

# Sew Much News

## March Program



We are in for a real treat at our March meeting. Jennifer Rapacki will be our speaker. She comes with rave reviews from other guilds to whom she has presented lectures. "Creativity Unleashed, Incorporating Technology into Quilting" is the title of her talk. She has a mechanical engineering degree and worked in the corporate world for 20 years. She also was a freelance educator for Viking. Learning to sew as a child, she has always loved working with fabric so she was able combine technology and sewing very

successfully. You will love what she has to share with us, even if you don't love technology. See you in March.

Sue D., programs

### March Birthdays

3rd - Connie B.

8th - Helga Marie B.

10th - Eva C.

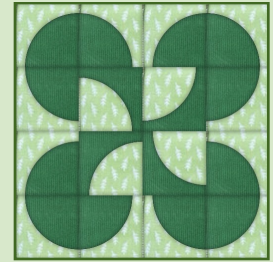


## Tri Guild Luncheon

The Tri-Guild luncheon is just around the corner!! We are in great shape; basket committee is finishing the baskets, Lolli has hens and chicken succulents cooped and sign ups are almost complete.

We will have a final planning committee meeting on March 1 at my house, 7 pm. I would like all committee chairs to attend AND everyone is welcome.

Metha S. ,



### General Meeting

March 7, 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 -  
Solids  
Block of the Month  
Friendship Blocks  
Military Blocks  
COTS Quilts  
Library Books  
\$ for Monthly Mini  
Show and Tell  
Nametag

## Minutes of the January 30, 2017 PQG Board Meeting

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Member Metha S.

**Call to Order:** Garnet called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion/second/call - Jayne/Sue/All to approve minutes of the November 28, 2016 Board Meeting as read in the newsletter. There was no board meeting in December.

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

- Authorization to raffle the Midnight Garden Opportunity Quilt has been received.
- State and IRS paperwork is filed and current.
- Paperwork for PQG has been compiled for audit by Connie B.
- PQG has been asked to sponsor one quilt award for the 2017 Sonoma County Fair in Santa Rosa and another for the 2017 Sonoma-Marin Fair in Petaluma.
- PQG has received a new request from Marin County to sponsor a quilt award for the 2017 Marin County Fair.
- See discussion/action for each fair in Business section below.

**Membership Report:** Gloria is working to determine the status of a few members who have yet to renew for the current year. Renewal letters to affiliates are pending.

**Programs Report/Workshops:** Sue's report included the following:

- February's program will be a presentation by Pati Fried, guest speaker. Additionally, a new seating arrangement will be tried to offer members both audience style and table style seating. Those who work on projects during a meeting may find table style more accommodating.
- The March general meeting will also feature a guest speaker.
- Plans are in the works to begin mystery quilts ahead of time, in preparation for November's speaker.

### Tri-Guild Luncheon 2017

Metha S. summarized the status of preparation as follows:

- Additional ditty bags are needed.
- One more volunteer for table hostess is needed.
- Baskets and/or basket contributions are due by February's general meeting.
- Metha will meet with Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma County later this week.
- Seating availability is now limited; an update will be given at February's general meeting.



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- Several generous donations have been received from community businesses.
- A chef with four high school student helpers has donated services to cover kitchen tasks.
- Metha will show attendees how to make a small quilted 'rug' with multiple uses.
- Hens and Chicks succulents will be planted next.

In other words, preparation is moving right along!

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

**Business:**

- The July general meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday, July 11 due to the Fourth of July holiday.
- Jayne will contact affiliates regarding possible donations for the Tri-Guild Luncheon.
- Fair Requests: PQG will sponsor one quilt award for the 2017 Sonoma County Fair in Santa Rosa and another for the 2017 Sonoma-Marin Fair in Petaluma. Rather than sponsor an award for the 2017 Marin County Fair in 2017, Board members agreed to display the Midnight Garden Opportunity Quilt this year and revisit the idea of a sponsorship in 2018.
- Petaluma Art and Garden Fair: Board members agreed to show and sell raffle tickets for the Midnight Garden Opportunity Quilt. Handmade items may be sold; more discussion is needed.
- Sonoma/Marin Fair, Butter & Eggs, Antique Fair: No discussion
- The Healdsburg Senior Living Quilt and Doll Show is scheduled for April 1, 2017; PQG members are again being asked to show quilts. Jayne will follow up.
- Kitty, T. is working on a possible book theme program and she will have a book sale at our April meeting to sell off excess library books.
- Formation of a By-Laws Committee, to review/propose updates to PQG By-Laws, will be an agenda item for February's general meeting.
- Melissa R. is going to make a change to have the BOM be for a COTS quilt.
- Jayne will check on the status of the Irish Chain opportunity quilt.
- Similar to what other guilds do to advertise, informational bookmarks will be printed for distribution. Kathy will contact the local newspaper to see whether PQG meeting dates can be published. We want to increase awareness of and interest in the guild.
- Formation of a Nominating Committee will be an agenda item for February's general meeting.

**Other:** The Midnight Garden Opportunity Quilt has begun its circuit of other guilds for the purpose of selling raffle tickets.

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

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kathy B., PQG Secretary



## Minutes of the February 7, 2017 PQG General Meeting

**Call to Order:** Co-President Jayne M. called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Approval of Minutes** - M/s/c Kathy W./Sara Z./All to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 general meeting as printed in the newsletter.

**Next Board Meeting** – Monday, February 27, 2017 @ St. John's Episcopal Church, in the church library.

**Visiting Guild** – Representatives DeRay and Shirley of the Valley Quilt Guild in Yuba City showed a stunning quilt titled On the Road in America. Their quilt raffle is scheduled for March 19 at the Yuba City Fairgrounds.

**New Members and Guests** - Five guests were welcomed to the meeting.

**Program** – Guest speaker, Pati Fried, inspired members to try Modern Traditionalism - updating classically designed quilts. Taking us through her personal quilting journey, we were able to see what we might do by choosing a traditional design, thinking outside the box, redesigning, reinventing, and working without hard, fast rules. We begin to say, "What if...?"

Pati explained that her training in artistic and graphic design has given her a new perspective when it comes to designing quilts. She recommended looking closely at our surroundings to find new patterns, experimenting with color-especially with pure color, and reconsidering threads and stitches.



Websites related to Modern Traditionalism include: [www.seehowwesew.com](http://www.seehowwesew.com) and [www.patifried.com](http://www.patifried.com).

**Treasurer's Report** - Ruth M. reported that money from ticket sales for the Midnight Garden Opportunity Quilt has been coming in since the day they were issued.

**Tri-Guild Luncheon 2017** – The Tri-Guild Luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 11 at the Petaluma Community Center. Chair Metha S. reviewed the day's events and

provided important information as follows:

- Due to limited seating, a list of those who are assured seating was passed around.
- Metha has a waiting list should either of the other guilds not use all their seating.
- Names of everyone who turn in a chicken block will be entered in that drawing.
- Workers should arrive at the community center by 9:30 AM unless otherwise directed by their committee chair.
- Chair Barbara C. will confirm by email a time for the table hostess meeting of February 21. Table hostesses will definitely be counted on for two dozen home-made cookies for their table.

### Business

There were four agenda items:

- Update information will be forthcoming about the Irish Chain Opportunity Quilt.
- The Healdsburg Senior Living Quilt & Doll Show will be held on April 1. Jayne M. will email an application to PQG members to use if they would like to exhibit.
- A committee for By-Laws review/revision is needed. Please email Jayne M. if interested.
- A committee to nominate new officers is needed. Please email Jayne M. if interested.

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## Committee Reports

*Block of the Month* – Melissa R. reported that beginning in February, the current Block of the Month project will be incorporated into charity blocks due to lack of participation and finished blocks will be donated to them. Pink/red fabric will be provided to make heart shaped blocks for February's charity quilt and members will provide the white/cream to complete each block. Helga B. shared that the next Block of the Month project will be one that members can make and keep for themselves, a mystery quilt, in anticipation of November's speaker on mystery quilts. If interested, please contact Helga for instructions.

*Half-Square Triangle* – Melissa R. reported that this committee will complete its current project within the next month.



*Fat Quarter Frenzy* – Winner, Nancy L., selected solids for the March meeting.

*Library* – Kitty T. is cataloging library books and will soon post the list on the PQG website so members can check out what's available. She conducted a drawing for a coffee table quilt book and promised more at future meetings. A sale of quilt books will be held in April.

*Military Quilts* – Jayne M. showed the new ribbon block, reported that one quilt is ready to be sewn together and asked for the return of unused kits.



*Monthly Mini* – Sally A. donated this month's mini, a reversible quilt.

*Opportunity Quilt* - Kitty T. asked for ideas for places to take, and members to show, the Midnight Garden Quilt.

*Quilts for COTS* – Ellie O. encouraged members to continue to support COTS. Since October, thirteen quilts have been donated to the Voices Project. In November, laundry baskets were assembled with quilts on top for

foster children graduating from the program.

*Retreat*: There is only one bed remaining for the retreat. If you will be attending, do you have food allergies? Please contact Debby L. regarding either.

*Drawings for Prizes*:

Door & Name Tag, Garnet W.; Monthly Mini, Jayne M.; Fat Quarter Frenzy, Nancy L. and Hospitality, Carolyn J.

*Show & Tell* – As ever, there were numerous participants and inspiration of all kinds. It's always fun to stay till the end of the meeting!



*Lost and Found*: A key was found in the opportunity quilt box; see Jayne M. if you are its owner.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:10 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy B.,  
PQG Secretary



**Tri-Guild Luncheon**  
**Saturday, March 11**  
 Petaluma Community  
 Center



**Bay Quilts Gallery**  
**March 4 - March 29**

"...And In My Spare  
 Time"

by Nina Shortridge  
 Reception Sunday,  
 March 5th from  
 1-4pm.



**Sonoma Quilt Show**  
**March 25 & 26**

Featured Artist:  
 Sandra Bruce  
 Vintage House  
 264 1st Street East,  
 Sonoma, CA.

Fellow Quilter,

We NEED YOUR quilts for the 2017 Wine Country Quilt Show! Please submit your quilts so we can have a fabulous experience for the attendees! Deadline for quilt entries is April 8. Entries can be made on-line or forms printed from the MQSC.org website under the Quilt Show tab.

Trina Jahnsen  
 Quilt Show Entry  
[tjrriver@yahoo.com](mailto:tjrriver@yahoo.com)



## QUILTS FOR COTS

The stormy weather kept many members from attending the last meeting, so I'm going to recap some of the info I shared. Thanks to all of you, 12 more quilts and pillowcases were delivered to the homeless shelter. There is a waiting list, so we could use quilt tops

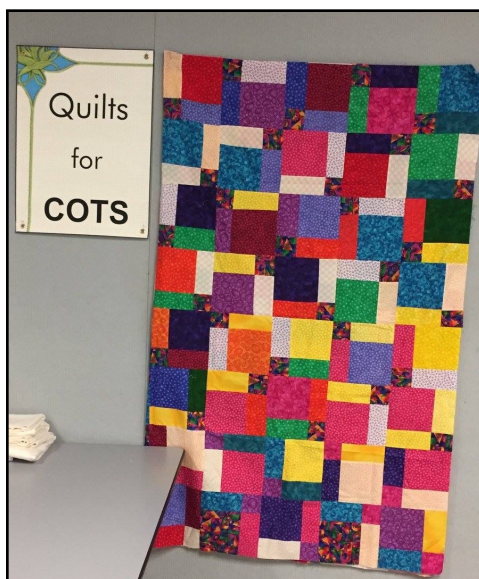
measuring approx. 48 X 78.

The quilts made for the Voices Project (aging out of Foster care) were used in Nov. as

toppers to laundry baskets full of basic needs items ( quilt top size is 48 X 66). I shared

pictures that were sent of the full baskets, along with a thank you note from the project coordinator. We continue to turn your beautiful quilt tops in to cozy quilts. Thank you for your support of these projects.

Ellie







Shannon's quilt for her nephew.



Jim is thrilled with his quilt, given in appreciation of 10 years of helping us set up!



Precision piecing!



Melissa is one foxy lady!

## Retreat News

Retreat in February was amazing. There were 30 of us at lunch on Saturday and 19 spent the evenings. We had so much fun, laughing at our mistakes, then correcting them and helping each other design. Our next retreat will be September 8th, 9th and 10th. More info to come. Debby L.



The next opportunity quilt is coming along.



Debby was the lucky winner of the card trick blocks.

A colorful quilt by Victoria's daughter, Alexis.



Sue's top has been 6 years in the making!

## Presidents' Letter

*Hello Ladies,*

*Here are some fun facts. The earliest record of the Irish Chain pattern is in 1806 or 1814, depending on who you ask. It may be the first use of a block as an allover design (as opposed to blocks used as a border in a medallion quilt). By the 1820's it is a common pattern.*

*Quilting in the 19th century in Ireland was originally a craft done by wealthier women before it made its way into the middle and lower classes. For the wealthy women this became an enjoyable hobby as it was once thought of as a chore. Irish Chain quilts are known for three main versions: The Single, Double and Triple Irish Chains.*

*The design of this quilt gave quilters large spaces to showcase their quilting in the large open spaces between the chains.*

*The pattern of Irish Chains made its way to the United States around the 1820's and soon many variations of these quilts were made. The quilt was a cherished gift.*

*Another fun fact that I've been seeing on Pinterest this last week is the origin of the tomato shaped pin cushion. During Victorian Era, folklore suggests that when a family moved into a new home, a fresh tomato was placed on the mantle to ward off evil spirits and thus bring prosperity to the new homeowners. Since tomatoes were only available in certain seasons and didn't stay fresh forever, the good-luck symbol was frequently fashioned from fabric instead--stuffed with sand or sawdust and made to look like the real thing with embellishments such as leaves and veins. I can imagine how easily the tomato graduated from a "tchotchke" to something more useful. Perhaps even the "voodoo" nature of the tomato encouraged people to poke pins into it. As pin storage progressed from the 15th century, metal pins being very expensive, they were usually stored in fine cases. During the Tudor Era, however, it became a common practice to use fancy cushions. Later, during the Victorian Era, parlor rooms were all the rage, and the goal of the typical housewife was to stuff it full of opulent clutter. Pincushions began to come in fancy shapes, such as fans, dolls, shoes, fruits, and vegetables. These cushions were displayed on tables and hung from walls. In the 1800's they began to be mass-produced, and the tomato proved to be the easiest to assemble because of its simple design*

*I still haven't found out why the emery bag to sharpen and clean pins and needles is shaped like a strawberry and attached to the tomato.*

*May the luck of the Irish be with you,  
Garnet and Jayne*



## Visiting Guilds

PQG welcomes the San Francisco Quilters Guild and the Pine Tree Guild from Grass Valley to our March Meeting. We look forward to seeing their opportunity quilts.



A can't-miss event:  
*Floriani Embroidery Extravaganza*



San Jose

The Terrace at Willow Glen

May 11-12, 2017 • 9AM-5PM

Special presentation on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm

Early Registration in San Jose Ends April 1<sup>ST</sup>!

Sacramento

Sacramento Store

June 23-24, 2017 • 9AM-5PM

Special presentation with a Mystery Guest  
on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm



Early Registration in Sacramento Ends May 13<sup>TH</sup>!

Register at [www.MeissnerSewing.com](http://www.MeissnerSewing.com)!



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(916) 920-2121

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Event Center



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Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month.

**FYI: Change in Shop  
Hours at  
The Quilted Angel**

New hours will begin as of March 1, 2017  
and will be as follows:

**Monday - Friday: 10AM to 4PM**

**Saturday: 10AM to 5:30PM**

**Sunday: 11AM to 4PM**

Plan your shopping accordingly.



### 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](http://sfbayquilts.com)

### **Bolt Fabric & Home**

219 N. Cloverdale Blvd.  
Cloverdale, CA, 95425  
707-894-2658  
[www.boltcloverdale.com](http://www.boltcloverdale.com)

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20525 Broadway  
Sonoma, CA 95475  
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### **Meissner Sewing and Vacuum Centers**

1250 Mendocino Ave.  
Santa Rosa, CA  
707-575-5259  
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### **Parkside Sewing Center**

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Santa Rosa, CA. 95404  
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### **Quilted Angel**

200 G St.  
Petaluma, CA. 94952  
[www.quiltedangel.com](http://www.quiltedangel.com)  
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## **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!