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President's Message

Happy summer all! We have a few things going during our summer months.

During June and July we take nominations for the next Quilter of the Year. Forms will be available at our July meeting for nominations. Thanks to those who already made a nomination. If you are not going to be at the July meeting, you can email or text me your nomination. All nominations are due by July 31. At the August guild meeting we vote, and the presentation will be at our September meeting.

During the summer we fill open positions on the board for the next fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. If you are interested in helping, please contact a member of the nominating committee, Anne Merics, Mary Raftery or Sandy Kelly. We have openings for:

- Workshop and speaker acquisitions for the guild meetings in 24/25
- Lead for Activities and Educational Events
- Two members to help set up at guild meetings for speakers
- Virtual Event coordinator
- Holiday Party Lead
- Evening recording secretary
- Lead for creation of the next opportunity quilt for 24/25
- Auction Lead

Our August meeting is "From Me To You and A Little Something For The Guild" event. This is a big thank you to all of our amazing members who keep our guild vibrant through the gift of time. Raffle tickets will be sold at our July and August meetings. Some of the prizes include two Featherweight sewing machines, Baby Lock Flourish embroidery machine, 20 yards of Batik fabric, multiple quilt kits, a framed 1930s quilt block and an AccuQuilt Big Cutter with 13 dies. The prizes will be on display at the July Meeting.

Prizes will be selected in order by the name that is pulled. After the first person selects, the next name drawn will then select from the remaining prizes. We will continue in this manner until all prizes are selected. If you are unable to attend there is a proxy form to fill out with your prioritization of prizes. You can give it to me or have a friend hold your proxy. Proxy forms will be at the July meeting or contact me.

Looking forward to a fun filled summer,

~Sandy Kelly, president

PQ Calendar			
July 6	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
July 19	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Mel Beach - "Fun and Games in Quilting"
July 19	Wed	11:30 a.m.– 7 p.m.	Alice's Love event
Aug. 2	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Aug. 16	Wed	7 p.m.	General Meeting: "President's Choice"



Outreach Scorecard

	April/May	June
Bundles of Joy	5	34
LifeMoves	10	15 bed size, 3 lap

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



New logo for the guild was designed by Mark Bowles.

Upcoming Speakers: 2023

July 19: Mel Beach - "Fun and Games in Quilting"
August 16: "President's Choice"

Upcoming Speakers

Mel Beach: "Fun and Games in Quilting"
July 19, 9:30 a.m.



Mel Beach is a San Jose-based quilt artist, teacher and lecturer, who breaks away from tradition by adding her own modern, beautifully textured, and colorful twists. She loves stretching her creativity through her completion of 100+ quilt challenges at the local and international level in addition to several 100-Day Projects involving a roll of dice. Her quilts draw upon her inquisitive nature of asking "What if?, Why not?," working in a series, comedy improv studies, along with her love of nature, photography, and sketching.

Alice's Love event

Alice's Love is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 19, 2023** (after the PQ meeting).

Tentative Schedule: (more details will be given at the event)

9:30 a.m. — PQ meeting

About 11:30 a.m. or Noon (after meeting) — Lunch

About 1 p.m. — Setup of sewing machines and sewing

About 5:30 p.m. — Dinner

7 p.m. — The End

Where: Garden Center (where PQ meetings are held)

If you are using the provided kit, bring sewing machine, neutral thread, sewing supplies, power strip (if you have one), extension cord (if you have one).

If you are doing hand work, (i.e., sewing binding) bring sewing needles, thread snips or small scissors (hand-sewing supplies). Thread for binding will be provided unless you are binding your own charity quilt.

If you are doing your own charity project, bring what you will need.

NOTE: Irons and ironing boards will be provided. Individual irons may not be used.

Questions: Contact Margaret Conti (mrconti0502@comcast.net or 925-899-2939).

Quilt Show Update

Here's the face of our postcard, which will be spread far and wide to quilt shops and other locations where we hope to reach potential attendees. Sara Guyol and Sandi daRoza have agreed to coordinate our publicity and promotion to guilds and shops.

Entries will be accepted from July 23 to Aug. 25 on the PQ website. A photo and dimensions are required (80" x 90" is the max size) so Julie Curry can finalize our layout and make the hanging process go quickly and smoothly.

There is a charge of \$5 per quilter for as many quilts you'd like to submit. All quilts accepted should be delivered to Jess between Sept. 11-18. After the show finishes on Sept. 24, the quilts will be taken to Ruth Gilroy's home where they can be picked up either Sunday evening or Monday morning. Admission has been adjusted to \$10 for exhibitors and volunteers and \$15 for all others. Wristbands will allow entry on both days.

Volunteers will be needed to help hang the show, work during the show, and take the quilts down after the show. We expect to have iVolunteer ready for sign-ups by July 23.

~Jess Millikan



New member: Cynthia Yin

Cynthia Yin, a retired optometrist, learned to sew from her mother. She was never enrolled in a home economics class. Cynthia and her husband recently moved to San Mateo from Overland Park, Kansas, where they had been throughout their careers. They visited the Bay Area a few years ago and decided upon retirement to relocate to the area. They have a daughter who is now living in Menlo Park. After moving, she looked for a guild and that is how she found Peninsula Quilters. Cynthia is focused on learning to free-motion quilt.

~Angi Merlone

Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting June 7, 2023

Attendees: Sandy Kelly, Carol Blitzer, Connie Bowles, Terry Caselton, Julie Curry, Maggie Hardy, Suzanne Jeuck, Nancy Krosse, Sara Medina, Michele Parry, Jena Walter, Rose Wilson and Brenda Ziegler.

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

President (Sandy Kelly) asked for approval of both April and May Board Minutes. Motion to do so was made, seconded and approved by all. She talked about having apprentices for some of the board positions in order to make transitions easier. Sandy will talk about it in the general meeting. It may also allow interested people to volunteer sooner. In the June general meeting, we will also look to generating a Nominating Committee for the 2023-24 fiscal year positions. She mentioned that the Recording Secretary calls the Nominating Committee's first meeting.

Treasurer (Sara Medina) stated that total funds are down over the 2021-22 fiscal year due to additional monies being used for member activities during COVID. We had a loss of less than \$200 due to hackers' theft that was not recoverable. Sara has been working to clean up data and moving funds from Chase to the San Mateo Credit Union. All funds will be moved to SMCU by July 1. Jean Dail has been assisting Sara. Sara will not be present for the July general meeting and asked if Jean can present the Treasurer info on her behalf. There was a discussion on the budget preparation for approval of a budget in the September general meeting. Sara is expecting cost of living adjustments for many items due to the current economic situation. These items include workshops, speakers, travel, outreach, etc., which will need inflation adjustments. At the general meeting, input data will be requested and others will be contacted by June 20 with data to be supplied to Sara by June 30. The suggested timeline is to have all input by the July board meeting for development of a preliminary budget by August so that the proposed budget can be submitted to the membership at the September meeting. Connie requested that the appointed officers who have volunteers working with them be included in emails to the committee members so they are all kept in the loop. She also asked for a copy of the current budget, which Sara said she would supply by Monday.

Correspondence (Rose Wilson) sent a card to Michelle Graham who is experiencing a medical issue.

Parliamentarian (Michele Parry) had nothing to report but thanked Sara for all her work.

Programs (Connie Bowles) had nothing to report. She had previously mentioned that the board is responsible for the birthday party.

Outreach (Julie Curry) had nothing to report.

Virtual Events (Jena Walters) apologized for the delay in coordinating the answers to the recent survey. It should be completed by the end of this week. She also requested an apprentice for hosting Zoom.

President (Sandy Kelly) proposed eliminating the \$5 charge to guests on their first visit to be more friendly and welcoming. There was a discussion involving several board members both for and against the change. Michelle Parry investigated and found that the guest charge was part of the Standing Rules. This means any change needs to be approved by the membership. Per Michele, in order to do that it needs to be published in the newsletter and put on the table for discussion in the next bylaws meeting. Sandy will continue to pay for her guests first visit to a guild meeting. Regarding Sandy's event during the August general meeting, she mentioned that the raffle includes donated sewing machines. Raffle tickets will be sold at the June, July and August meetings, and winners will be pulled at the August meeting. One Featherweight is being donated by Sandy and a second Featherweight is a donation from Loraine Strong's family.

Sandy Kelly adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Secretary

PQ General Meeting Minutes June 21, 2023

Sandy Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The meeting was held at the San Mateo Garden Center and offered on Zoom. She introduced four guests: Lorraine Twomey, Donna Williams, Sandy Tsushima and Marianne Camous. She also mentioned that raffle tickets are still available for the current Opportunity Quilt - the winning ticket will be pulled at the July meeting. Raffle tickets are also available for Raffle Baskets and for a special "From Me to You and a Little for the Guild" raffle. This raffle includes an embroidery machine and various donated items and will be completed in August. A motion was made to approve the May minutes, seconded and approved by the members present.

Finance: Sara Medina discussed the progress in the move to the San Mateo Credit Union. A preliminary budget will be available in July; after review, it will go to the board in August for final approval by the members in September. She said Jean Dail has been shadowing her, and they have been meeting regularly.

Fund Raising: Jess Millikan spoke about several issues.

Challenge: She is out of the Challenge fabric but if anyone needs some she can probably get more from Always Quilting.

Free Table: The next Free Table will be June 23 from 9-11:30 a.m. at Jess' home. She has a lot of items besides fabric this time including notions, rulers and irons.

PQ Quilt Show: Entries will be accepted from July 23 to Aug. 25 on the PQ website. A photo and dimensions are required (80" x 90" is the max size). There is a charge of \$5 per quilter for as many quilts as you'd like to submit. A limited number of large quilts will be hung due to space issues. Please rank your quilts in order of preference for showing as she may not be able to accept all entries. All quilts accepted should be dropped off to Jess Sept. 11-18. Julie Curry will organize quilts for the hanging, which will be on Sept 22. The show is Sept 23-24. After the show finishes on 9/24, the quilts will be taken to Ruth Gilroy's home where they can be picked up. Admission has been adjusted to \$10 for exhibitors and volunteers and \$15 for all others. Wristbands will allow entry on both days. Unfortunately, due to a family emergency, Susan Williams is unable to do the show promotion, so Jess is looking for another volunteer to contact guilds, stores, etc., to get the word out.

Fund Raising: Leonie Batkin talked about the Opportunity Quilt for 2023-2024. Production is in progress. The team consists of Sandi DaRoza, Angi Merlone, Gretchen Michaels, Wanda Lewis Dragon and Leonie Batkin. It will be an art quilt with a flower garden theme. The promotion team consists of Maggie Harvey, Dorothea Copeck-Nolan and Brenda Ziegler. Before Leonie concluded her remarks, she asked everyone to stand and show their appreciation to Jess for all her hard work. The applause went on for some time, and Jess looked truly stunned and humbled.

Alice's Love: Barb Hall & Margaret Conti reminded us that the event will take place after the general meeting in July. Please confirm your attendance with Margaret. You can bring a charity quilt to work on or there will be some kits available. The organizers are also supplying special labels.

Programs: Connie Bowles expressed the thanks of Mills Peninsula for the donations made to Nurses Appreciation Day.

General Business: Sandy Kelly requested budget info be sent. She reviewed the correct use of trash/recycle/compost bins at the Garden Center. Full trash bags should go in the dumpster.

She asked for nominations for Quilter of the Year. The vote will be in August. She also asked for volunteers for a Nominating Committee for next year's Board positions. Mary Raftery, Anne Merics and Sandy herself volunteered. The open positions comprise Email Blaster, Activities and Educational Events chair, Opportunity Quilt lead for the 2024-25 OQ, lead for the Auction, assistant for Speakers and Workshops 2025, lead for the Holiday Party, Virtual Events and Night Recording Secretary. The nominated names will be printed in the newsletter and voted on in September.

Membership: Anne Merics stated that there were 50 members present plus four guests and eight members on Zoom. We have a total of 159 members. Membership raffle basket winners were Sandy Kelly and Lori Atwood.

Raffle Basket Winners: Carol Blitzer, Grace Hardy, Mary Raftery, Leslie Lohmeier, Sara Medina, Lorraine Twomey

In signing off, Sandy praised and thanked Sara Guyol for the beautiful, new PQ banner. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Secretary

Show and Tell: Barb Hall (Red, White & Blue quilt, PQ class bed runner), Marci Rohrer (2 bags that appeared in Linda McGehee's The Perfect Bag), Annette Caves (baby quilt), Richard Castillo (4 quilts: brown themed, four patch kaleidoscope, Hawaiian stack & whack, floral)



*Sandy Kelly –
Project Bag
outside and
inside*



Left: Joyce Wheeler – Fire and Ice table runner (front and back) from Jennifer Sampou’s class
Far right: Carol Blitzler – Storage Pods from Justine Barnard’s retreat demo



Left: Jennifer Graves – Friends (half-square triangle quilt)
Right: Judy Miyake – “Contrasting” quilt

September Challenge



More fabric is available for the September Challenge. If you would like to join the fun, call or text her (415-509-6083) so she can arrange to get it to you. (She'll be out of town during the last two weeks of July, so act soon, please!

~Jess Millikan



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Queer Threads, through Aug. 20, 2023: Turner, Gilliland, Finlayson and Porcella Galleries. Guest curator: John Chaich. *Queer Threads* is a traveling group exhibition and coffee-table book exploring contemporary lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer experiences through fiber and textile traditions. This latest iteration spotlights 35 artists with roots in the American West, Northwest, and Southwest, as well as work from the museum's collection. From the impeccably finished to the intentionally raw, many works are fully executed through thread-based processes such as crochet, embroidery, quilting, and weaving, while others interact with animation, clay, light, metal, and photography. Each artist's use of material choices and technical finishes suggest poetic and subversive intentions.

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