



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April is here. SPRING IN BLOOM is the theme for this year's challenge. I hope most of you will be participating with your own show entries. Remember to submit your entry forms and fees by April 28th. It is important to include a label on your quilt plus a printed artist statement. A photo attached to your artist statement would be nice added touch. The show opens Friday, May 8th. We will be asking members to bring appetizers to serve at the reception.

One last thing, set-up time for our UFO workshop on April 15th is at 9:30 a.m. The room is available for the 16th also, so you can leave your machines setup overnight.

Happy sewing!
Kathy Mayda

Quilt Challenge 2026 "Spring in Bloom"

Date of Exhibit: May 8, 2026 to June 7, 2026
Turn in Entry form by: April 28, 2026
Deliver Artwork: May 6, 2026
Opening Reception: May 8, 2026
Pick up Artwork: June 6, 2026

Challenge Sleeves

Hello Challenge Quilters!

The following are documents I submitted to participants in the "GET IT DONE" workshop yesterday. I have included a request for Phil Kennedy to make a hanger for your quilt if you do not have another option and need his assistance. Please measure the width of your quilt properly and bring a completed form(s) with you

to the APRIL MEETING. The charge is \$12.00 per hanger. The hanger will be delivered to GAC in May on the quilt turn in date and will be matched with your quilt and hung accordingly. The hanger will be returned to you with the quilt after the show, so you can use it time and time again. Looking forward to a very successful show! — Jeri Kennedy

Challenge Artist Statement

Artist Statements and Labels

I know many quilters are modest people and struggle to say something positive about their own quilts!

But I urge you to be proud of your own work. You've chosen to enter it into the Challenge, so make sure your Quilt Story presents it in its best light. Don't tell us what's wrong with it but rather tell us some interesting facts about it.

You ARE an artist. Whether or not you are thinking about art as you quilt, you do work with designs, colors, textures, etc.

Sometimes we lose our "mojo" (superpower). We get stuck and stop working for a time. We can lose motivation and focus. That is the time that we can go back and read our artist statements to see where we wandered off the path. Reading a statement, we put together for a specific piece can help us refocus on our current project. It can help us look around to see where there are inspiration and focus.

If you would like to create a label that is also a statement that is fine. I have included photo examples of labels that can also be considered statements to help you write your own statement/label. Sandy Hughes
(See Sandy Hughes' email for more suggestions)

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Calendar 2026

| Date | Event |
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| April 15 9:30 | UFO Workshop |
| May 8, 4:00 – 6:00 | Challenge Opening Reception |
| May 13 & 14 | Workshop: "Celtic Love Knot" by Leonna McCann |
| May 15 | Lecture by Leonna McCann "Echoes of My Ancestors: My Journey with Celtic Quilt Design" |
| June 19, 12:00 – 3:00 1:00 Guild Meeting | Workshop for Comfort quilts and Veterans Honor Quilts |
| July 17 | PPQG Picnic |
| August 14, 15, 16 | Art in the Redwood |
| September 16 & 17 | Workshop: "Cranes over Hiroshima" by Dana Jones |
| September 18, 12:30 social 1:00 Guild Meeting | Lecture by Dana Jones |
| October 15, 1:00 – 3:00 | Workshop: "Solar fabric dying" by Charlene Younker |
| October 16 12:30 social 1:00 Guild Meeting | Lecture by Charlene Younker |
| November 27 & 28 | Festival of Trees |

PPQG Summer Picnic

The PPQG summer picnic will be on July 17.
~Jan Carter

Membership

Thank you to those who renewed their memberships for 2026. Our current membership stands at 53 members.

~Gail Spencer, Membership Chair

Fundraising Fun

2026 Fundraiser Turn in

No fundraising items were turned in at the March meeting. So, no gift certificate was awarded.

We are most in need of:

- Tortilla Warmers
- Small Balloon Balls
- Aprons
- Playing Card Holders

We would appreciate any suggestions for displaying our materials. The kids usually bring their parents and grandparents over when we have an enticing items like the balloon balls.

Thanks,
Mary Banach

Art in the Redwoods Raffle Quilt

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March 2026 PPQG Meeting and PPQG's 30th Birthday Party



March 2026 PPQG Meeting and 30th Birthday

A most wonderful PPQG 30th Birthday Party. Sandy Hughes brought a most delicious Trink's Chocolate Cake and homemade cupcakes. An assortment of other treats were also brought in from Marcia Luchini, Lisa Woods, Mary Banach – AND Sandy Lockhart's fresh chicken eggs,

Jeri Kennedy made small Easter baskets with pink nail polish and candy.

(Note: Sus' wants all of you to know that he super loves our food.)

Guest Sylvia Hanes Palmer



Sylvia Hanes Palmer from Cloverdale/Mountain View brought a photo of her mother, who was a philanthropist and supporter of quilting activities in the North Bay.



Quilt from Syliva Haines Palmer's mother

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March 2026 PPQG Show and Tell



Loretta Zweig showed an orange and black quilt she made for her son at Princeton. It is the first quilt she has made.

March 2026 PPQG Antique Quilts: Jeri Kennedy's Presentation and Review

Antique Quilts Presentation

Jeri Kennedy was our March meeting presenter. She explained the key points to figuring out an old quilt's age and value.

Key Points:

- Condition
- Type of Fabrics
- Stitch Length (9+ per inch)
- Stitching Techniques (Hand stitched or machine stitched)
- Pattern Complexity

Two colors to watch for are cheddar or chrome orange from early 1900's, and, mint green from the 1930's.

A large number of old quilts were shown by Jeri and fellow members.



Jeri Kennedy's Antique Quilt

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Marcia's Antique Pineapple Quilt



Susanne's vest from an antique quilt



Jan's Grandmother's Quilt



Crazy Quilt