

# Peninsula Quilters Gazette

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## Next Meeting: May 20, 9:30 a.m.

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## President's Message

May has finally arrived, and our guild starts out this month with our boutique at the Garden Center on May 3. I don't when you are reading this before or after that date, but I wanted to thank those who took time to contribute an item or volunteer time to help support the guild. Those are the things that make us a stronger together group and build our community.

The final push is here to enter the fair with your crafty projects! All the information is posted on the fair website itself. It was so great that Laura McHugh Home Arts supervisor from San Mateo County Fair was able to come to our meeting in April!

There is still time to sign up to volunteer time to participate at our PQ Opportunity Quilt Table at the fair. Links are on the PQ website. Look under Activities Tab, scroll down to the San Mateo County Fair link, then PQ Opportunity Quilt at the Fair link and you will see sign-ups for volunteering. We are now using SignUpGenius as our vendor for signups at this time.

A big thank you to Cynthia Yin and Sue McCollum who have brought you much information about the fair itself, challenge quilts, Opportunity quilt itself, and organizing the fair's hosting table.

Barbara Hall and Jena Walter will be hosting a virtual quilting retreat via zoom May 15-17. No sign-ups required, just zoom in! Links are built in the website, plus they will send out PQ blast notifications (soo keep your 👁️ eyes out for that) with info, links and updates. I know I will jump on!

Our next meeting, May 20, is a day meeting with speaker Cassandra Beaver on "Aurifilosophy." After the meeting is a free sew along: Bring your lunch and machine, sew and chat with your fellow guild members. Irons and a cutting table will be set up.

I sure hope you can join in something this month to enhance your guild experience and meet up with others to build up our commodity network of friends.

*~In community, Barbara Mattson, PQ president*

## PQ Calendar

May 7	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
May 20	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Cassandra Beaver, "Aurifilosophy"
May 21	Thu	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Workshop: Cassandra Beaver, "Raising the Roof"
June 3	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
June 17	Wed	7 p.m.	General Meeting: Affiliates
June 24	Wed	Time TBA	Workshop: Wanda Lewis Dragon, "Goodie Bowls"



Left: 50 placemats for Meals on Wheels and three charity quilts were bound April 10 at Bee Charitable by 11 participants! Bee Charitable is open to all and meets the second Friday of the month from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Burlingame Rec Center.  
 Right: Placemats created at the March Bee Charitable meeting.  
 Contact Cynthia Yin if you'd like to be added to the Bee's email list.

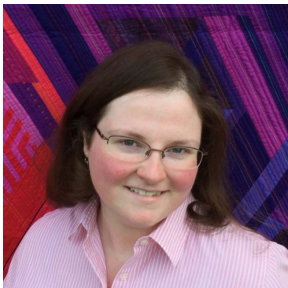
### Outreach Scorecard

	March	April
Bundles of Joy	20 + 80 crocheted hats	15 + 64 crocheted hats; 6 quilts
LifeMoves	14	14
Foster Kids	3	0
Laguna Honda	0	

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



**May 20, 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 17, 2026:** Affiliates

**July 15, 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](http://www.KarenBolan.com) or Instagram at [www.instagram.com/karen.bolan](http://www.instagram.com/karen.bolan).



~Jess Millikan and Sara Guyol

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### Upcoming Workshops:

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

#### **Cassandra Beaver: "Raising the Roof"**

**Thursday, May 21, 2026**

**Location, Time:** Studio AQ, 1515 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo; 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**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. <http://thenotsodramaticlife.com/>



#### **Wanda Lewis Dragon: "Goodie Bowls"**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2026**

**Location, Time:** TBA

**Cost:** \$50

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## San Mateo County Fair entries due in May

At the San Mateo County Fair, June 5-14, the Home Arts Department will display quilts and many other fine crafts. This is a link to the Home Arts Makers Department 2026 Catalog. You can read it online or download to read on your device: <https://sanmateocountyfair.com/home-arts/> Please review the rules on Page 9 of the Contest Book for all details.

The deadline for entries to the fair is Friday, May 8, at 11:59 p.m. Late Entry Deadline is Friday, May 15, at 11:59 p.m. You will need to drop off your entries during this time: (Friday, May 22, 2-8 p.m.; Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.). Pickup of your entries is Monday, June 15, from 2-7 p.m.

You can have a friend drop off and pick up your entries if you're not available at those times. You will receive a small receipt with your name on it when you drop off your entry. That

receipt will be required to pick up your entry. I helped out two friends last year and had no problem.

You must enter your quilt (or other craft) under your own name, not anyone else's.

There is a fee of \$5 per entry.

Quilts are in Divisions 620 - 626.

All quilt entries must have a 4" sleeve for hanging.

The Challenge quilts should be entered as such:

Paint Chip Challenge is Division 626 Class 3

Patriotic Challenge is Division 626 Class 4

A PQ Blast will have instructions on how to enter your fine work.

~Sue McCollum

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## Welcome New Member Charlotte Ziems

This month we welcome Charlotte Ziems from Redwood City. Since retiring, Charlotte is getting back into quilting after a long break. (Sound familiar?) She started quilting around 1986, adding to her other handwork hobbies of knitting and needlepoint. Another lifelong hobby is gardening.

After retiring four years ago from the tech industry, Charlotte dug out some UFOs, started taking classes at Coastside Quilt Studio and a workshop or two, then purchased a second sewing machine. Upon Dana's suggestion, she joined our guild. Charlotte is currently working on a "?-year-old" UFO for her mother that was only pieces but now just needs borders. At this moment, she is busy cleaning out and transforming her home office into a quilting space to enjoy when she returns home from her second trek on El Camino de Santiago!



~Holly Colgan

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## New sewing group forming

Friendship quilting group is a new, free sewing group organized by Janice Kelber. She has made arrangements with Beresford Park for those looking for a place to sew with friends. It started April 24 and runs through June 12 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. every Friday and meets at Beresford recreation center (2720 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA 94403; 650-522-7440).

The current session April-June is now full with a waitlist. If you are interested in joining, I encourage you to join the waitlist and register for the next session, which starts at the end of June. Beresford Park is excited about this program and is looking to keep it ongoing with room for expansion.

If you're interested in joining this group, please register. To register online at San Mateo Parks and Recreation, follow these steps:

1. Visit the San Mateo Parks and Recreation website.  
<https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/324/Parks-and-Recreation>
2. Click on the "Registration" or "Sign Up" link.
3. Create an account by providing your email and personal information.
4. Verify your email address through the confirmation link sent to you.
5. Log in to your account and browse available programs and activities.

6. Select your desired program and complete the registration form.
  7. Provide payment information to finalize your registration. **No fees.**
  8. Review your registration confirmation and save it for your records.
  9. Next step: Visit <https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/324/Parks-and-Recreation> and type in Beresford Friendship Quilting Group and sign up.
  10. Let the sewing begin.  
Any questions? Contact Janice Kelber at [jlkmysti@gmail.com](mailto:jlkmysti@gmail.com).
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## **Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting April 1, 2026**

Attendees: Barbara Mattson, Karen Anderson, Carol Blitzer, Terry Caselton, Jean Dail, Barb Hall, Sandy Kelly, 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 from Karen Anderson and seconded by Carol Blitzer to approve the March minutes, which were approved by those present. She invited Laura McHugh to speak about the County Fair at this month's general meeting. The meeting will be followed by the New Member Tea.

**Treasurer (Jean Dail)** stated that we have healthy bank accounts. She will provide information on the March statement to Barbara Mattson for the general meeting. She announced that she is resigning at the end of June to be able to spend more time with her family. The Bylaws specify that a replacement can be appointed by the President. Jean said that Sally MacDonald offered to take the position and could start July 1. Barbara Mattson will contact Sally. Terry Caselton and Sandy Kelly both thanked Jean for all the work she did during a difficult transition.

**Corresponding Secretary (Terry Caselton)** sent a get-well card to Deb Dubois who is recovering from surgery.

**Parliamentarian (Karen Anderson)** is making a review of the Bylaws and made two suggestions to clarify use of funds for more flexibility. She worked with Jean Dail on the financial verbiage. After much discussion, Sandy Kelly made a motion to approve one of Karen's suggested revisions. The motion was seconded by Brenda Ziegler and approved. Regarding the second suggested revision, there was a discussion of the definition of the term Reserves after which Karen made a motion to approve her second suggestion, without additional definition of Reserves, which was seconded by Jena Walter and carried "as is" with one dissent. All revisions of the Bylaws will be gathered together as one organized proposal to be presented to the membership for approval in the future.

**Fund Raising (Nancy Krosse)** announced that the bowl cozy production after the March meeting produced about 45 bowl cozies for sale at the May Garden Center Open House. More and other donations for the sale are coming in. Daisy Segal will be organizing volunteers for the Open House.

**Membership (Cynthia Yin)** reported that we have 146 members of which 5 are new this year. She suggested half-price dues for the first year to encourage quilters to join. Sandy Kelly and Barbara Mattson suggested waiting for at least another year to determine if the low count will continue. Carol Blitzer suggested aggressive outreach since we don't have PIQF anymore. Nancy said she will give info out at the Open House, and Barbara Mattson suggested putting a notice in the new Studio AQ. Cynthia said volunteer sites for the San Mateo County Fair will be available for both PQ selling raffle tickets and working for the fair. Cynthia suggested adding an additional tier to the Opportunity Quilt raffle pricing. Current is 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 and she'd like to add 7 for \$20. Everyone liked the idea with options to call it Guild Special or Father's Day

Special pricing. She also suggested having a sample square available for people to touch at the fair.

**Outreach (Barbara Mattson for Barb Hall)** encouraged people to join the Bee Charitable Bee. Note that the Burlingame Rec Center may adjust the schedule during the summer.

**Communications (Jena Walter)** announced the next Zoom Retreat on the weekend of May 15,16,17.

Barbara adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

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

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## **PQ General Meeting Minutes April 15, 2026**

President Barbara Mattson called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Barbara Mattson accepted a motion from Harriett Hirsch to approve the March meeting minutes, which was seconded and passed by those present.

**San Mateo County Fair:** Guest Laura McHugh (San Mateo Home Arts Supervisor) announced that the entry deadline is May 8 at 11:59 p.m. You can submit two things in each category. Drop off is 5/22-23, pickup is 6/15. There are a few changes from last year: There will be a “new entry” for each art form, so if there are at least three entries, we will judge them. We’ll also allow the submission of artwork that you do not want to be judged. One day of the show is free for seniors! If you have questions, contact Laura at [homearts@smcec.co](mailto:homearts@smcec.co).

**President:** Barbara Mattson announced that we are still accepting donations for the boutique on Sunday, May 3, here at the Garden Center. You can text her or Nancy Krosse to coordinate a time to drop them off at their homes.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Barbara M. shared for Jean Dail a summary of our bank balances.

**Education Committee:** Barbara M. mentioned the May 21 class “Raising the Roof,” a geometric paper-piecing style of quilting taught by Cassandra Beaver at Studio AQ in San Mateo. For more information and sign-ups, please go to the PQ website. Also that Ms. Beaver will be our guest at the guild meeting May 20 speaking on “Aurifilosophy.”

**Communications:** Barb Hall announced that our next Zoom retreat is Friday, May 15, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., also on Saturday and Sunday. Look for the upcoming PQ blast for information to follow. She noted to simplify the process we aren’t taking sign ups this time. You can just show up using the Zoom links on the PQ website. Jena Walter will be her co host for this event. She also wanted to thank everyone who helped with the charity sew-in on Friday. We are continuing to do place mats because we have too many quilt tops!

Longarmers, if you’d like a kit, please take one. In May, we’ll have an open sew after the meeting, until around 3 p.m. or so.

**Volunteer:** Daisy Segal is organizing volunteers to help sell raffle tickets for the Opportunity Quilt at the garden show and at the SMCF in June. You should have received an email on April 2 with more information, as well as details about volunteering at the SMCF. We’re now using a different website for sign-ups than we used to.

**President:** Barbara Mattson announced that a community member wants to donate a long arm! It’s a Gammamil “Classic” with a 26” throat on a 12-ft. frame, with accessories like upgraded locking wheels. Reach out to Brenda Z if you have questions or interested in becoming the new owner.

The Silicon Valley Modern Quilt Guild has their quilt show this weekend, Saturday 4/18 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 4/19 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Covington Elementary School in Los Altos.

Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Southern Alameda has their quilt show Saturday, May 30, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. In addition to the quilts, they’ll also have a fabric sale, bake sale, car show and other shopping and raffle opportunities.

**Membership:** Cynthia Yin announced that we have 42 members attending and drew for the door prize.

**Quilt challenge:** Sue M. announced the winners, thanked Wanda for making gorgeous ribbons for the winners, and reminded that if participants would be entering their quilt to the SMCF, their name and a 4" sleeve would need to be on the back.



*Patriotic Challenge winners (l-r): 1<sup>st</sup> place – Angi Merlone (1776-2026 “Votes for Women, Defend Democracy”); 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Harriet Hirsch (red, white and blue cats); 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Nancy Krosse (Patchwork Flag)*



The meeting was adjourned about 7:45 p.m.

*~Respectfully submitted, Naomi te Wildt, evening secretary*

**Show & Tell:** Photos were taken for submission to the newsletter. Carlie Peck (two backpacks, scrappy 16 patch stars, and EPP hexie flowers), Harriet Hirsch (dinosaur tote bag, interlocking star, and blue jay), Karen Anderson (improv quilt “grow fierce”), Sue McCollum (windsock, blue & purple table runner), and Annette Caves (Batik Blast).





*Carlie Peck – Hexie Scrap Quilt (above left); Star Scrap Quilt (right); Pink Backpack left)  
Harriet Hirsch – Dinosaur bag (right)*



*Harriet Hirsch – Interlocking Star (left); Blue Jay (right)*



*Karen Anderson – Improv 'Grow Fierce'*

Sue McCollum – Blue/Purple  
Table Runner (below); Wind  
Sock (right)





Annette Caves – Batik Blast left); Deborah Snapp – a modified version of Tilda’s “Birds and Sunflowers,” from Quilts from Tilda’s Studio book (below)



**Other entrants in Patriotic Challenge:**







Spring Delight

# PLANT SALE & CRAFT FAIR

OPEN HOUSE AND GARDEN SHOP ANNUAL SALE

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026**  
**10 AM - 3 PM**

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520 South 1st St., San Jose, CA 95113,  
408-971-0323; <https://sj-mqt.org>  
Open Thu-Fri 1-5 p.m., Sat-Sun 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Through May 11, 2026:** *The Woven Pixel* exhibition explores the rise of digital weaving that emerged in the early 2000s. It brings together a variety of work by artists and designers who experiment with digital looms and jacquard software. It pays tribute to two artists in particular, Bhakti Ziek and Alice Schlein, who wrote *The Woven Pixel* (2006), which quickly became something of a bible for weavers in art, design and industry

A flyer for Love Quilts USA with a light beige background and a torn-paper edge effect at the top and bottom. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout. At the top, the organization's name is followed by a call to action. Below this, a paragraph of text is accompanied by a photograph of a quilt. Further down, another call to action is presented in bold, followed by contact information and the organization's website. The photograph shows a close-up of a quilt with a pattern of small, colorful squares and a circular patch featuring a red silhouette of a person on a horse.

**LOVE QUILTS USA**  
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Since 1999, Love Quilts USA volunteers have made and donated over 1,000 quilts for children with life-altering illnesses.

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**WWW.LOVEQUILTSUSA.COM**

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