

Sew Much News

April Program

Ladies,

What an awesome group you all are! That was a spectacular luncheon last month, and lots of work, but Metha made it come off flawlessly. You are amazing, Metha. We are taking a breather in April to come together to relax, sew and enjoy each other's company. We will have plenty of hookups available for machines or just bring your hand sewing. We will also have an opportunity to purchase duplicate books from the library. Come and enjoy an evening of sewing, snacking, and chatting. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Sue D.

Library News

The PQG Library will be having a quilt book rummage sale at the April meeting. There's always room for more quilt books on your bookshelf, so bring small bills for your purchases. Who can resist a bargain! We're cleaning out and freshening up the library. There are lots of traditional quilt books and some duplicates for sale. All are in good to excellent condition. Suggested price is \$1.00 per book - or whatever it's worth to you. Older or smaller books may be several for a dollar. If you find something special,

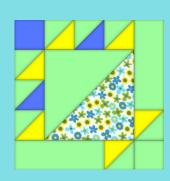
and are feeling generous, you could donate more. There will be an "honor system" container to drop your money into. Proceeds will be used to buy new books. If you

have suggestions for new book purchases, please let me know.

Kitty T.

Welcome!

PQG welcomes the Pacific Flyway Guild from Colusa and their opportunity guilt to our April meeting.



General Meeting

April 4, 2017, 7:00pm Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma

Board Meeting

March 27, 2017, 6:30 pm St. John's Episcopal Church, 40 Fifth St., Petaluma

Don't Forget!

Fat Quarter Frenzy
30's fabric
Block of the Month
Friendship Blocks
Military Blocks
COTS Quilts
Library Books
\$ for Monthly Mini
Show and Tell
Nametag

Minutes of the February 27, 2017 PQG Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Jayne W., Gloria M., Garnet W., Ruth M., Sue D. and Kathy B.

Board Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Members Ellie O. and Metha S.

Call to Order: Garnet called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Motion/second/call - Jayne/Sue/All to approve minutes of the January 30, 2017 Board Meeting as read in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report and Budget: Ruth's report included the following:

- Books have been delivered to Connie B. for audit.
- Retreat checks have been received from Debby L. and payment made.
- A book sale and silent auction are planned for the April general meeting.

Membership Report: Gloria informed the board that there are 92 paid memberships.

Programs Report/Workshops: Sue reported that the March general meeting will feature guest speaker Jennifer Rapacki.

Tri-Guild Luncheon 2017: Metha showed the draft program. She asked for help to transport items from her home to the community center for the luncheon and confirmed that every guest will go home with a gift. Calls are being made to persons on the waiting list to ensure full capacity at the luncheon.

Treasurer's Audit: See Treasurer's Report and Budget section.

Business:

Rare Bear - Rare Science - Cures for Rare Kids - Sara Z. will have information and explain at the April meeting.

By-Laws - Kitty T., Gloria M. and Jean P. have volunteered to review the By-Laws. Gloria asked board members to identify areas in need of updating. Ruth will type the revision.

Irish Chain Opportunity Quilt - Jayne will identify member interest in making small items to be sold when opportunity quilts are shown, with proceeds to the guild. Committee for New Officers: There are no volunteers to date. Members are asked to please contact Jayne or Garnet.

Other: Ellie shared that twenty two childsize quilts and pillow cases have been delivered and that BOM had met with COTS regarding the transfer of quilt blocks. Garnet has had bookmarks to advertise the Petaluma Quilt Guild printed for distribution to local shops.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, March 27 at 6:30 PM at St. John's Episcopal Church in the library. All are welcome.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kathy B. PQG Secretary



Minutes of the March 7, 2017 PQG General Meeting

Call to Order: Co-President, Jayne M. called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes: M/s/c Kathy M. /Fran Z./All to approve February 7, 2017 meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter.

Welcome and Intro New Members & Guests: Gloria thanked Ruth and Ellie for their help during her illness and asked for a shadow to help with general meeting sign-ins if she cannot attend herself.

Special Guests

The San Francisco Quilters Guild was represented by our own Sue D. who sold raffle tickets for a colorful quilt titled "Raspberry Star with a Lemon Twist". The drawing takes place on March 25, 2017 during QUILT San Francisco 2017. The event takes place at St. Mary s Cathedral Event Center, 1111 Gough St. & Geary Blvd., SF, admission \$15. Please visit their website at www.sfquiltersguild.org



The Pine Tree Quilt Guild, of Grass Valley, CA, was represented by Karla R. who displayed a guilt titled "Shoreline Log Cabin" and sold raffle tickets for a drawing to take place during their Springtime in the Pines Quilt Show on May 6 and 7, 2017 at the Nevada City Fairgrounds. Julie Silber, a respected and qualified professional appraiser of antique and vintage quilts made prior to 1960, will be available by appointment and walk-ins as time permits. Both oral (\$25) and written (\$85) appraisals can be requested. To make an appointment, email Pine Tree Quilt Guild at ptqg@comcast.net or call 530-575-8433.

Committee Reports

Block of the Month - Helga B. reported that this committee will be moving to a charity program.

Fat Quarter Frenzy - Sue D., this month's winner, is requesting 1930's for the April meeting.

Half Square Triangle Block - Melissa R. has instructions for the twelfth (and last) block and finishing. She encouraged participants to show their finished tops at the May meeting.

Library - Kitty T. held a drawing for a coffee table quilt book similar to last month. Your name on paper placed in the box is all that's needed to enter this drawing. Donna P. won this month.

Military Quilts - Jayne M. showed the March block for a calico quilt. Additionally, ready with a completed set of blocks, she asked for and found a volunteer to sew together a bear claw patterned quilt.

Monthly Mini - Brenda B. showed two small quilts, made by Louise C., each to have its own winner. (Cont. on p.4)

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Opportunity Quilt - Midnight Garden - Kitty T. has tickets for anyone who needs more to sell for the raffle. Please contact Kitty to volunteer for showing and selling raffle tickets at the April 1 show in Healdsburg and other venues.

Quilts for Cots - Ellie O. reported that twenty two children's quilts and pillowcases were delivered last week. It's time to replenish the stock of children's items.

Round Robin Strip Quilts - Debby L. showed round robin strip quilts in their second month which are available for adding more strips. Please see her if interested. Debby also encouraged members to bring round robins to start. Tri Guild Luncheon 2017 - All is ready for the luncheon, Metha S. is ready for a rest. Thank you, Metha, for your cheerfully given boundless energy to guide this fundraiser. We're looking forward to Saturday's event too. And finally, someone made YOU a bag; we know you'll use it well. Of course, Metha says it wouldn't have been possible without the help of our PQG members. With all their efforts combined, it will be quite a day.

Treasurer's Report

Ruth M. reported the balance in the PQG treasury.

Program

Chair Sue D. introduced guest speaker Jennifer Rapacki. Creativity Unleashed, Incorporating Technology into Quilting was the topic of her presentation. Bringing computers and quilting together is her expertise.



Jennifer's considerable knowledge was evident as she discussed:

Adobe Photoshop Elements, picture editor software and photo enhancement www.adobe.com/products/photoshop-elements.html;

Frax HD, a fractal app for the Ipad http://fract.al;

Electric Quilt 7, quilt design software http://electricquilt.com; and Dye based printers versus pigment printers and fabric requirements.

PQG members were introduced to quilting through the use of pixels, fractals, fabric design and printing, custom printed bindings, fabric weaving, peek-a-boo fabrics and echo quilting.

Here are some products and websites to check out:

iStock www.istockphoto.com (by Getty Images);

Fotolia www.fotolia.com (Adobe stock images-several websites);
Bubble Jet Set 2000 & Rinse;
Printed Treasures Printable Fabric;
Jacquard Inkjet Fabric Sheets, good for deeper color;

deeper color; Spoonflower www.spoonflower.com; Fabric on Demand

www.fabricondemand.com; Modern Yardage http://

modernyardage.com; June Tailor, quilting supplies and tools www.junetailor.com

And be sure to visit Jennifer Rapacki www.JenniferRapacki.com

Business

Rare Bear - Rare Science - Cures for Rare Kids - Deferred to April meeting.

Opportunity Quilt Irish Chain - No discussion.

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Healdsburg Senior Living Quilt & Doll Show - The Sixth Annual Quilt and Doll Show will be held at the Healdsburg Senior Living Community at 725 Grove Street in Healdsburg on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 9AM-3PM. We are invited to participate. Email Jayne M. if interested.

Committee for By-Laws Review/Revision - Kitty T., Gloria M. and Jean P. have volunteered to review the By-Laws. Gloria asked board members to identify areas in need of updating. Ruth will type the revision.

Committee for New Officers -Members are asked to please contact Jayne or Garnet. Pati M. is the first to volunteer.

Next Board Meeting

Monday, March 27 at 6:30 PM, St. John's Episcopal Church, in the church library.

Prize Winners

Monthly Minis, Sue D. and Pati M.; Fat Quarter Frenzy, Sue D.; Door & Name Tag, Joan T.; Attendance, Sue (?); Hospitality, Carol H.





Monthly Mini winners, Sue D. and Pati M.

Show and Tell

Participation by: Nancy D., Dress a Girl dress; Ruth M., hold-all bag; Melissa R., Fancy Fox quilt; Carol H., scrap dolls; Jayne M., baby quilt; Brenda B., quilt made at her first retreat.

Other

Debby L. announced that Joan T. is taking over the quilt show at the Petaluma Sonoma Marin Fair, June 21-25. Entries will be accepted April 18-May 15, \$1/quilt. Sara Z. reported that she has received nine knitted/crocheted scarves for Scarves in the Park to date. Scarves will be hung in parks on November 1 to be taken by anyone who needs one. Scarves in the Park is a national project. Please see Sara if you would like to participate.

Garnet W. has bookmarks to advertise PQG. Please take a handful and bring them to somewhere where they will be seen and taken. Thanks!

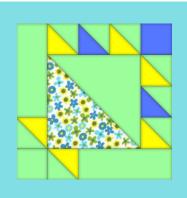
Lost and Found: Please see Jayne M. if you are missing a red water bottle.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:07PM

Respectfully submitted, Kathy B., PQG Secretary



Scrap dolls by Carol H.



Sonoma Quilt Show March 25 & 26

Vintage House 264 1st Street East, Sonoma, CA.

Deadline for Entries
Wine Country Quilt
Show
April 8
MQSC.org

Bay Quilts Gallery April 1 - May 3

"Color Explosion" by Cara Gulati Reception Sunday, April 2nd, 1-4pm.

Save the Dates Sept. 8, 9, 10

PQG Retreat Walker Creek Ranch

Fair Time is Just Around the Corner!

The Sonoma-Marin Fair is coming June 21- 25, 2017. The fair has always been very generous in allowing us to display our opportunity quilt and sell tickets for it, and we would like to return the favor by entering our quilts and ensuring a good turn out for display in the Fine Arts building. This is another opportunity for us to share our love of quilting with our local community, not to mention the chance to win ribbons and prize money as well!

If you have not entered a quilt in the fair before, it is not difficult. A Participant's Guidebook will be available later this month at the fair's website: sonoma-marinfair.org and it will have all the information needed for those who wish to enter quilts. Entry forms will be accepted from April 18 until May 15, and the fee is \$1 per item.

The fair uses the Danish system of judging, offering 1st - 3rd place ribbons for each class. In the Danish system, quilts are judged against a set standards as opposed to being judged against each other, with a result that there may be multiple 1st place ribbons awarded. The judges' score card includes Visual Statement (50%), Construction (10%), Pattern Use and Design (10%), Quilting/Ties (10%), Color (10%), and Binding or Edge (10%). There are also two Best of Show awards (\$25 and Rosette) for large and small quilts, and PQG sponsors an Award of Excellence in memory of Joyce Gross (\$50).

If you have any concerns, JoAn Touchstone is our resident

expert, having been a long time fair goer and participant. She has agreed to be our liaison and will happily answer any questions you might have! Be thinking about what quilts you might enter; it doesn't have to be new. Or this may be the inspiration you need to finish up that long time UFO! Either way, do consider entering! We have "Great Eggspectations!"





Round and Strip Robins

If you are interested in working as a group, we are doing some creative quilts.

If you have a new one started you think will be fun for people to work on, bring it to the meeting and it will be submitted for people to work on.

If you took one, please return it the following month. I know it is one more thing to remember, but it keeps them moving.



Presidents' Letter

Spring greetings! Let us start off by saying what a wonderful job our guild did at the Tri-Guild Luncheon. We heard nothing but compliments, and we even overheard someone say "that this will be a hard act to follow". We are so proud of all you. Putting on the luncheon took a village, and you stepped up and really outdid yourselves. Metha lead a strong team, and we were impressed with everyone who helped make this a successful guild event. Thank you to everyone even those behind the scenes.

Well spring is here, YAY!
We really needed the rain, but it has been nice having the warm sunny days with the hills growing green, trees with budding leaves and flowers all abloom. Spring gives us many inspirations for projects. We're excited with the new Round Robins, Block of the Month Quilt Along, Opportunity Quilt ticket sales off to a great start, and the overhaul of our Guild Library. Inspirations are everywhere so keep on quilting.





Tri-Guild Luncheon

Many thanks to all members for their donations, hard work and efforts in a myriad of ways to help make our 2017 Tri-Guild Luncheon such a resounding success! A special shout out goes to our luncheon chair, Metha S., for her leadership and organization! We could not have done it without you!







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Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month.



Committee Chairs

Block of the Month:

Melissa R., Helga Marie B.

Castoff:

Susan H., JoAnne W., Sally A.

Fat Quarter Frenzy:

Carolyn J.

Friendship Applique:

Barbara C.

Friendship Pieced:

Shannon W.S.

Half Square Triangle Block:

Melissa R.

Hospitality: Laura L.

Library: Kitty T.

Military Quilts:

Jayne M., Pati M.

Committee Chairs

Monthly Mini: Brenda B.

MotherHen: Carol H.

Newsletter: Marilyn F.

Newsletter Mailing: Laura L.

Opportunity Quilt: Kitty T.

Quilts for Cots: Ellie O.

Retreats: Debby L.

Show & Tell: Becky L.

Sunshine: Debby L.

Tri Guild Luncheon:

Metha S.

Webmaster:

Shannon W.S.

Thank You, Affiliates!

Bay Quilts

5327 Jacuzzi St. Suite 3-C Richmond CA 94804 510-558-0218 sfbayquilts.com

Bolt Fabric & Home

219 N. Cloverdale Blvd. Cloverdale, CA, 95425 707-894-2658 www.boltcloverdale.com

Broadway Quilts

20525 Broadway Sonoma, CA 95475 707-938-7312 www.broadwayquilts.com

Meissner Sewing and Vacuum Centers

1250 Mendocino Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 707-575-5259 www.MeisnerSewing.com

Parkside Sewing Center

Bernina/Janome/New Home Authorized Shoppe 410 Santa Rosa Avenue Santa Rosa, CA. 95404 707-576-1430

Quilted Angel

200 G St. Petaluma, CA. 94952 www.quiltedangel.com 707-763-0945



Officers

Co-Presidents: Garnet W., Jayne M.

VP Membership: Gloria K.

VP Program: Sue D.

Secretary: Kathy B.

Treasurers: Ruth M.

Parliamentarian: open, please consider volunteering!