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President's Message

The driveway show was a tremendous success. A big Thank You to Julie Curry, her husband Don, Sandi daRoza and all the other hosts and helpers. It was wonderful to see everyone in person and to see all the quilts. When one is standing in front of a quilt it is so much easier to take note of all the quilt details.

If all goes well, we will be meeting in person in September. Of course, we will need to take into consideration the guidelines in our county. I will be sending a blast out at the end of August with more information.

A special thanks this month goes to Michèle Parry. She not only holds the office of Parliamentarian but she also edits the membership roster that we all depend upon. This is a huge undertaking and we are so thankful to her.

Angi Merlone, president



Quilts were displayed in the driveways of Angi Merlone (left) and Justine Barnard. To see the quilts at all the homes, visit: <https://www.peninsulaquilters.org/2021drivewayquiltshow>

PQ's First Ever Driveway Show a Huge Success!

Judging by the beautiful quilts and bright smiles, there is no doubt that our Driveway Show was a big hit! The weather was nice, the quilts were amazing and the participants were excited!

A great big thank you goes to our hard-working and creative driveway hosts: Angi, Julie, Ruth, Barb H., Connie, Michele & Sandy K., Sandi D., Anne & Justine and Joyce W. Additional gratitude to exhibitors, helpers and everyone who showed up to see the displays.



Outreach Scorecard

	June	July
Bundles of Joy	10	6
LifeMoves	11	13
Laguna Honda Home		2

Donors include: Barb H., Margaret A., Michele P., Julie C., Rose W., Rita L., and others.

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

Recent quilts donated to LifeMoves and Bundles of Joy





**Sara Trail: Social Justice
Sewing Academy
Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m.**

Our speaker this month is Sara Trail. This bright, shining star founded the Social Justice Sewing Academy. After attending U.C. Berkeley and Harvard School of Education she came back to the Bay Area and started the Social Justice Sewing Academy. The Academy is a platform where youth create art that engages and educates communities. She will tell us all about the different aspects of the Academy including making remembrance quilts and blocks to honor victims of violence.

A new-and-improved hybrid Celebrations Challenge

As of now, it looks likely that our September meeting will be "live and in-person." Hurray!! That means that we should be able to actually see the quilts instead of just zoom-ing them. But: I'm also mindful that many of you won't be able to attend the meeting for one reason or another, so ... we've invented the "hybrid challenge." Here's how it will work:

Participants will send photos of their entries to Jena by Sept. 1, as previously required. If anyone wants help photographing their quilt, let me know -- my husband, Ross, who is a talented photographer, has generously offered his help. Jena will prepare the slide show, and it will be "blasted" to all of you about a week before the September meeting. You will also receive a link to a Survey Monkey poll so anyone who is unable to attend the meeting in person will be able to vote. On-line voting will close 24 hours before the meeting.

Participants will bring me their entries (or make arrangements for me to pick them up) at least 48 hours before the meeting. That will ensure that we know what we are dealing with and can display them appropriately at the meeting. It will also make it easier to keep the participants anonymous. I will bring the entries to the Garden Center the day of the General Meeting and have them hanging before the meeting begins.

Members will receive paper ballots as they arrive at the General Meeting, and voting will remain open until the beginning of the break. Then, I'll go to work combining the

paper ballots with the Survey Monkey votes and applying our "win only once" rules. As soon as I can get the votes tallied, we'll hand out "Wanda Ribbons" to all entrants and prizes to the winners.

As previously announced, we'll award prizes for Viewer's Choice, Best Use of Challenge Fabric, Most Creative Interpretation of Challenge Theme, Best Construction of Quilt Top, Best Quilting, and Best Label. (Each entry can only win once.) In addition to the mystery gift bag, each winner will receive a \$20 discount coupon good for the PQ Workshop of their choice!!

--Jess Millikan

Slate of Officers for 2021-2022:

President - Sandi daRoza
Vice-President - Sandy Kelly
Treasurer - Sara Medina
Recording Secretaries - Linda McAllister(am), Holly Colgan (pm)
Corresponding Secretary - Arleen Powell
Past President - Angi Merlone

Committee Chairs:

Bee Coordinator - Rose Wilson
Program Chair - Connie Bowles
Membership Chairs - Anne Merics, Justine Bernard
Welcome Committee Chair - Barbara Hall

Parliamentarian - Michele Parry
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NCQC rep/speaker/workshop Chair - Terry Caselton
Workshop Support - Anne Merics, Wanda Lewis Dragon
PQ retreats - Barbara Hall, Jena Walter
Annual Challenge - Jess Millikan
County Fair Liaison - Wanda Lewis Dragon
Fund Raising Chair - Sandra Canales
Opportunity Quilt Chair - Jess Millikan
Raffle Baskets - Suzanne Jeuck, Neva Hernandez
Quilt Exhibit/Show - Julie Curry
Hospitality - Judy Miyake
2021 Holiday Event - Nancy Krosse
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
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Roster - Michele Parry
Newsletter - Carol Blitzer
Newsletter Assistant - Judy Ousterhout
Birthday Event - TBA

Voting will take place at our September meeting. Please note that many of our board and committee chairs have graciously offered to continue in their positions for another year. We truly appreciate and are thankful for all the volunteering! As the saying goes...IT TAKES A VILLAGE.

--Sandi daRoza



2021-22 Opportunity Quilt: A Quilter's Flower Garden

Our Opportunity Quilt this year will be "A Quilter's Flower Garden," which was designed and pieced by Carol Stapleton from scraps donated by PQ members. It will be quilted by Gale Green, and will have its debut at PIQF in October. As in prior years, PIQF will require that we donate 32 hours of white-glove duty in exchange for our complimentary space to hang the quilt and sell raffle tickets. We will need volunteers to sit at the table, greet visitors and sell raffle tickets throughout PIQF (Oct. 14-17), and to do white-glove duty. As soon as Mancuso Show Management confirms which day is required for white glove, we will set it up on iVolunteer, and you will receive more information about how to sign up.

In the meantime, we are also making arrangements to show this magnificent quilt at other venues, including guilds and quilt shops. If you are a member of another Guild, please email Jess Millikan (jbmillikan8@gmail.com) when they announce dates for meeting in person so she can contact them directly to see if we can bring our quilt for a visit.

September Free Table

The next Free Table will be at the September meeting (assuming, as we expect, that we can meet in person!). To make that work smoothly with the volume of fabric that we have, please bring your donations to Jess Millikan's house (812 Laurelwood Drive, San Mateo) during **the week before** the general meeting – *Sept. 7-14*. **Please do not** bring your donations directly to the meeting. Jess will do some preliminary sorting and organizing, and will set up the free table(s!) at the Garden Center in advance of our meeting. As always, fabric, notions, tools, and other quilting paraphernalia are welcome; please do not bring books or patterns. Thank you!

Minutes, Zoom PQ General Meeting July 21, 2021

This month's speaker, Suzi Parron, spoke before the meeting. The Zoom meeting was called to order by Angi Merlone at 10:40 a.m. The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Announcements:

Angi: The driveway quilt show held July 17-19 was very successful.

The September meeting will be our Birthday Party. We are planning to have an in-person meeting and lunch, assuming no new Covid restrictions.

Corresponding secretary Arlene Powell sent a card to Evelyn Klein.

Treasurer's report: Sara Medina asked people to get requests for reimbursement to her as soon as they can. A preliminary budget will be presented at the August board meeting; the revised budget will be presented at the September general meeting.

First Driveway Quilt Show: Julie Curry thanked the members who hosted the first driveway show earlier this month. It was intended as an extended Show and Tell, and had about 50-60 visitors at each location, including non-PQ members. Pictures are on the website.

Nominating Committee: Sandi daRoza reported that all slots are filled, but nominations from the floor will be accepted at the August meeting. The new slate will be voted on at the September meeting.

Christmas in July: Sandi da Roza announced "Christmas in July": It's time to start work on holiday projects to display at the December meeting.

Opportunity Quilt: Jess Millikan gave an update. The top was donated by Carol Stapleton and will be quilted by Gale Green. We will be displaying the quilt at PIQF, and will need White Glove volunteers. Jess is exploring opportunities at Road to California in January. If you know of other local guilds that have or are planning in-person meetings, let Jess know so she can arrange for our opportunity quilt to be shown.

Challenge: Jess Millikan said we will be doing a hybrid challenge: Send photos to Jena by Sept. 1, and deliver quilts to Jess two days before the September meeting. The quilts will be displayed on-line, and voting will take place at the Birthday Party. Prizes will be mystery bags that will include discount certificates for workshops as well as other items. Challenge fabric is still available.

Free Table: Jess Millikan announced that the next Free Table will be at the September meeting. Drop off donations to Jess the week before the meeting.

By-laws: Michele Perry thanked the committee (Jess Millikan, Sara Medina, Jena Walter and Kathy McGuffin) for their work on updating the by-laws. Call for questions from the floor: none. Motion to approve proposed by-laws changes passed with no objections. The revised by-laws will be published in the next roster.

Road to California: Terry Caselton gave an update on Road to California (Jan. 19-22). Sign-ups for classes start in August. Contact Terry for more information.

Workshops: Terry Caselton said there is still no word on when we can hold workshops in person. Karen Combs will give a virtual workshop on 3-D quilts in January. A "Heart to Heart" workshop is planned for next year: Contact Terry if you have a technique to share.

Summer Virtual Retreat: Barb Hall gave details of the summer virtual retreat (July 30-Aug. 1). To sign up send an email to Barb by Friday.

Terry Caselton said there is space at a September retreat in San Juan Batista (not a PQ event).

This month's Show and Tell included LifeMoves donations for May and June, three retreat project samples, as well as photos from the displays at the Driveway Quilt Show.

Angi adjourned the meeting at noon.

Respectfully submitted, Linda McAllister, secretary

Show and Tell:



Gale Green: (clockwise, from left), Outer Limits, Red, White and Blue, Hashtag, Hunter's Star





Left -- Kathy McGuffin: *Catch a Wave*
Below -- Holly Colgan: *Yo-yos*



Minutes, Zoom Peninsula Quilters Board Meeting July 7, 2021

Attendees: (at start of meeting) Angi Merlone, Linda McAllister, Jena Walter, Sara Medina, Judy Miyake, Barb Hall, Michele Perry, Kathy McGuffin, Gale Green, Julie Curry, Connie Bowles, Anne Merics, Joyce Wheeler, Sandi daRoza, Linda Hester, Wanda Dragon, Terry Caselton

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

Nominating Committee Report (Sandi): The committee met and all the posts have been filled. New board nominees are: Sandy Kelly (vice president), Holly Colgan (nighttime recording secretary), Sandra Canales (fund raising), Rose Wilson (Queen Bee), Nancy Krosse (Holiday Party; chair for Birthday Party still open); Suzanne Jeuck (Raffle Baskets), Jess Millikan (Opportunity Quilt); Suzanne and Jess would like helpers

Update on Opportunity Quilt (Angi): We have applied to display our Opportunity Quilt at Road to California in January 2022, and should know in December. If accepted, we will be expected to supply some white-glove people. We are on the list of PIQF in October and should hear definitely within a week or two.

Resuming In-Person Meetings (Angi): Pros and cons of holding future meetings via Zoom or as a hybrid Zoom/live meeting were discussed. The major issue with doing hybrid meetings is cost: We will need a camera (est. \$1000+), relevant apps, computer with dedicated hub at a minimum. We will also need the approval of any speakers.

Pros of mixed meetings: allows distant members to attend meetings and workshops, lets us get more speakers from out of the area. **Cons:** costs of equipment and software, can discourage members who are not comfortable with technology, reduces raffle basket income, less participation in Show and Tell, less likely to draw in new members, some people are getting tired of Zoom, could lose access to the Garden Center if we don't use it. Points raised during discussion: No guarantee speakers will say yes to being recorded - is live streaming the same as recording (from the speaker's viewpoint, probably)? Some members have problems attending night meetings; others have problems attending day meetings. Who is going to support the technology needed for on-line meetings, and what do we do to ensure orderly transfers? Will the Garden Center take away our reserved slots if we don't use them consistently?

Motion: Return to our original schedule of meetings at the Garden Center when they can accommodate us - passed.

Motion: Hold the upcoming Birthday and Holiday parties as lunch-time meetings – passed.

Free Table and Challenge (Angi for Jess Millikan): Free table will be resumed for in-person meetings. Bring donations to Jess before meeting. Julie pointed out that this should not be a board issue, nor should the mechanics of challenges. The current challenge quilts should be delivered to Jess before the meeting so a slide show can be planned, in addition to displaying the quilts at our Birthday Party. Photos of the quilts will be available on-line; voting will be in person at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Sara): We have a budget shortfall this year and are drawing on reserves. This has been an anomalous year with limited opportunities for income. Sara will start budget discussions for next year with individuals who regularly manage expenses: She will have a preliminary budget for the board in August and for the general membership in September.

Proposal: Donate \$1,000 as a good-faith gesture to the Garden Center. It was pointed out that the board can only approve \$500 without a vote of the full membership. Sara will get more information on what expenses the Garden Center has incurred. Motion: donate \$500 to Garden Center – approved.

Sara requested board approval to update the financial software we use, which is now about 14 years old. The board authorized her to spend up to \$500 for up-to-date software.

Birthday Party (Angi): The birthday party will be a lunch. The board authorized Angi to spend up to \$2,000 from the unspent programs budget on catering, as this will be our first in-person meeting in over a year.

New Business:

Terry Caselton for workshops: The Silicon Valley Center in San Mateo plans to start opening up in September, but will not know how things will go until December. No response from Sobrato

Center in Redwood City. Terry plans to do a virtual workshop in November with previous speaker Karen Combs: We will need 16 people to break even. Suggestion: require people to sign up and pay by Sept. 1, and cancel if not enough. It was also suggested that we have fewer workshops but sell them better, e.g., with samples and more effective hype. Terry suggested a Heart-to-Heart in lieu of a workshop in January: if we don't have a place to hold it, how will we handle the logistics? We are already doing something similar as part of the virtual retreats.

Julie Curry: Driveway quilt show is on for July 16,17,18. Details will be sent out in a blast. The announcement will list names but not addresses: non-PQ members are welcome, but as this is a trial we will not broadly advertise locations.

Julie Curry: Scrap bee is still on hold until we can find a place to meet.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda McAllister, secretary

Road to California

We have reservations Jan. 20-23, 2022 (3 nights) at the DoubleTree Hotel Ontario:

- \$129 per night per room, single and double occupancy available – two queen beds non-smoking;
- Hotel is within walking distance to the convention center;
- I will look into a charter flight to go together or you can book your own transportation;
- There are eight rooms available on a first-come basis. Email me if you are interested terry@pamstravel.net.

Show/Class dates: Jan. 19-24, 2022

Book classes online starting: Aug. 15, 2021

--Terry Caselton

Destination Retreats

At this time the **Destination Retreats** are full! If you are interested in receiving more information and/or to be put on the wait list email Terry Caselton terry@pamstravel.net and indicate which retreat you are interested in joining.

- Sept. 13-17, 2021: St. Francis Retreat House, San Juan Baptista
 - April 25-29, 2022: Villa Angelica, Carmel
 - Sept. 12-16, 2022: St. Francis Retreat House, San Juan Baptista
 - Oct. 24-27, 2022: Bishop Ranch, Santa Rosa
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Alice Beasley: Having Her Say

Quilting with Social Commentary

A Virtual Zoom Event: Video Premiere and Artists' Conversation **Sunday, 15 August 2021 at 1:30–3:00 pm PT**



Images: courtesy of Alice Beasley

Purchase ticket through [Eventbrite](#)

\$5 - Students, TAC and FAMSF members; \$10 - General admission. Ticket holders will have access to the program recording for one week.

About the Program

For thirty years, the Oakland-based, self-taught quilter Alice Beasley has spoken out on issues and events that are meaningful to her through her figurative appliqué quilts. She uses fabrics to create the light, shadow, and realistic perspective used by artists in other media. She finds color, line, and texture in the patterns of commercial fabric and fabrics that she prints herself.

Join us for the premiere of our Artist's Studio Visit video by filmmaker Mark Haffenreffer. The film captures Alice at work and highlights her process and inspirations. It also tells the story of how she came to quilting and fabric portraiture, and the themes in her work, including her family history and expressions of the Black Experience in the United States.

Following the film, there will be a conversation between the artist and her fellow fiber artist Mirka Knaster. Alice and Mirka will discuss in depth selected pieces of Alice's work, their context, and messages. The two artists will also share their separate but mutual paths to artistic expression.

This program is the first in TAC Artist Series profiling living San Francisco Bay Area fiber artists.



Program Speakers:

Alice Beasley lives and works in Oakland, California. She has been making portraits of people and objects using fabric as her media since 1988. Her works have been exhibited in many venues throughout the United States including the De Young Museum in San Francisco, the Textile Museum in Washington, D.C., the American Folk Art Museum in New York and the Smithsonian Anacostia Museum as well as abroad in Madrid, France, Japan, Namibia and Croatia. They have also been purchased or commissioned by a number of public entities including: the City and County of San Francisco, the De Young Museum, the United States Embassy, the County of Alameda, Kaiser Hospital, Highland Hospital and the Sunnyvale Medical Facility.

Mirka Knaster is a multi-media textile artist based in northern California. She creates 2-D and 3-D works using textiles, paper, and other materials. Her works have been exhibited internationally and won many awards. Today they can be found in various collections in the U.S. and England. Born along the Adriatic Sea and educated in the U.S., Mirka earned degrees in three cross-cultural fields. Worldwide adventures have deeply informed her sensibility and exploration of fiber art. She draws inspiration from nature, East Asian aesthetics, 20th-century abstract art, and meditation practice. She develops an approach for a creative process that is open-ended and intuitive with continuing improvisation, often resulting in art pieces that emerge as if serendipitously. Mirka is also an independent curator and has highlighted artists from various cultures. She is an active member of the Surface Design Association (SDA) and a board member of the Textile Arts Council (TAC) of the Museum of Fine Arts, San Francisco.

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