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President's Message

Happy New Year!!! Do you make New Year Resolutions? Do you skip this year? You don't make New Year Resolutions? You pick a word for the year.

One of the early questions you may have already answered is resolution making plans. Are you already done and happy with your resolutions for 2024? Or are you more inclined to not make resolutions as you only feel bad in a few weeks or maybe days when they have not been kept?

As quilters think about the creative space we inhabit, what might you want to add, change or remove?

- You may want to think big, for example limit your fabric purchases to odd or even months.
- Find ways to get motivated or stay motivated without buying anything.
- Make a self-challenge to create one quilt from your stash without buying any fabric.
- Complete -- you pick the number -- of projects in progress. I kind of like the PIP acronym, however to many it is simply UFO's. Select a doable number for you.
- Join a Sew Along that captivates you when you read about it.
- Or: Tried and true, learn a new skill, organize your stash, organize your sewing space, and sew a certain amount of time in a day or week.

My resolution and word pick relates to JOY. I am choosing activities that bring me joy each day, while sewing, exercising, reading or whatever I am doing in the moment. This is not always as easy as it sounds. Many things can get in the way of joy. Life is short, time is precious, and you get few do overs. Smile at strangers, enjoy the sunset, show gratitude for an abundant life, sew and sing, and be kind to yourself -- All you have is who you are today.

Carpe Diem.

~Sandy Kelly, president

PQ Calendar

Jan. 3	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Jan. 17	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Barb Hall Demo Class on 3-D Quilts
Feb. 7	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Feb. 21	Wed	7 p.m.	General Meeting: Honor Your Own



Outreach Scorecard

	November	December
Bundles of Joy	8	6
LifeMoves	tba	13
Foster Kids	4	5

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



Upcoming Programs:

Jan. 17, 9:30 a.m.: Demo Class by Barb Hall on 3-D Quilts Join me for an afternoon of exploring 3-D options. Using some 3-D blocks in a quilt can up the WOW factor. Use them as cornerstones in the border, randomly throughout the top, or make a highly textured quilt using all 3-D blocks.

We will be using traditional techniques to make 3-D pinwheels, bow ties, lots of different flying geese, prairie points, some origami, trapunto, and texture magic.

Come and join in the fun.

Feb. 21, 7 p.m.: Honor Your Own

March 20, 9:30 a.m.: Alice Love/Bee Charitable



Bring Sunshine

Knowing that someone cares can really make a person's day brighter.

Please contact me by phone or email if you know someone who could use a card from the PQG.

If you email me requesting that a card be sent and don't hear back from me in a day or two, please re-send your request. I always acknowledge requests for cards.

~Happy Sewing, Terry Caselton

Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting Dec. 6, 2023

Attendees: Sandy Kelly, Leonie Batkin, Justine Barnard, Carol Blitzer, Connie Bowles, Terry Caselton, Julie Curry, Jean Dail, Barb Hall, Nancy Krosse, Anne Merics, Marylin Morton, Michele Parry, Jena Walter and Brenda Ziegler

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

President (Sandy Kelly) requested approval of the October minutes and then the November minutes. Both were passed. She then made us aware that Jean Dail has received scam emails purporting to be from Sandy. Others have received similar emails. Everyone should be conscious of this issue and call to verify any suspicious communications.

Treasurer (Jean Dail) completed the audit. Jean, Sara Medina and Michele Parry reviewed it. She was pleased to report that we broke even for the year. The CD investment has already received interest, and both our liquid and CD accounts are well funded. She thanked Sara Medina for the great job she did as Treasurer.

Membership (Anne Merics & Justine Barnard) stated that we now have a total of 143 members of which 18 are new, 121 are renewals and 4 are Life Members. There was then a discussion of the Life Member program. We are allowed a maximum of 10 Life Members but currently have only 4. Sandy will remind the membership that nominations are accepted any time for new Life Members. A short write-up of the qualifications and past service to the guild of the person being nominated, should be submitted to the board, which will make final determination. A couple people were proposed by board members. Recipients receive a certificate that Jena will create. Subsequently, Anne also asked how long the sign-in sheets should be kept. Per Michele Parry, they do not need to be kept at all.

Opportunity Quilt (Leonie Batkin) asked for additional stock of the PQ postcards; Anne can supply some. Jena manages these cards, which need updating with the next printing. Leonie said the proceeds from the display on the sale day at Always Quilting were too low to justify doing that again. She felt there was inadequate advertising.

Newsletter (Carol Blitzer) asked to move the deadline for items to the newsletter up to 12/22 due to her traveling during the holidays. Sandy suggested 12/21. Carol said she has to spend time tracking down Show & Tell photos. To solve this, Julie Curry offered to take photos at the meetings and send them from there. Help from someone slightly more technically savvy would be appreciated.

Sandy adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Secretary

PQ General Meeting Minutes Dec. 20, 2023

Sandy Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. The meeting was held at the San Mateo Garden Center and offered on Zoom.

President: Sandy Kelly welcomed guests and checked that everyone who submitted a gift for exchange received a numbered ticket from Cynthia Yin and a blue raffle ticket from Terry Caselton for use during the holiday party following the meeting. She then recognized that it was a time to celebrate multiple holidays including Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and others. A motion was made to approve the November minutes and approved by the members present. Speakers should stand at the X taped on the floor so that Zoom participants can see them.

Finance: Jean Dail reported that Sara Medina helped significantly with the audit and offered her thanks. Our liquid assets are good, and up to half of the CD funds can be drawn if needed. Some monies were received this month from workshops and renewals.

Corresponding Secretary and Holiday Party: Terry Caselton sent a condolence card to Angi Merlone who lost her mother recently. She talked about the holiday party including \$25 gift certificates from Always Quilting – one each for the most festive and the most creative centerpieces. There will be a gift exchange, bingo game for prizes and catered lunch. She thanked all her helpers including John Green who supplied music for us.

President: Sandy Kelly discussed the Life Member program. Anyone can nominate someone with years of contributions to the guild to become a Life Member. Nominations should be given to Sandy and will be reviewed by the board.

Art in Action, a non-profit that supports art education in schools, asked if we can help them by cutting 12" x 18" pieces from bolts of muslin they supplied. Helpers were asked to stay after the party for about an hour to help. Title I schools receive Art in Action programs at no charge.

The Pajaro Dunes Quilt Guild will have a show in February.

Submittals for the January newsletter need to be received by 12/21 due to the holiday.

Show and Tell:

Membership: Justine Bernard estimated 64 attendees and several people on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Secretary

Show and Tell: Carlie and Julie took photos of the Show and Tell quilts for submittal to the newsletter. Holiday quilts were hung all around the walls of the room. Barb Hall also showed samples of the 3D quilt method she will be demonstrating after the January meeting



Sandy Kelly – Wreath wall hanging; Rita Leung – Charming Dogs quilt



Nell Lee Stinson -- Yellow gift quilt; Cynthia Yin --Liberty Flower/baby quilt



Gale Green -- PQ Birthday Party blocks quilt; Barbara Mattson --Kitty wreath quilt



*La Vern Newman – Gingerbread Family;
Marylin Morton Winter Sparkle – blue log
cabin*



Barb Hall -- Winter Stars and Gingerbread quilts

Wanda Lewis Dragon -- Snowman quilt;
Lori Atwood -- Angel Advent Calendar;
Grace Hardy -- Silver stack-n-whack quilt



Mavourneen Lopez -- Collection of Santas, Black & Gold quilt, Red and Green Christmas Star



Carol Wilcher -- wall hangings
and Boot



Mavourneen Lopez -- Fast quilt, Wild Animals and Yellow, Black & White (for Foster kids)



Carlie Peck --Tree quilt, Christmas tree bulbs quilt and two children's jackets).

Holiday Table Settings with centerpieces:





Pajaro Valley Quilt Association 2024 Quilt Show, "A Galaxy of Quilts," Feb. 24-25: at the Santa Cruz County Fair Grounds, 2601 East Lake Ave., Watsonville, CA 95076. Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibiting more than 350 quilts and wearables, speaker, live auction, ongoing demonstrations, vendors, bargain garden/flea market. Free parking and shuttle. Admission \$15. For more information, visit www.pvqa.org



Northern California's Premier Quilt Show

Center for Arts & Ideas at the Henry J. Kaiser Building
10 Tenth Street, Oakland

March 23-24, 2024

Saturday 10-5 Sunday 10-4

Come and see hundreds of artistic quilts, interesting vendors, special exhibits, demonstrations, a marketplace of goods hand-made by guild members, and a café for lunch or a snack.

Tickets are \$10/day or \$15 if 2 days purchased together. Children 12 and under are free. For more information and tickets, go to: ebhq.org/VIC



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Excellence in Fibers, through Jan. 7, 2024: Excellence in Fibers is an annual juried exhibition from *Fiber Art Now* magazine. Out of the exhibition's 40 artists featured in the magazine's Winter 2023 issue, 16 artists selected by guest curator Demetri Broxton are exhibited at the San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles. Featuring works from the past four years, these artists showcase contemporary innovation through their techniques while working to address the most pressing issues of present-day society.

Homage to Hawaii, through Jan. 7, 2024: To honor the tragic fire in Maui and our local Hawaiian community, the museum will be hosting an exhibit of Hawaiian quilts and applique from its collection, along with selected quilts and objects on loan from the community. Porcella Gallery



For Sale: Allegro Baby Lock Sewing Machine

Price: \$500

I paid \$1,200 for this machine in May and only used it for five months. It's great for straight stitching and quilting with its 12" bed. It has free-motion quilting capabilities, but I couldn't easily figure out how to use them, so I ended up buying a different machine with simpler free motion usage for me.

I am selling the machine through the Sewing Machine Place in Millbrae. You can try out the machine there: THE SEWING MACHINE PLACE, 239 Broadway, Millbrae. You can call the owner Angie at (650) 697-4739

You can contact me for any more information: Carol Wilcher, wilcheroriginals@gmail.com, (650) 865-0254

For Sale: Baby Lock Brilliant sewing machine

Purchased from Serge-A-Lot, January 2022 for \$1,000, selling for \$500, used very little since I'm not here much!

~Gale Green



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Show & Tell
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