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Piecing Partners

Quilt Guild

November 18 General Meeting

Important voting information on [page 2](#).

Welcome all to the last meeting of the year. Our program on November 18 at 9:30 AM will be the much-anticipated reveal of the Challenge Quilts rescheduled from July. While many of you have seen them on Facebook, they will be displayed in all their beauty for up-close enjoyment. The Challenge Committee has put together a wonderful slide show about the quilts and their creators.

Also, in November we have rescheduled member sales tables. Looking for a treasure or rewarding yourself for restraint over the last several months? There will be several tables of goodies to shop and plenty of time to do so with distancing observed for your safety. (Contact Robin, below, if you want to sell.)

[Michelle Condon](#) 540-710-3382, michquilts@gmail.com

[Robin Thorne](#) 719-487-3278, mnrthorne@gmail.com

January 2021 Meeting

We are privileged to have our own extraordinarily talented and award-winning quilter, Shirley Gisi. Shirley's lecture is "Design Your Own Quilts" and will include a display of some of her work.

In addition, Shirley will lead a half-day workshop that afternoon for an intriguing technique in the "Shrink Art" category. Samples of her technique will be displayed at the November meeting, along with sign-up sheets for the workshop. Other methods for workshop sign-up will be presented at a later date in the event you cannot attend the November meeting in person.

Participation in the workshops is important so that the Guild can continue to offer high-caliber speakers and workshops to our members. Besides, it's a good way to meet other members and have some fun!

INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDELINES

When [School District 11](#) announces a 2-hour delay due to bad weather:

- ✂ PPQG General Meeting will be held as scheduled.
- ✂ PPQG Board Meeting is CANCELLED.
- ✂ Workshop(s) scheduled for that afternoon and the following day will be held as scheduled.

When [School District 11](#) closes due to bad weather:

- ✂ PPQG General Meeting is CANCELLED.
- ✂ PPQG Board Meeting is CANCELLED.
- ✂ Workshop(s) scheduled for that afternoon and the following day will be held as scheduled.

As always, members should travel at their own discretion.

[Piecing Partners Quilt Guild](#) meets monthly, the third Wednesdays of January—October. **Sign-in begins at 9:00 AM, and the meeting begins at 9:30.**

We welcome guests and new members at all meetings. The annual membership fee is \$25, and our guest fee is \$5 per meeting. Usually we meet at the [Elks Lodge in Colorado Springs](#), 3400 N Nevada Ave. Check this [newsletter on our website](#) for confirmation of our location.



Please respect our members who need handicapped spaces the most.

Another Important Election

We're all tired of hearing about elections and the need to vote. However, PPQG has an important voting opportunity: the election of 2021 Officers and Coordinators.

QUORUM NEEDED

Earlier this year our membership revised our Bylaws, and a quorum is now 35% of the total membership. With the complication of COVID-19, we are grateful that the new Bylaws allow the vote to be made in several ways.

EMAIL, SNAIL MAIL, OR GENERAL MEETING

Every member with an email address provided to the Guild will receive an email with a link for voting. Email ballots will be sent the week of **November 9th**.

If you do not vote by email, you have the option to vote by paper ballot at the Guild meeting on Wednesday, November 18th. You may only vote once!

If you receive your newsletter by USPS Mail, you will receive a ballot in the mail, with a return envelope.

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Nominations will be accepted by phone or email to Michelle Condon until **November 10**.

The Newsletter/Communications position is currently open. Current editor Cindy Brown Bair is creating a new template using Microsoft Word. It will be easy to use and modify.

SLATE OF OFFICERS

The current nominees are:

President: **Sue McMullen**

1st Vice President: **Terry Fountain**

2nd Vice President: **Ann Przybylski**

Secretary: **Sharon Wood**

Treasurer: **Judy Cartmell**

Membership: **Danielle Keenan**

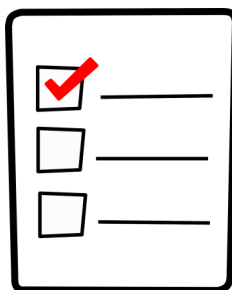
Newsletter Editor/Communications Coordinator: **OPEN**

Hospitality Coordinator: **Saundy Milroy**

Fundraising Coordinator: **Barb McCarty**

Community Outreach Coordinator: **Robin Thorne**

Member Activities Coordinator: **Kathy Kruckenberg**



SUMMARY

Only one vote method will be counted per member. We're offering different options for casting your vote because so many are unable to attend in-person meetings at this time. If you do not receive an email from me by Friday, November 13th, please call or email [Michelle Condon](mailto:Michelle.Condon), Nominations Chair, (540) 710-3382 or michquilts@gmail.com.

Member Activities

2021 Membership

The 2021 PPQG membership form is on [page 7](#). You can either use this form or pick up one at November meeting, then return it at the meeting or mail it to the address on the form. Annual membership is still \$25. Cash (at the meeting) or a check is accepted, no credit cards please.

We have over \$800 in the scholarship fund which can be used for membership or workshop fees, so if you need assistance with covering dues please speak with Danielle Keenan or President Sharon Signorelli. Membership forms must be received by January 31, 2021 to be included in the 2021 Membership Directory.

[Danielle Keenan](#)

Calendar

Week of November 9

Email ballots are sent this week to all PPQG members.

Tuesday November 10

Last day for additional officer nominations. Contact Michelle Condon (contact information at left bottom).

Thursday November 12

Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center museum reopens in a limited capacity. The galleries will be open to the public by reservation only, Thursdays—Saturdays 10 AM—4 PM beginning November 12. Free days are Saturday, **November 14** and Friday, **November 20** (advance registration required).

Wednesday November 18

Piecing Partners Quilt Guild (PPQG) General Meeting. While our Holiday Party is cancelled for 2020, *we will have a regular meeting on November 18* at 9:30 AM to vote on our leadership for 2021.

Monday December 7

Piecing Partners Quilt Guild (PPQG) Board Meeting. All PPQG members are welcome to attend. 9:30 AM, venue TBD.

January 20, 2021

Piecing Partners Quilt Guild (PPQG) General Meeting. Shirley Gisi is an award-winning quilter and a member of our Guild and will speak on "Designing Your Own Quilts." Elks Lodge, Colorado Springs, 9:30 AM.

PPQG Monthly Workshop. Shirley Gisi will lead a half-day workshop on "Designing Your Own Quilts." The program and workshop are subject to change due to weather or Covid restrictions. Elks Lodge, Colorado Springs, 1 PM. \$25 PPQG members, \$35 non-members.

January 31, 2021

Membership forms and dues are due today, in order to be included in the 2021 Directory.



Sunshine

Our Sunshine committee chair, [Bobbie Aug](#), will send a card to any member who is ill or has a significant life event. If you know of a member who would appreciate a card, please contact Bobbie.

Members' Library

If you have a book to return and you're unable to attend the November meeting, please make arrangements with either Barbara McCrorie or Sharon Gokey.

The PPQG library has new books, and the list is now on our new website. To each month's General Meeting, our librarians bring a selection of the Guild's collection for free checkout by members. The loan period is two months.

[Barbara McCrorie](#), 720-220-5113

[Sharon Gokey](#), 703-283-3694

Guild Support for Your Projects

While many things have been put on hold this year, I know some of you have remained active in your small groups meeting virtually or socially distanced as able. In these groups you meet for friendship, skill sharing and, often times, to work on community projects dear to your heart.

We want to hear about those projects!! What can the Guild do to support your efforts-we have oodles of fabric you know!! Do you provide quilts to a local organization? Does your group provide auction or raffle quilts for local non-profit fundraisers? Are there more of you out there making pet beds or kennel crates for animal rescues or sanctuaries?

Email or phone Robin to tell her about your project and let's discuss ways the Guild can support you so I can seek Board approval for your projects.

[Robin Thorne](#), 719-963-3999

Community Outreach

Quilts for Fire Victims

Colorado Quilting Council is working with the [Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum](#), [eQuilter](#) in Boulder, and [Ruth's Stitchery](#) in Colorado Springs to collect quilts for those who have lost so much in this year's wildfires. Some specifics are still coming together. Here's what we can tell you now:

- ✂ New and never used quilts can be dropped off at the museum in Golden, eQuilter in Boulder, and Ruth's Stitchery in Colorado Springs.
- ✂ We don't have size needs yet, so bring what you have and we will find a home for it.
- ✂ We may need help delivering quilts. More on that in the future.

Email questions to [Laural Hoppes](#), quiltinglaural@comcast.net.

Patty's Exhibit

Patty Brown has been a PPQG member since the 70s. She and her husband, Allen, collect crazy quilts. Fifteen of those quilts will be on display in the main gallery of the [Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum](#) through January 17, 2021. The show is part of the museum's 30th anniversary celebration.

[Membership in the museum](#) is \$30 per year.



Fundraising

Our love of quilting can propel each of us on the path to keep our Guild on solid financial footing. Below is a short list of ways we can raise funds in the early part of the year.

- ✂ Membership revenue is key. Recruit *new* PPQG members this winter. Everyone renewing their membership should do so now or as soon as the new year begins.
- ✂ Sign up for the fundraising committee to share your ideas.
- ✂ Tell us of opportunities at your other organizations where we could sell or auction our items (a holiday craft fair, etc.)
- ✂ Consider making something awesome to donate for the in-house raffles in 2021.

[Sue McMullen](#), Interim Fundraising Coordinator

Yet more news...

Colorado Quilting Council

All in-person meetings of CQC are canceled through March 2021. The next online meeting will be on December 5. Check the CQC website for information concerning their online meetings, programs and workshops.

CQC dues have increased for 2021. If you have a membership date other than January (most "old time members" have January renewal dates), you will receive an email in the month your renewal is due. Please consider supporting this state organization that has always been influential in supporting the art of quilting.

November Member Sales Tables

Tables are available for member sales in November. Please contact Robin Thorne 719-963-3999 to reserve a table.



**If there's a seam ripper
in my hand...
Do. Not. Bother. Me.**

Income and Expense Report October, 2020*

October 2020 Income	\$ 165.00
October 2020 Expenses	\$ 1,815.65
October 2020 Net Ordinary Income	\$ (1,650.65)
2020 YTD Income	\$ 7,942.61
2020 YTD Expenses	\$ 13,963.75
2020 YTD Net Ordinary Income	\$ (6,021.14)
General Checking Acct	\$ 5,103.34
Money Market Acct	\$ 29,832.62
Raffle Checking Acct	\$ 1,101.97
Savings Acct	\$ 577.34
Cash on Hand	\$ 75.00
Available Funds	\$ 36,690.27
*October interest is not included in the income amounts listed or in bank account amounts.	

Mary Moore, Treasurer

ppqgbiz@bjelkier.com

719-687-6874

MY MEETING CHECKLIST

- ☐ Bring to the November meeting (or mail) my unpurchased Raffle Quilt Tickets to Susan McMullen. *Every ticket has to be accounted for* per state gaming regulations.
- ☐ Bring a Show & Tell item
- ☐ Bring my calendar and checkbook or credit card for November Workshop
- ☐ Return books to the Guild's Library
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

October General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 10:10 a.m. Minutes of September general meeting approved as published.

Treasurer - Mary Moore: Available funds \$39,156.46. Have deficit of \$4,370.49 at end of quarter (due to refunding raffle tickets).

Programs and workshops - Terry Fountain: Jan. – Shirley Gisi will be speaker – no workshop. Feb. – Cindy Brick will be speaker and present workshop.

Membership - Danielle Keenan: 56 members in attendance today. 2021 membership forms are available. Annual fee is \$25.00. Forms need to be received by Jan. 21, 2021 for information to be included in 2021 directory. Scholarship funds are available for memberships or workshop fees.

Interim Communications Coordinator - Cindy Brown Bair not in attendance; report by Sharon Signorelli: If you haven't received newsletter by email or mail, notify Cindy. Carol Wilkerson requested pictures of holiday quilts and crafts to be included on the website. Cost of printing and mailing newsletter will increase from \$12 to \$15 (reflected on membership form).

Interim Community Outreach Coordinator - Robin Thorne: Looking for help with Rockledge Ranch and Colorado Grown Festival. For small group projects, please get Board approval and you can use some of the fabric in storage. We are involved in Quilts of Valor and are also making quilts for veterans in PPQG so we can recognize them.

Charity Quilts – ongoing.

Interim Fundraising Coordinator - Susan McMullen: Raffle quilts are available for 2021 and 2022. Looking forward to Rock Ledge and other possible fundraisers. Will be looking into options for other auctions, brown bags, etc. to generate income.

Interim Hospitality Coordinator – Pat Cramer - no report.

Interim Member Activities Coordinator - Kathy Kruckenberg not in attendance. Put and Take – Ginny Hall - Christmas fabrics are available on put-and-take table. No Christmas party this year.

Block of the Month – Jerri Jason - Name was drawn from persons returning completed blocks. Marsha Bowen won the fat quarters. prize

Challenge Quilt – Robin Thorne: Look on Facebook or in quilt shops to see them. All quilts will be here for viewing in November. There will also be a slide show presentation. Voting was done on Facebook previously. Will have Member Sales table in November for those who would like to do sales. \$10 per table.

Nominations – Michelle Condon: Nominations are still open until November meeting. Will hold elections at November meeting. Vote will be done by email, in person, or by mail for three separate ways to vote.

Storage Units – Sharon Signorelli: Had moving work day on 9/23/20. Moved from 10 x 20 unit to 10 x 10 unit. This will save \$742.80 in 2021 for storage costs.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Announcements: Crazy Quilts from Patty and Allen Brown will be displayed by Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum via Zoom on Sunday 11/8 at 2:00-3:00. Code for access would be on RMQM web site.

Board meeting on Mon. 11/2 at 9:30 a.m. at Elks Lodge.

November meeting will be on November 18 at 9:30 at Elks Lodge.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

You haven't had enough coffee
until you can thread the sewing machine
while it's running.

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Christmas Projects



Kathy Veghte. Pepita's Gift, foundation pieced tree skirt.



Kathy Veghte. Winter Wonderland, wool applique table runner.



Kathy Veghte. Christmas Jewels, using the Quick Curve Mini Ruler, wall hanging.



Cindy Brown Bair. Reversible table runner with detachable poinsettias.

2020 Leadership

Our membership voted in August to change the structure of our leadership, and under the new Bylaws and Standing Rules we're completing 2020 using this new structure.

President	Sharon Signorelli
1st VP	Robin Thorne
2nd VP	Terry Fountain
Treasurer	Mary Moore
Secretary	Linda Richardson
Parliamentarian	Pat Webb
Communications Coordinator	Cindy Brown Bair
IT Committee	Carol Wilkerson
Social Media Committee	AVAILABLE
Website Manager	Carol Wilkerson
Hospitality Coordinator	Pat Cramer
Facility Liaison	Jill Jantzen
Holiday Party Committee	Deborah Sandoval
Quilt Buddies	Barbara Gaston
CQC Representative	Pat Webb
Community Outreach Coord.	Robin Thorne
Colorado Grown Festival	Anne Lett-Brown
Rock Ledge Demonstration	Anne Lett-Brown
Charity Quilts	Julia Grigsby
Quilts for Veterans	Genie Brown
.....	Carol Flax
Fundraising Coordinator	Susan McMullen
RL Chair & Silent Auction	Ann Przybylski
Silent Auction	Barb McCarty
In-House Raffle	Loretta Eger
.....	Kathy Kruckenberg
Raffle Quilt	Susan McMullen
Member Activities Coordinator	Kathy Kruckenberg
Bee Keeper	Marie Blowers
Block of the Month	Jerri Jason
Challenge Quilt	Judy Druelinger
Historian	AVAILABLE
Librarians	Barbara McCrorie
.....	Sharon Gokey
Member Sales	Robin Thorne
Phone Committee	Barbara Gaston
Put and Take	Ginny Hall
Show and Tell	Bobbie Aug
Sunshine Committee	Bobbie Aug

Piecing Partners Quilt Guild – 2021 Membership Form

- ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal
☐ Change of Information ☐ No Changes from 2020 Directory

Name _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

✂ Annual dues are **\$25.00** which includes the newsletter distributed via e-mail.
Contact PPQG President if you need assistance.

✂ Newsletter: ☐ E-Mail (included with membership)

OR ☐ US Mail for an **additional fee of \$15** (increase from 2020)

✂ ☐ I would like to donate to the PPQG scholarship donation fund for those needing help with dues, workshops, and required fees. **Amount donated:** _____

Do not write in this space.

☐ Cash

☐ Check Number _____

☐ Amount _____

Total Enclosed:

Make check payable to **PPQG** and mail this form and your payment to **PPQG, PO Box 7572, Colorado Springs, CO 80933** or bring to a Guild meeting.

Dues must be received by **January 31** for your name to be printed in this year's Membership Directory.

☐ By signing below, I am asking the Guild **not** to print my information in the Directory:

Piecing Partners Quilt Guild – 2021 Service Provider

☐ Yes! Please include my information in the Service Listing of the 2021 Directory. Services that are quilt-related will be the only ones listed.

Name _____

Phone (____) _____

Service: ☐ Longarm Quilter ☐ Other (specify) _____

Please bring this completed form to a meeting and drop off at the membership table, or mail it to **PPQG, PO Box 7572, Colorado Springs, CO 80923**. Your information must be received by **January 31** to be included in the Membership Directory, *even if you were listed in a prior year*.

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Look for us on Facebook

Presidential thoughts...

When Life is Good Again

In the November 1 edition of Parade Magazine, the feature article about singer songwriter Dolly Parton includes her new song, When Life Is Good Again (2020).

*God's the reason for all things
You want rainbows, you get rain
We'll all be forever changed
(Forever changed)
I'll sail my boat and fly my kite
Walk in the park, go out at night
And hold my loved ones extra tight
When everything is on the mend
I'll even drink with my old friends
Sing and play mandolin
We'll make it through this long dark night*

*Darkness fades when faced with light
And everything's gonna be alright
When life is good again*

Country isn't my favorite style of music, but I appreciate Dolly Parton's heart, attitude, and source of strength. I also have preferences in styles of quilts, but I can appreciate all quilt makers who pursue their style with passion, a good heart, and respect for others.

Keep quilting and looking forward with hope!

Sharon Signorelli

Piecing Partners Quilt Guild President