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President's Message

I was very excited by all the entries into our challenge. Every quilt showed the vast creativity of all the different quilters in the guild. Congratulations to all the entrants. You are all winners!

We have quite a few activities to keep you quilting along this month. Grace Hardy has secured space for quilts at the San Mateo County Fair. Jess Millikan will host a free table at her house in June. Jess has also added a new challenge - Celebration - look for the details inside. Julie Curry and Sandi da Roza will lead the Driveway Quilt Show that will take place in July.

A special thank you to all those who make charity quilts. If you have not done one this year, I urge you to make one. We have heard from recipients who received a quilt after a tragedy. They are all so very grateful.

If all goes well, we will be able to meet in person in September. The meeting will be a real Celebration! Now quilt fairies, go out and sprinkle quilt magic. You never know whose life it may change!

Angi Merlone, president



Outreach Scorecard

	April	May
Bundles of Joy	30	15
LifeMoves	14	10

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*

**Eleanor Levie:
“A Magical History Tour”**

June 16, 2021, 6 p.m.

www.eleanorlevie.com

Eleanor Levie, author of “American Quiltmaking 1970-2000,” will lead us on a rollicking journey through quiltmaking in our time. Elly will share many secrets and stories about the explosion of fabrics and designs, the ground-breaking tools and techniques, and the larger-than-life personalities. She’ll show you some of the best and best-loved quilts of our lifetime. Bet many of you find this a trip down memory lane!



Upcoming PQ speakers

- JULY – Suzi Parron – “Barn Quilt Trail Journey” -- Suzi will take us on a journey along the quilt trail, beginning with the very first barn quilt, which stemmed from Donna Sue Groves and her wish to honor her mother’s quilting art. Suzi’s hour-long presentation features more than 100 stunning photographs of barn quilts, some of which rival cloth quilts in their intricacy. You will hear stories of some of the individuals who have painted quilt blocks to honor loved ones or their local culture, along with a few humorous anecdotes.
- AUGUST – President’s choice.
- SEPTEMBER – Guild Birthday Party

A Second PQ Challenge – with a Celebration Theme

Vaccinations are plentiful and before long we’ll be able to meet in person again, maybe even by the time of our PQ Birthday Party in September. And not long after that, it will be winter holiday season. In short, it’s time to *celebrate!* And what better way to do that than with a quilting challenge?

So, we’ve decided to host a second 2021 PQ Challenge. The rules are essentially the same as the PQ Annual Challenge that we just completed, but with a few important enhancements, which I hope will make this one even more fun. Here’s the stuff that’s pretty much the same:

- Entry fee is \$5, which gets you a fat quarter of the challenge fabric. Fabric is available from Jess Millikan. Email her at jmillikan8@gmail.com or call/text her at 415-509-6083

to make arrangements to get the fabric. (Or, get it when you drop off free table donations June 11-17 or when you "shop" the free table on June 18.)

- Your project can be of any size, from mug rug to bed quilt, but it must be a quilt (no stuffed toys, etc.) and it must use a recognizable amount of the challenge fabric on the front. Binding is OK.
- Submit photos of your project (suggested: front, back, detail, and label) to Jena (jenakwalter@gmail.com) on or before **Sept. 1**. Photos should be full resolution, and the name on the label should be blocked out. We will blast a slide show to all members and then vote online. Winners will be announced at the September Birthday Party meeting.
- Prizes will be awarded for
 - Viewer's Choice
 - Best Use of Challenge Fabric
 - Best Interpretation of Challenge Theme
 - Best Construction of Quilt Top
 - Best Quilting
 - Best Label
- Each 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 other categories.

And, here's the stuff that's new (and I hope, better!):

- Julie Curry has agreed to be our "Challenge Consultant." If you would like to participate but don't know where to start, or if you have an idea but don't know how to execute it, or if you just generally want a wonderful, creative, quilting brain to talk things through with before you put scissors to fabric -- call Julie!
- Every entrant will receive a Wanda Lewis Dragon collectible ribbon to commemorate this challenge. Those of you who have seen the ribbons Wanda has made for Pacifica know what I mean when I say they are simply amazing. The ribbon alone is a reason to make a challenge quilt!
- Instead of gift certificates, winning quilts will be awarded mystery gift bags of goodies. Since I haven't shopped yet, I don't know what they'll contain but I assure you they'll be fun.
- We will have a "Photo Consultant" available if any entrant wants help taking photos of their project and sending them to Jena. We would like to identify a Guild Member who is willing to volunteer to do this -- someone who is comfortable and experienced with quilt photography and who will be available at the end of August to take pictures for anyone who wants a little help. If you are willing to volunteer for this, contact Jess.

That's it! I look forward to seeing all of your wonderful celebration quilts in September!

--Jess Millikan

Minutes, Zoom General Meeting May 19, 2021

This month's speaker, Margaret Willingham, spoke before the meeting.

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Angi Merlone at 9:30 a.m. An error in the April minutes was noted: The next free table will be in June, not May. The minutes from the April meeting were otherwise approved.

Announcements:

Corresponding Secretary Arlene Powell sent a "thinking of you" card to Lorraine Strong.

Angi announced that we may be able to meet in person soon, but nothing is definite yet.

Treasurer's report: Sara Medina explained the new policy for reporting revenues in the minutes, i.e., we will no longer publish the amounts associated with various accounts. There were no unexpected expenses or revenue this past month.

Grace Hardy, for the San Mateo County Fair: The floral department has additional space, and would like to display some quilts in their area. Email photos of quilts you would like to be considered to Julie Curry by Sunday, May 23. Julie will contact members directly to work out details. The fair runs from June 5-13, although it is closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Julie Curry: Julie and Sandi da Roza are planning a progressive drive-by quilt show for either July 9 or 16. They will need driveway hosts.

There may be an opportunity for us to do a pop-up show at the fairgrounds next year. If anyone is interested in chairing a traditional quilt show, contact Julie.

Terry Caselton for programs: Terry is finished with workshops for this year. Thank you to Jena Walter for technical support. Speakers are lined up for June and July. August will be "President's Choice," October will be "Honoring Our Own." Contact Terry if you have suggestions. Also contact her if you have suggestions for next year's programs and workshops.

Terry is still interested in forming a machine embroidery bee, and is looking for others who may be interested.

Michele Perry gave an update on the bylaws revision committee. The updated bylaws will be in the July newsletter, and will be voted on at the July meeting.

Sandi da Roza will be forming a nomination committee for next year's positions.

Challenge Winners: Jess Millikan announced the winners of this year's challenge:

Best Quilting: Grace Hardy/Barb Conklin, for "Connecting Friendships"

Best Construction: Brigitte Aabye, for "Connections"

Best Label: Gale Green, for "Fierce Quilting Ladies"

Best Use of Fabric: Julie Curry, for "Lattice"

Most Creative Use of Challenge Fabric: Angie Sullivan, for "Connection"

Viewer's Choice: Wanda Lewis Dragon, for "Sisters"

2021 Challenge: Jess Millikan announced a winter challenge. Fat quarters are available for \$5, the theme is Celebration, and entries are due at the September meeting. Winners will receive mystery gift bags rather than gift certificates. Julie Curry will be available as a Challenge Consultant. Wanda Dragon will make ribbons for all participants. Jess is looking for someone to act as a photo consultant.

The next **free table** will be the Friday after the June meeting at Jess Millikan's house. Members may drop off donations the week before.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda McAllister, secretary

Show and Tell:

*Below: Jess Millikan -- Here's My Confetti Star
Right: Gale Green -- Fairy Fantasy*



Julie Curry -- Five Donation Quilts



*Sandi Adger -- Disappearing Nine Patch
Table Runner*

Minutes, Zoom Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting May 5, 2021

Attendees: Angi Merlone, Linda McAllister, Jena Walter, Sara Medina, Judy Miyake, Barb Hall, Michèle Parry, Kathy McGuffin, Gale Green, Sandi da Roza, Linda Hester, Julie Curry, Carol Blitzer, Jess Millikan, Joyce Wheeler, Sue Garcia, Justine Barnard

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

Treasurer's Report: Sara suggested changing how the details of the treasurer's report are reported. She suggested announcing the amounts we have in various accounts at the regular meetings but not publishing the numbers in the minutes. Going forward the minutes will reflect that a report was given but eliminate details.

Update on Amazon Smile: It was decided that for a group the size of Peninsula Quilters the amount of money we expect to receive is small and not worth the time and overhead to pursue it.

Paying speakers and instructors: This is currently done by check. However, some speakers have said that there is a long delay in receiving checks mailed to them. Sara suggested that we look at Chase's new Quick Pay system as an alternative. Questions were raised as to whether this system includes an audit trail, and whether on-line checks would work just as well. Sara will investigate further.

Committee Reports:

Membership (Justine): No new membership

New Member Tea (Sandi): The virtual New Member Tea worked well.

New Business:

Officers for next year: Sandi will be ramping up a nomination committee in June. Contact her if you are interested in keeping your current job.

Quilter of the Year: The last meeting went long since we had so many activities ahead of the speaker. Angi suggested moving the Quilter of the Year announcement to the September meeting. Approved.

Garden Center: The re-opening status is changing daily. For the immediate future we cannot meet there with more than 20 people. Angi suggested that we donate \$500 to the Garden Center in recognition of their holding our reserved spaces during the past year and going forward. Discussion followed: Can we make donations to non-quilt-related charities? Michele believes we cannot. Is the Garden Center a business? Not really. How does this mesh with our mission statement? Clearly, we need a place to hold our meetings. Are any of the other groups that use the Garden Center doing this? Yes, at least one group has continued paying the monthly fee. The motion was approved by voice vote by a majority of the board.

Fundraising (Gale): Will we have a quilt to show at PIQF? Carol Stapleton has donated a quilt top, but the quilt may not be finished in time. Do we use Carol's quilt if finished, or accept another one from Julie Curry? The drawback to the latter is that the design is copyrighted: Sara will investigate the legalities. Decision: The Guild will hold Carol's quilt for the 2022-2023 year. Sandi will look into getting the quilt displayed at the 2023 Road to California.

Challenge quilts (Jess): Jess believes we should be doing more challenges and build a culture of challenges for the guild. She suggested keeping the current spring challenge and adding a holiday challenge and possibly another. Can showing challenge quilts be a substitute for show and tell? Not according to the current by-laws but those are being revised. Angi will facilitate a further challenge discussion.

Quilt shows (Julie): We are having a hard time finding people to run a quilt show. The last show of any sort we did was a pop-up in conjunction with the Harvest Fair. Julie would like to pursue another pop-up show. A drive-by show, where members could display quilts in their driveways, was suggested.

By-laws (Michèle): Michèle's committee is working on updates and will send them to the board soon. Among the proposed changes is merging parts of the Historian and Web Manager's roles. Are there any physical documents we need to keep, such as tax and legal documents, and should these go to the treasurer? Are there any other documents we need to keep: If so, tell Michèle. Do we need a communications chair? Do the by-laws need to specify Show and Tell at every meeting? Signature policy should be part of standing rules, not by-laws. Again, everyone should read the current material in the roster and give feedback to Michèle by the May meeting.

Birthday Party: We don't know if we can meet indoors in September: an outdoor meeting in a park was proposed. We need a chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

--Respectfully submitted by Linda McAllister, secretary

Sewcial Lab

I wanted to share a Covid activity that I found and enjoy. I thought some of you might find it appealing as well. I joined a virtual sewing group called Sewcial Lab last August. The idea is you work with a group of fellow quilters on common projects. There are full videos, live Q&A, live show and tell run by a woman named Karis who owns a quilt shop in Sarasota, Florida. You can join the group and provide your own fabric for projects, or you can buy all the kits or buy just the kits you want.

The video instruction is top notch, very detailed, and you can send Karis an email any time if you need some info between sessions. It is a project a month based on a popular book selection.

There is a modern focus within the projects. Like many patterns, fabrics set the tone.

The types of projects have been quilts, pillows, table runners and wall hanging.

They also started in April a Bag Boot Camp, which ran five weeks with a total of four bags. I have enjoyed this as well. I find the videos exceptional with clear information and step-by-step demonstrations. The videos show all the cutting, sewing and finishing of each project. You actually don't have to read the pattern, the video detail is that good.

All levels of skills are in the group. It is a membership-based arrangement with openings for new members in July and January. You can take a look at the site <https://www.sewciallab.com/>. You can put yourself on a list at this site to get more information when signups open.

I hope you take a look. If you have any questions, feel free to call me. Or you could call Karis at her shop <https://www.themodernsew.ist/>.

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Sandy Kelly

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