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President's Message

Today looks like spring is here (at least temporarily)! Many members were down at Road to California having a blast and I know some of you have New Year's resolutions to complete UFOs. One of the President's jobs is to field incoming emails to the guild with various requests. In the January Board meeting we all agreed it would be great to support the Sutter Health Home Hospice Care program by making little 18" x 18" (approximate) fidget quilts for patients with dementia in hospice. Jennifer Fisher, the Volunteer Coordinator, will be coming to our March general meeting to explain more about the program and the quilts. We also received a query from someone who has a floor stand quilt hoop that she would like to donate pictured here:



And another request from a quilter from Citrus Heights that read: "I'm part of a committee to select our 2021 Opportunity Quilt pattern. Someone submitted a photo of your 1994-1995 quilt titled "Waterlilies" and everyone voted yes, that's the one! Unfortunately, no one can find the pattern online and we're wondering if someone in your Guild might still have the pattern or a suggestion where to find it." Please let me know if you would like the hoop or have info on the Waterlilies pattern!

Warmly, Jena Walter, President

Outreach Scorecard



	January 2020	Year to date
Infant/Baby Quilts	21	21
Shelter Quilts	12	12

Contributors: Frances Monroe, Andy Wolff, Holly Colgan, Carol Blitzer, Rita Leung, Marilyn Morton, Julie Curry, Happy Scrap Bee, Barb Conklin, Karina Eichmann, Judy Brumm, La Vern Newman, Grace Hardy

-- Julie Curry, Outreach Coordinator

PQ Calendar

Feb. 19	Wed	7:00 pm	General Meeting
Feb. 20	Thu	9:00am	Workshop: Sue Rasmussen
March 18	Wed	9:30am	General Meeting and Board Meeting
March 19-20	Thu-Fri	9:00am	Workshop: Dora Cary

Road to California Quilters Conference

Twenty-four quilters from Peninsula Guild, Pacifica and Half Moon Bay clubs took a long roundtrip bus ride to Ontario, stopping in Atascadero for lunch and to visit Sew Fun quilt shop. The quilt show had more than 200 very good vendors, many food choices, plus very good and informative lectures and classes. When we entered the "Quilt Room," it was an experience: feng shui music and so many beautiful quilts and incredible quilting. The room was very quiet and people whispered. Our group had a great time and talked about doing it again next year (we'll fly). Stay tuned!



Sue Rasmussen: A Desperate Housewife’s Quilt Journey (Suerasmussenquilts.com)

February 19, 2020



A diversified quilt instructor since 1988, Sue Rasmussen has degrees in Textile Science and Agricultural Economics and has produced an extensive and varied body of work, including hundreds of quilts, quilt art and quilted clothing, many of which are nationally exhibited.

Tonight’s humorous presentation, showing dozens of Sue’s quilts, takes you through her development as a quilt maker in the two main quilt styles that Sue loves and is known for: Intricate Pieced Quilts and Machine Pieced Landscape—Pictorial Quilts. Emphasizing her more recent quilts, Sue will discuss several quilts in detail: the importance of design, color, fabric, choices and quilting patterns. The lecture ends with several story quilts that are guaranteed to make you giggle.

“Machine Quilting on your home sewing machine” featuring Sue Rasmussen

Workshop: Thursday, February 20, 2020

This workshop teaches students, while working through several exercises, the basics of free-motion machine quilting on a home sewing machine. Beginning with simple shapes, students work through many quilt designs such as echo quilting, stippling and other “filler” designs, and simple curves to more complex designs. Class includes discussions of basting techniques, difference in batting, marking quilt tops, comparisons of threads and needles, and quilt binding.

2020 PQ Challenge: “P is for ”

P is for Peninsula Quilters, of course. And pumpkins, or purple, or “she persisted,” or a Pine Tree quilt block. Use your imagination and your favorite quilting technique and participate (another “p” word!) in the 2020 Challenge. We’ll show the quilts and vote on our favorites at the April Guild meeting. If we have at least six people who want to enter their quilts in the Fair, we’ll have a challenge category there too.

We’ve got more fabric (the first 6 yards we bought were all scooped up!), and we’ll have some available at the February and March Guild meetings. If you’d like to get some sooner, or if you want to reserve some in case it runs out again, please contact Jess (jbmillikan8@gmail.com or 415-509-6083).

Rules: Use a recognizable amount of the fabric on the front of the quilt (binding is OK); perimeter minimum 80” and maximum 144”. \$5 entry fee.

Prizes: Viewer’s Choice; Best Use of Challenge Fabric; Most Creative Interpretation of Challenge Theme; Best Construction of Quilt Top; Best Quilting.

■ *Jess Millikan*

Fragrance-free meetings: Please remember that all PQ meetings and workshops are “fragrance free.”

How big should a twin-size quilt be? Given that LifeMoves prefers quilts that will fit a twin bed or larger, finished quilts should be a minimum of 65” x 80”. Why? They fit on 4 yards of backing (two 2-yard pieces joined by one seam), and they fit on a 2-yard piece of batting off the bolt or a twin-sized packaged batting (72” x 90”).

--Julia Curry, Outreach Coordinator

Alice’s Love Event Thursday, April 30, 2020

See the August 2019 PQ newsletter for event background. See the January 2020 PQ newsletter for the “price.”

NOTE: Since the transportation is by bus, attendees must be able to step up three or four steps into the bus and be able to walk two to three city blocks.

We are repeating our trip to Sonoma (Broadway Quilts) and Petaluma (Quilted Angel). Transportation and lunch are provided for PQ members.

Quilts are due by **Wednesday, April 15, 2020** (PQ meeting) but can be turned in sooner. The quilts are going to PQ’s existing charities – San Mateo County Health Foundation (small quilts) and LifeMoves (shelter quilts). Turn your quilt in at a PQ meeting.

To sign up, fill out the sign-up form (on the PQ website) and return it to Margaret. You may sign up before your “price” is paid. Let Margaret know when you have completed your “price” so she can mark you as paid.

As of 1/15/20, there are 11 empty seats on the buses. We are now taking signups for non-PQ guests. The Guest payment is \$25 with checks made out to Peninsula Quilters. Guests will also have to pay for their own lunch or they can bring a lunch. Payment is due by April 15 (PQ April meeting). If you have a guest, give Margaret the name, cell phone number, and emergency contact name and phone number. Mail or give Margaret the \$25 payment.

If you have signed up but CANNOT attend please let Margaret know.

Contact Margaret Conti if you have any questions.

Quilter of the Year

We are currently accepting nominations for Quilter of the Year 2019/2020. Please look for the forms at the February meeting. If you have not yet submitted a nomination, please do so. If you are unable to make either of those meetings, just email Angi Merlone at amerlone@comcast.net. Be sure to let us know why this person deserves recognition.

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

PQ GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2020

The general meeting was called to order by president Jena Walter at 9:30; two new members were acknowledged. The minutes from the December meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's report (Leslie Lohmeier)

Corresponding Secretary (Arlene Powell): Welcome back, Loraine Strong! A card was sent to Leslie Rose who had pneumonia. If you know of someone who should receive a note or card from the guild, contact Arlene.

Announcements:

[Jena Walter] The Sutter Health Hospice Program wants small "fidget" quilts, approximately 18" x 18", with a lot of tactile appeal. This will be discussed further at the board meeting: All are invited to attend.

[Angi Merlone] Nomination forms for Quilter of the Year have been distributed. You can give your completed ballot to Angi or put it in the box at the break.

[Jess Millikan] PQ Annual Challenge is full, i.e., all fabric has been sold. Jess will see if she can find more of the challenge fabric.

[Jess Millikan] The 2020 Opportunity Quilt is at the meeting; buy tickets at the break.

[Grace Hardy and Ruth Gilmore] Thanks to everyone who worked on and attended the Holiday Party. Special thanks to those who decorated tables: Michele Perry, Sara Medina, Irma Lopez, Sandi da Roza, Barbara Hall, Leslie Lohmeier, Gwen Matteucci and Wanda Lewis. One plate was left behind at the event and returned to owner.

[Barbara Hall] The retreat is full; a wait list is available.

[Barbara Hall] Alice's Love event will be April 30. It is now open to non-Guild members at \$25 per person, not including lunch. No quilts are required from non-members.

[Gail Green] Fundraising: Five bags by Carol Stapleton will be raffled after the break; winners can have the bags for \$10 each.

[Terry Caselton] Update on Road to California trip - the bus will leave on Thursday Jan. 23; 28 people are signed up.

[Terry Caselton] Workshops will be held at a new space, 1300 S. El Camino, Suite 100, in San Mateo. There appears to be a lot of interest in workshops this year, however, we will be opening them up to non-members if we don't fill up all the spaces.

Show and Tell:

Happy Scrap Bee	A bunch of quilts for Shelter Network
La Vern Newman	Table runner, holly wreath, rug mug
Sara Guyol	Solo Lady Tribute
Leonie Batkin	Two quilts from the start
Gale Green	Maggie's Flower Garden
Jess Millikan	President's Quilt
Judy Miyake	My Own President's Quilt
	Zen Chic Bowls
Marylin Morton	2 Alice's Love quilts
	Cora Quilts' Gathering Quilt

Break called at 10:12; meeting resumed at 10:30.

[Ruth Gilmore and Kathy McGuffin] Membership report: 55 members, 1 new member. The door prize (fabric strip collection) was won by Jess Millikan.

Carol Stapleton bag winners: Phyllis Obley, Leone Batkin, Linda Hester, Barbara Hall, Michele Parry

Raffle Basket Winners: #1 Wanda Dragon, #2 Kathy McGuffin, #3 Etta Hansen, #4 Leslie Lohmeier, #5 Deborah Dubois, #6 Lorraine Strong

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40. Terry Caselton introduced speaker Kellie Willey.

Respectfully submitted by Linda McAllister, recording secretary (mornings)

Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting January 15, 2020

Attendees: Jena Walter, Leslie Lohmeier, Carol Blitzer, Ruth Gilmore, Angi Merlone, Julie Curry, Michele Parry, Linda Hester, Terry Caselton, Jess Millikan, Anne Merics, Judy Miyake, Kathy McGuffin, Wanda Dragon, Linda McAllister, Gale Green, Grace Hall, Sandra Canales

Meeting called to order at 11:57 by Jena Walter. Minutes from the previous board meeting approved as published.

Committee Reports:

Activities (Judy Miyake):

Annual challenge is underway and is sold out

Next retreat is already full

No fair news

Fundraising (Gale Green): The guild made \$50 from Carol Stapleton's bags today.

Membership (Ruth Gilmore): Two new members, Sandra Canales and Barb Sanders. We currently have 135 members.

Newsletter (Carol Blitzer): People are good at getting articles in by the deadline.

Question: Why did we stop taking pictures at the meetings? Kathy McGuffin answered that it was time consuming and no one seemed to want them. Summary of discussion: There will be a few pictures taken for the newsletter and website, but there is no guarantee that we will keep them.

Outreach: (Julie Curry): Going well

Website (Kathy McGuffin): The newsletter and website are coordinating well. The online forms for membership and workshops are being used, and there seem to be no problems.

Treasurer's Report (Leslie Lohmeier): Paypal cost vs benefits: a \$50 workshop costs us \$1.75 base fee plus \$0.30 per transaction, or roughly 2%. The board voted to leave the present system (i.e., the guild absorbs the Paypal fees) as is until the next budgeting period. Julie made a suggestion to add a transaction fee to cover payments by check to encourage use of Paypal; this will be taken up at the July meeting.

New Business:

Sutter Health Hospice request: Ruth shared some photographs of the type of quilts they're looking for. Carol would like a more detailed discussion of what is expected of us. Jena will contact them to arrange for a representative to attend a PQ meeting and bring a sample, preferably at the March meeting.

Michele suggested that this could be an opportunity to create a bee; she will distribute an article from Quilters' News Magazine on quilts for Alzheimer's patients.

Kathy suggested that we put a reminder in the newsletter about strong scents at meetings and parties. This would also be an opportunity to remind people yet again to silence their cell phones, as well as reminding them that any donations left behind at meetings may be trashed.

Terry is booking workshop presenters for 2021. Jena has been able to book the rooms at Silicon Valley Community Foundation through 2021.

Julie would like to move the Scrappy Bee to the new location, as it is better heated and lit.

Angi raised some concerns about the low attendance at the Holiday party: How do we encourage people to attend? Suggestions included have a luncheon, go back to having a buffet, have a pot luck but with the guild providing a main dish or two, have a theme for food, get a caterer (or order "catering food" plus 2-3 people to work the kitchen). Another suggestion was to charge a small fee, refundable at the Holiday Party, to encourage people to attend.

Resolution: we will keep brainstorming ways to make the party better attended. Gale, Michele and Jena volunteered to coordinate the next Holiday Party.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50.

Respectfully submitted by Linda McAllister

Upcoming Workshops

“Only One” featuring Dora Cary <https://www.orangedotquilts.com>

Thursday and Friday, March 19 & 20, 2020

Make a stunning quilt with one piece of fabric and a much-simplified One Block Wonder technique. Say NO to fussy cutting and Y seams and YES to super fast cutting tips and chain stitching straight lines to create gorgeous blocks that will make an amazing quilt. The pattern requires only one fabric and includes fabric requirements for all quilt sizes. In the first day of class Dora will explain her super fast method for cutting the fabric for the blocks and share tips for fast piecing and how to reduce the bulk at the intersection of four seams. The second day of class, students will finish sewing their blocks and she will share composition tips. Depending on the chosen quilt size, most students should have a finished quilt top. At the end of the class Dora will share her No Baste Method for quilting on a home sewing machine (not on a long arm). Kits (fabric plus pattern) will be available to purchase in class. The class is perfect for quilters of all levels. Each student will need to purchase a quilt pattern.

“Dresden Jacket & Quilt (your choice)” featuring Anelie Belden www.miystudio.net

Thursday, April 16, 2020

This jacket is made using a sweatshirt of your choice. It can be long or short, loose or fitted. We will cut it up and then add a flowing Dresden design onto the body of the jacket. Dresden blades are used to make the collar and the trim around the edge. A zipper is used as a closure. Piping and embellishing can be added to the design. This is a loose-fitting jacket and does not require difficult garment sewing techniques.

“The Outer Limits” featuring Julia Curry

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Do you remember that old TV show? “You are about to participate in a great adventure. You are about to experience the awe and mystery, which reach from the inner mind to... The Outer Limits.” This pattern will “blow your mind”!! It looks so complicated, but Julie has developed a method using 3" strips sewn into panels and cut into cross-sections. Using her system, you can easily create this awesome quilt. Prepare to explore...The Outer Limits!

Workshop Registration 2020

Payment is required at time of signup. To register for workshops, go online on the Peninsula Quilters website using the link: <https://www.peninsulaquilters.org/online-workshop-form>

Direct questions to Terry Caselton at terry@pamstravel.net. In your email subject line, put PQG Workshop and name of the workshop.

- Workshops take place on the Thursday following a General Monthly Meeting.
- All workshops run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Please arrive 30 minutes before class to setup your sewing station.
- All workshops will be held at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, 1300 S. El Camino Real, Suite 100, San Mateo

Upcoming Quilting Classes/Events

Feb. 20-23, 2020 – QuiltCon 2020 – Modern Quilt Guild – Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas.
www.themodernquiltguild.com

Through Feb. 21 Alameda County Arts Commission Exhibit of EBHQ Quilts - This year, the exhibit will run from Oct. 29, 2018 - Feb. 21, 2019 at the Alameda County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, Floors 1 and 5, Oakland, CA (3 blocks from Lake Merritt BART). The show is open to the public during normal working hours, Monday-Friday. Be sure to take some time to see these wonderful quilts.

Tuesday, March 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Sue Spargo Wool Hand Applique. Learn a new technique with luxurious wool fabrics and instructor Patty Toomey. \$35 plus \$50 for required kit. Serge A Lot, San Francisco, <https://sergealot.com/class-schedule/>

Friday, March 13, or Saturday, March 14, each 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Free Motion and Quilt Binding -- We will explore setting up your machine with the correct thread and tension settings, Free Motion, Embroidery, Ruler Work. The Binding techniques shown will be stuffed and piped binding. \$40. Serge A Lot, San Francisco, <https://sergealot.com/class-schedule/>

March 21–22, 2020 – Voices in Cloth 2020 – East Bay Heritage Quilters Craneway Pavilion, Richmond www.ebhq.org

Jun 20 – 24 Shop Hop by the Bay - Shop Hop by the Bay is a group of quilt shops who work together to promote our love of quilting and sewing. We work to bring our love of fabric to our customers and to promote quilting and sewing to those who have never ventured into this creative process. We are passionate about what we do and celebrate this passion with our annual Shop Hop by the Bay! Just pick up your official Shop Hop Passport at the first shop you visit. Tour the stores, have your passport stamped and pick up your free pattern and fabric piece at each shop. Check out the list of participating quilt shops on the website www.shophopbythebay.com

Note: Additional quilting events can be viewed on the NCQC Calendar at www.ncqc.net



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Through April 12, 2020 Inside Out: Seeing Through Clothing - Clothing acts as both a boundary and bridge between the body and the world. At once utilitarian and deeply expressive, clothing offers protection from external conditions while extending our inner selves—our identities, desires and beliefs—to the surface of our bodies and beyond. This dynamic relationship between inside and outside will be explored in *Inside Out: Seeing Through Clothing*, featuring the work of 11 artists who investigate the boundary that clothing creates between the self and world. Working in the fields of sculpture, photography, installation and textile art, these artists consider themes of transparency, openness, interiority and visibility to create objects that invite us in while reaching out. Their works reimagine clothing as a radical and poetic form, capable of revealing hidden—and often uncomfortable—truths while dissolving boundaries between interior and exterior worlds. Artists include Reiko Fujii, Claudia Casarino, Charlotte Kruk, Robin Lasser & Adrienne Pao, Victoria May, Kate Mitchell, Laura Raboff, Beverly Rayner, Rose Sellery, and Jean Shin. (Turner and Gilliland Galleries)

Through April 12, 2020 Never Ending Thread - Shirley Cunningham and Marianne Lettieri juxtapose their independent art installations to create a space for poetic reverie. Working with re-purposed materials, needle, thread, light and shadow, they explore cultural, spiritual, and material translations of objects, symbols, and text through the aesthetics of craft and design. Cunningham retells an ancient creation story in imaginary tapestry, transforming garments through painterly stitches and skillful embellishment. Lettieri re-contextualizes a thousand articles of estate crochet to make a new narrative about individual identity, community, and creativity. Together, the artists engage the infinite thread that runs through time. (Finlayson Gallery)

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