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President's Message

I can't believe it's August already. The eighth month of the calendar year is known for being the last month of summer in the northern hemisphere, leading us into the harvest season. August's full moon is known as the Sturgeon Moon. Historically, the big event in August for the United States was the ratification of the 19th amendment, which gave women the right to vote. But the most important thing coming up in August for our beloved Guild is the Big Auction. On Wednesday, August 20, the Garden Center doors will open at 6 p.m. so everyone can take a look at the live auction items and, also, start bidding on the silent auction items. We will quickly hold our general meeting to be followed by the live Big Auction. We're looking forward to a really fun evening with lots of fabulous items to bid on.

So many of our guild members have donated some truly valuable items that will be auctioned off either in the live auction or will be available to bid on in a silent-auction format. We will have a few items that we will feature in an upcoming blast about some of the wonderful things that are available to bid on. Unfortunately, we cannot have the entire group of items online because there are so many items to bid on, nor do we have the workforce to upload every item and monitor the bidding process while the Auction is active. If you are unable to attend the auction but have a keen interest in bidding on something, you can always have a friend bid for you.

We are extending an invitation to other guilds in the area, so be prepared for a fun evening with lots of activity and lots of fellow quilters. If you would like, invite a friend because, the more the merrier. As well, we will not be charging a guest fee for attending August's meeting. I am really looking forward to an action-packed evening that will be a heap of fun and a spectacular fundraiser for our guild.

In community, Nancy Krosse, PQ president

PQ Calendar

Aug. 6	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Aug. 20	Wed	7 p.m.	General Meeting: Auction
Sept. 3	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Sept. 17	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Birthday Party



Outreach Scorecard		
	June	July
Bundles of Joy	12	3
LifeMoves	14	9
Foster Kids	9	1
<p>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".</p> <p>-- Julie Curry, Outreach Coordinator</p>		

Upcoming Speakers and Programs

- 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, "Turning Color and Cloth into Wonder: My Art Quilting Journey"
Feb. 18, 2026: Gale Green, "I'm Just a Regula Quilta!"
March 18, 2026: Michelle Trimble, "Adventures in Improv"
- ~Jess Millikan and Sara Guyol
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Upcoming Workshops:

Tina Curran: "Wreath-o-rama Houses block pillow"

Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025

Location: Always Quilting, San Mateo

Time: TBA

Cost: Members \$50; Non-members \$75

Polly Matsuoka: "Birds With Character: A Choose Your Own Adventure in Collage Quilting."

Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026

Location, Time: TBA

Cost: Members \$65; Non-members \$90

Michelle Trimble: "Stunning Improv Sunbursts"

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Location, Time: TBA

Cost: Members \$70; Non-members \$95

Welcome: Naomi te Wilde, Wendy Hull, Jaimmie Gan

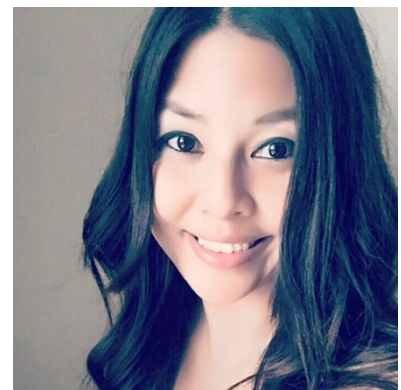
Only one month after moving to San Mateo from Seattle, **Naomi te Wilde** joined PQ. She continues her membership with the Seattle Modern Quilt Guild as well as joining the Silicon Valley Modern Quilt Guild and San Francisco Quilters Guild. Naomi's quilting resume was one quilt in middle school, one in high school and one in college (all tied) until she rediscovered the joys of quilting about a year ago. So much so that she joined the SF Guild just to submit to their recent Quilt Show, then taking feedback from there submitted to the SM County Fair, earning an Honorable Mention. In addition to working a remote job in tech research, Naomi is interested in photography and bird watching, joining the SM County Bird Alliance. She recently purchased an AccuQuilt, looking forward to using curves in her next quilt. Some of you may have met Naomi at our recent virtual retreat.



Also from San Mateo is new member **Wendy Hull**. Having relatives who are avid quilters, Wendy has appreciated quilting but did not start quilting herself until retirement. Being a math person the piecing aspect appeals to her most. In 2020 she started a BOM pattern from Joanne's and considers herself a very, very beginner quilter. So far she has completed a doll quilt and a crib quilt top. She is also working on an EPP flower garden quilt she has inherited, preferring the hand sewing and ease of having a project you can take along. Wendy found us at our SM County Fair table while viewing the quilts – to her the highlight of the Fair. She is looking forward to the

camaraderie of the group and having people to ask advice and to encourage her to stick to it!

New member, **Jaimmie Gan** also discovered PQ when viewing the Opportunity Quilt at the SM County Fair last year. Jaimmie started quilting in 2023, with help from her mother-in-law, a quilter of 40 years. As Jaimmie says, after she completed a table runner pattern from Joanne's she "was hooked." Finding the quilting process calming and relaxing, she enjoys piecing the quilt tops – of which she has 75. When it's time to gift a quilt, she has the benefit of using her mother-in-law's long-arm to complete them. While Jaimmie has not taken any classes, she watches online videos to learn different techniques. She likes to use intricate patterns that utilize tiny little pieces. Currently she is thinking about changing things up by learning to make wallets and pouches.



~Holly Colgan

Member Profile: Linda Hester

Linda said she didn't think an article about her would be interesting, and I assured her we would make it exciting. WELL-L-L, no need to fabricate or exaggerate, Linda's life is filled with unusual and exciting events. Born in San Francisco, graduated college in San Jose, and has spent most of her adult life in San Mateo County, Linda believes she has been "spoiled rotten" living in Earth's perfect place. She tells all it is beautiful, has great weather, is near the beach and only a 3½ hour-drive to ski mountains. With San Mateo as her anchor, she has traveled in Europe and Asia where she also skied prior to her four knee surgeries.

Her athletic activities make sense when we hear that she was a Physical Education major and taught in elementary, early childhood and special education programs until funding cut the programs. She moved on to various programs in several corporations and ended up as the HR Director for 20 years. Then early retirement became an attractive option and she moved on to the circles where we see her.

She decided that there were two things she wanted to learn in retirement: fly fishing and quilting. Do many yoke those two together? She has learned to love both.

She joined Sisters in FlyFishing, a group of women who teach fly fishing, go on fly fishing adventures, camp with caravans during which there may be no husbands and no dogs, where they mostly party and must have more fun than anyone else. They award merit badges for skills taught and mastered, such as kayaking and making the best lemon drop martini.

The second accomplishment in retirement was learning to quilt. She has had a quilt her great-grandmother made and one her husband's great-grandmother made. Both she has loved. She wanted to learn to make something beautiful, too. Her inherited quilts were completely hand made. She decided she would use her machine. She loves all parts of sewing -- the colors, the fabric and the shopping!! Currently, she makes baby quilts primarily. She likes the fact that this allows her to do every step from picking fabric to quilting and binding. She is thinking she should learn a couple of other skills such as paper piecing and appliqué. Connected to this interest is her work for P.Q. collecting and washing all donated baby quilts and then taking them with Mary Raftery to San Mateo where they are given to needy families. The people there are so thankful.

Linda and her husband have two grown children. Their son and his 21-year-old daughter live in Dallas, Texas, and her daughter and son-in-law are now in Belize where they teach. Prior to this assignment, they taught in Kiev, Ukraine, after having taught in China. Their grandson was scheduled to graduate in Kiev until the war began and they had to evacuate. Instead, the Hesters traveled to the Balkans for his graduation and are looking forward to attending his college graduation in Chicago.

Linda assures me she has other "time sucker" activities, but these are the main ones currently. What we learn in this short profile is that she does have an interesting life, as does each member of P.Q. We usually see only the quilting lives, but every member has so much more, which in various ways adds to their quilts and to our guild.

~Mavourneen Lopez

Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting July 2, 2025

Attendees: Nancy Krosse, Carol Blitzer, Holly Colgan, Barbara Hall, Harriet Hirsch, Sandy Kelly, Barbara Mattson, Michele Parry, Jena Walter, Cynthia Yin and Brenda Ziegler

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

President (Nancy Krosse) received a motion from Barbara Mattson and second from Carol Blitzer to approve the June board meeting minutes. Passed by those present. Nancy mentioned that the motion to increase the annual dues to \$75 was passed in the June General Meeting.

Fundraising (Sandy Kelly) met with Nancy Krosse and Angi Merlone to sort the many donations received for the Auction. They identified items for the silent auction and for the live auction. Sandy is developing an ad for distribution. There are now two featherweights donated. A request for volunteers will be made at the July General Meeting. There will not be an online auction but the live auction will be open on Zoom, and bids can be submitted. Cynthia Yin mentioned that there will be no guest fee for the meeting. It was suggested that guests should sign in and mention affiliation if any (i.e., SF Guild member). Photos were requested for the ad and for the newsletter. Bidding will be by hand raising.

Vice President (Barbara Mattson) met with others on the Nominating Committee to fill open positions on the board. These include: Vice President, Evening Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian, Library Coordinators, Education positions (Workshop and Speakers with consideration of splitting the commitment between day and night meetings), Holiday Event Leader for December party. There was a discussion about the Welcoming Committee. Barb Hall feels the position is no longer needed as Holly Colgan has been contacting new members. Cynthia Yin said she could send emails out to new members as they join. Since the Welcoming Committee is a voting position, the membership would need to approve the elimination of the committee, and the Bylaws would need to be updated. A discussion of Bee Charitable followed. Julie Curry is stepping down from managing it. The general feeling was that it could still continue as a Bee and continue to be listed as a Bee but be removed from the listing under Outreach.

Treasurer (Nancy Krosse for Jean Dail) reported that we have healthy bank accounts. Soon Jean will start working on a budget for fiscal year 2025/2026. Jean has asked Nancy for a list of committee heads for discussion of their needs.

Corresponding Secretary (Nancy Krosse for Terry Caselton) sent out two Thank You cards to members who made generous donations to the guild.

Membership (Cynthia Yin) said we have 155 members. There was a discussion of one member's request to be mailed a printed newsletter. The guild has not had printed newsletters for years. The issue is being reviewed but the cost of printing, mailing and coordinating seems obstructive. Regarding the roster, Cynthia created a new membership registration form to accommodate the move to an online roster. It includes the ability for each member to decide what personal information they want to have included in the online roster with a minimum being member name. She will have some printed versions of the datasheet available at meetings to aid in the transition from printed rosters. Michele Parry said she can create a pdf of the additional information in the roster, i.e., the Bylaws, Past Presidents, etc. Where would it reside? Where is the free access boundary on the PQ website? It was mentioned that these may not be concerns as there is oversight on use of the website. Michele also mentioned that the membership form should have the PQ PO Box address on it, and Cynthia added it.

Parliamentarian (Michele Parry) will be letting the iVolunteer account expire as the prices have gone up since they are no longer honoring legacy status. Several people mentioned using SignUpGenius. Barbara Mattson asked where the Volunteer Sign Up should appear.

Virtual Events (Jena Walter) mentioned that there have been some difficulties with Zoom lately, and she is investigating.

President (Nancy Krosse) will check with Kerry McArdle on whether the San Mateo Garden Center will continue to have the annual Open House. Holly Colgan asked for a procedure document to be written up on the Open House for the Events Committee. Nancy offered to provide one.

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

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

PQ General Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2025

Nancy Krosse called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was held at the San Mateo Garden Center and offered on Zoom.

President: Nancy Krosse received a motion to approve the June meeting minutes, it was seconded and approved by the members present.

Treasurer: Jean Dail reported a quiet month. Revenue slightly outpaced expenses. We have healthy bank accounts. Expense vouchers are online, and she has printed copies available.

Vice President: Barbara Mattson spoke about the Nominating Committee. There was a proposal to dissolve the Welcoming Committee as those duties are now being covered by others. A motion was made to dissolve it, seconded and approved by the members present. There are still open board positions for the next fiscal year. These include Zoom Support, Parliamentarian (Michele Parry will tutor as needed) and Vice President. Voting is open for Quilter of the Year. There are five candidates: Leonie Batkin (leadership of The Opportunity Quilt), Rose Erdozaincy (donation of the Opportunity Quilt as well as assisting the guild as needed), Ruth Gilroy (a Past President who has been manning the Hospitality position for years), Michele Parry (a Past President who has been serving as Parliamentarian for years) and Cynthia Yin (a relatively new member who has contributed in several ways including Membership). Paper ballots were handed out. The voting will be open from July 16 to Aug 20.

Program Chair: Sandy Kelly mentioned that there is a wait list for the 2026 PQ Retreat. She will be giving a class in zippered mesh pouches after today's meeting. Angi Merlone, Nancy Krosse and Sandy are accepting donations for the Auction. Many great items will be offered including a Singer 501 sewing machine, several Featherweight machines, and even a behind-the-scenes tour at the San Francisco Zoo.

Speakers/Workshops: Jess Millikan showed a sample of the embellished Wreath-o-rama House Block Pillow that Tina Curran will teach in the October workshop. There are still openings for this workshop, which will, most likely, be held at Always Quilting. The November speaker will discuss repurposing. December is our Holiday Party. The January workshop will be about collage quilting. In another workshop, Gale Green will teach the starburst quilt. Jess later mentioned that the Bylaws have recently been updated to allow workshops to cost up to \$100. Pricing will be based on costs so some of the workshops will have higher than the \$50 charge that has been the norm for awhile.

Opportunity Quilt: Leonie Batkin was gifted a jellyroll called Chirp as a thank you for taking care of the Opportunity Quilt this year. Leonie talked about delivering this year's quilt to the winner, Barbara Wilson. Barbara was delighted. She is a member of the Modern Guild in Santa Clara.

Outreach: Barbara Hall is looking for another long-arm quilter.

Challenge Quilt: On behalf of Sue McCollum, Nancy Krosse mentioned that Sue has more paint chips available for anyone who'd like to take up the challenge.

Membership: Cynthia Yin reported that there were 55 members present and 6 members on Zoom. The \$75 dues for the 2025-26 fiscal year are due in September.

Show & Tell: Carlie Peck took photos of the Show & Tell quilts for submittal to the newsletter. Nell Lee Stinson (animal themed baby quilt), Emily Leavitt (baby quilt), Nancy Krosse (Baby Blue quilt), Joyce Wheeler (French Rose quilt), Linda McAllister (Only One quilt), Jess Millikan (purple grid with flowers quilt), Jennifer Graves (bright diamond on white & baby quilt with blue stars), Lori Atwood (black & white baby quilt), Lorraine Twomey (antique wedding ring quilt), Carlie Peck (bright multicolored triangle/stripe quilt).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.



Left: Nell Lee Stinson – Animal Baby Quilt; Right: Emily Leavitt – Baby Quilt from charm pack



Left: Nancy Krosse – Baby Blue Quilt for grandchild; Below: Joyce Wheeler – French Rose quilt





Linda McAllister – Only One Quilt (left – back, right – front)



Left: Jess Millikan – Purple Grid with Flowers; Right: Lori Atwood – Black & White Baby Quilt



Jennifer Graves – Bright Diamonds on White (left); Blue Star baby quilt (right)

Below: Lorraine Twomey – Antique Wedding Ring quilt; Right: Carlie Peck – Bright, multi-colored triangle/stripe quilt



Free medical equipment

MELP, the Medical Equipment Loan Program, offers free medical equipment to the community. They also accept donations of medical equipment that you no longer need.

Some of the equipment you can borrow include: wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, knee scooters, crutches, bath benches, adult diapers, crutches and much more. The website is freemedequip.org and lists donation/ loan hours, location and more.

~Annette Caves



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Through 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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