



Peninsula Quilters Gazette

Next Meeting: Nov. 18, 9:30 a.m.

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President's Message

I was looking at the National Days this month, and here are some to stir your creative juices: National Mason Jar Day, National Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day, National Jukebox Day and, the best one, National Absurdity Day! Can you use one of these themes to make a new fall quilt? (And, yes, you did see an adorable Mason Jar table runner recently!)

I'm looking forward to learning some new techniques and patterns, especially from our November speaker, Brandon Wulff. Gotta keep those brain cells going with new ideas.

A little bird told me that there are some fantastic new raffle baskets in store at the November meeting. I hope to win one of them and to see you at the meeting!

Happy quilting!

~Cynthia Yin, PQ President

PQ Calendar

Nov. 4	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Nov. 18	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Brandon Wulff: "The Biscotti Quilt"
Dec. 2	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
Dec. 16	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Holiday Party



Outreach Scorecard

	September	October
Bundles of Joy	7 crocheted blankets + 161 crocheted hats	14 quilts + 8 crocheted blankets, 89 crocheted hats
LifeMoves	11	0
Foster Kids	0	3
Laguna Honda	19	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 Workshops



Nov. 18, 2026: Brandon Wulff: "The Biscotti Quilt"

bwulffandco.com

Brandon is a quilter, life coach and advocate for the disabled in the arts, as he identifies as being disabled (autism). He started quilting to help out his sister who opened a fabric store and took off from there. His 'outside the box' thinking has added to his creativity. His lecture, "The Biscotti Quilt" is about twice-baked -- taking quilts apart to make a new creation.

Dec. 16, 2026: Holiday Party



Jan. 20, 2027: Jamie Davis, "How to Build a Landscape Quilt"

loopytulips.com

Jamie started out as a scientist and taught herself quilting. She discovered she loves dissecting quilts and figuring what works for her and what doesn't.



Feb. 17, 2027: Kim Brownell,
“The Wacky Doodle Trunk Show”
thewackydoodlequilter.com

Kim Brownell is on a quilting journey with curiosity, chaos and fun. She loves bright colors and mixing and matching fabrics and textures. Her philosophy? Fiber art should be as joyful and surprising as finding a forgotten chocolate bar in your sewing kit.



March 17, 2027: Catherine Sherman,
“Color and Pattern across Period and Place”
piecemovement.com

Catherine develops series and community projects to explore universal themes and hold space for individual expressions in shared geometries.

April 21, 2027: New Member Tea

May 19, 2027: Honor Our Own (TBD)



June 16, 2027: Kristin Echols, “Seminole Patchwork”
kristinlauradesigns.com

Kristin will talk and teach about the distinctive designs used by the Seminole. We will learn techniques and tricks to make these bold designs and how they can be incorporated into quilts.



July 21, 2027: Linda Wagner, “Edgy” (New Ways to Look at Borders)
addquilter.com

Linda will talk about how borders can just “be there” or how they can define the quilt and give it a real visual impact.

Aug. 18, 2027: President’s Choice

Sept. 15, 2027: Birthday Celebration

Workshops

For workshop questions please send an email to: workshops@peninsulaquilters.org

Jan. 21, 2027: Workshop- Jamie Davis, "Layered Landscapes"

loopytulips.com

In this workshop, we will learn how to design and then create a stunning landscape (no previous drawing experience required). There are some machine-based construction techniques that will help us. Kit fee \$25.

Feb. 18, 2027: Workshop - Kim Brownell, "Quilted Jigsaw Puzzle"

thewackydoodlequilter.com

In this workshop, a raw-edged fusible appliqué is used leaving negative space around each piece, which can make a "stained-glass" effect. Two different patterns are available -- Sunrise/Sunset and Mountain Majesty. Kit fee \$25.

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July 22, 2027: Linda Wagner, "Borders"

addquilter.com

In this workshop, we will learn a method for making a simple block and six variations that can be used to make stunning borders.

~Nell Lee Stinson

Seeking artists

Redwood City Parks & Arts Foundation is inviting San Mateo County artists to apply for its "Call for Art" exhibition. This year's theme is "Origin Story," exploring the people, places, experiences, beliefs and forces that have shaped who we are.

An informational meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 6:30 to 7 p.m. (and on Zoom). Applications are due Dec. 3.

The exhibit will be held at the Chan Zuckerberg Community Space, 801 Jefferson Ave., Suite 100, from March 19, 2027, through March 2028.

For more information and how to apply, visit <https://www.rwcpaf.org/art-at-the-czi-community-space>.

San Mateo County Fair Update

The theme for next year's San Mateo County Fair is "Tomorrow Starts Here," and the dates are June 4-13. Entries will be received May 25-26, and returned June 14.

Volunteer opportunities for fair activities include entry receiving, judging assistance, display hanging, and Opportunity Quilt ticket sales. Details will follow with a link to Signup Genius in the future months.

Some new additions will include a fashion show featuring handmade garments and accessories as well as Art and Barn quilts painted on plywood for outdoor display.

~Rose Erdozaincy

Welcome to our new members: Pat Serio and Kathy Smith-Redpath

I love when new members say, "Oh, PQ member so and so told me about the guild."

New member **Pat Serio** was recommended by Barb Conklin. Totally by chance, they met when Pat needed some gardening pots. Like other members, Pat moved here about a year ago from Ohio to be closer to her children and grandchildren. Before retirement, she was a nurse midwife and took up hand quilting as something to do as she waited for those babies. Her quilt style has moved from traditional to more modern, enjoying bold, bright colors. Pat is a big cyclist and musician and was combining those two hobbies the day I spoke with her: biking to a Jam session a couple of towns away from her current home in Redwood City.



~Holly Colgan



Another recommendation and a retired nurse! Kathy Smith-Redpath was told about PQ from member Angi Merlone. You may notice Kathy's address is Angels Camp, a bit of a commute for meetings. However, Kathy is in the area taking care of her mother who lives locally. She has been quilting for about 10 years and belonged to a quilting group in the Angels Camp area, participating in group projects and charity quilts for a local crisis center. Kathy has already taken Wanda's bowl-making class, which she enjoyed and has signed up for Barb Hall's Monday class. Next time you see Kathy at PQ or at Barb's class, say Hi!

~Holly Colgan

Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting Oct. 7, 2026

Attendees: Cynthia Yin, Karen Anderson, Holly Colgan, Barbara Mattson, Carol Blitzer, Barb Hall, Grace Hardy, Sandy Kelly, Sally MacDonald, Sue McCollum, Cathy Stillman, Jena Walter, Susan Williams, Cyndi Williamson and Brenda Ziegler

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

President (Cynthia Yin) received a motion from Sandy Kelly and a second from Karen Anderson to approve the September board meeting minutes, which was passed by those present.

Secretary (Brenda Ziegler) asked board members to send her a list of the inventory they hold, or manage, that is Guild property and valued at or over \$500 for the annual list.

Treasurer (Sally MacDonald) reviewed the budget for the fiscal year ending on 9/30/26. There was an overall surplus due to overachieving revenues and underspending on expenses. Sally then made a motion as follows to update signatures at the credit union. This was seconded by Karen Anderson and passed by those present.

Peninsula Quilt Guild wishes to implement the following signature structure for our checking account, savings account and CD at Monterra Credit Union.

Member Representatives

Cynthia Yin, President
Sue McCollum, Vice President
Sally MacDonald, Treasurer

**As a result of this change, the following members will be removed from the Guild's accounts:*

Nancy Krosse, Past President
Barbara Mattson, Past President (was President)
Jean Dail, Past Treasurer

Membership (Cynthia Yin for Cathy Stillman and Grace Hardy) acknowledged 2 new members, 119 renewing members & 7 life members for a total of 128 members. Cynthia then initiated a discussion of the discounted cost of half-year membership. Many people voiced their opinions and made suggestions. It was pointed out that, per the Bylaws, the discounted rate is for "New Active" members. Whether this needs to be more clearly defined was discussed. The web registration page incorrectly lists an option for "Late Renewal Membership." To alleviate confusion, the web page will be corrected and show for new members only. There was also a discussion of raising the guest fees for meetings that are followed by a party since the costs for those meetings are higher than the current \$10 fee, and the parties are meant primarily for members. The guest fees are listed in the Standing Rules, which can be changed by the Board at any time.

Parliamentarian Karen Anderson affirmed that the Board can vote to change the Standing Rules without a vote by the full membership. A motion to change the Standing Rules to as follows was made by Barbara Mattson, seconded by Sally MacDonald and passed by those present. The Standing Rule is changed to:

Membership & Dues

1. Non-members will be charged \$10.00 per meeting except for April, September and December meetings when the charge will be \$25.00. The fee can be applied directly to an Active Membership when the non-member joins the day of the meeting.

This covers the New Member Tea (April), the Birthday Party (September) and the Holiday Party (December).

Activities and Events (Sandy Kelly) reported that 29 people had signed up for the 2027 retreat, and she is preparing a waitlist. She then made a proposal for a bus trip to the Folsom Quilt Show. She received a quote from Terry Caselton for a bus, with a bathroom, that would hold 56 people and would go to the show and a quilt shop. There is money in the budget for Misc. Events that would cover part of the cost with participants paying part of the cost TBD. Holly Colgan made a motion to proceed with sending a deposit for the bus. Karen Anderson seconded the motion, and it was passed by those present. Barb Hall volunteered to help Terry Caselton with trip management.

Fundraising (Cynthia Yin for Nancy Krosse) said we have two fundraising opportunities – the Warriors Opportunity Quilt and the San Mateo Garden Center Open House in May.

Outreach (Barb Hall) was told that all the kits for quilting by members were picked up at the September meeting, and the Friday group is continuing their longarm quilting.

Communications (Jena Walter) told Sally that she would get the costs for Zoom to her.

Additional Discussion - The board discussed a bee that was removed from the directory due to non-payment of dues, with Cynthia explaining the decision was made in consultation with the bee leader. Sally agreed to investigate insurance coverage requirements for bees and their members.

Cynthia adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Day & Board Meeting Secretary

PQ General Meeting Minutes October 21, 2026

President Cynthia Yin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

President's announcements:

Cynthia accepted a motion from Mary Raftery to approve the September meeting minutes, which was seconded by Barbara Mattson and passed by those present.

Cynthia announced that the Board approved a deposit to the bus company for a group trip to the Folsom Quilt Show scheduled for Feb. 5, 2027. Pricing has not yet been determined but will be brought to membership in November.

She also announced that there is a clarification of half yearly dues on the website. The half yearly dues option applies to the first year of new members only when they join after March 31. Existing members' dues must be paid in full. The board also voted to change the standing rule regarding the guest fees for those events where the guild incurs extra costs, such as for a meal or treats. The guest fee for the September Birthday Party, the December Holiday Party and the April New Member Tea is now \$25. The fee remains at \$10 for all other meetings.

On another note, she announced that the Redwood City Parks and Arts Foundation manages an arts program for up-and-coming artists and professional artists at the Chan Zuckerberg Community Space in downtown Redwood City. They are looking for professional, emerging and amateur artists who live, work or attend school in San Mateo County. There is no application fee and it comes with a \$2,000 stipend if chosen to exhibit. The deadline to apply is Dec. 3; the theme is Origin Story. A link to more information and application will be in the newsletter.

In the same vein, the San Mateo County Fair has added an art quilt category to next year's plan for the fair, in addition to a Fashion Show and Barn Quilts (quilt motifs on plywood for outdoor display).

Treasurer: Sally MacDonald reported that we are in a surplus position regarding our budget. Financial statements will be available at the next meeting or upon request.

Vice President: Sue McCollum reported that she was contacted by the chapter head of Binky Patrol, a non-profit that provides resources to drug-addicted and HIV-impacted newborns, who was looking for quilt donations. Sue advised them that the guild is currently committed to our existing nonprofits but that she would make an announcement to the guild so that any member could participate individually.

Corresponding Secretary/NCQC Rep: Cynthia reported that a card was sent to Terry Caselton as her husband recently passed away.

Committee announcements:

Fundraising Chair Nancy Krosse announced that the annual Garden Center Open House is scheduled for May 2, 2027. The guild will be looking for four people to run the booth on that date and sell our donated quilt items. Members can start creating donations now. In addition, Nancy showed two antique quilts given to Jess Millikan and who in turn donated them to the guild. These quilts will be raffled at the December holiday party.



Nancy also presented Past President Barbara Mattson with a quilt in honor of her service. In accordance with her status as a small home resident, the quilt is a small-scale wall hanging of Mason Jars that included room for members to sign in the jar rims.

Speaker Chair Nell Stinson

November: Brandon Wulff, "The Biscotti Quilt," bwulffandco.com. Brandon is a quilter, life coach and advocate for the disabled in the arts, as he identifies as being disabled (autism).

December: Holiday Party

January: Jamie Davis, "How to Build a Landscape Quilt." Jamie started out as a scientist and taught herself quilting. She discovered she loves dissecting quilts and figuring out what works for her and what doesn't.

Retreat Chair Sandy Kelly discussed that the retreat is nearly full. She asked that if anyone is not paying via PayPal, and prefers to pay by check, to please let her know and to mail the check to her home address.

Outreach Chair Barbara Hall announced that the next Zoom retreat dates have been changed to Nov. 13, 14 and 15. She reminded us that there is no registration process; just log in and join the group, The Zoom link will be available on the guild website. She also mentioned that there are kits to make twin-size quilts for donations in the back of the room for those who can make them. She also reminded us that as usual there will be open sew after the November, December and January daytime meetings.

Membership: Cathy Stillman announced 56 members, 2 guests and 4 Zoom participants at the meeting.

Grace and Cathy announced the raffle basket winners after pulling the winning tickets. Show and Tell participants were Jess Millikan, Blue Bargello; Nell Lee Stinson, Economy Blocks and Purple/green Strips; Carlie Peck, Checkers quilt and Charm Pack Stars; Joyce Wheeler, Laughing Moon; and Nancy Krosse, Pears. Photos were taken for the newsletter.

Nellie introduced this month's speaker, Pattie Klimek from the San Francisco guild who spoke about Crazy Quilting and hand quilting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

~Respectfully submitted, Susan Williams, Evening Meeting Secretary

Jess Millikan Blue Bargello (below); Nell Lee Stinson – Economy Blocks (right)



Nell Lee Stinson – Purple/green Strips (left); Joyce Wheeler – Laughing Moon (right)



Nancy Krosse – Pears



Carlie Peck – Checkers Quilt (left); Charm Pack Stars (right)

Website Tech Tip

In the event you have a problem with submitting an online Membership or Workshop form: Reboot your device. Turning your device(s) off and back on again will refresh the operating system and clear the temporary data.

~Kathy McGuffin, WebAdmin



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Through Jan. 10, 2027: “Soft Structures: The Female Body as Labor and Resistance” presents an array of intergenerational textiles—from traditional quilts to weavings, garments, sculptures, mixed media works, and quilted paintings—all exploring the relationships between the female body, labor, place, and resistance. As female labor continues to be undervalued and patriarchal ideals remain woven into the lives of every woman, this exhibition examines how gendered experiences shape artwork and identity. Curated by Anna Snyder with Renata Blanco Gorbea and Zachary Fernandez.



Maddie Duda: The love hasn't gone forever, it's just different (Fabric, doilies, found objects, embellishments, paint; 50 x 54 in.)

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Show & Tell

Coffee cup/Water bottle