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President's Message

Well, fall is certainly in the air! I am pulling out extra quilts and actually looking forward to doing hand binding just so I can keep super cozy and get something done all at the same time.

Our quilty adventure continues this month with Heather Kojan: Quilt Remix: UFO's, Orphan Blocks and What Was I Thinking??!! Fresh Ideas for Stale Projects. This lecture will be via zoom at the guild. Many speakers now offer zoom lectures to reach out to more quilters around the world. Trying out this media format can benefit the speaker and the guild to expand our topic areas, let alone keep costs in check. So give the Education Team big kudos for bringing this event to the guild!

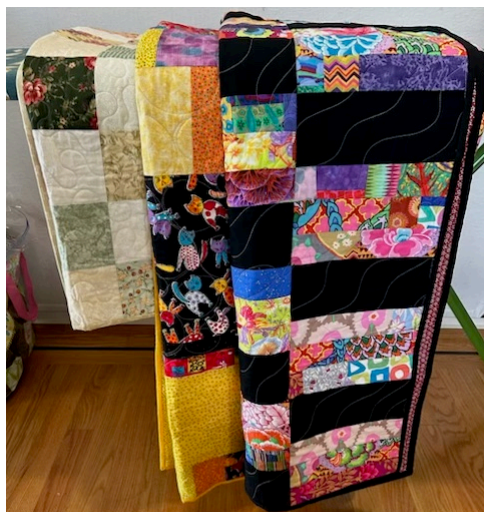
After the lecture we have an open sew. Bring your machine, your project, and your lunch so you can get busy.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hope that you get to spend it with those you want to be with!

In community, Barbara Mattson, PQ president

PQ Calendar

Nov. 5	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Nov. 19	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Heather Kojan, "Quilt Remix, UFOs, Orphan Blocks, and What was I Thinking??!! Fresh Ideas for Stale Projects"
Dec. 3	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Dec. 17	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Holiday Party



Outreach Scorecard

	Sept	Oct
Bundles of Joy	6 + 7 crochet blankets; 54 crochet hats	22 + 4 crocheted blankets; 49 crocheted hats
LifeMoves	0	12
Foster Kids	3	0
Laguna Honda Home	0	7

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".

-- Barb Hall, Outreach Coordinator

Upcoming Speakers and Programs

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!" (Honor Our Own)

March 18, 2026: Michelle Trimble, "Adventures in Improv"

Michelle Trimble is a quilter, pattern designer and educator based in San Francisco with 20 years of teaching experience, including teaching at regional and national conventions. She enjoys experimenting with new techniques, dramatic layouts with bold saturated colors, and adding texture to her quilts with free motion quilting. Her work has been featured in magazines and hung at local and international quilt shows including Houston International Quilt Festival and QuiltCon. In Adventures in Improv, Michelle shares her personal journey of discovering the joy and freedom of piecing without a pattern. She'll walk you through her creative process, from the first hesitant stitches to the bold quilts incorporating swaths of negative space that followed. This lecture is all about exploration, choosing which rules to embrace, and finding fun in the unexpected twists of improv quilting. Website: <https://quiltingchemistry.com/>

April 16, 2026: Spring Challenge; New Members event

May 21, 2026: Cassandra Beaver, "Aurifilosophy" -- "From the thread makers of Aurifil... a program designed to unlock the mystery of thread, educate the masses, and help all users

achieve brilliant results! Cassandra, a certified Aurifilosopher, will present a fun and informative presentation and trunk show of her award-winning quilts. She will then take you behind the scenes to see how she created the Endangered Species Block of the Month designs to accompany the Aurifil 2021 Color Builder Collections. Attendees will come away with an increased knowledge of thread, tools, uses, tips, and some exclusive Aurifil swag!"

June 18, 2026: Affiliates

July 17, 2026: Karen Bolan, "Collaboration Is Fun" --

View over 25 stunning collaborative quilts while learning tips for successfully designing, managing, and participating in collaborative quilting projects. Get ready for a discussion of different kinds of collaborative quilt projects, dealing with difficult situations, and how collaborative quilting relates to life beyond quilting. Santa Rosa quilter Karen Bolan has been featured in QuiltCon Magazine, Make Modern and Quilts Japan, and her quilts have been exhibited at local and international shows including Pacific International Quilt Festival, QuiltCon and the deYoung Museum. You can learn more about Karen's work by visiting her website at www.KarenBolan.com or Instagram at www.instagram.com/karen.bolan.



~Jess Millikan and Sara Guyol

Upcoming Workshops:

<http://www.peninsulaquilters.org/forms>

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

Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026

Location: Silicon Valley Community Foundation conference room,
1300 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo

Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

Michelle Trimble: "Stunning Improv Sunbursts"

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Location, Time: TBA

Website: <https://quiltingchemistry.com/>

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

Cassandra Beaver: "Raising the Roof"

Thursday, May 22, 2026

Location, Time: TBA

Cost: \$80

Her workshop is a geometric, paper-pieced quilt. Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) is one of the best ways to ensure perfect points, create complex piecing designs and execute detailed pictorial designs. This pattern is written to have minimal fabric waste and is a good choice for beginning and intermediate quilters. During class we will also discuss using value and color to create a dimensional effect. A PDF version of the pattern is included with the workshop.



Wanda Lewis Dragon: "Goodie Bowls"
Thursday, June 18, 2026
Location, Time: TBA
Cost: \$50

Welcome New Member: Kim Gentile



New member **Kim Gentile** may be new to PQ but not to PQ members. Kim has been taking classes at Always Quilting and at Barb Hall's Monday sewing in Redwood City. She has been quilting for about eight years and this is her first guild. Kim moved from Chico to Millbrae to retire. Now that she has more time for quilting, she is looking to meet more quilters in the Bay area, and is already connected to our Millbrae PQ members. Kim also enjoys her vegetable garden, dabbling in stained glass, embroidery, cross stitch, traveling and spending time with her out-of-state grandchildren. Although she prefers more traditional quilts, she is hoping to learn more about collage quilting. In joining PQ, Kim is looking forward to charity involvement, learning new techniques, the speakers and camaraderie. I think she found the right place!

~Holly Colgan

Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting Oct. 1, 2025

Attendees: Barbara Mattson, Karen Anderson, Carol Blitzer, Terry Caselton, Jean Dail, Barbara Hall, Nancy Krosse, Jena Walter, Cynthia Yin and Brenda Ziegler.

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

President (Barbara Mattson) received a motion and a second motion to approve the September board meeting minutes. This was passed by those in attendance. She calculated that we need seven voting members for a quorum. She asked for volunteers to attend the San Mateo Garden Center's meeting on Nov. 5 between 5-7 p.m. Nancy Krosse and Barb Hall volunteered. She told us that Cathy Stillman and Grace Hardy asked to change the prize for the two winners of the Holiday Party table decoration award. After discussion, it was pointed out that for various reasons, it was better to offer each a \$25 transferable coupon off a workshop, instead of a 50% workshop deduction. This was approved by the board. Barbara received an invitation from Stephanie Egger of the San Francisco Quilt Guild for our members to attend an auction being held Nov. 11. Carol Blitzer asked that we put a notice in the newsletter.

Fund Raising (Nancy Krosse) mentioned several fundraising activities including the San Mateo Garden Center (SMGC) Open House for which there is no cost except for a gift donation. Last year the bowl cozies were particularly popular. There will be an open sew coming up in which bowl cozy production will be featured. Also, Cynthia Yin is heading a team to make a sports-themed Opportunity Quilt for raffle at the San Mateo County Fair and the SMGC Open House. It may be ready by our December general meeting. Nancy received a vintage Singer machine, which she will test and get a quote if it needs work. If the cost for repair warrants, she will ask to raffle it off at the Holiday Party.

Treasurer (Jean Dail) thanked people who submitted info to her for the proposed budget, which had been submitted to the board. There was a discussion and adjustments made to balance the budget. Jean pointed out that the recent dues increase was to cover operating expenses. She is requesting more detailed speakers and workshop information to review costs vs. revenue. Charity items and Education are covered by Fund Raising. She also asked if the refrigerator at the SMGC was broken and was told to contact SMGC. Jean wondered if we need storage at SMGC for the large audio/visual equipment. Nancy Krosse said the equipment is being reviewed, and they are thinking of replacing it with a smaller, less cumbersome system. Additional information will be made available.

Recording Secretary (Brenda Ziegler) made the required annual request for a list to be sent to her of any Peninsula Quilters' inventory valued at over \$500 being held by members including items in SMGC storage. She will also send a PQBlast.

Corresponding Secretary (Barbara Mattson for Terry Caselton) sent a get-well card to Joanne Dunbar.

Parliamentarian (Karen Anderson) mentioned that the Bylaws that were revised in September need to be updated on the website. Kathy McGuffin should be contacted to do that. Karen later also asked whether the Bylaws need to be revised to provide for the possibility of no VP since we do not have one. Barbara Mattson pointed out that this has happened in the past, and she would be recruiting people to handle some of the VP tasks.

Membership (Cynthia Yin) is finalizing the membership list for Michele Parry for publication in the new roster. So far, we have 124 members who have renewed, 6 Life Members, 2 proposed Life Members and 3 new members for a total of 135. Some people are still renewing. Last year we had 159. We have 7 affiliates. There was a question about having the newsletter open to all online. It was pointed out that this allows people who are not members to take workshops.

Outreach (Barb Hall) asked the board's OK for her to take the PQ irons and plugs for the Bee Charitable events on the second Friday of each month. Everyone felt it was fine.

Retreat (Jena Walter) said she is taking sign-ups for the next Zoom retreat. So far 40 have emailed her. Julie Curry will be making a presentation. She also asked Barbara Mattson to review the list of people needing new name tags.

Barbara adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Day & Board Meeting Secretary

PQ General Meeting Minutes October 15, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Barbara Mattson, who welcomed members and introduced team members (Jean Dail, treasurer, and Naomi te Wildt, evening meeting secretary). She also welcomed new member Kimberly Gentile and Dana Miller, a guest from affiliate Coastside Quilting.

September meeting minutes were approved.

Barbara advised speakers to stand on the Blue X, so those attending by Zoom can see them.

Barbara said a team of volunteers is needed for the New Member Tea, which will be held at an evening meeting in April. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the room, or members can reach out to Barbara via email or another media method

Treasurer (Jean Dail) presented the Fiscal Budget October 2025 through September 2026, with details about the plus and minus of the past fiscal year compared to the upcoming fiscal year. Actual numbers/details can be seen by contacting Jean. Highlights included increasing dues (for the first time in 20 years); cutting operating expenses in half. Jean thanked all the

board members who helped on this. There were no questions from the audience, before the motion to approve (from Karen Anderson) was passed.

Fundraising chair (Nancy Krosse) reported that the board decided not to do an auction in 2026 because we know it's a lot to ask of everyone. Instead, our two main fundraisers will be:

Garden Center Open House (likely May 2026); there will be a few tables (likely indoors), and we'll be selling bowl cozies (we sold out within 45 minutes last time). We may even host a Santa's workshop (or Easter bunny workshop) to make them together.

SF Giants-themed opportunity quilt (with tickets available for purchase at both the Garden Center Open House and the San Mateo County fair later in the year).

She also asked if anyone knows possible guest lecturers, to let her and/or the Education Team know.

Sandy Kelly – presented Nancy Krosse with the Outgoing President's quilt and thanked her for handling the turmoil with humor and class. The quilt has a white background and salmon or watermelon colored binding. There are 12 big four-petal flower blocks in beautiful pastel shades of mostly pinks and blues. The back of the quilt was pieced and had another flower with signatures. Nancy gave a heartfelt thanks to everyone who made the quilt and wanted to thank everyone who helped with getting the budget balanced - especially with emptying out the storage unit!

Lifetime membership: We have just 4-5 people who are lifetime members. It is reserved for members who have contributed significantly to the guild for many years, often by holding many positions. Today we'll be announcing two new lifetime members who will receive pairs of Gingher Scissors with their names engraved on them. New Lifetime Members are Julie Curry, who has been a member for 20+ years. She has held many positions in the guild, most notably her role as the Outreach Coordinator/Chair; and Anne Merics, who always volunteers to help with a great attitude. Sandy added that Anne is also the queen of binding quilts (she even bound Nancy's president quilt).

Outreach Chair (Barb Hall) thanked everyone who came to the retreat last weekend, and Jena for her help running it. We really appreciate all the kind words about the merits of virtual retreats, and look forward to seeing some of you at the spring virtual retreat.

Quilt kits - if you're interested in long-arming or quilting one of the quilt kits, please take one from me during today's meeting.

Open sew - after morning meetings please stay with us for our open sew. You can bring your own project or work on one of ours.

Grace Hardy talked about the end of the year party, a celebration of all of our friendships, and asked for quilts to be displayed at the party, as well as eight centerpieces. There will be prizes, a book and pattern exchange table, Bingo and Lasagna. Bees are asked to put together small and medium baskets. Please think about whether there is anything you'd like to prepare for the person next to you - it could be quilt related, a bag of cookies, fresh coffee beans, whatever you think your friend would enjoy! We'll have a raffle for a beautiful hand-quilted, queen-size quilt that was made in Pennsylvania in the 1930s. The quilt has a white background and scalloped purple bindings. The top of the quilt looks like it has nine applique wreaths made of purple and yellow flowers.

Evening recording secretary (Naomi te Wildt) -- I just moved to California in March, great to meet you if we haven't met before! Going forward, let's say "I, first name, last name [make a motion, second the motion]" so I can record minutes accurately. This will help me, but also help the folks around you learn your name :)

Membership (Cynthia Yin) – There are 141 members, including our newest member, Elaine Chan who just joined today. If you take a printed booklet, please mark your name for the ones you take. It is already out of date. Door prize was won by our visitor, Dana Miller.

Giants quilt - we're hoping to show it at the December or January meeting. Warriors quilt - if you have fabric, please donate some, we are currently working with Warriors T-shirts and are

hoping to make a quilt. If you don't want the leftovers (of Giants fabric or Warriors fabric), we'll use it to make other items to sell.

Show and Tell (Judy Miyake, Karen Anderson, Carlie Peck, Naomi te Wildt, Joyce Wheeler, Cyndi Williamson, Cynthia Yin, Ruth Gilroy, Sandi DaRoza, Lorraine Twomey and Dorothea Copeck-Nolan)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Naomi te Wildt, evening secretary



Judy Miyake – All Stacked Up for beach (above); Kwandi-style Runner (above right); large mesh bag, clamshell bags (above far right, below); journals with quilted covers (below); Christmas tea towels (right)



Karen Anderson – 3 Dragons Dreaming (left); Bag (right)



Left: Judy Miyake – Kwandi-style quilt
Below: Carlie Peck – Checkered Animal Quilt



Left: Joyce Wheeler – Pumpkins and Black Cats; Right: Naomi te Wildt – Blue Checkerboard



Naomi te Wildt – 9-Square with Peacocks (front and back)



Cyndi Williamson –Scrappy Half Square Triangles baby quilts (above left); Large Flower (above right); Wedge Circle (left)



Left: Cynthia Yin – Designer Showcase Quilt; Right: Ruth Gilroy – Four Corners National Park



Sandi daRoza
– Art Quilts



Below: Lorraine Twomey – Black Cat Quilt and Pumpkin Quilt
(in the making)



Dorothea Copeck-Nolan –
First Halloween for Charles



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Routed West: Twentieth-Century African American Quilts in California -- through Nov. 30, 2025, at the University of California, Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA), 2155 Center St., Berkeley. The exhibit traces the flow and flourishing of quilts in the context of the Second Great Migration. Consisting of 100 artworks representing nearly 80 individuals—many of them women with ties to the Bay Area—and recent works by local Black quilt artists, *Routed West* honors quiltmakers of this distinctive migrant generation and those who carry forth their aesthetic and cultural legacies.

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