

# Peninsula Quilters Gazette

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**Next Meeting: March 17, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom**

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## President's Message

The vaccine seems to have given us a light at the end of the tunnel during this crazy time, though we still need to stay home and distance. The bright side is that we are all able to quilt in our jammies.

Thanks to all of you who made quilts for the CZU fire victims. We are now back to making quilts for LifeMoves. Since what is old is new again, it would be great if some of you would be able to help quilt these with your walking foot or practicing your free-motion quilting on your home sewing machine.

We are lucky to have quite a few activities in the future to keep us busy during this "ISEWLATION." There will be inspiring workshops and speakers, another retreat at the end of April, New Member Tea, Challenge quilt and Friday Open Sews. I hope to see all of you at a Zoom meeting soon.

*--Angi Merlone, president*



## Outreach Scorecard

	January	February
Bundles of Joy	16	3
LifeMoves	0	16
CZU Fire	9	6

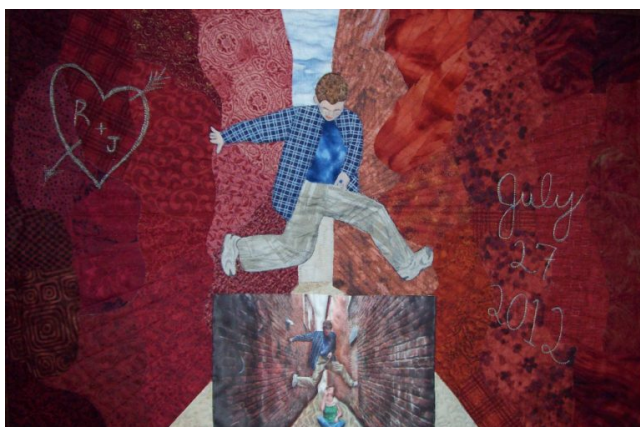
Let's keep these generous and much-appreciated donations coming! Baby quilts should be minimum 30" and maximum of 45" on a side. LifeMoves quilts should be approximately 65" x 80".

*-- 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:



## Julia Graves: “Memory Quilts and Personalizing Quilts”

March 17, 2021, 9:30 a.m.  
[www.soquilts.com](http://www.soquilts.com)

Julia Graves started her business, Special Occasion Quilts in 2007 to help others create a one-of-a-kind expression of caring. A quilter since age 10, she now teaches, lectures, designs patterns and does longarm quilting. She is partial to scrap quilts and working with color to achieve amazing results. Her talk will include incorporating special fabrics, T-shirts, handkerchiefs, ties, photographs, writing, signatures, individual blocks and art quilts. Includes a slide show and trunk show illustrating many of the techniques.

## Upcoming PQ speakers

- APRIL – Maria Shell – “Patchwork to Art – Journey of an Alaskan Quilt Maker” – American patchwork connecting to both the modern and art quilt movement
- 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

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## 2021 Peninsula Quilters Virtual Workshop Schedule

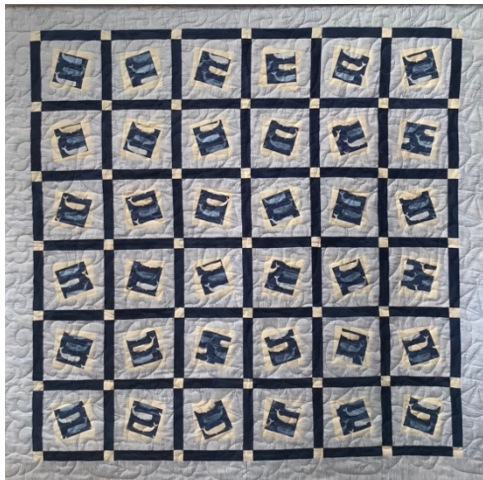
All virtual workshops are \$50, with the registration form at [www.peninsulaquilters.org](http://www.peninsulaquilters.org). If you have any questions, contact Terry Caselton at 650-773-5756.

### MARCH WORKSHOP *"HAPPY WONKY QUILT"*

**Dates: March 18 & 19 Time: 9:00AM – 12:00PM 2 Day**



**Connie Bowles** a member of PQ for a number of years, has taught at quilt shops in the Bay Area and at the Kauai Quilt Guild. She has been quilting since 2002 and the thing she likes best about quilting is being inspired by new patterns, techniques and, of course, fabric. Connie enjoys sharing her love of quilting and her skills with all levels of quilters.



Connie will share her method for making tippy blocks, which create movement across the quilt. It's easy to piece, and the result will be a quilt that will make you smile. Though it may look complicated, once you get into the rhythm, it's simply fun. So, grab your fat quarters and let's create some joy.

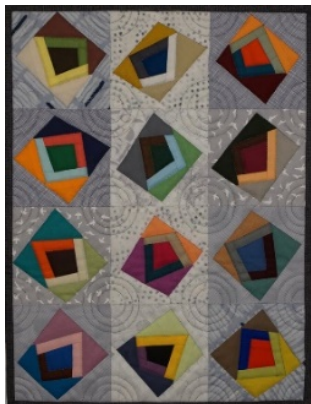
### APRIL WORKSHOP *"LITTLE MODERN MINI OR MICRO MINI"*

**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](http://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.*

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## Quilter of the Year Ballot

The nominations are in! We had an enthusiastic response! Thank you all for your kind and thoughtful words about each of the nominees.

We can each only vote for one of these wonderful women. You can vote via email: [smdaroza@yahoo.com](mailto:smdaroza@yahoo.com) or via mail to: Sandi daRoza, 410 Darrell Road, Hillsborough, CA 94010. Ballots are due at the end of March.

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.

In alphabetical order the nominees are:

- 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.”
- Jena Walter - “Jena has done an outstanding job in keeping our guild members connected on Zoom, utilizing her technology expertise. She is always cheerfully, willing to lend a hand to all of us.”

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## PQ CHALLENGE: There’s Still Time to Enter

The deadline for the 2021 PQ Challenge (Online) is rapidly approaching, but there’s still plenty of 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 February 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Angi Merlone at 6 p.m. There were no new members present.

Terry Caselton introduced our speaker Karen Combs, whose topic was "Quilts of Illusion"; the speaker was finished by 7:30.

After a short break, the business meeting started at 7:40.

### **Announcements:**

The Free Table will be happening at Angi's house on this Friday from 9 a.m.-noon.

The minutes from January were approved with the correction to the Treasurer's report: Vanguard - \$19824.76 and Chase - \$45,103.94.

Angi spoke about Joan Moore, a longtime and active member of PQ. She passed away in January and in lieu of flowers asked that donations be given to PQ.

No report from Arleen Powell.

Sara Medina - Vanguard - \$19,830.58 and Chase - \$44,591.94.

Terry Caselton reminded us of the workshop with The Material Girlfriends on Tuesday and Thursday of next week Feb. 23 & 25. Signups are still accepted.

Judy Miyake thanked all those who have worked on the Charity Quilts. Reminded everyone that a longarm is not necessary to finish our charity quilts. They can be simply quilted on the home machines or tied. Angi has offered to baste the quilt sandwiches for anyone interested in quilting on their home machines. Julie announced that we will be refocusing on our LifeMoves charity. The CZU Fire need has been met. We donated 70 quilts.

Sandi daRoza announced the candidates for Quilter of the Year: **Ruth Gilroy, Sandy Kelly, Michele Parry, and Jena Walter**. We voted by poll on Zoom last night and those who didn't vote last night will get another chance at the March meeting. If you want to send your vote to Sandi's email that works too. Also the New Member Tea will be held on Saturday, April 24, on Zoom. More information to follow.

Jena Walter offered to gather information from any willing Accuquilt owners. If any of you are interested in borrowing or lending dies for the machine, she will compile a list. More information to follow.

Barb Hall - Next Retreat will be held April 30-May 2. Julie Curry will introduce another project and we will have a Mug Rug reveal, in addition to the usual fun. DON'T contact me now; signups will start April 21.



Jess Millikan reminded us she still has fabric for the Challenge. Entries will be judged at the April meeting. Pictures will have to be submitted before the meeting so get busy now. Contact Jess for fabric, \$5.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Barb Hall*

### Show and Tell

*Leonie Batkin: Outer Limits in darks  
(from Julie Curry's class)*

*Carol Blitzer: Outer Limits in blues (from  
Julie Curry's class)*



*Sara Guyol: "Threads" 51" x 51 ½"*



*Annette Caves: Valentine's quilt*



Linda McAllister: Jirel's Quilt, Scrap Quilt #1,  
Scrap Quilt #2, Scrap Quilt #3





*Donations to CZU from members and friends:*



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## **Minutes, Zoom Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting February 6, 2021**

Attendees: Angi Merlone, Linda McAllister, Jena Walter, Sara Medina, Judy Miyake, Anne Merics, Sandi daRoza, Connie Bowles, Barb Hall, Michele Parry, Terry Caselton, Carol Blitzer, Wanda Dragon, Kathy McGuffin, Gale Green, Linda Hester

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Angi. Sara pointed out a typo in the minutes from the January meeting regarding finances. [Secretary's comment: The January board meeting minutes are correct as submitted; the minutes from the January general meeting do contain a typo on the amount in the Chase and Vanguard accounts. The amounts should be: Vanguard - \$19,824.76 and Chase - \$45,103.94 and should be corrected at the next general meeting.] The minutes were otherwise approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Corresponding secretary:** Arlene sent thank you notes to the donors of the Featherweights raffled in December.

**Membership:** Anne reported that two new members joined last month, making a total of six new members this year. Sara mentioned that there was another new member form in the P.O. Box.

**Treasurer's report:** The Vanguard account has \$19,830.58; the checking account has \$44,591.94; there are about \$500 in checks outstanding.

**Activities and Outreach:** Judy reported that the annual challenge is underway; quilts will be displayed at the April meeting. There are currently 10 donation quilts awaiting quilting. Blasts have been sent out but not many takers. Barb, Wanda, Kathy, and Angi will take some to quilt. There was a discussion on how to recruit more people to do the quilting. Paying to have someone quilt them was brought up, but it was thought this was not an optimal solution. Angi will bring the topic up at the general meeting, and Judy will present options.

**Free Table:** Angi announced that there will be a free table at her house in February; she will send a blast.

**Quilter of the Year:** Sandi reported that 48 members have nominated; nominations are due by the March meeting.

**New Member Tea:** Sandi announced that the new member tea will be April 24, from 1-3 p.m.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Thank you to Barb Hall for organizing the most recent retreat, and especially for contacting new members to let them get involved.

**Workshops:** Terry reported that the people giving the next workshop want to use their own platform. It was not clear exactly what this means for us and how our links are set up: Terry will investigate further.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Linda McAllister, secretary*

Recently posted on PQ What's Under Your Needle:



*Ruth Gilroy: Patriotic Diamonds*





*Jess Millikan: Outer Limits*

*Lisa Allard: Pillow Top*



*Rosalie Wilson: Crazy Quilt (from Julie Curry's class), made from scraps from two other quilts*



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### **PQ Virtual Machine Embroidery Bee**

Some of you have asked and I am happy to host a “Virtual” (Zoom) Machine Embroidery Bee where we can learn from each other, share ideas and designs and have lots of fun together!

“Virtual” is so great because our machines are heavy and this way we don’t have to move them and are sewing in our homes even in our jammies if we want. All Embroidery Machine brands welcome.

Email me if you are interested, and we will work out the details and a day and time that works for all of us: Terry Caselton, [terry@pamstravel.net](mailto:terry@pamstravel.net) 650-773-5756.

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