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## Next Meeting • TBA

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## President's Message

Wow. I don't know what to say. Nothing profound that's for sure, but I do spend a great deal of time now on gratitude and silver linings. I'm hoping you are also finding those spaces too. Silver linings:

- Extra time for sewing
- The quiet
- The comfort of sewing
- Time for little things
- Time for self-care
- Deepening awareness of nature
- Reveling in all the acts of kindness and heroism

There are so many more, and I'm sure you have found them with relief and delight.

As you know, all of our activities are on hiatus indefinitely, and we are finding other ways to connect. We had a very successful Board meeting on March 18 by Zoom, and we will continue that every month on the third Wednesday at noon. As always, you don't have to be a Board member to join us, and we would love to have you. I will send out the Zoom invitations to the Board, and I would be happy to include any of you who would like to be on the call; just let me know. We have talked about doing other get-togethers by Zoom; a show & tell at the meeting time, speakers by Zoom, tutorials by our members and of course everyone can do their Bees using video technology. Last weekend we did the modified PQ retreat using email and photos. It was fun and uplifting! Lots of beautiful work was done. What I really need is your feedback on what you would like. Email, call or text -- all good.

Mask making is happening in the guild at all different levels. Many members have direct requests from family, friends and health care contacts who need them desperately. My New Red Shoes is available to pick up and distribute masks to hospitals in the area that have requested them. Please let me know if you need a pick-up.

Our social media coordinator, Sara Medina, has updated our Facebook page, which is now called "PQG What's Under Your Needle." We are trying to make it more robust so it can be a hub for people to connect, post their work, their feelings/needs, stories, whatever. If you miss being connected, this is a safe way to have some fun.

I hope this time gives you some refreshment and renewal as we virtually hold each other's hands through the sorrow.

With love, *Jena Walter, President*

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**The next Board Meeting of the Peninsula Quilters Guild will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, April 15, at noon.** Let me know if you would like an invitation to the meeting ([jenakwalter@gmail.com](mailto:jenakwalter@gmail.com))

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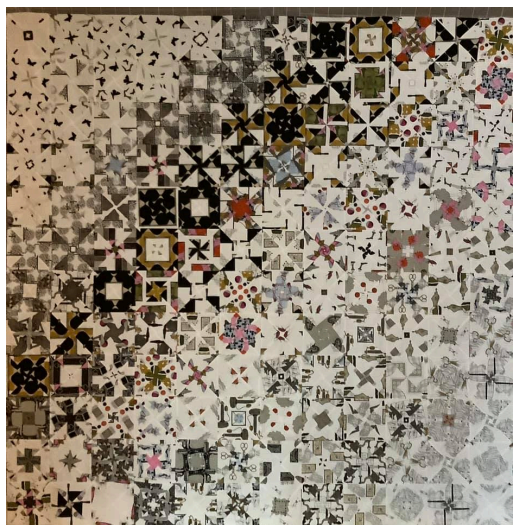
## PQ Calendar:

All meetings, lectures and workshops – including the Alice’s Love event and New Members Tea -- have been postponed (and will be rescheduled) due to the shelter-at-home requirements of the Corona virus pandemic. We have much to look forward to!

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## What’s Under Your Needle?

So, while the rest of the world has come to a standstill, what have our members been up to? Some attended the recent retreat, albeit not face-to-face. Others were busy tackling the million-mask challenge. Here’s a sampling of how people have been spending their time at home:



Connie Bowles just finished a Dora Cary Only One quilt top (second one so far...), and the backing arrived a few days ago and is all ready to head to Lori Atwood as soon as...



Ruth Gilroy worked on this quilt at the “virtual” retreat.



Jess Millikan: My Vortex is all pieced. Now I “just” have to pull the paper off the back. I guess I’ll turn to that when I stop making masks...



Sara Medina: Winnie the Pooh baby quilt - I have been working on UFOs during this type of social distancing.

## On Mask Making:

You don't have to use any particular pattern to participate in the mask-making effort; My New Red Shoes will sort the masks and distribute them to hospitals, et al., to match their requirements. Your masks can have nose wires or not, elastic, ribbon ties, slots for filters or not, interfacing or not. Some of their contacts have specific requirements (at this point anyway) and some places like Highland Hospital in Oakland said "We would love 600 masks of any kind." Becca, the director of community engagement at My New Red Shoes, has been told that some healthcare people are using the homemade masks over the surgical/n95 masks to make them last longer. Make whatever you are comfortable with.

Ideas for substitutions for elastic and nose strips (this is OPTIONAL)

- For elastic: cutting elastic out of old clothes you don't need; elastic pony tail bands; Julie Curry suggested "For straps, use two 40" x 1 1/2" strips of fabric. Then center & attach to top and bottom of mask like binding.
- For metal nose pieces: twist ties, paper clips, corsage flower wire, bridal sewing wire, pieces of firm plastic that bend but hold their shape, underwire from old bras. These can/should be covered with fabric and hot glued in with pointy ends well protected.
- Jenny Doan at Missouri Star Quilts has an easy tutorial.

## Why make masks:

Here is what the CDC says about health care workers using home-made masks:

In settings where face masks are not available, HCP might use homemade masks (e.g., bandana, scarf) for care of patients with COVID-19 as a last resort. However, homemade masks are not considered PPE, since their capability to protect HCP is unknown. Caution should be exercised when considering this option. Homemade masks should ideally be used in combination with a face shield that covers the entire front (that extends to the chin or below) and sides of the face.

So to do the best we can, here is a link to research on the best type of fabric to use and what not to use:

<https://smartairfilters.com/en/blog/best-materials-make-diy-face-mask-virus/>

## Where to take finished masks:

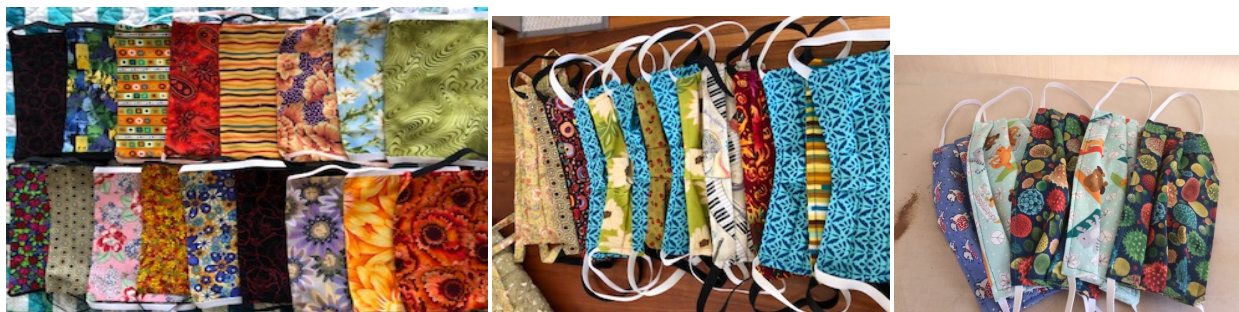
We have offers for two porch drop-off hubs for any amount of masks:

- Member Lisa Hendrickson has kindly offered her porch and will drop them off at MNRS  
Lisa Hendrickson, 365 Ambar Way, Menlo Park, 650-714-3588
- Always Quilting is taking drop-offs also

The Mills-Peninsula folks are going to pick up at Always Quilting, and we could also do pick up here for My New Red Shoes - people would just have to specify which group they are donating to. We would do a no-contact drop-off by appointment only. We ask people to call before coming, and we will have a donation box by the door. Then they just need to drop their donations in the box. We will watch from the lobby to make sure their donation is safely inside.

- My New Red Shoes has volunteers that will come and pick masks up from your porch or also. You can also mail to them to:

MNRS offices, 330 Twin Dolphin Drive, Suite 135, Redwood City, CA 94065



Last year's Quilter of the Year Gale Green churned out 70 masks the first week; Carol Blitzer used up some of her stash with a playful take with "virus" fabric.



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## Quilter of the Year 2020

### Peninsula Quilter Guild Ballot

We are delighted to announce those great quilters who were nominated for Quilter of the Year. Thanks to all of your nominations, we are pleased to announce nine worthy candidates. We can each only vote for one of these wonderful women. Please vote by email: [amerlone@comcast.net](mailto:amerlone@comcast.net) or snail mail to: Angi Merlone, 2235 Tioga Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

You may either circle you candidate and mail it your ballot or you may email me. Thank you for voting. We will announce the winner at our next full meeting.

The "purpose and criteria" of the award were stated to be a person who:

- Whenever there is a need, steps up to help.
- Whenever an extra pair of hands is required, is first in line.
- Whenever the love of helping others through quilting, this person is first to bring her knowledge and caring spirit to the table.
- Is a leader who leads, even when not asked or recognized, one who leads by example.

\*Past recipients: LaVern Newman, Rosemary Hamerton-Kelly, Margaret Ann Niven, Carol Stapleton, June Wallach, Barbara Hall, Judy Miyake and Gale Green.

In alphabetical order the nominees are:

- **Elizabeth Allocco** - Helps behind the scenes.
- **Lori Atwood** - Is very friendly and quietly helps when needed.
- **Terry Caselton** - Always available to help; wonderful to organize Road to California.
- **Margaret Conti** - Has a helpful and positive attitude. Gently corrects you in quilting and laughs at everyones jokes.
- **Julie Curry** - for her dedication and enthusiasm for PQ. For generously sharing her talents and taking the lead in major activities and for starting the charitable bee.
- **Ruth Gilroy** - For her cheerfulness and willingness to help and take on some of the more difficult and time consuming positions.
- **Sara Guyol** - For her outstanding and creative work and for her open sharing spirit and her willingness to teach others.
- **Grace Hardy** - For her offers to help others without being asked.
- **Michele Parry** - For her leadership and willingness to take on jobs or lend a helping hand, always with a positive attitude.

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## Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting

March 18, 2020

Held remotely via Zoom

Attendees: Jena Walter, Angi Merlone, Leslie Lohmeier, Linda McAllister, Jess Millikan, Michele Parry, Judy Miyake, Ruth Gilroy, Gale Green, Connie Bowles, Sue Garcia, Wanda Dragon

Meeting called to order at 12:15 by Jena Walter. Minutes from the previous board meeting approved as published. Motion to approve by Angi, seconded by Gale.

### Committee Reports:

**Activities** (Judy Miyake): Status of county fair currently unknown; PQ Challenge to be discussed under new business

**Fundraising (Gale Green)**: May not have fair this year or other opportunities to display Opportunity Quilt. Further, there will be no revenue from raffle baskets for the foreseeable future. While income will be down, expenses not expected to go up. Leslie pointed out that we have a budget deficit for this year, Alice's Love allowance will not be spent this year.

**Membership** (Ruth Gilmore): Local cancellations and shutdowns have had no impact on membership so far.

**Newsletter:** No report. The newsletter may become the main way of connecting with members. We will be doing more blasts.

**Programs, Outreach, Web:** No report

**New Business:**

Meetings and activities: Meeting spaces are closed county wide until further notice. Terry is rescheduling speakers and workshops; Dora Cary workshop rescheduled for Nov. 9-10.

New Member tea cancelled: cannot reschedule without more information from county health authorities

Quilter of the Year: about to vote, will do so either by email or by regular mail to Angi. QOTY will be awarded at first meeting after we return.

Keeping members engaged: suggestion that we film a tutorial on something to send members, such as a YouTube video or Zoom session. Julie Curry showing or demonstrating one of the Scrappy Bee charity quilts was suggested. No definite decision.

Kathy McGuffin joined meeting. Suggested monthly board meetings.

Studio Tour Progress (Connie Bowles): Planning proceeding with target date of Sept. 12 with publicity kick-off in May. Nine hosts have signed up to open their studios, will need support staff during the day.

Hosts may provide light snacks but will not be serving wine. Publicity planned on-line via Facebook, notification to local guilds. Will also print yard signs, postcards and maps. Tickets will be \$25 per visitor for the day. Payment will be accepted through links on the PQ website, Facebook page, newsletter site. Affiliates will be approached to contribute towards a grand prize for attendees. Attendees will receive a fat quarter at each studio they visit: We will solicit these from PQ members (will need 205-500).

PQ Challenge: Can we hold this as a video show and tell? No conclusion. We can postpone the date to the first physical meeting after the guild returns to the Garden Center. We can still display the quilts as a group at the fair as long as there are at least six of them. Jess will purchase the prizes -- gift certificates for Always Quilting -- to award whenever we meet.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15.

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## Upcoming Exhibits/Events

Through July 19, **Rosie Lee Tompkins: A Retrospective** at the UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive. Co-organized by Larry Rinder and Elaine Yau, it sheds new light on the Bay Area-based quilter whose work is no longer considered solely within the context of quilting but celebrated among the great American artistic achievements of our time. It is also the first in a series of exhibitions drawn from the recent gift of nearly 3,000 quilts by African American artists from the Estate of Eli Leon to the museum.



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