



NEWSLETTER

Next meeting April 1

Lorraine Woodruff-Long is a self-taught quilter living in San Francisco. Her work features intense color, improvisational piecing, and the use of recycled/repurposed fabrics. Lorraine's passion is creating quilts as social and political commentary.

Lorraine will share the inspirations for, and creation of, her ongoing Commentary Quilts series. Sharing artists and creators that have provided inspiration, she will discuss how to use quilting arts to express beliefs, frustrations and aspirations for you community, country and the world. Find out how using your own quilt art practice can provide both a creative outlet, and source of healing and action and how to share your message and art for greater visibility.

Attendees will gain ideas on how to repurpose textiles into statement art, seek sources of inspiration, and use quilts to express concerns and beliefs as well as take action publicly and online.

6 pm
Start
Time!!

Don't Forget..

- Money for Monthly Mini
- Show & Tell
- Little flower fat quarters for Fat Quarter Frenzy



President's Message

Fellow Quilters,

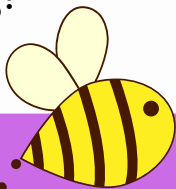
At our April 1 Meeting we will be voting on the future of the Guild. We had the presentation and discussion in March (for more info read the March minutes in the newsletter). We will be voting to adopt a Medium Range Guild model; one with 4 to 6 outside speakers yearly, 6 to 8 classes taught by guild members, Craft fair & other fund raisers, robust charity quilts and a balanced budget.

Our April meeting this year falls on April Fool's Day – don't prank us and miss the meeting!

With that important milepost set, it is time for us to look forward for our 2025-2026 Board. None of these jobs are difficult and most would be less time intensive if done in pairs. We could have co-presidents, co-treasurers, co-secretaries, co-membership chairs, co-program committee. Without these functions there will be no guild. Please dig deep and think about how you could contribute! We've already started on this process; we now have a "Welcome Committee" of Kim Alcott, Barbara Confer, Jane Hensel, and Sharon Johnson – thank you all for stepping up!

With all that said, get out and enjoy some sunshine. Become inspired!
Happy Spring!

Melissa



Guild Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025

Call Meeting to Order –The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Melissa H, President.

Gigi told a quilting story.

Minutes of the February General Meeting – There was a motion and second to approve the minutes of February General Meeting that were in the Newsletter sent by email to the membership. The motion was approved by acclamation.

President's News – Melissa asked Marilyn to provide a treasurer's report to help members understand financial issues facing the guild. Melissa presented three options for the guild to continue operation: 1. A Full Spectrum Guild with a full calendar of events; monthly speakers, yearly retreat and classes, a show, craft fair and other fund raisers and robust charity quilts. 2. A Medium Range Guild one with 4 to 6 outside speakers yearly, 6 to 8 classes taught by guild members, craft fair and other fundraisers, robust charity quilts. 3. A Social Club with no speakers, sewcials for charity and personal quilts, the end of the guild as we know it. Guild members present discussed the issues and options. To implement #1 or #2 will require more outreach, a Ways and Means committee and a nominating committee for new officers for next year as several board members will be cycling off the board. Four members volunteered to form and Outreach Committee: Jane H, Barbara C, Sharon J and Kim A. A motion was made by Debby L and seconded by Kirsten S to move the guild towards the Medium Range Guild option with 12 meetings per year. The motion was discussed and it was decided that the motion will be published in the Newsletter and voted on at the April meeting. Shari K proposed a friendly amendment to the motion that we move forward as a Medium Range Guild with a balanced budget. Those present at the meeting voted to consider and vote on the motion at the April meeting of the guild.

continued on next page

Treasurer's Report – Marilyn provided a detailed Mid-Year Financial Report, including increased operating costs and a decrease in the number of members. The guild has been operating a deficit budget for the last 3 years, with a declining reserve balance. Income from craft fairs and the opportunity quilt so far have not been adequate to cover the costs of speakers and administrative costs (such as room rental and accounting software). The guild will need to participate in more fundraising activities such as the Art and Garden Fair and the Sonoma County Fair to decrease our budget deficit.

Membership –Kathy S reported a total of 32 present with 29 members present and 3 guests.

Monthly Mini – The monthly mini was won by Kathy S.

Program – Amanda Farrell, a hand embroidery artist, provided an engaging presentation on the history and use of Shashiko to mend and embellish textiles.

Attendance Drawing: Garnet won the attendance drawing. Congratulations Garnet!

Name Tag Drawing: Marina won the name tag drawing.

Show and Tell– Karen K shared the greeting cards she designs.

Melissa recognized Marina for her service to the guild and presented her with red and white maple blocks made by members. Marina will be leaving the guild and moving back to Canada. Melissa is starting a Round Robin quilt. Check with her if you would like to participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Shari K., PQG Secretary

Military Quilts

Hello Quilters, We are making great progress on our goal for the year. I unfortunately have a longarm computer problem at the moment. I will try and practice my free motion quilting and see how that goes, but my coordination is not the best. I will try and have some to bind at the next meeting. I will have top kits, also a couple of half quilt top kits if you want a smaller commitment, pillowcase kits and the military BLOCK OF THE MONTH. The BOM is an easy 3, 6, or 9 inch piece to sew together and they are a quick sew. Remember many hands make light work. Come by the Military table so come on by and pick up a kit. Thank you for your support. Jayne and Nancy

Petaluma Quilt Guild Board Meeting Minutes March 18, 2025

Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM by Melissa H, President

Board Members present: Melissa H, President; Kathy S, Vice President of Membership; Marilyn F, Treasurer

Approval of the minutes from past meeting – The Board minutes for February meeting were approved by e-mail.

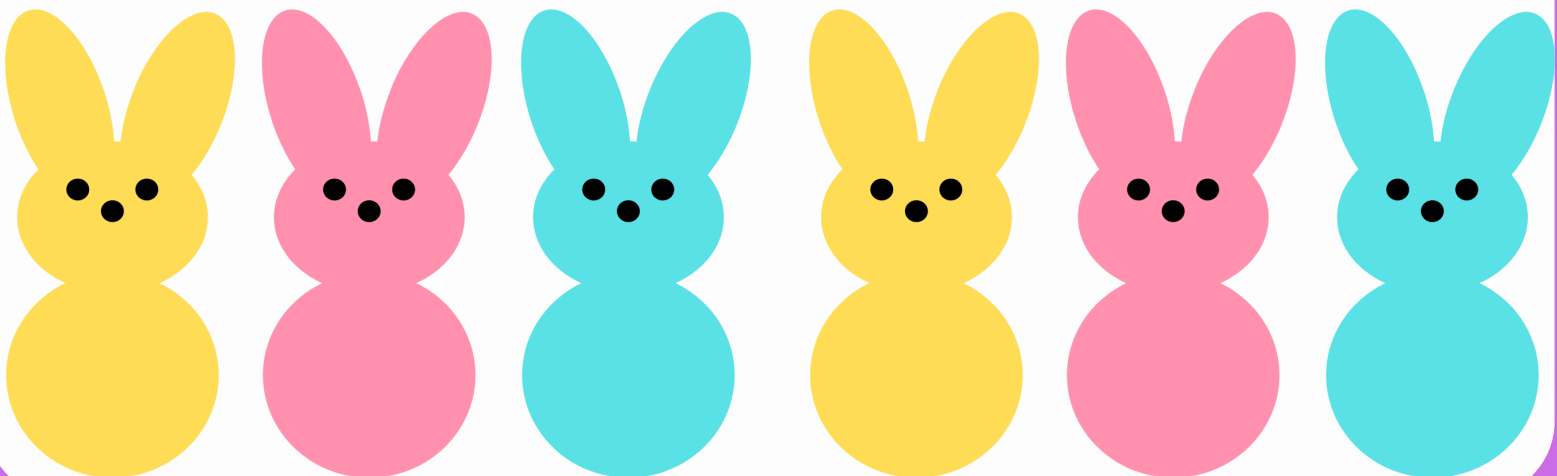
President: The Elks craft fair is on April 13th. Craft items needed for this sale. Need to send out an E-blast before the April meeting to encourage attendance to vote on the proposed ongoing structure of the Petaluma Quilt Guild. We need to encourage people to step up to serve on the board as the whole board will turn over this year. Melissa described strategies to recruit for the Secretary and Treasurer positions. Marilyn says she can teach anyone to perform the treasurer duties and will help them. One possibility includes shared positions. Melissa met with the Welcoming Committee (replacing the Mother Hens). We need a committee to get started on the 2025-26 Opportunity Quilt.

Secretary: Kathy S taking notes in Shari's absence.

Treasurer: Marilyn would like to get a new treasurer as soon as possible to begin to orient them and determine if they will use the Money Minder software or something else. The Money Minder subscription ends on September 1. Marilyn stated that when members vote on the kind of guild we want to be, we need to be clear that we are voting on Option 2 as a goal. We must understand that we may not be able to afford 4-6 speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Shari K, Secretary



Outreach Committee

The newly formed Outreach Committee met for the first time on March 10th to kick around ideas for lifting our profile in the community, for recruiting and retaining members, and to look into general satisfaction with membership in the Guild. The committee includes Sharon Johnson, Barbara Confer, Jane Hensel, and Kim Alcott – three tenured members and one newbie to bring new perspective! We are very interested in hearing thoughts and feedback from the entire membership on ways to increase community engagement and enhance the appeal of participating with the guild.

One thing put in place immediately was a Welcome Committee to assist guests and new members with feeling welcome and supported. Jane Hensel and Sharon Johnson will be co- chairs on this committee with the new name, the Welcome Committee, but the role is similar to the former Mother Hen if you've been around for a while and remember how valuable that person was to us! Stay tuned for more things to come!



Quilts Needed for Local Fair!

All Quilters ,

I hope you are selecting quilts to put in this year's Sonoma Marin Fair. I will have entry blanks and fair brochures at our April meeting and let you know the deadline for returning the forms. I promised the fair **at least 30 quilts** this year, and we could have more. The information will say you need to have made it this year but it could be from any time and if it hasn't been shown in several years no one will know. Let's have a great showing this year. We will also have sign ups to take shifts to sell opportunity quilt tickets. See you at the meeting.

Sue

Moonlight Quilters Day Camp Invite

Join Us for a Quilting Day Camp!

Are you ready for a day filled with creativity, laughter, and delicious meals? We are excited to invite you to our Quilting Day Camp, where you'll have ample time to sew, chat, and enjoy lunch and dinner with fellow quilting enthusiasts.

Event Details

- **Date: April 5th and 6th**
- **Time: 10AM-8PM**
- Cost: \$60

What's Included

- Quilting sessions with plenty of time to work on your projects
- Opportunities to talk and share tips with other quilting lovers
- Lunch and dinner provided

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to indulge in your passion for quilting while making new friends and enjoying great food. Space is limited so secure your spot today by signing up through the following link:

: <https://www.mqsc.org/signup-for-day-camp>

We look forward to seeing you there! Please email VP Sue Evans with any questions: mqscvp@gmail.com



Dear PQG Friends,

To say that I was blown away by your generous gift of the Maple Leaf blocks is an understatement. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and craftiness. The colours are wonderful and I have a perfect spot to hang the quilt once the nice weather arrives.

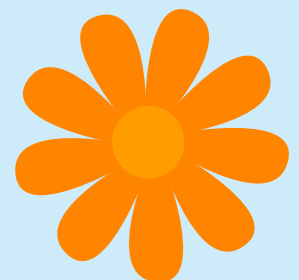
I won't be sewing the blocks together before I "leave" but the blocks are "tapped" (get it? maple syrup?) as my first housewarming project. I may even find a couple more reds to add during my cross country drive back to Toronto. Next stop - the International Quilt Study Center in Lincoln NE!

Thank you for all the years of fun, festivities and friendship.

I will miss you all dearly.

All the best,

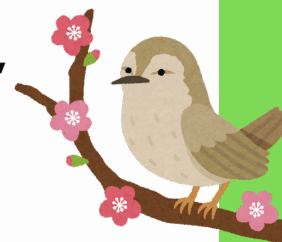
Marina



Volunteers and Crafts needed!

Elks Lodge Petaluma, 2105 S McDowell Blvd # A,
Petaluma

Sun April 13, 10am to 3pm



There will be patterns and sign up sheets at the April Meeting. Six volunteers could make this happen fairly easily. The most important job we have is merchandising – someone to set our table up in an attractive manner. If you have this skill PLEASE join us!!

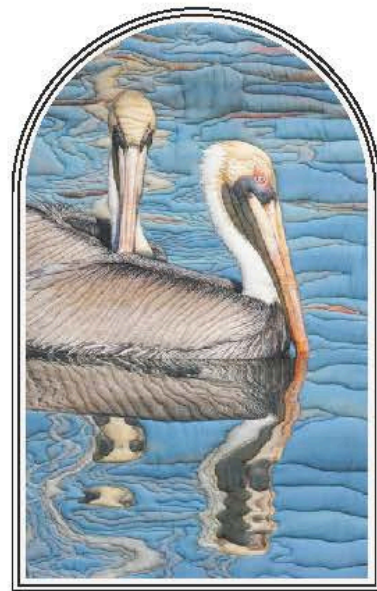
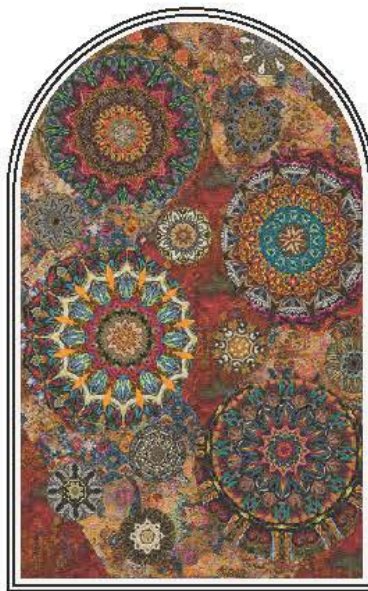
Help Needed

Hello, My name is Clare and I'm a Petaluma resident. I got your info from someone who thought maybe you might be able to support. A friend of mine in Forestville recently lost their home and all of their belongings in a housefire at the end of February. One of their requests is quilts as they start to rebuild their lives and belongings. They are a mother, father, and 3 yr old. They also have a new baby on the way- as mama is 22 weeks pregnant. Would the Guild be able and interested in donating any quilts to this sweet little family? They love nature and natural colors but I'm sure they'd be open to any quilts! Thank you for your consideration! Clare
clarepittonmsw@gmail.com



Just Quilts!

April 19th, 2025 - May 25th, 2025



Featuring three innovative, award-winning, talented quilters from the Valley of Heart's Delight (Santa Clara Valley).

These featured quilters are Charlotte Scholberg, Randa Mulford, and the late Joy Palmer.



520 South 1st St, San Jose CA 95113
www.sj-mqt.org | (408) 971-0323

Thursday/Friday: 1PM - 5PM
Saturday/Sunday: 11AM - 5PM

Monthly Mini

It's tea time everyone! Enjoy an afternoon with your favorite friends. You can pack your necessities, tea sandwiches, scones, tea cakes, pastries, and other treats inside the beautiful teapot themed tote bag created by Debbie Lowenthal. It can be yours for a \$1.00 ticket (or 6 for \$5.00) at the Monthly Mini table. Thank you for your contribution Debbie.

Congratulation to Kathy Spicher for winning Jayne Meyer's project bag at our last meeting.

Thank you to all who are purchasing tickets, donating extra money for our cause, and creating mini projects for our fund raiser.

Sherri Graham



Affiliates



April Birthdays

Jane H- April 12

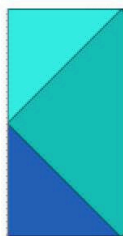
Margaret C - April 30

Block of the Month

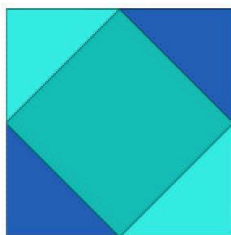
BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Tumbling Block Cheat MAKE IN FEB, RAFFLE in MARCH

This Block of the Month involves making

- 9 Diamond in a square blocks
- 3 Flying geese
- The color & fabric scheme:
 - 3 colors in the same family, a light, medium and a dark
 - Diamonds and geese should be stripes
- The block you turn in should be 12 1/2" by 14 1/2"



Geese Rectangles
2 1/2" by 4 1/2"



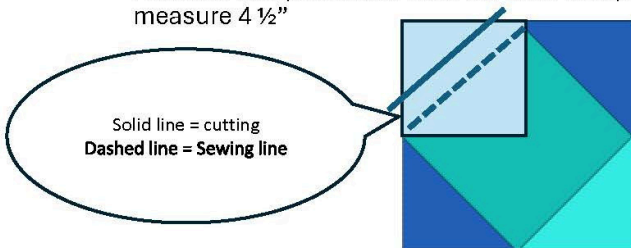
Diamond in a Square
4 1/2" by 4 1/2"

Measures 12 1/2" by 14 1/2"



BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Tumbling Block Cheat MAKE IN FEB, RAFFLE in MARCH

- Diamond in a Square—Make 9
 - Cut 9 squares of your stripes, 4 1/2"
 - Cut 18 squares from each of your light and dark fabric, 2 1/2"
- Mark a diagonal line in each of the small squares
- Right sides together, sew on the marked line, putting lights in opposite corners. Trim off extra and press
- Right sides together, sew on the marked lines darks in opposite corners. Trim off extra from the corners and press
- Finished components should look like sample and measure 4 1/2"

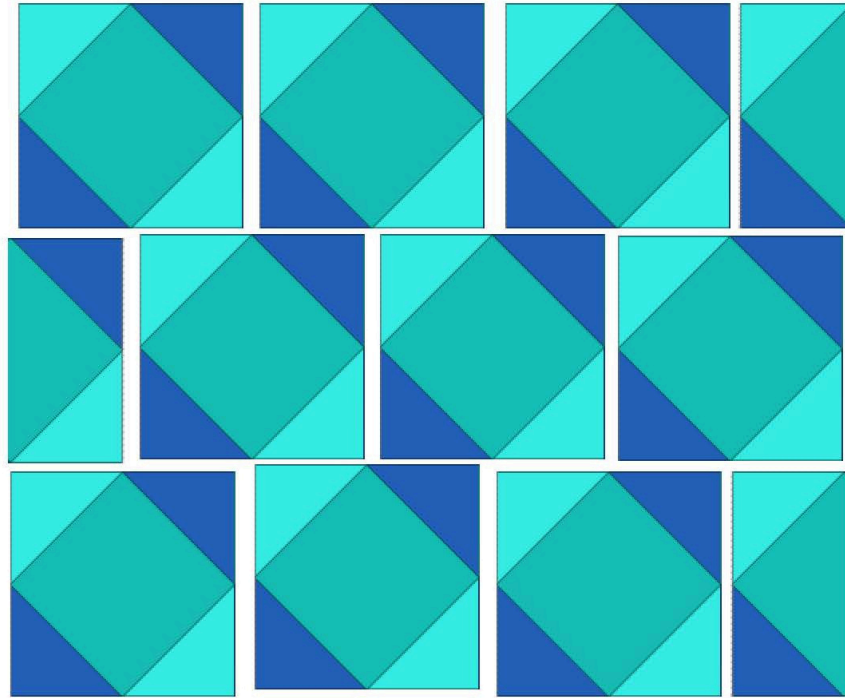


- Flying Geese—Make 3
 - Cut 3 strip rectangles, 2 1/2" by 4 1/2"
 - Cut 3 squares from each of your light and dark fabric, 2 1/2"
- Mark a diagonal line in each of the small squares
- Using the same method described in the Diamond block, put right sides together, sew on the marked line, putting one light square and one dark square on each rectangle. Trim off extra and press
- Finished components should look like sample and measure 2 1/2" by 4 1/2"



- Video Resources:
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_QMrCHWxRc
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Vdqu53TtI>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3zu3Zh0kks>

Layout



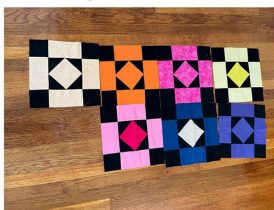
Block of the Month Update—Yikes, I've been hoarding the blocks—
February we raffle them to makers!

Amish Diamonds

There are 7 lovely blocks

Make some more and this collection might be yours!

At the next meeting makers put your name into the pool!



Wandering Geese

There are 3 lovely blocks

Make some more and this collection might be yours!

At the next meeting makers put your name into the pool!



Disappearing Hourglass

(make in January, raffle in February)

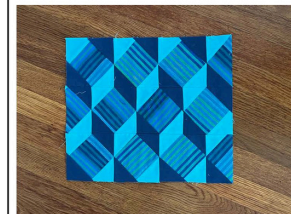
So far we have 5 blocks turned in, we'll collect the rest and raffle in the February meeting



Tumbling Block Cheat

(Make in February, raffle in March)

NEW block



Round Robin Rules

A **quilting round robin** is a collaborative quilting project in which multiple quilters work together to create a quilt, each contributing to different sections in a rotating fashion. Round robins are a fun way to challenge creativity, build community, and end up with a unique quilt infused with different styles and techniques.

How It Works:

1. Starting Block – Each participant begins with a center block they design.
2. Rotation – The block is passed to the next person in the group, who adds a border, row, or other elements according to agreed-upon guidelines.
3. Ongoing Additions – The quilt continues rotating through the group, with each participant contributing until the quilt reaches a predetermined size, stage or number of rounds.
4. Final Return – The completed quilt top is returned to the original owner, who can then quilt and finish it as desired.

Variations:

- Medallion Style – A center block is passed around, with each participant adding a border.
- Row-by-Row – Instead of borders, each quilter adds a new row to the quilt.
- Block Bonanza – Instead of borders or rows, each quilter makes a compatible block to give to the original owner.

Participating:

- We'd like to have groups of 5 or 6 participants
- Quilters should be comfortable and committed to the timeline and guidelines.
- Each quilter selects a Round Robin style ---see the guidelines below

General Guidelines:

- Pick a Round Robin style and size for the initial unit
 - Center medallion: a square or rectangle with maximum dimensions up to 18"by 18"
 - Row: up to 60" wide
 - Blocks: square or rectangle up to 12" x 12", participants can ask for specific size, e.g, 4x4 finished
- **Theme** – Participants will pick
 - A specific fabrics they want in the quilt or outline a color theme, e.g., black and white, brights, pastels, red and white, etc.
 - A fabric type, e.g., solids, batiks, small prints, stripes, polka dots, large scale prints, 30's reproductions or scrappy
 - Block/border style, e.g, traditional, improv, modern
- **Timeline** – Participants will have 6 weeks per round

Round Robin Rules continued on next page

Round Robin Rules continued

Prepare and Start!

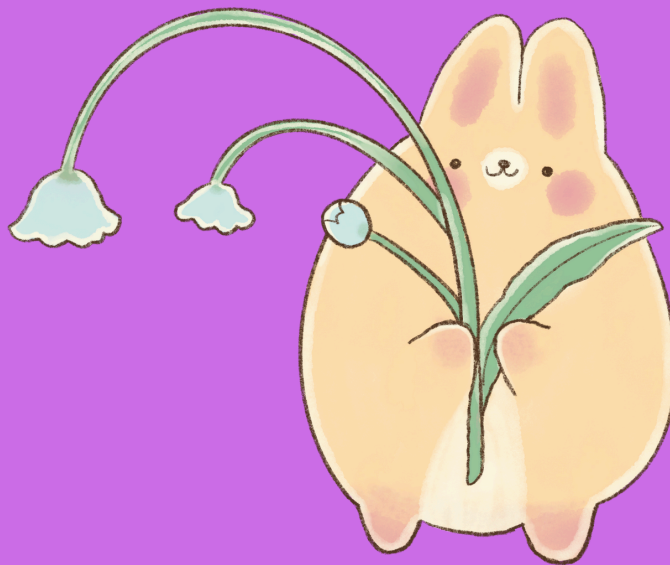
- Each participant starts with their own center block (or row, depending on the style).
- Include a journal or notebook with each quilt for notes, fabric swatches, or inspiration.
- Fabric: if the participant only wants a given set of fabrics, include those with the block; if everyone is adding fabric with each round, include a small amount of yardage for the next quilters so the quilt can have some cohesiveness throughout the rounds
- Each quilt has a rotation order so everyone gets a turn working on each piece.
- We'll use a tracking sheet to record who has which quilt and when it's due.
- Once the first round is complete, pass it to the next person in the rotation.

The Big Reveal! 🎉

- Once all rounds are complete, return the quilt tops to their original owners.
- Host a final meeting of the Round Robin participants and a show and tell at a Guild meeting so everyone can see the finished quilts!

Tips for a Smooth Round Robin:

- ✓Stick to Deadlines – Encourage accountability among the group to keep things moving.
- ✓Keep Communication Open – A group chat or email thread helps answer questions.
- ✓Be Flexible – Quilts evolve during the process, so be open to creative surprises!
- ✓Have Fun! – The joy of a round robin is seeing how different styles come together.



Officers

- Melissa H - President
- Kathy S - VP Membership
- Margo C - VP Programs
- Marilyn F - Treasurer
- Shari K - Secretary

Committee Chairs

Block of the Month - Margo C

Castoff Table - Laura L

Hospitality - Open

Military Quilts - Jayne M

Monthly Mini - Shari G

Mother Hen - Open

Newsletter - Amanda C

Opp Quilt 2025 - Marilyn F

Quilts for COTS - Ellie O

Retreats - Debby L

Ways & Means - Open

Webmaster - Amanda

Sew Much News
Petaluma Quilt Guild
40 Fourth St #270
Petaluma CA 94952

www.petalumaquiltguild.org

Sew Much News **Advertising Rates**

1/8 page 6 mo \$30 1yr \$50

1/4 page 6 mo \$50 1yr \$75

1/2 page 6 mo \$75 1yr \$125

Full page \$50 each time.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS
THE 15TH OF EACH
MONTH!!!!