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President's Message



What an interesting time to be a quilter (well anyone really); but we are finding wonderful ways to work around our circumstances. Zoom to the rescue! I am excited and re-energized by the success of our virtual gatherings and all the creative ideas coming from these meetings.

- We had a fabulous three-day retreat July 24-26 that revived our hope in continuity for our gatherings and showed us all the advantages to virtual events! The picture is of me holding one of our treats for our virtual snack table: "Scrappy" Lemon Poppyseed Loaves (very low calorie) 😊. If you missed it, no worries! There are more retreats to come. See Barb Hall's article later in the newsletter.

- We have revived the Challenge! We will do it at the September meeting. See the article from Jess Millikan later in the newsletter.
- PQG Open Sew resumes Aug. 7 as a weekly event on Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Come to sew, chat, get help, show your work, eat lunch, share tips and tricks. I'd like to have this hosted by rotating hostesses, and if you are interested in doing this (you don't have to know how), please contact me. I will set up a little Zoom workshop for it. Hosting something like the Open Sew is extremely easy. This is the permanent Zoom link:
<https://zoom.us/j/96161449786?pwd=bIJPQ3BGVFDiTWxMOEQ5ZGUxY1p6Zz09>
Meeting ID: 961 6144 9786
Passcode: 254952
- Free Table continues monthly on the Friday after the PQ General Meeting. See Jess Millikan's article later in the newsletter.
- Board meetings will be monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m., breaking up the length of our Zoom meetings on General Meeting days. The next Board meeting is Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited! The permanent Zoom link for Board Meetings is:
<https://zoom.us/j/99021742906?pwd=ckw3NFNkTytQZ0xiR1ZWk2hEckFjUT09>
Meeting ID: 990 2174 2906
Passcode: 248939
- Permanent Zoom links for Open Sew, Board Meetings & General meetings are posted on our website at peninsulaquilters.org

As always, please remember I am available to help you try to solve problems with technology. I don't have a cape, but I can patiently bumble along with you to try to work things out. 😊

Your stories, photos and creative ideas are a lifeline for all of us. It is like reaching out and giving everyone a big hug. Your submission could be the loving touch someone needs today (AKA-it takes a village 🤗).

Please submit anything you would like to share with us to: newsletter@peninsulaquilters.org.

With love and care,
Jena Walter, *President*

Our August speaker will be Trudy Cleveland **August 19, 2020, 6 p.m.**

The August meeting is “President’s Choice,” and Jena has chosen Trudy Cleveland, who is both a professional photographer and long-amer. She has been taking pictures of quilts using her smartphone and using its hidden features in order to get the most out of her phone camera. Trudy will show us how to use our smartphone to take professional looking images of our quilts.



Topics she will cover:

- Why you should take photographs of your quilts
- How to take professional images
- What to do with the images you take



Quilter of the Year **2019-20**

Julie Curry was elected Quilter of the Year. We were so lucky to have nine very worthy candidates nominated. Julie was nominated because of her enthusiasm and dedication. She is a very generous person who always shares her talents and volunteers selflessly. We are lucky to have her in our guild and to call her our friend.

Minutes, Zoom General Meeting July 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Jena Walter at 9:30. Jena welcomed all members and hoped that every one was doing well as our isolation continues. Jena thanked Sandy Kelly and Michele Perry for acting as Zoom co-hosts, and for their continuing support during the meetings.

Thanks also to Sara Medina for organizing Show and Tell, Rita Leung for sending out blasts, Terry Caselton for managing speakers and helping them set up their remote presentations, Kathy McGuffin for keeping the web site up to date, and Carol Blitzer for the newsletter. Thanks to Jess Millikan for all the work with the Opportunity Quilt and the Friday Free Table.

Treasurer's Report: no update

Corresponding Secretary's Report (Arlene Powell): no correspondence to report

Announcements:

Angi Merlone for the Nominating Committee: The committee has nominees for all offices. Aside from those remaining in their positions, the new nominees for elected offices are Sara Medina (treasurer) and Sandi da Roza (vice-president). These will be voted on in the annual September meeting. The other new voting members are Anne Merics and Justine Barnard (Membership Co-Chairs), Connie Bowles (Programs Chair) and Barb Hall (Chair of our new standing committee - Welcome Committee). Rounding out new Board positions is Cindy Burgdorf (Queen Bee-Bee Coordinator).

Barb Hall for the retreat: Our first internet retreat will be July 24-26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A blast will be going out with details. Gale Green suggested that we have a nominal \$10 charge for the retreat; this will be discussed at a future board meeting.

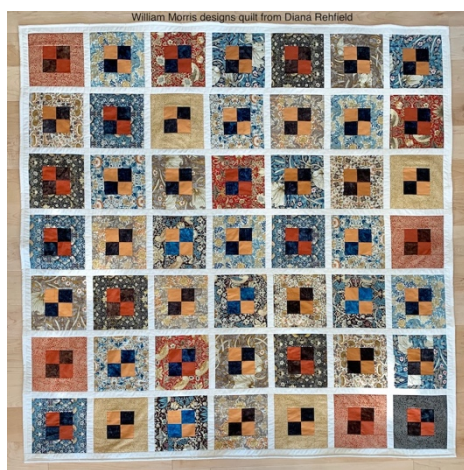
Ruth Gilroy for membership: It's time to renew membership! Forms should be on-line within two weeks. (Update: they are on-line now) PayPal will be available to pay dues. Sandy Kelly and Sandi da Roza suggested adding photos to the roster: This will be discussed at today's board meeting.

Judy Miyake for Outreach: LifeMoves is accepting quilts: We donated 13 last month. Contact Judy if you have quilts to donate and she will arrange for pickup.

Jena Walter: Zoom links will be permanent - check our website. We will be able to use these links for Friday Open Sews, General Meetings and Board Meetings.

Jena Walter: There will be a free table at Jess Millikan's house this Friday from 9 a.m. - noon, with lots of fabrics, threads, and other items. Please remember your mask, and remember to practice social distancing.

Show and Tell:



Diana Rehfield: William Morris Quilters



Judy Brum: Quilt of Extra Squares



Julie Curry: Sew Many Scraps #2



Julie Curry: Sew Many Scraps #1



Sara Guyol: Dancing With Dave



Sara Guyol: Happy Quilt



Sara Guyol: Home Alone



Sara Guyol: Forever Quilt



Joyce Wheeler: My Garden



Laura Thompson: Color Wheel

Opportunity Quilt Drawing: This year's opportunity quilt was won by Angi Merlone. Jess Millikan estimates that the quilt raised \$1,600 from ticket sales.

Angi Merlone introduced Julie Curry as Quilter of the Year.

Break from 10:25 -10:35

Membership report: 67 people on the Zoom call. The door prize, a crocheted afghan made and donated by Carol Stapleton was won by "Mom".

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Terry Caselton introduced the speaker, Mel Beach.

Respectfully submitted, Linda McAllister, morning secretary

**Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting
Minutes, July 15, 2020**

Attendees: Jena Walter, Linda McAllister, Anne Merics, Leonie Batkin, Theresa Molnar, Linda Hester, Carol Stapleton, Mavourneen Lopez, Arlene Powell, Gale Green, Judy Miyake, Julie Curry, Wanda Dragon, Kathy McGuffin, Ruth Gilroy, Barb Hall, Sue Garcia, Irma Lopez, Angi Merlone, Terry Caselton, Margi Pullen (note: names are those who were on-line at the start of the meeting)

Meeting called to order at 12:10.

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Congratulations again to Julie Curry on being voted Quilter of the Year.

Reports:

Treasurer: none

Activities (Judy Miyake): Nothing is happening with the San Mateo Fair. The challenge quilts were originally supposed to be shown at the first live meeting, but it looks like re-opening is unlikely this calendar year. Jena and Jess will discuss a process for displaying and voting on challenge quilts at the September meeting.

Fundraising (Gale Green): No updates. Gale noted that members can add donations in addition to dues: Kathy will make sure the donations section of the web site is active. We may need to re-examine how we sell Opportunity Quilt tickets online and make sure we meet the requirements for non-profit organizations. Jena and Jess will look at the legal ramifications of selling raffle tickets on-line and via PayPal. Future Opportunity Quilts: Carol Stapleton has donated a quilt; the board would like to delay offering this until we can sell tickets at venues such as PIQF. Julie Curry will donate a quilt for the coming year.

Membership (Ruth Gilroy): Some members have asked for a members-only section of the web site, and for the roster to be online. Kathy reported that there is no easy way to do this; it will also require a separate administrator. Ruth reported that the membership forms are being updated and will be ready by August. The deadline for renewals is Aug. 30 to get in the roster. Should photos be included in the roster? Decision – No, it is too difficult to administer this. Should the roster be mailed to all members? Decision – yes. It was suggested that we ask affiliates if they want to include a flyer or a small promo item in the roster mailing. Decision – Let's ask them if they would like to include something that can be mailed in a flat envelope of whatever size the roster will use, but is not a requirement for affiliates.

Outreach (Julie Curry): Mask donations have tapered off. Linda Hester will check on whether the San Mateo organization that has been taking children's quilts is ready to accept them.

Web site (Kathy McGuffin): Let Kathy know about any web issues. Kathy reiterated that a members-only section would be a major task and likely require a separate administrator.

The September Board meeting (yearly Board transition meeting) will be held on Sept. 23 at 1 p.m. on Zoom. Our normal Board meetings are now the Wednesday *before* our general meetings, but this is our yearly transfer and needs to be *after* our general meeting.

Old Business:

Birthday party: We still need someone (or a bee) to organize/coordinate it.

New Business:

Jena Walter proposed a new standing committee: Welcome Committee. She announced that Barb Hall will be the Chair and is working on a process to make new members feel welcome; she will have a process for the next board meeting.

Discussion: how do we attract younger members

Open Sew: Every other week for the Friday Open Sew on Zoom seems to be working. (This has been modified to every week starting 8/7/20). The first Free Table was Friday 7/17 and will be repeated monthly on the Friday after the General Meeting.

Board meetings will be moved to 1 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month for as long as we are doing virtual meetings.

Terry Caselton will come back next month with ideas for a virtual Birthday Party.

Discussion: Can we use the breakout rooms feature of Zoom to encourage mingling? No resolution.

Terry Caselton reported that we are set for speakers and workshops through next May. Dora Carey has agreed to a two-day virtual workshop in November.
Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda McAllister, morning secretary

Slate of officers for 2020-21

The nominating committee is proud to announce the ticket that we will be voting on in September.

President - Angi Merlone
Vice-President/President Elect - Sandi da Roza
Treasurer - Sara Medina
Recording Secretaries - Linda McAllister (am), Barbara Hall (pm)
Corresponding Secretary - Arleen Powell
Past President - Jena Walter

Our New Committee Chairs for the coming year are:
Bee Coordinator - Cindy Burgdorf (also Bee Representative)
Programs Chair - Connie Bowles
Membership Chairs - Anne Merics, Justine Barnard
Welcome Committee Chair - Barbara Hall

Most of our Board Chairwomen have graciously offered to continue in their positions for another year.
Thank you so much for volunteering.

Parliamentarian - Michèle Parry
Historian - Judy Miyake
NCQC Representative - Terry Caselton
Activities and Events Chair - Judy Miyake
PQ retreat - Barbara Hall, Gale Green
Annual Challenge - Jess Millikan
County Fair Liaison - Wanda Lewis Dragon
Fund Raising Chair - Gale Green
Opportunity Quilt Display, Sales & Tickets - Jess Millikan
Raffle Baskets - Sue Garcia
Quilt Exhibit/Show - Julie Curry
Studio Tour 2021 - Connie Bowles & Sara Guyol
Programs Chair - Connie Bowles
Speakers Year 1 & 2 and Workshops - Terry Caselton
Workshops Support - Anne Merics, Wanda Lewis Dragon
Hospitality - Grace Hardy
2020 Holiday Event - Gale Green
Outreach Chair - Julie Curry
Neonatal quilts - Linda Hester, Joyce Wheeler, Julie Curry
LifeMoves Quilts/Bee Charitable & Storage - Julie Curry, Judy Miyake, Linda Hester
Social Media Coordinator - Sara Medina
Webmaster - Kathy McGuffin
Email Blaster - Rita Leung
Roster - Michèle Parry

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iVolunteer Admin - Michèle Parry
Newsletter - Carol Blitzler
Newsletter Assistant - Judy Ousterhout
Holiday Event – TBA
Birthday Event - TBA

As you all know we are living in challenging times. I am humbled to be a part of this organization that so easily adapted to virtual meetings and events. This year we were blessed to have Jena Walter as President, who so readily accepted the challenges for the organizational change. Hopefully, with all of your help we will be able to continue moving into the virtual future until we can safely meet again in person. I am so very grateful for all your help during this time. Thank you and stay safe.

--Angi Merlone

PQ Annual Membership Renewal

Annual membership for Peninsula Quilters Guild is from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30 each year. Renewal forms are now online and can be accessed on our website at

<https://www.peninsulaquilters.org/forms>

In order for your information to be included in this year's roster, please sign up by the Aug. 31 deadline. You may either register online using PayPal (preferred method) or by returning a completed registration form and your \$45 check to Peninsula Quilters using the instructions on the form.

Since we are not able to hold any fundraisers at this time but are still having meetings with speakers and workshops, you might consider adding a donation to PQ when you submit your membership.

Please address any questions to the PQ membership team:

Ruth Gilroy rwcgilroy@gmail.com

Kathy McGuffin kamcguffin@comcast.net

The Challenge is on!

We've figured out a way to do the Challenge remotely, so we will make it a part of our Guild Birthday Celebration at the September meeting. Hurrah and Happy Birthday!! Here's how to participate:

1. Make (or finish) your entry. If you did and will be happy to provide a fat quarter anything "P" (Peninsula Quilters, or Trees, or even "she persisted"), but it must recognize a amount of the challenge your quilt; binding is OK. We originally had doing this remotely that is no longer

2. Email up to four photos of your entry to include (1) whole quilt photo, (2) front whatever else you want people to available online (numbered, but on Sept. 16. We will also show them twice



not yet get fabric, Jess has more (\$5 fee). Your project can be Purple, or Pumpkin, or Pine be a quilt. You must use a fabric somewhere on the front of a size limit too, but since we are necessary, so any size goes!

Jena **before Sept. 1**. Please detail, (3) back detail, and (4) see. Jena will make them anonymous) before the meeting during the meeting.

3. Everyone who attends the September meeting will be able to vote - anonymously, of course - for *Best Quilting, *Best Construction of Quilt Top, *Most Creative Interpretation of Challenge Theme, *Best Use of Challenge Fabric, and *Viewer's Choice. Voting will be by poll during the meeting, and Jena will announce the winner of each prize.

Questions? Call or email Jess. 650-345-4524 or jbmilikan8@gmail.com

Check out the Free Table



"Shoppers" at the July free table scored some great fabric finds as well as some thread, tools, etc. Everyone enjoyed getting out, pawing through free fabric (mask and gloves securely in place! 😊) and taking home a few new treasures. It was also a treat for the donators to clear out a little space.

If you missed the fun in July, or if you participated and want to do it again, mark your calendar because we'll do it again next month. Drop off donations at Jess's house any time from Aug. 14-17, and come get new things to play with on Aug. 21 between 9 and noon (812 Laurelwood Drive in San Mateo).

It's Time to Make the President's Quilt

Almost everything is topsy-turvy this year, but one tradition we can maintain is the President's Quilt. And if any President ever earned one, it's Jena, so I hope you'll contribute to this expression of our gratitude.

Here's my inspiration: Please make one or two blocks of piano keys, each "key" cut at 1.5" x 3.5", and 12 keys to the block. Your finished block(s) should measure 3.5" x 12.5". Madame President likes jewel tones, green, so dive into your stash Please mail your blocks to Laurelwood Drive, San drop them off instead of hoping to have all the please. (And, all you long-you'd be willing to volunteer project, which I hope to have Thanks for your help creating



particularly purple, blue and and see what you can find. me at: Jess Millikan, 812 Mateo 94403. If you'd prefer to mailing, that is fine too. I'm blocks **by August 10**, armers: Please let me know if to do the quilting on this ready by early September.) a wonderful President's Quilt!

Inspired by Sew Little Time Quilting's Strippin' N Grinnin' c2014 by Colleen Granger.

First Zoom Retreat



A great time was had by all, 'retreat virgins' and seasoned retreat go-ers. I think everyone was surprised by the warm feeling our Zoom retreat had. The comment by Sue Garcia that summed it up perfectly was this: "It felt like we were all sitting around one big table."

Thanks to Sara Medina and the virtual snack table, Julie Curry charity projects, Linda Hester a great binding idea, and Sandy Kelly for our daily stretches. Of course, none of this would have been possible without our Technology Queen Jena who guided us through the weekend.

We saw lots of show and tell, heard some great stories, and shared some great hints.

I hope even more of you sign up for our next Zoom retreat in

October -- dates to be announced.

Being able to pop in and out as desired was a real benefit to the gathering.

Thank you to all who participated in making this a resounding success.

--Barb Hall, Retreat Chair

PQ Website Updates to the Home Page

PQ Calendar has been updated with the scheduled online Monthly General Meetings and Friday Open Sew. When you click on an event on the PQ Calendar, a popup will appear with the event details and links this popup also includes “+Add to Calendar” button where you can download the event to your personal IT calendar (Google, Yahoo, Outlook & iCal).

Quick Links has been updated with direct webpage link buttons. The Monthly Online Meeting and Friday Open Sew Online button opens a webpage that includes the link for Zoom.



You can access the Zoom meeting links in both the PQ Calendar and the Quick Links.

Friday Open Sew - Held Every Two Weeks

Friday, August 7, 2020

10:00am-2:00am

<https://zoom.us/j/96161449786?pwd=bIJPQ3BGVFDiTWxMOEQ5ZGUxY1p6Zz09>

Come to chat, sew, have lunch, a cup of coffee and share tips!

Come and go as you please.

+ ADD TO CALENDAR

Ralph's Vacuum and Sewing

For those of you who are fans of our affiliate, Ralph's Vacuum & Sewing Center, we had previously expected Ralph's to move their store to a new location in July. We just checked in with them and were informed that due to the COVID-19 pandemic they were unable to remodel the new location, so they will remain at 837 Main St., Redwood City, CA, (650) 368-2841 until at least January 2021.

-- PQ Membership Team

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Remember to take your Guild membership card, as discount policies vary by affiliate.

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www.sfBayQuilts.com, daveysally49@gmail.com

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Empty Spools Seminars, 5306 Springridge Ct., Fairfield CA 94534-4005
www.emptyspoolsseminars.com, info@emptyspoolsseminars.com

Pam's Path to Travel: Quilt 'n Cruise, (650) 773-5756, 2510 Dolores St., San Mateo CA 94403, www.pamstravel.net, terry@pamstravel.net

Ralph's Vacuum & Sewing Center, (650) 368-2841, 837 Main Street, Redwood City, CA 94063 www.ralphsvacnsew.com, info@ralphsvacnsew.com

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