabric, scraps/pieces together until the project is complete: That way nothing gets lost.
- Getting your dinner started early. My crockpot is my BFF, and that way I can sew all day long without worrying about dinner.

I hope you find time to savor these summer days and do lots of sewing. Finally, I loved this article "15 Simple Ways to Brighten Someone's Day"

<https://www.becomingminimalist.com/brighten/>

~Sandi daRoza, PQ President

PQ Calendar

July 6	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
July 20	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting -- Speaker: Linda Ballard - "What If?"
Aug. 3	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Aug. 17	Wed	7 p.m.	General Meeting -- Speaker: Margaret Fabrizo – "Going to the Source"



Outreach Scorecard

	May	June
Bundles of Joy	7	4
LifeMoves	7	12

Let's keep these generous and much-appreciated donations coming! Baby quilts should be minimum 30" and maximum of 45" on a side. LifeMoves quilts should be approximately 65" x 80".
-- Julie Curry, Outreach Coordinator

Opportunity Quilt goes to the Fair

Our 2022-23 Opportunity Quilt had her first public outing at the San Mateo County Fair. She met many admiring visitors and proved to be a terrific ambassador for the Guild.

Thank you to all the members who volunteered to sit with her and assist in the Guild's outreach and fundraising efforts. We met many quilters and aspiring quilters, some of whom may become members. We also raised about \$1,200.



Upcoming speakers

July 20, 9:30 a.m.	Linda Ballard	"What if I?"; followed by "Bee Charitable" sewing event
Aug. 17, 7 p.m.	President's Choice: Margaret Fabrizo	"Going to the Source"
Sept. 21, 9:30 a.m.	Birthday Party	

Linda Ballard: 'What If I?'

July 20, 9:30 a.m.

www.letsquilt.com



An avid sewer all her life, Linda Ballard has taken her skills from dressmaking to creating wonderful traditional quilts using today's faster techniques and tools. She believes there's always something for everyone when it comes to quilting, and that quilters have a strong bond unlike anything else.

She lives outside Redding in a country community called Palo Cedro. Linda was a quilt shop owner in Redding and now travels throughout the country teaching both on land and sea.

Linda is known for her quilting retreats, her teachings and has been featured in a variety of quilting magazines with her quilts, her patterns and as "ad" quilts for a specific line of fabrics. Linda will tell you constantly "to be flexible and go with the possibilities that are presented." She always finishes with one simple word: Enjoy!

"What if I ..."Are you one who follows the rules? Do you change out your fabric values, play with the components or create different borders? We'll explore how subtle changes can give you an entirely new quilt. You'll see a whole new world after this program. The program consists of a short power point section along with quilts that only reinforces the 'What If I.'

Margaret Fabrizio: 'Going to the Source'

Aug. 17, 7 p.m.

Margaret Fabrizio studied quilt making with Grace Earl, designer at the Chicago Art Institute, and her prize-winning quilts have been exhibited in Northern California and at New Pieces Gallery in Berkeley, where she also played a forte-piano concert.

Her brother, grandmother and sister have all made quilts. Although she has always sewn, she came to quilting only in the last 10 years when she began making quilts for herself and her family. Each piece is machine-pieced and hand-quilted. Most have their origin in traditional design but develop organically, influenced very much by the personality of the recipient. She starts and finishes a queen-size quilt in 6 to 12 weeks, working night and day. The process takes over her life until the last stitch is taken. She finds quilting not unlike music. She is completely caught up in the initial concept, mesmerized by color and texture, absorbed by the rhythm of the repeating patterns.

To view Margaret's Video's and Very Beautiful and Unique Quilts/Artwork go to <http://www.margaretfabrizio.com/> or google Margaret Fabrizio.

Free Table – Aug. 19

The next Free Table will be from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19 at Jess Millikan's home in San Mateo. If you have fabric, notions, tools, or other quilt-friendly things to donate (no books, magazines or patterns), please drop them off at Jess's house any time on or after Aug. 12, but no later than Aug. 17.

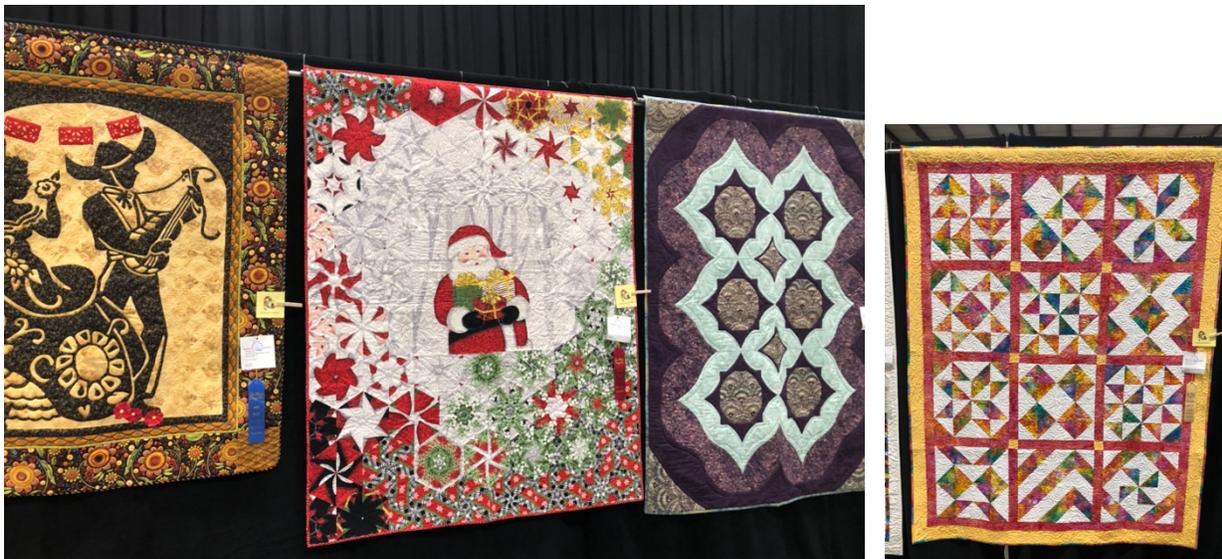


They came to the Fair!

A huge Thank You to all PQ members who participated in the 2022 San Mateo County Fair. Our guild members turned out in great numbers to enter and volunteer. From take-in to take-down, from quilt judging to display set up -- we were there!!! It would not have happened without you!

Our Quilt-In for Charity was very successful. Over the course of the fair, we bound and labeled more than 10 quilts, and completed nine quilt tops. Way to go, PQ!

- Julie and Wanda, your PQ-Fair liaisons





And to the Quilt-In:





Quilter of the Year

You can nominate any member of the guild. Each member can only nominate one person. Members who have not already made a nomination are welcome to email your nomination to Sandy Kelly at BlondAdvice@gmail.com.

I will also have forms for your nominations at our July 20 meeting. **All nominations must be received by July 25.** The Quilter of the Year presentation will be made at our September meeting.

The Quilter of the Year should be a person who:

- * whenever there is a need, steps up to help
- * whenever an extra pair of hands is required, is first in line
- * whenever the love of helping others through quilting, this person is first to bring her knowledge and caring spirit to the table
- * is a leader who leads, even when not asked or recognized, one who leads by example.

Past recipients: LaVern Newman, Rosemary Hamerton-Kelly, Margaret Ann Niven, Carol Stapleton, June Wallach, Barbara Hall, Judy Miyake, Gale Green and Jena Walter.

Please provide the name of your nominee and in a couple of sentences why this person deserves recognition as Quilter of the Year for 2022/23.

If you have questions, please call me.

Thanks for a taking a few minutes to share who you think deserves this honor.

- Sandy Kelly

Welcome to New Members



In addition to being a quilter, **Diane Costello** is a photographer, watercolorist and knitter. She began quilting during the pandemic and joined the Guild in 2020. Her first quilt was finished in May 2020.

She learned to sew when she was 8 on her mother's Pfaff. Diane loves design and leans to modern quilting. She quilted the "Whales Fluke" that was exhibited and won awards at the recent San Mateo County Fair. Her professional website is: www.dkcphotography.com

Gretchen Michaels lives in San Mateo with her husband. She has two children (one in high school and one in college), four dogs, seven chickens, two horses and a number of fish.

Gretchen learned to sew when she was 7 from her mother. In middle school she enrolled in sewing. Then in 8th grade she took her scraps from 7th grade sewing and made her first quilt. She entered that quilt into the county fair near Ojai where she grew up and won her first ribbon.

After graduating from San Diego State, Gretchen and her husband moved a few times before coming to the Peninsula. Currently, she works at a software company as Head of Administration and HR. Gretchen also has a long-arm business. Her website is: www.gretchquilts.com. Gretchen loves horseback riding, quilting and she collects antique sewing machines.



As a 4-year-old, **Nancie Bennett** loved playing with her great-grandmother's thimbles. Her grandmother taught Nancie to sew on her treadle machine. In 1974, Nancie began quilting. Quilting was put on hold while she raised her children. In 1986, Nancie started a quilting business, Quilting for a Small Planet, which she still has today. She makes baby and children's quilts. The proceeds support Marine Wild Life. Nancie specializes in appliqué. She and her husband retired eight years ago. They have six grandchildren now so it seems there will be many more quilts for her to sew.

Member Profile: Friends, Neighbors, Quilters

Since the 1970s, Anne Meric and Justine Barnard have been friends and neighbors. After years of sewing together, Justine lured Anne into the world of quilting about 25 years ago by showing her all the projects she had made. They tell of being members of the second set of classes in northern California given by Bev Stooky and Linda Bush. Now they often quilt together.



They came to their shared hobby from different backgrounds. Both grew up in the Bay Area, and their mothers and grandmothers taught them to sew, but then the roads diverged. Anne was an accountant assistant in a construction company. Her work was not confined to the office and she was often outside at construction sites wearing her hardhat. She expressed her thrill at seeing the scaffolding and big rigs at the Senior Center before Barb Hall's quilt class this spring. Justine went into nursing and worked in various fields in Bay Area hospitals. Her favorite job was in the pediatric ICU. She still

makes and collects blankets and supplies to give to the needy babies and families in the last unit where she was employed.

When asked to name their favorite type of quilting, they answer very differently. Justine likes making cute little objects as well as bed-sized quilts. PQ retreat goers know Justine likes to come up with quick projects and patterns for interested attendees to complete during that weekend. When she's not being called on to make costumes or doll clothes, she is most happy making a quilt top of small pieces for someone else to quilt (a process she has no interest in doing).

On the other hand, Anne quickly and decidedly answers "sewing straight lines and strips" and adds she loses interest if a project takes too long. She is known for making many people pillows and gives very exact instructions on just how full each pillow must be. Once Anne went beyond her strips and made a quilt, which provided mystery and excitement. On a PQ cruise several years ago, Anne took a class on making a T-shirt quilt from Gale Green. Anne used her daughter's collection of Hard Rock Cafe T-shirts and put it in the San Mateo County Fair where it won a 2nd place. Super! Her daughter entered it in the Wisconsin State Fair - 1st place!!! More than super! Then Anne loaned it to an exhibit in the Sheriff's Office in Redwood City Courthouse (note location). When she went to fetch it, it was missing. No one had any idea where it was. She gave them a high estimate of its worth ... and they suddenly found it.

What ending could beat that?

Mavourneen Lopez

Birthdays and Other Beginnings Challenge

It's time for a new Challenge! September is PQ's 44th birthday, and we'll admire the Challenge quilts and vote for our favorites at the Guild Birthday Party on Sept. 21. A birthday is one kind of a beginning, but not the only one. This Challenge invites you to create a quilt that commemorates the birthday of our Guild, other birthday(s), or any other beginning that inspires you.

Your project must be a quilt, and you must use a recognizable amount of the challenge fabric somewhere on the front of your quilt; binding is OK. There is no size requirement, although I would point out that, like the last challenge, this fabric would make a wonderful baby quilt. I expect there will be a category for this Challenge at the 2023 San Mateo County Fair so whatever you make, I hope you keep it until then.

Entry fee (as always!) is \$5/fat quarter. Fabric is available from Jess Millikan – email jmillikan8@gmail.com or phone me to pick it up in person, or send me \$5 and I'll mail or deliver it to you. I also have some extra yardage, which I will release after everyone who wants a fat quarter has one. That will be first come/first served, \$20/yard.

- * Photos to Jena Walter by Sept. 1 for the on-line slide show
 - * Quilts delivered to Jess Millikan by Sept. 19 (or contact me and I'll pick up your quilt from you).
 - * Deadline for electronic voting for those unable to attend the September meeting TBA.
 - * Quilts displayed and winners selected at the General Meeting on Sept. 21.
- All entrants will receive a "Wanda Ribbon." You'll vote for your favorite quilts, considering creativity, workmanship and anything else you value. The first, second and third place finishers will receive goodie bags and gift certificates toward a PQ workshop of their choice.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

San Mateo Garden Center

Peninsula Quilters is celebrating its 44th Birthday! Lots of fun, friends, food and fabric!

If you'd like to sponsor a table, which means setting a birthday table for eight, contact Carol Wilcher. If you'd like to make a birthday cake for a table centerpiece aka dessert for eight, contact Carol Wilcher. There'll be prizes for favorite table setting as well as favorite cake! Still need one more table host and three more dessert hosts. Don't miss the FUN!

Gale Green

2020 Studio Tour is back - almost

It's time to again assess if we should, can or want to conduct our Peninsula Quilters Guild Studio Tour, which was originally planned for September 2020. Sara Guyol and I reached out to our original participants and all but three agreed to participate this year.

We are asking additional studios to be added in order to have enough for a great tour. If you would like to show off your space, please let Sara or me know as soon as possible. We can then propose dates to all participating members and pick up where we were interrupted and plan a very exciting event.

Jess Millikan has joined our planning team and will be handling promotion to our sister guilds, who were also disappointed when we had to cancel. Thank you, Jess.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

- *Connie Bowles*

Minutes, PQ General Meeting June 15, 2022

At 7p.m., President Sandi daRoza invited Terry Caselton to introduce the speaker, Colleen Granger, "Playing with Precuts".

After a short break, the meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m.

Welcome (Sandi daRoza): One new member, Teresa from San Mateo introduced herself with a short bio.

Approval of May minutes: Sandi daRoza made a motion to approve the minutes, Connie Bowles seconded. May minutes were approved.

President's Quote (Sandi daRoza): June quote, "Summer breeze makes me feel fine" (by Seals & Croft).

Treasurer Report (Sandi daRoza for Sara Medina): Sara was absent due to illness, no treasurer's report given.

Corresponding Secretary (Sandi daRoza for Linda Hester): Two get well cards have been sent to members.

Vice President Report (Sandy Kelly):

1. **Quilter of the Year** nomination forms have been placed on each seat. Please fill out tonight and drop in the designated basket. Forms will also be available at the day meeting next month. This nomination usually takes place in April. It has been moved to September to align with the Birthday Event. Nominations may also be sent to Sandy by mail or email.
2. **Open Board Positions** – The Guild fiscal year begins in October. Sandy needs confirmation of those members keeping their positions or changing positions. Open positions currently are:

*Programs Chair

*Hospitality

*Holiday Event (Dec.)

*2023 Birthday Event (Sept.)

*Fund Raising Chair

*Bee Coordinator

*Activities and Educational Events Chair

*Sandy would also like to add the position of "Floater"- a person who would be able to help out as needed.

Anyone interested in these positions and seeking more information on what that job entails may contact the person who holds/previously held that position or contact Sandy.

3. **Nominating Committee**

Elected members of the nominating committee - Sandy Kelly, Sandi daRoza, Jena Walter, Terry Caselton, Connie Bowles.

Sandy Kelly proposed the nominating committee as listed above, Mavourneen Lopez made a motion to approve, Sandi daRoza seconded, motion carried.

Fair (Julie Curry/Wanda Lewis Dragon): As San Mateo County Fair liaisons, Julie and Wanda give a big thank you to everyone who participated in any component of the Fair.

Bee Charitable (Julie Curry/Judy Miyake): Nine quilt tops and more than 10 bindings were finished at the Fair. Reminder there will be a Sew In immediately following our next guild day meeting on July 20. Members may bring a lunch, water/tea/coffee/dessert will be provided. Members should bring a sewing machine and general sewing supplies, iron/ironing board will be provided. There will also be some bindings/labels to be completed for those interested in doing some hand sewing. The event will end around 2 p.m.

Studio Tour (Connie Bowles): Connie and Sara Guyol are starting to plan the 2020 postponed Studio Tour. They are looking for three more studios available for tours. The date is tentatively set for October 2022. Please contact Connie or Sara if interested in offering your studio. Connie is also seeking someone willing to be the promoter for the Studio Tour. Jess Millikan volunteered since she will be working with other guilds for our Opportunity Quilt ticket sales.

Mills Peninsula Appreciation Day (Connie Bowles): Connie expressed her thanks to the Guild and all members who contributed to this non-guild event. The chaplain was grateful for the abundance of donations. 46 pieces were donated. Thank-you cards are on the back table to read (39 thank you cards were received). Connie plans on putting them online to be viewed by all. Members may begin planning for the 2023 event now.

Opportunity Quilt (Jess Millikan): Jess thanked everyone who helped to sell tickets at the San Mateo County Fair. \$1200 was raised in donations. She will be taking the quilt to shops and other guilds to show the quilt.

Free Table (Jess Millikan): The next Free Table will be held on Friday, Aug. 19. Drop off items to Jess the week before, no later than Wednesday, Aug. 17.

PQ Quilt Challenge (Jess Millikan): The next challenge will be held at the September Guild Birthday Event. Please get photos of your quilt to Jena Walter for the slideshow by Sept. 1 and the quilts to Jess by Sept. 19. Members will vote at the Sept. meeting for 1st/2nd/3rd place viewer's choice. Wanda ribbons will be given to entrants. Winners receive goodie bags and a gift certificate toward a PQ workshop of choice. The challenge theme is "*Birthdays and Other Beginnings*." Jess showed the challenge fabric. Rules are the same: must be a quilt of any size; some recognizable amount of challenge fabric showing on the front of the quilt (binding counts). Price is \$5/fat quarter. If you would like additional fabric, Jess is selling it at \$10/yard.

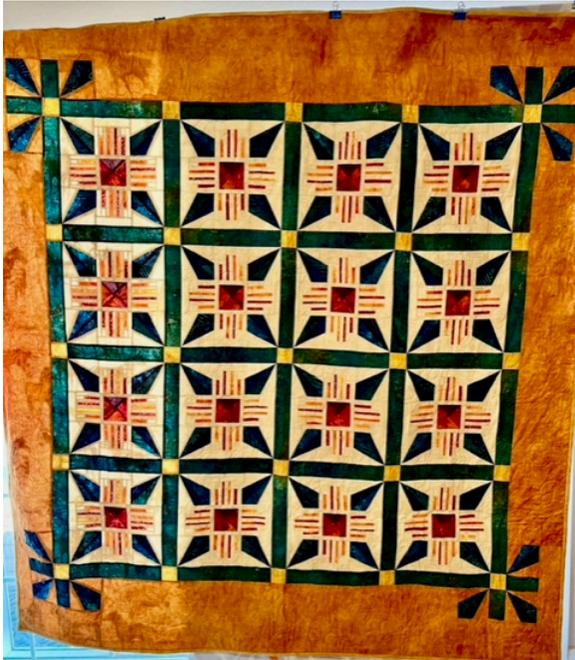
Raffle Basket (Neva Hernandez): Winners were Wanda Lewis Dragon; Jess Millikan; Bree Tiura; Rose Erdozaciney; Gloria Bernardini.

Membership (Anne Merics): One new member, 36 attendees; 16 Zoom attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Holly Colgan, secretary

Show and Tell:



Above left: Joyce Wheeler -- "New Mexico Sun and Turquoise" (Pattern from Santa Fe Quilting in New Mexico; quilting by Rich at Always Quilting)

Above right: Judy Miyake -- Circles; long-arm quilted by Gretchen Michaels

Left: Connie Bowles -- Hexie Panel

Gratitude from Mills-Peninsula Nurses and Staff

It's pretty clear Peninsula Quilters Guild has a huge heart, proven when considering all of the places we have donated our quilts in the past year: fire victims, homeless shelters, San Mateo County families in need of help with their newborn babies, and placemats for the homebound, etc.

When I approached you with a request to support Nurses Day at Mills-Peninsula, many of you again stepped up and contributed beautiful items: quilts, table runners, wall art, dolls, fiber bowls and vases, jewelry and a pillow. A few of our members had an opportunity to stop by the display, and I, for one, was amazed at the outpouring of gratitude from individuals and organizations while viewing all of the beautiful items that had been donated.

The guild received numerous thank-you notes from the recipients, which I've uploaded to a Google Doc and is available on our website (<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MdtQ-CBBGgA2nnCZuBviTp8REM0DNBc1vueNYZkotU0/edit?usp=sharing>). It might take a few minutes to load so grab a drink of choice while you wait and then enjoy the kind words. Then click on the Slide Show button at the top of the title slide.

Nurses and Staff Day is an annual event at Mills-Peninsula and I, Judy Miyake and Holly Colgan have teamed up to help organize Peninsula Quilters involvement. This is not an official organization the guild supports, but we are hoping you might set aside one or two items over the next 10 months for the wonderful, hard-working and deserving staff at Mills-Peninsula. I believe many of us have been blessed to be taken care of by several of them (I certainly have), and I'm pleased to be given an opportunity to say thank you. Judy, Holly and I will be available to begin collecting items in April 2023. Thank you in advance for participating.

Warmly, *Connie Bowles*

Computer-savvy member for PQ website support needed

The PQ Board position of Web Administrator of the PQG website needs a new appointee. This position is currently held by Kathy McGuffin, who will continue in her role into next summer, 2023. However, we need to select her successor in order for them to work with Kathy throughout the coming year to ensure a smooth transition for 22/23.

Here is a list of tasks involved with managing PQG website:

1. Adding the newsletter monthly to the website
2. Updating the PQ calendar as needed
3. Updating the Activities as needed
4. Troubleshooting online forms (tweaking and user issues)
5. Annual updates to all webpages and the subsets of the webpages (create new pages and tweak existing pages)
6. Annual updates for all the email addresses
7. Requests to add new webpages and/or forms (second most important)
8. Troubleshooting all the above as needed (most important)

The Web Admin requires a computer (not a tablet) -- it can be either a PC or Apple.

Experience with a website developer program will be helpful in learning the responsibilities of the Web Admin role. Examples include: Wix, Square space, Word Press, blue host, Site123, webador, Shopify or Network Solutions. If you are computer savvy, without direct experience with one of the above programs, you could still be the person for this position.

Anyone who would like to learn more about filling the Web Admin position, please contact Kathy McGuffin directly to learn more about the job. You can also contact Sandy Kelly with general questions.

If you are curious about this position, please think about this role. It is an important way to support our guild, without attending all our meetings.

– *Sandy Kelly*



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July 23-Oct. 16: 3rd Artist Members Biennial, “Radical Regeneration,” in the Museum’s Porcella and Hallway Galleries. This theme of renewal, repair, and revitalization considers the changes we have collectively endured in the last two years, and, in many ways, the changes we are still processing. In light of lessons learned after times of perseverance, this exhibition considers how moments of cultural disruption can create opportunities for personal or collective change. With this concept as a point of departure, artists may take the exhibition’s theme of ‘Radical Regeneration’ as a means of reflecting on what new ideas, practices, or politics might grow from this historic moment.

Upcoming Quilting Events

Saturday, Aug. 6: “Quiet Reflections Quilt Show,” sponsored by United Women in Faith, at the Castro Valley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 19806 Wisteria St., Castro Valley. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with High Tea from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$7 for Quilt Show, \$15 for High Tea. Highlights: Featured Quilter Caroline Earhart Quilt of Valor Presentation at 2 p.m., Opportunity Quilt Drawing at 4 p.m. www.castrovalleyumc.org

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