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**Next Meeting: October 19, 7 p.m.**

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## President's Message

Welcome to a new Fiscal Year and a new group of volunteers supporting our guild.

During the coming year my goals for the guild are to be welcoming with inclusion, helpful to all members and to have a respectful vibrant organization.

There is a story I would like to share with you. A young woman is walking along a beach that is covered with starfish and the tide is going out. She reaches down and picks up a starfish and gently tosses it back into the sea. A man approaches her and says what are you doing? The young woman says the tide is going out and the starfish will die if not returned to the sea. The man says there are so many starfish you won't make a difference. The girl reaches down and picks up a starfish and tosses it into the sea. She looks up at the man and says "I made a difference for that one."

This story has been close to my heart for many years. I often think about it when I am doing something that appears to not make a difference, then I remember it made a difference for that one. Creating quilts and gifting quilts seems very similar to this story. We don't always know how we may impact someone's life with a gift of quilt. However, I think we make a difference one at a time.

May your Fall be bountiful in its harvest. I look forward to our year together.

*~Sandy Kelly, PQ President*

## PQ Calendar

|         |     |                    |                                 |
|---------|-----|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Oct. 5  | Wed | 10 a.m.<br>(Zoom)  | Board Meeting                   |
| Oct. 8  | Sat | 11 a.m.-<br>4 p.m. | Studio Tour                     |
| Oct. 19 | Wed | 7 p.m.             | General Meeting – Honor Our Own |
| Nov. 2  | Wed | 10 a.m.<br>(Zoom)  | Board Meeting                   |
| Nov. 16 | Wed | 9:30 a.m.          | General Meeting                 |



### Outreach Scorecard

|                | August | September | YTD |
|----------------|--------|-----------|-----|
| Bundles of Joy | 25     | 3         | 148 |
| LifeMoves      | 15     | 12        | 100 |

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

**Recent donations:** Way to Go, PQ members!! These numbers are in addition to the 90 quilts donated to Dixie Fire survivors and the 48 Hospital Workers donations.

It is very heart-warming to be part of this generous group!! Let's keep up the great work!!  
 ~Julie Curry



### Twin-size quilts for foster kids

San Mateo County has a need for quilts for youth that need shelter. Due to the shortage of foster homes, especially for youth from around age 9 to 17, they sometimes sleep at the county office on an air mattress until placement can be arranged. There are an average of two to three kids a month in this situation. It would be wonderful if members of the guild could make a cozy quilt to sleep under for these kids. There is a need for quilts for boys and girls -- think pre-teen and teen ages. The quilt would belong to the child, not the county.  
 ~Annette Caves

### PQ Member Studio Tour!

Looking for something fun to do on **Saturday, October 8**? Come join us as five of our members open their studios for our very first PQ Member Studio Tour. Please invite friends and family to join you on this entertaining afternoon (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Discover innovative ways to store fabric, arrange your sewing space to make room for a long arm, and see how other sewers are handling lighting. Fee is \$25. Click <https://www.peninsulaquilters.org/studio-tour-form>) to go directly to the online registration form on our website. Email Connie Bowles at [conniebowles3@gmail.com](mailto:conniebowles3@gmail.com) or Sara Guyol at [haydensrose@yahoo.com](mailto:haydensrose@yahoo.com) with any questions.

~Connie Bowles

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**October meeting: Honor Our Own**  
**Oct. 19, 7 p.m.**

Our October meeting "Honor Our Own" will feature our Affiliates:

- Quilters Studio Sonoma
- Ralph's Vacuum & Sewing Center Redwood City
- Serge-A-Lot Belmont
- Always Quilting San Mateo

Not able to join us are Empty Spools Asilomar and Bolt Fabric & Home Cloverdale.

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**Welcome to New Member**

**Carlie Peck**, a science teacher, is one of our newest guild members. She learned about the guild from Jennifer Graves, the mom of one of her students. Seventeen years ago, before Carlie left for college, she made her first quilt with the help of her grandmother. Carlie mostly makes contemporary pieced quilts on her domestic machine. In the future, she wants to try pattern design. Carlie, also an embroiderer, has been able to combine both passions by embellishing clothing with both quilting and embroidery. she calls this technique multi-media textiles. Carlie's work is posted on Instagram. Her handle is: msquiltymcquilterson



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**Member Profile: Carol Blitzer**

Peninsula Quilters are fortunate to have our Gazette in the hands of a professional journalist for four years. **Carol Blitzer** graduated from Cal Berkeley in the field and went on to do graduate work at Stanford. For years she wrote for and edited the local weekly paper. Even though she retired in 2015, she occasionally writes for them. And in an indirect way journalism led her into quilting.

Carol had sewed for herself and her daughters for years, but during a short stint working at Stanford, she had a colleague who was an amazing quilter. That intrigued Carol and she began to work on her own projects and was largely self-taught. Then, she interviewed Margaret Ann Nivins for an article about the P. Q. Quilt show in East Palo Alto. Margaret Ann's work and enthusiasm for quilting attracted Carol to the hobby, which she has come to enjoy.

What she likes most about quilting is that it is forgiving. Something goes wrong and the quilter can just rework the project into something else. Baby quilts are her main focus because she can make them start to finish on her 40-year-old Elna. Attending P.Q. retreats, she has made many of Julie Curry's twin projects and passed the tops onto Julie for the guild's charities.

Carol grew up in Bell in southern California and came north for college. She and her husband of 53 years live in Palo Alto where they raised two daughters, one of whom lives in New York and the other lives in San Francisco with her 3-year-old son.



~Mavourneen Lopez

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## Minutes, PQ General Meeting September 21, 2022

The meeting at the San Mateo Garden Center, with additional Zoom participation, was called to order by Sandi da Roza at 9:35 a.m.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Sandy Kelly announced the slate of elected board members for 2022-23:

President: Sandy Kelly

Vice President: open

Recording Secretaries: Brenda Ziegler (mornings and board meetings)/Holly Colgan (evenings)

Corresponding Secretary: Rose Wilson

Treasurer: Sara Medina

The slate was approved with no dissent.

**Treasurer's report** (Sara Medina): Sara presented the proposed budget for 2022-23 and explained the major changes.

Q: Why are there different type faces for some items? A: To avoid confusion.

Q: Is the total income really less than the total outflow? A: Yes, when possible, the budget errs on the side of caution for expenses and some items may be over-budgeted. The treasurer believes that the income can cover real expenses, and that PQ can dip into reserves in case of need.

Q: What are the on-line services fees? A: These include Zoom costs, web site hosting, annual fees for other apps.

Q: Is the \$12,000 shortfall in revenue covered by savings? A: Yes, but PQ is unlikely to need to go to reserves.

Q: Are some items budgeted in order to have pre-approval? A: Yes.

Q: Don't understand Alice's Love - what's up here? A: PQ received donations amounting to \$15,000 from the family of late member Alice Lam; these funds were designated for membership events.

Comment: PQ has funds in bank accounts growing for several years, the budget was purposely allowed to grow in order to fund speakers and costs of in-person speakers, which we have not had for the past few years.

Comment: Sandy Adger encouraged members to participate in fund-raising activities.

Call for vote on proposed budget: approved with no objections.

**Corresponding Secretary's report** (Linda Hester): Nothing to report

**Studio Tour** (Connie Bowles): The Studio Tour will be Saturday, Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. Ticket buyers will receive 20% discounts from affiliates Always Quilting and Serge-a-lot, and will be entered into drawings for gift baskets. People who haven't bought tickets yet can sign-up on-line with PayPal: they will receive addresses when they pay. People can also sign-up the day of the tour: contact Connie.

**Outreach** (Judy Miyake): The next Bee Charitable event will be on Wednesday, Nov. 16, after the general meeting.

**Holiday Party:** Maggie Harvey will chair this event. Please volunteer to help!

**Fund raising** (Jess Millikan): We still need volunteers to both sell tickets and provide White Glove assistance. We need to provide 12 White Glove volunteers on Thursday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Oct. 15. Sign up on iVolunteer.

**Retreat** (Barb Hall): The next virtual retreat will be Nov. 4-6. Signups begin after the October meeting. Julie Curry will have a project designed by Elizabeth Allocco - and kits!

**Outreach opportunity** (Annette Caves): Annette wants twin-sized quilts for San Mateo foster kids. Talk to her if you can contribute.

**Fair News** (Mavourneen Lopez): There will be a new award in honor of late member Lynette Cleveland at next year's fair. This prize will be for a quilt of any size with a Hawai'ian connection.

**Quilter of the Year:** Sandy Kelly read the list of members who received this award in the past, and announced **Terry Caselton** as this year's recipient.

Gale Green reminded members to vote for their favorite decorated table.

Break 10:35-10:45



The **President's Quilt**, made by Angi Merlone with contributions from members, was presented to Sandi da Roza.

**Membership report** (Anne Merics): 58 members were present, in addition to at least 2 on-line. Jean Dail won the door prize drawing.

**Raffle basket winners:** Brenna (guest), Sandy Adger, Joanne Dunbar, Marilyn Morton, Leslie Lohmeier, Kathy Cannon

Break for Brunch

**Holiday Challenge Results:**

The next challenge will be announced in January.





Above left: First Place -- Gretchen Michaels "Just Start!"  
 Above right: Second Place -- Angi Merlone "For All The Colors I've Ever Loved"  
 Left: Third Place -- Harriet Hirsch "Hatching Babies"

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda McAllister, secretary

**Show and Tell:** (also Anne Merics -- Unnamed; LaVern Newman Pot holders and doll quilt; Marylin Morton -- Julie's pattern from the last retreat)



Left: Angi Merlone -- Sadie; Right: Mavourneen Lopez -- Bird Family wall hanging



*Nancy Krosse – Halloween (left) Valentine (below)*



*Sandy Kelly – Scarf*



*Favorite decorated table was #7, designed by Lori Atwood.*

## **Peninsula Quilters Guild Board Meeting September 21, 2022**

Attendees: Sandi daRoza, Sandy Kelly, Sara Medina, Holly Colgan, Connie Bowles, Judy Miyake, Barb Hall, Julie Curry, Michele Parry, Anne Merics, Angi Merlone, Suzanne Jeuck, Wanda Dragon Lewis, Jess Millikan, Brenda Ziegler. Via Zoom: Jena Walter, Rose Wilson

The in-person meeting was called to order by Sandi daRoza, after clean up from the Birthday Party was completed.

A correction to the August Board meeting minutes was made by Connie Bowles: "...each studio host to provide water..." is incorrect. The host does not supply water. Motion was made by Michele Parry, seconded by Sara Medina to accept the minutes with the correction. August Board minutes as corrected were approved.

**Guild Parties:** Angi Merlone requested clarification of the start times of the Birthday and Holiday parties as monies were approved and allocated to cover the cost of providing lunches to members for a lunch time start. Low attendance for a night meeting/party was one of the reasons for moving to a morning start time. It was confirmed that the Birthday Party will follow the day meeting and the Holiday Party will be held at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 21, 2022.

**Membership Roster** (Michele Parry): Venue for the Guild parties needs to be confirmed before printing of the roster. Sandi daRoza will follow up and confirm with the Garden Center and notify Michele. All information submitted for the roster will be printed as submitted. Those in positions of submitting information on a specific topic need to submit exactly as they want it printed in the roster. All information must be submitted to Michele by Oct. 20. Rosters will be distributed at the November meeting.

**Membership** (Anne Merics): Anne is concerned at the low number of membership forms received. Some members are having issues with renewing online and use of PayPal. Anne has mailed paper membership forms with self-addressed return envelopes but has not received any forms back. Any members requesting help should reach out to Anne or Sandy Kelly. A reminder blast with a direct link to the membership form and a PDF of the membership form will go out next week.

Meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted, Holly Colgan, recording secretary*

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**Through Oct. 16:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Artist Members Biennial, “Radical Regeneration,” in the Museum’s Porcella and Hallway Galleries. This theme of renewal, repair, and revitalization considers the changes we have collectively endured in the last two years, and, in many ways, the changes we are still processing. In light of lessons learned after times of perseverance, this exhibition considers how moments of cultural disruption can create opportunities for personal or collective change. With this concept as a point of departure, artists may take the exhibition’s theme of ‘Radical Regeneration’ as a means of reflecting on what new ideas, practices, or politics might grow from this historic moment.

### Upcoming Quilting Events

**Oct. 7-8:** Foothill Quilters Guild presents **Block Party**, its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary quilt show, on Friday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the ARD Regional Park, 3730 Richardson Drive, Auburn. \$8 admission. More than 250 quilts, prizes, raffle baskets, Opportunity Quilt and more. <https://www.foothillquilters.org>

**Oct. 13-16:** Pacific International Quilt Festival (PIQF) at the Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara. [www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com)

**Nov. 5 and Nov. 12:** SF Guild is hosting an Art Improv workshop by Cindy Griselda on two Saturdays on Zoom (6-hour livestream with live instruction). Cost is \$75. You can register by clicking on <https://www.sfquiltersguild.org/event/artful-improv-in-2-sessions-with-cindy-grisdela/>. There is also a link on this page to Cindy’s work so you can see her style of work.

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