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President's Message

What's not to love about a good old county fair? Our San Mateo County Fair has just closed down, but while it was open, it was a delight to behold; the excited children, the entertainers in costume, the fun food choices (OMG, the funnel cakes!). But the most enticing, for me, was to see the quilts on display in the Home Arts category. I was thrilled to see how so many of our guild members had submitted their quilts to be hung up for everyone to enjoy. My goodness, we are a remarkably prolific and exceptionally creative group of quilters. Congratulations to everyone who entered a quilt or quilts in the fair, and a hearty pat on the back to those of you who won a ribbon. We are all so very proud of you!

As our 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence will be honored next summer, the Home Arts Chairperson, Laura McHugh, told me next year's theme for the San Mateo County Fair will be a celebration of everything Americana. So, get out your favorite pattern, your red, white and blue fabric and start building your quilt for next year. I look forward to seeing everyone's most creative and patriotic entries.

*In community,
Nancy Krosse, PQ president*

PQ Calendar

July 2	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
July 16	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting, followed by Sandy Kelly demonstrating how to make zippered mesh pouches
Aug. 6	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Aug. 20	Wed	7 p.m.	General Meeting: Auction

Outreach Scorecard		
	May	June
Bundles of Joy	17	12
LifeMoves	13	14
Foster Kids	0	9

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 Speakers and Programs

July 16, 2025: We will not have a speaker at the General Meeting this month. Instead, immediately following the meeting Sandy Kelly will teach us how to make zippered mesh pouches.

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

Upcoming Workshops:

Sandy Kelly: "Mesh Pouch with Zipper"

Wednesday, July 16, 2025, following General Meeting

Location: San Mateo Garden Center

Details: Free class for PQG members

Tina Curran: "Paper-Pieced Wreath of Houses"

Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025

Location: TBA

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

Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026

Location, Time: TBA

Michelle Trimble: "Stunning Improv Sunbursts"

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Location, Time: TBA

Welcome: Miriam Kaplan and Pam McGraw



New member **Miriam Kaplan** joined us from a suggestion by previous PQ member Annie Smith. Miriam started making quilted items 10 years ago, but it wasn't until the pandemic that she completed her first quilt. Other than a few classes taken at PIQF, she is self-taught. Currently, she is taking classes in garment sewing and pattern making at Canada College, hoping for a fashion design certificate. Although her interests are more toward incorporating quilting into garment sewing, she did submit a quilt to the SM County Fair this year for the first time. Miriam keeps herself busy with dance, line dancing, tap classes; singing in a choir; participating in a bell choir; and being a math and science tutor

to middle school students. Previously she kept herself busy as a scientist with a PhD in neuroscience. Somehow she found time to volunteer selling Opportunity Quilt tickets at the Fair! Being a newish quilter, Miriam is looking forward to meeting and learning from other quilters.

Pam McGraw found us at the PIQF Opportunity Quilt raffle table. Sewing from a young age, Pam was looking for a quilting community since retiring from being a computer engineer. Currently, she teaches sewing at the Atherton library and the Atherton Arts Foundation. She will introduce a beginning quilt class there in September. She is very active in her community, serving on the boards of four nonprofit organizations. Pam enjoys learning new things, dabbling in a variety of quilting styles, preferring the piecing and design aspect. She recently purchased an AccuQuilt and her embroidery machine was working away on a Hot Wheels quilt for her grandson as we chatted. Look for it at a future show and tell.



~Holly Colgan

Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting June 4, 2025

Attendees: Nancy Krosse, Carol Blitzer, Holly Colgan, Jean Dail, Wanda Lewis Dragon, Barbara Hall, Sandy Kelly, Barbara Mattson, Anne Merics, Angi Merlone, Michele Parry, Jena Walter and Cynthia Yin. Absent: Terry Caselton, Julie Curry and Harriet Hirsch

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

President (Nancy Krosse) requested approval of the April board meeting minutes; Cynthia Yin made a motion to approve, seconded by Sandy Kelly, minutes were approved; requested

approval of the May board meeting minutes, Carol Blitzer made a motion to approve, seconded by Jean Dail, minutes were approved.

After considerable discussion to approve an increase of membership dues, including the review of general membership survey results, several options were presented. The proposal to increase membership dues to \$75 for the next fiscal year was made by Cynthia Yin, seconded by Holly Colgan. Motion passed.

Fundraising (Sandy Kelly) – Auction plans and collections are going well.

Fundraising (Angi Merlone) – We are moving ahead with making a sports-themed quilt to raffle at the San Mateo County Fair next year. Angi is looking for SF Giants or Warriors T-shirt contributions as well as a committee chair to coordinate. Cynthia Yin volunteered to chair. Angi will help with the quilting and collection of the T-shirts.

Activities and Events (Holly Colgan) – New member bio's are going well, and we are almost up to date.

Vice President (Barbara Mattson) – Quilter of the Year nomination ballots are ready to be distributed at the next general meeting. She is working on the formation of a nomination committee after verification of open board positions.

Treasurer (Jean Dail) – gave an update on the budget including income and expense balances.

Membership (Cynthia Yin) – membership is at 156 members. She thanked Michèle for all her assistance with the roster. Continuing to work on cost reduction, we will be moving to an online Google sheet roster with secure member access. Limited information will be in the roster such as a listing of: members, board members and business affiliates; all other information currently in the roster will be moved to the PQ website. The membership form will be updated to add permission for inclusion in the online roster.

Parliamentarian (Michèle Parry) - Michèle is looking for someone to take over as Parliamentarian. She is willing to mentor for one year to aid in the transition. She is also researching an alternative to iVolunteer as they are discontinuing their "legacy" program. No longer being a legacy member would result in increased cost for PQ. Alternative suggestions were: SignUpGenius, Cheddar Up, and Zeffy. Michèle will continue to research.

Virtual Retreat (Barb Hall) – another great retreat, will schedule again in the Fall.

President (Nancy Krosse) - will send a blast prior to the general meeting notifying membership of the Board decision to increase dues.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

~Respectfully submitted, Holly Colgan, Activities and Events Chair

PQ General Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2025

Nancy Krosse, president, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The meeting was held at the San Mateo Garden Center and offered on Zoom.

Nancy welcomed all the members present, Zoomers and visitors.

She also reminded members to buy raffle tickets for the fabric baskets; as well as the last chance to buy tickets for the Opportunity Quilt.

Please remember to stand on the blue X on the floor so the Zoomers can see you.

The minutes for the May meeting were approved.

Jean Dail, treasurer, gave a report on the financial status of the guild. We broke even in May with revenue and expenses.

Annual Dues: Nancy stated that one of the main goals of her time as president has been to have a balanced budget. So far, we have accomplished the closing out of the storage locker, discontinuing the quilt shows, and finding new sources of revenue. The loss of PQIF was offset

by the revenue from the San Mateo Garden Center Open House and Craft Show. There has been discussion over the past few months regarding raising the membership dues. After reviewing the results of membership surveys, the board has decided to raise the dues to \$75 per year. This amount reflects the rate of inflation for the past 20 years that the dues have not been raised. A motion was raised and seconded. There was discussion among the members present regarding their concerns. Michele Parry, parliamentarian, and Jean Dail were able to answer the concerns raised. A vote was taken of the members present and those on Zoom; and the motion was passed. The raise will take affect with the September dues. Those that wish to make an additional donation can use the form on the website.

Sandy Kelly is still collecting items for the August auction. Please get your donations to Sandy by the end of July so she can catalog everything. The inventory will be posted on the website and will be a live and silent auction. Member of other guilds will be invited to attend.

Sandy brought kits for next month's workshop. They are on the side table and are \$12 for each kit. Be sure to sign the sheet if you buy a kit. You will need to bring your machine and supplies to the workshop.

There are three openings for next year's retreat at the Newman Ranch in Santa Rosa, April 6-9, 2026. Please let Sandy know if you are interested.

Barbara Mattson, Quilter of the Year: Barbara distributed ballots to nominate a member for Quilter of the Year. Please place your ballot in the blue box in the back of the room or return by e-mail to Barbara before July 7. She will tally the nominations and at the July meeting will distribute the ballots for the nominees. Members will vote then and the finalist will be announced at the September Birthday Party meeting.

Jess Milikan reminded everyone that the Free Table is this Saturday from 9-11:30 a.m. at her house.

Workshops and Guest Speakers:

June 18 – Julie Curry will give a presentation on what long-armers require for quilting after today's meeting.

July 16 – Sandy Kelly will teach a Mesh Pouch with zipper class.

August 20 -- Auction

Sept. 17 – Birthday Party

Oct. 15 – Tina Curran will give a presentation and then teach a class on Oct. 16. The topic is a paper-pieced wreath of houses that could be a pillow or wall hanging. The houses and the wreath can be embellished as desired. A video was played previewing the class.

Nov. 19 – Zoom speaker from Virginia Beach, Heather Kojan, "Quilt Remix, UFOs, Orphan Blocks, and What was I Thinking. Fresh Ideas for Stale Projects."

Dec. 17 – Holiday Party

Jan. 21, 2026 – Polly Matsuoka, collage quilting birds (she has patterns). She will teach a workshop on Jan. 22 on collage quilting.

Feb. 18 – Honor our Own – Gale Green

March 18 – Michelle Trimble will give a presentation on improv quilting and will teach a workshop on March 19 on improv sunburst.

April 15 – New Member Tea

May 20 – still open

June 17 – all of our affiliates will be invited to make presentations regarding what they offer to guild members. Wanda Lewis Dragon will give a presentation on goodness bowls.

Corresponding Secretary, Terry Castleton had nothing to report.

Leonie Batkin reported that we made \$897 at the **San Mateo County Fair** selling raffle tickets for the opportunity quilt. She gave a big Thank You to all the members who volunteered.

Julie Curry, Outreach Program: Julie asked the program coordinators to explain the programs they coordinate. These donated quilts bring a ray of sunshine and comfort to those in need.

Linda Hester and Mary Raftery – baby quilts for Bundles of Joy, San Mateo County Hospital. They will wash the quilts before donation. Low-income mothers are given a gift of baby supplies along with a quilt.

Annette Caves – San Mateo Foster Youth Program, children in the foster care program are given a quilt they can keep when they are transitioning. Twin size quilts are preferred.

Judy Miyake – LifeMoves provides temporary housing and assistance to people who are having difficulty and homeless in San Mateo County. They are given the quilts along with other necessities. Twin size quilts are preferred.

Julie Curry– Be Charitable meets on the second Friday at the Burlingame Community Center. We make the tops for donation quilts, between 120-130 tops a year. She is looking for a new coordinator for the fall.

A big Thank You to all the long-armers who help finish the quilt tops.

Barbara Hall had nothing to report.

Nancy (for **Angi Merlone**) relayed that they are looking for sports fabric and T-shirts (Warriors and/or Giants) for quilts for next year's San Mateo County Fair. Please give them to Angi or Cynthia Yin. Always Quilting is donating the fusible interfacing for the quilt.

Sue McCollum, Fall Challenge: There is no cost for the Paint Chip Challenge. Participants will receive an envelope with paint chips in it. You must use one or any of the colors on the paint chips in your quilt (you do not need to use all of the colors). You may add a solid of white, cream, gray or black, but only one. The quilt should be a minimum of 18" and maximum of 36". The deadline is Sept. 17. Please bring your quilt in early (9 a.m.) so it can be hung. There will not be any advance online viewing or voting.

Announcements: Theresa Koetters stated that the U. C. Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive BAMPFA currently has an exhibit of 20th Century African American Quilts in California until Nov. 30.

Michael's has purchased the intellectual property of Joann's and their private label brands. Purchases can be made on line and it is expected that some of the stores may begin to carry fabric.

Cynthia Yin, Membership: There are 58 members present, 11 on Zoom, 2 guests (Gary and Jenny), and one new member Wendy Hill. The membership raffle was drawn.

Cynthia discussed the upcoming on-line roster, which will be a Google spreadsheet. There will also be a printable spreadsheet available. The other pertinent information will be on the website including the Bylaws, Standing Rules and Affiliate information. This will eliminate the cost of printing the roster, saving about \$780 per year.

Show and Tell: Please sign the sheet. Remember to write a few words describing your quilt, so Carol Blitzer can match the photos to the correct quilter.

Jessica Bernhardt – Fall, winter, spring and summer table runners

Sally MacDonald – National Parks Quilt

Annette Caves – Christmas tree skirt

Jennie Larson – quilt (no description)

Mitchell Baker – tulip small wall quilt

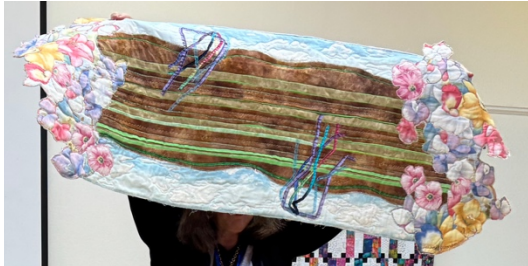
Raffle for fabric baskets were drawn.

Opportunity Quilt by Rose Erdozaincy was raffled off, the winner is Barbara Wilson. The guild raised \$2,985 selling raffle tickets. Thank you to Rose for the beautiful quilt, to Leonie for organizing, and to all the volunteers who helped.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Julie Curry gave a presentation, "Perfect Partnership," on how to prepare your top, how to communicate with your quilter, and what to expect from long-arm quilters.

~Respectfully submitted, Harriet Hirsch, Evening Recording Secretary



Jessica Bernhardt – Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer table runners



Sally MacDonald – National Parks quilts



Left: Annette Caves – Christmas Tree skirt; Right: Mitchell Baker – Tulip Wall Quilt



Jennie Larson – Front and back of quilt

The Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association would like to invite you to attend our annual bag sale on Monday, July 28, from 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Campbell Community Center, 1 West Campbell Ave, Campbell. We'll be in the Roosevelt Redwood Room, #Q80. For \$20, you can buy as much quilting cotton and other quilting items as can fit in a grocery bag, which we'll provide. We expect to have on the order of 100 boxes of fabric, kits, patterns, books and more.



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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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Carol will be
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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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