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Next Meeting: April 15, 7 p.m.

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President's Message

Welcome April! Another busy time! It just seemed like March just flew by ... and a leprechaun left golden sunshine for us to enjoy. It could be just tease because the saying "April showers bring May flowers" had to come from somewhere! So we shall see what Mother Nature has in mind ☀️.

Our next guild meeting is April 15, an evening meeting. I will host our New Member tea after the meeting, a meet-and-greet for the members that joined in the last year. Also, our spring challenge quilts are due for a big reveal! I can't wait to see what you all have created. Sue McCollum asks you to be there a bit early so you can sign in and get them hung up for display.

We still are accepting donations for the boutique coming May 3 at the Garden Center. I hope you can come by to the sale and see what your fellow quilters have donated to the sale. Or send some family and friends to stop by for a hello 🙌.

In May we have a speaker and workshop with Cassandra Beaver. Her topic for the speaking event (after our meeting) will be "Aurifilosophy" (that just might include a special treat?) and a workshop (the next day) "Raising the Roof" – basically, on geometric, paper-piece quilting. It is going to be held in Studio AQ, so you are definitely going to want to be a part of this event! Look on the guild website for details for information, pricing and signup links.

~In community, Barbara Mattson, PQ president

PQ Calendar

April 1	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
April 15	Wed	7 p.m.	General Meeting: Spring Challenge; New Members event
May 7	Wed	10 a.m. (Zoom)	Board Meeting
May 21	Wed	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting: Cassandra Beaver, "Aurifilosophy"
May 22	Thu	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Workshop: Cassandra Beaver, "Raising the Roof"



Outreach Scorecard

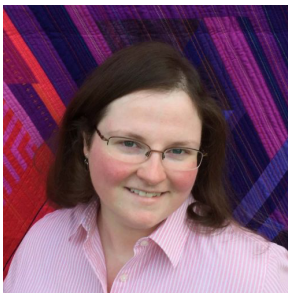
	Feb	March
Bundles of Joy	11 + 6 crocheted blankets, 35 crocheted hats	20 + 80 crocheted hats
LifeMoves	14	14
Foster Kids	0	3
Laguna Honda	10	

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

April 15, 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>

Cassandra Beaver: "Raising the Roof"

Thursday, May 22, 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

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

Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting March 4, 2026

Attendees: Barbara Mattson, Naomi te Wildt, Jena Walter, Jean Dail, Cynthia Yin, Carol Blitzler, Barb Hall, Nancy Krosse, Sandy Kelly

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

President (Barabara Mattson) motioned to approve February's meeting minutes, which was seconded by Cynthia and unanimously approved by all eight attendees (Barbara Mattson, Naomi te Wildt, Jena Walter, Jean Dail, Cynthia Yin, Carol Blitzler, Barb Hall, Nancy Krosse).

Barbara M. shared an email about secondhand telescoping quilt racks, Barb H. offered to coordinate on picking them up and finding homes.

Treasurer (Jean Dail) shared our financial balances and informed us we have a 12-month raffle license, which will last through the end of the year.

Fundraising (Nancy Krosse) updated that we've been getting donations for the craft sale at the garden center on May 3, and we'll be making more items after the March meeting. Barbara informed us she was able to sell a bag.

Membership (Cynthia Yin) said we have one new member, so we're now at 146 members.

Workshops (Sandy Kelly) said we've been getting more interest in our workshop since the last email blast, and there is currently one opening left.

Outreach (Barb Hill) reports we still have 20 quilts that need quilting and we are inundated with twin-size quilts in particular. She asks that we now focus on placements for "Meals on Wheels." Barbara M. asked Barb H. to talk about the "Be Charitable" bee in order to increase attendance.

New Member Tea (Jean & Cynthia) will coordinate name tags for the new member tea and Judy Miyake will handle Quilter of the Year. President (Barbara) talked about decorations for tables and refreshments. Treasurer (Jean Dail) will look into our ability to amend the budget throughout the year and will get clarity into other details about our finances.

Membership (Cynthia Yin) suggested that we have a new member rate (set to half the cost of the full year rate) no matter when in the year someone joins, to entice new members to join our guild. There was some initial discussion and it was agreed to discuss this further at a future meeting.

There was no other new business, so the president (Barbara Mattson) adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

~Respectfully submitted, Naomi te Wildt, Evening Meeting Secretary

PQ General Meeting Minutes March 18, 2026

Barbara Mattson called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

The meeting was held at the San Mateo Garden Center and offered on Zoom.

President: Barbara Mattson accepted a motion to approve the February minutes, which was seconded and passed by those present. After the April meeting, we will have the New Member Tea. Donations are being accepted for sale items for the San Mateo Garden Center Open House on May 3. Please advertise the sale to your friends.

Treasurer: Jean Dail said we have healthy balances at the bank. We are break even on the budget.

Corresponding Secretary: Terry Caselton sent a condolence card to Allyson Banducci who recently lost her mother. Please remember to contact Terry regarding anyone who could use support from the guild in a difficult time.

Retreat: Sandy Kelly has openings for the Camp Newman Retreat due to some dropouts. Please contact her if you are interested in attending. Also, she has contact info for Rich Douglas who repairs older sewing machines including featherweights. He is in Palo Alto.

Fund Raising: Nancy Krosse reminded us there is an Open Sew after the March meeting, which will concentrate on bowl-cozy production for the Garden Center Open House in May.

Workshops: Jess Millikan said there were still open slots for Michele Trimble's workshop tomorrow. It will be held at Always Quilting starting at 9:30 a.m. In May, the speaker and workshop will be by Sandra Beaver on Aurifil threads. Titled "Raising the Roof", the process is foundation paper-piecing a 12" block. Templates for paper cutting are included. The workshop will be on May 21 and may be at the new Studio AQ facility. If interested, please sign up. Jess also reminded us that March 21 was the last regular sales day for Always Quilting.

Outreach: Barb Hall is on hold for receipt of tops for long-arm quilting. She will let us know when the backlog is cleared. She thanked the long-armers. She spoke about the Charity Sewing that is held on the second Friday each month at the Burlingame Community Center. It's all charity sewing. Barb also mentioned that there were two quilt racks available.

Spring Challenge: Sue McCollum asked for delivery of challenge quilts to the April general meeting by 6:30 p.m. to allow for time to hang the quilts. Quilts will be judged that day. Participants are encouraged to enter their quilts in the County Fair where a sleeve will be required. Instructions on entering in the fair will be sent.

Activities & Events: Cynthia Yin spoke about the San Mateo County Fair. It will be June 5-14 (except June 8 & 9). Online entries are due May 8 and the drop off dates are May 22 & 23. The fee is \$5 per entry. Volunteers are needed for various activities. Also, she spoke about the Garden Center Open House on May 3 and the Silicon Valley Modern Quilt Guild Show on April 18 & 19. This will be held at Covington Elementary, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos.

Announcements: Pernille Gutschick brought some lemons for everyone.

Membership: Cynthia Yin welcomed guest Harriet Parker. She also announced that there were 57 people present and 2 on Zoom. The membership raffles were won by Sue McCollum and Anne Merics.

Show & Tell: Photos were taken for submittal to the newsletter. Carol Wilcher (2 art quilts – South American themed and a Sunflower quilt), Emily Leavitt (Sparrow quilt), Carol Blitzer (2 baby quilts, a bunting and a bear doll), Jessica Bernhardt (placemat and hand-quilted Cats in Every Corner quilt), Terry Caselton (Under the Sea quilt), Sandi daRoza (tote bag and butterfly quilt). Gale Green invited us to visit her at her home in Rhode Island.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

~Respectfully submitted, Brenda Ziegler, Day and Board Meeting Secretary



Carol Wilcher – Art
Quilts: Sunflowers (left);
South American with
Guatemalan moles



Emily Leavitt – Sparrow quilt (left); Terry Caselton – Under the Sea (right)



Carol Blitzer – Baby quilt with outlined Laurel Burch fabric (above left); Flannel baby quilt (above right); Baby bunting and bear (left)



Jessica Bernhardt – Cats in Every Corner (left); Placemat (below)





Sandi daRoza – Patchwork Quilt (left), Tote (right)

Spring Delight

PLANT SALE & CRAFT FAIR

OPEN HOUSE AND GARDEN SHOP ANNUAL SALE

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026
10 AM - 3 PM

SAN MATEO GARDEN CENTER

PLANT SALES 🌻 SHOPPING

GARDEN CLUBS

KIDS GARDENING TABLE

**FREE
COMMUNITY
EVENT**

**MOTHER'S
DAY
SHOPPING**

San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403

at Alameda de las Pulgas, near Beresford Park

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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

Democracy quilt project

"What Democracy Looks Like" quilts are collaborative, activist art projects where individuals create 13-inch fabric squares representing their hopes, concerns and civic commitment, stitched together to visualize a unified yet diverse, living democracy. Inspired by the AIDS Memorial Quilt, these projects channel personal, political messages into a collective, tangible form of protest and dialogue.

This not a guild-sponsored activity, but if you want to participate, you can contact Pat Hager at phager109@gmail.com.

A flyer for Love Quilts USA with a light beige background and a torn-paper edge effect. At the top, it says "LOVE QUILTS USA" in bold black letters, followed by "Join us as a volunteer!". Below this is a photograph of several quilts, including one with a circular patch featuring a red silhouette of a person. To the left of the photo, text reads: "Since 1999, Love Quilts USA volunteers have made and donated over 1,000 quilts for children with life-altering illnesses. Our quilts are made with cross-stitched squares created by our caring volunteers from around the world." At the bottom, it says "WE ARE LOOKING FOR QUILTERS TO ASSEMBLE QUILTS" and "To learn more about our organization and how you can help, contact lhgrugett@gmail.com." The website "WWW.LOVEQUILTSUSA.COM" is listed at the very bottom.

Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: **Silicon Valley Modern Quilt Guild 2026 Show** features a wide array of modern works, including the 2025 Community Quilt Challenge quilt, which was exhibited at QuiltCon2025. Local vendors, activities for children, free parking at Covington Elementary School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos. Admission is \$10 presale, \$12 at the door (children under 12 free). siliconvalleymqg.com/guildshow

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Bring to Next Meeting:

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Show & Tell

Coffee cup/Water bottle