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Next Meeting: April 21, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom

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President's Message

Normally, in April we would all be quilting feverishly, finishing projects for the San Mateo County Fair. Sadly, the fair will be drive-through this year, and the quilts will not be there. For the guild, this April is a very busy month. The photos of your Challenge quilts are due April 12. Our New Member Virtual Tea will be held April 24 from 1-3 p.m. Quilter of the Year will be announced at our April general meeting. Beginning April 30, we have another wonderful zoom retreat scheduled. Add all that to our regular meetings, bees, and Friday open sews, and it seems that we are busier than we were before the pandemic.

Thank you to all of the chairwomen who have come together to make these events happen. Thank you to all of you who participate. I feel we have gotten to know each other better through Zoom than we did before.

WELL DONE, QUILTERS!

--Angi Merlone, president



Outreach Scorecard

	February	March
Bundles of Joy	3	4
LifeMoves	16	6
CZU Fire	6	0

Quilters: Julie C., Rose W., Carol B., Glenda F., Margaret A.)

Let's keep these generous and much-appreciated donations coming! Baby quilts should be minimum 30" and maximum of 45" on a side. LifeMoves quilts should be approximately 65" x 80".

-- Julie Curry,

Outreach Coordinator

Please Note: We are discontinuing CZU donations, as over 2,000 quilts have been donated. Over 70 of those from Peninsula Quilters!!

Recent LifeMoves donations included:



Two quilts on left by Julie C.; four quilts below by Carol B., Rose W., Glenda F., Margaret A.



Maria Shell: “Patchwork to Art – Journey of an Alaskan Quilt Maker”

April 21, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
www.mariashell.com

Quilt Artist Maria Shell will share her work from her first stitches to her most recent pieces along with some fun stories about trying to quilt while raising three boys in the wild lands of Alaska. Maria’s work is grounded in the tradition of American patchwork while also connecting to both the modern and art quilt moments. It is journey filled with laughter, dark Alaskan nights, and lots of stitching.

Upcoming PQ speakers

- MAY – Margaret Willingham – “Reverse Applique: Revealing Beauty” – What is reverse applique? When was it developed and by whom? What is hidden will be revealed
- JUNE – Eleanor Levie – “A Magical History Tour” – Author of American Quiltmaking 1970-2000 will lead us on a rollicking journey through quilt making in our time
- JULY – TBD

2021 Peninsula Quilters Virtual Workshop Schedule

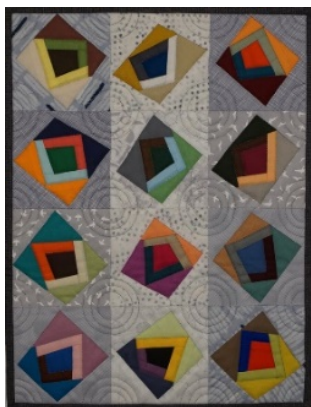
All virtual workshops are \$50, with the registration form at www.peninsulaquilters.org. If you have any questions, contact Terry Caselton at 650-773-5756.

APRIL WORKSHOP “LITTLE MODERN MINI OR MICRO MINI”

Dates: April 22 Time: 9:00AM – 3:00PM 1 day



Kellie Willey's quilting journey began in 2008 when she met her future mother-in-law Sally, a quilter. Shortly after the wedding Sally gave Kellie a vintage Kenmore sewing machine, a rotary cutter, a cutting mat, a ruler and invited her to share her stash and her friend's stash. Kellie took a beginner quilting class and was hooked. At first she worked on lap-sized quilts until Sally's sister taught her how to foundation piece and make a small quilt. This started her obsession with making tiny quilts.



Fun stash buster! Create log cabin style blocks with a twist by setting them on-point. This little Modern quilt is quick to make using a variety of scraps or a Charm-Pack while following easy pattern steps. The Pattern can be adapted to go tiny (Micro Mini) or Mini or make it larger than 11" x 14" the choice is yours. During the workshop, techniques on design and piecing will be taught as well as a demonstration on how to quilt your finished top in a modern way. Also learn how to make a smaller binding that fits the size of your quilt. Your quilt top can be completed in class with only the quilting left to do. Pattern must be purchased prior to the class and will be available February 2021 at www.littlequiltcreations.com

MAY WORKSHOP “DRESDEN SWEATSHIRT JACKET”

with Anelie Belden

Dates: May 12 & 13 Time: 9:00AM – 12:00PM each day 2 Day



Anelie Belden is a nationally known sewing instructor, quilt and pattern designer and author. She began sewing by constructing garments which lead to her degree in Fashion Design. While working in the fashion industry she began to explore the art of quilting which became her passion. She has taken the traditional Dresden quilt design and created new updated Dresden Designs which are featured in her book “



Let's have a fun day using a sweatshirt and recreating it into a comfortable stylish jacket. This is a loose-fitting jacket and does not require difficult garment sewing techniques. It can be long or short, loose or fitted. The edges are fully trimmed using Dresden blades which creates a clean finish on all outside edges. Adding a collar and a creative zipper makes **this jacket is a show stopper**. Piping and embellishing can be added to the design. *Each student is required to purchase a \$12.00 pattern which includes the jacket zipper. There will be some advance preparation before class so you can complete the jacket to wear.*



New Member Tea Party

Please join us to welcome all our newcomers to the guild. We have a tea every year so that we can get to know our newest members, and you can get to know all of us better. Board members and committee chairs will describe guild activities and answer questions. Learn how you can make the most of your membership. Everyone in the guild is invited. New members, please be on the look-out for your special invitation.

When: Saturday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m.
Where: Via Zoom (link will be provided)

Quilter of the Year 2021

The nominations are in, and we have had an enthusiastic response. Thank you all for your kind and thoughtful words about each of the nominees. Below is the list:

Jena Walter: "Jena has done an outstanding job in keeping our Guild members connected on Zoom, utilizing her technology expertise. She is always cheerful, willing to lend a hand to all of us."

Ruth Gilroy: "Ruth is always willing to step up, leading and problem solving with a can-do attitude."

Sandy Kelly: "Sandy keeps us moving in the right direction. Always stepping up when asked with a caring spirit."

Michele Parry: "Michele has done so much for our Guild. She is a member who leads by example and steps up to help."

We can each only vote for one of these wonderful women. You can vote by email through April 7 to Sandi daRoza, smdaroza@yahoo.com. Quilter of the Year will be announced at the April meeting.

PQ CHALLENGE: There's Still Time to Enter

The deadline for the 2021 PQ Challenge (Online) is rapidly approaching, but there's still time to enter before the **April 12** deadline. Prizes are involved. And fun and laughter and the admiration of your fellow quilters! All you need to do to enter is:

1. Buy a fat quarter of the challenge fabric (\$5) from Jess Millikan. If you don't yet have your fabric, you can call her (415-509-6083) or email (jbmillikan8@gmail.com) to make arrangements to get it.

2. Make a quilt of any size -- a placemat or a mug rug is enough, and a king-size quilt is not too much! -- using a recognizable amount of the challenge fabric on the front; binding is OK. The theme for the Challenge is "Connections," inspired by the ideas that our Guild is all about our connections to one another, and a quilt is all about connecting pieces of fabric and batting!

3. Email photographs of your project to Jena Walter (jenakwalter@gmail.com) on or before **April 12**. Please send at least four photos - (a) complete front, (b) front detail, (c) back, and (d) label. If you want to submit more, you may.

Jena will assemble a slideshow of the entries, which we will "Blast" a few days before the April meeting, and will show again during the meeting. The members in attendance at the April meeting will vote for

*Best Use of Challenge Fabric

*Most Creative Interpretation of Challenge Theme

*Best Construction of the Quilt Top, which could be appliqué or piecing

*Best Quilting

*Best Label

*Viewer's Choice

Any entry can only win one prize. If a quilt receives the most votes in more than one category, it will be awarded the prize where it earned the most votes and then will be disqualified from the other categories.

--Jess Millikan

Minutes, Zoom General Meeting March 17, 2021

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Angi Merlone at 9:33 a.m. Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Angi Merlone for Sara Medina) No changes from last month's amounts: The Vanguard account has \$19,831; the checking account has \$44,592.

Announcements:

Angi Merlone for Jess Millikan: Challenge quilts are due April 12. Send a picture of your challenge quilt to Jena Walter. Six prizes, including best label, will be voted on and awarded at the April meeting.

Sandi da Roza: The **New Member Tea** will be April 24 at 1 p.m. All members are invited.

Sandi da Roza: Quilter of the Year – The first round of voting was held at the February meeting. Members who did not vote then will have a chance to vote later in this meeting. The Quilter of the Year will be announced at the April meeting.

Jena Walter: Open Sew this coming Friday will have a different link due to overlap with the March workshop. A blast has been sent out with the new link.

Barb Hall: The next **virtual retreat** will be April 30 through May 2. Julie Curry will have a new scrap quilt project. To sign up, email Barb after the April meeting.

Michele Parry: Our **by-laws and standing rules** are due for review and updates if needed. A committee consisting of herself, Jena Walter, Jess Millikan, Sara Medina and Kathy McGuffin will review and update the by-laws: Suggested changes will be presented at the May meeting, to be voted on at the June meeting. Possible changes include adding information to cover virtual meetings, strengthen operational procedures, and review board organization and responsibilities. Michele asked all members to review the current by-laws in the roster and send her any suggestions or comments by the end of April.

Connie Bowles for Terry Caselton: Connie will be giving a **workshop on Wonky Quilts** this coming Thursday and Friday. The April workshop will be on mini-quilts, and the May workshop will be on embellishing sweatshirts.

Anne Merics: Membership - No new members this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. Connie introduced the speaker, Julia Graves, who spoke on Memory Quilts.

Respectfully submitted, Linda McAllister, secretary

Show and Tell

*Below -- Ruth Gilroy: Patriotic Diamonds
Right -- Joyce Wheeler: Afternoon Delight
(2020 Block of the month, top finally
completed. Pattern is by Sue Garman.*



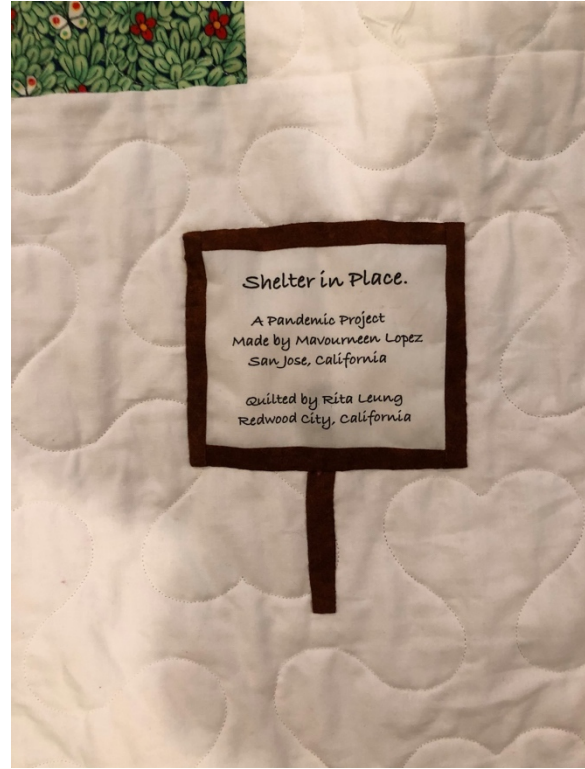
From Judy Miyake: Six LifeMoves donation quilts



Terry Caselton: Playing Ball at the Zoo, made for her grandson, born March 18. She did machine embroidery applique using Minke fabric for the animals with 3-dimensional attachments.



Rita Leung: Robot Baby Quilt



Mavourneen Lopez: Shelter in Place (front and back label)

Minutes, Zoom Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting March 3, 2021

Attendees: Angi Merlone, Linda McAllister, Jena Walter, Sara Medina, Judy Miyake, Barb Hall, Michele Perry, Kathy McGuffin, Gale Green

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Angi. The minutes from the February board meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's report: The Vanguard account has \$19,831; the checking account has \$45,304. There were about \$1,200 in checks last month, mostly for workshops. We spent about \$400 on network expenses and batting for shelter quilts.

Activities and Outreach – Judy Miyake: The next virtual retreat is April 30-May 2; same format as last time

New Member Outreach - Barb Hall: Most new members have been contacted. Barb will make three attempts to get in touch with new members.

Old Business:

The San Mateo Garden Center is planning to reopen on a limited basis. However, they will not rent their indoor space to groups with people from multiple households, probably not more than three different households. They will be holding our times for when they can reopen more fully.

Membership: Question on membership and door prizes: Where did the prizes come from? They were either donated by speakers or purchased by the guild. We would like to keep the practice of drawing for door prizes but no conclusion on how.

Virtual Bee Charitable Day: Judy Miyake would like to do one, either as part of our next retreat or as an extension to Open Sew on Fridays. Judy and Jena will coordinate on how to do this.

New Business:

By-laws - Michèle Parry: Review and updating of by-laws: Michele noted that with the amount of virtual activities we are doing and other technological changes the roles are shifting. She has formed a committee consisting of herself, Jena Walter, Jess Millikan, Sara Medina and Kathy McGuffin to review and update the bylaws. It would also be useful to have cross-board education on what everyone's roles and responsibilities are. She plans to have a report for the general meeting at the May meeting with a vote on the changes at the June meeting. Everyone on the board should read the by-laws and send any comments to Michèle.

Budget: Gale pointed out that we have a lot of money in our checking account: Wouldn't it be better to have more of it where it could bring in more interest? Angi and Sara agreed that we need a better handle on the budget: It will take a full budget cycle to understand what our budget demands are and when they occur so we can be more flexible going forward.

Future events: Angi would like to have a big event similar to Alice's Love when we get back together.

Board minutes: There was a question of whether the board minutes have always been in the newsletter. Yes, they have been but there were some years when the board only met after morning meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda McAllister, secretary

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