



**MARCH 2021**

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**Zoom Video Conference - March 9, 2021**

**9:30am - 12:00pm**

**Check your email for link to the meeting.**

**Program - Linda J. Hahn**



### **New York Beauty State of Mind**

**Linda J. Hahn** from Palm Bay, Florida, has loved the beach since childhood. Originally from central New Jersey, she did not come from a sewing background. She was too busy showing barrel racing horses on the national circuit. A paralegal for 25 years, Linda turned to teaching quilting in 1994, a year after she learned to quilt.

Today, she is the author of seven quilting books, three of which are about the New York Beauty block. The newest, New York Beauty Electrified, takes this traditional

block to a whole other level: think beach crabs, spiders, and butterflies. The first book in this series, New York Beauty Simplified, as well as the second, New York Beauty Diversified, won bronze and gold medals in the Living Now Book Awards competition. Linda will show us almost all of the quilts from this book series.

When not on the road, Linda teaches Zumba classes (she is a licensed instructor) and designs fabric lines for Northcott fabrics. "Island Vibes" was released in 2019; another fabric collection: "Carnivale" from Banyan Batiks hit the market last year. Two more are in the works.

Linda's teaching strength is taking complex designs and explaining them in a way that insures students' success. She will be teaching at Quilt Retreat at Sea in April 2022 on a Royal Caribbean cruise to Mexico and Honduras.

For more about Linda, go to [www.froghollowdesigns.com](http://www.froghollowdesigns.com).



Lights of Broadway - Linda J. Hahn



## Upcoming Programs

April 13, 2021 - **Rami Kim**  
Asian Designs in a Modern World  
[www.ramikim.com](http://www.ramikim.com)

May 11, 2021 - **President's Quilt Presentation**

### President's Corner - Mary Arter

I hope you are enjoying our new newsletter feature—each month for your inspiration, a member provides a list of their favorite quilting-related social media accounts. Last month, I outlined some quilt-related Instagram accounts that I follow. But, if you're like me, quilting is not your only creative outlet. Here are some non-quilting Instagram accounts that I like:

@embroiderycode—3D punch needle embroidery that looks like food. You won't believe how realistic they look!

@knottymakes—hand-dyed yarn. She also has an Etsy shop which is where I got my supplies for dyeing yarn with Kool-Aide (a fun and easy project).

@lillabjorncrochet, @complexkate, and @barbertondaisy—interesting crochet designs

@saaknas—stunning Fair-Isle (stranded) knitting

@modern.daily.knitting—designs and tips for knitters

@soapescape—hand-made soap that looks like quilt blocks—cute gift ideas!

@ramekon and @miebachsculpture—some very unique basketry

### Membership - Vivien Hawker

The February 9, 2021 Zoom general meeting:

Members Present - 82  
Guests - 2  
New members - 0  
Total at Zoom meeting - 84  
Total current members - 182

Congratulations to **Jeannie Tavasci** who won the door prize. Thank you, **Judy Nunn** for your donation.

Guest policy: A guest may attend one Zoom general meeting at no charge. If a guest wishes to attend additional meetings, we ask that they either join the guild or mail \$5 to the guild's PO box for each meeting attended. (*PO Box address is at the bottom of this newsletter.*)

### Parliamentarian - Monica Shafer

Surfside Quilters Guild's nominating committee has filled a slate of candidates for the 2021-2022 term. The roster of candidates was presented to the Board at their monthly meeting on February 16, 2021. A vote on the slate was held and was approved unanimously. Here are the candidates for

the 2021-2022 Executive Board:

President - **Mary Arter**

1st VP Programs - **Denise Riley**

2nd VP Membership - **Janis Toman**

3rd VP Facilities - **Karen Wendel**

Secretary - **Deanne Meidell**

Treasurer - **Jeanette Brooks**

Parliamentarian/Past President - **Monica Shafer**

These candidates will be introduced at the March 9th Guild meeting. Membership will vote on this slate at the April Guild meeting.

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee: **Janis Toman, Jeanette Brooks, Nancy Pestal, Nancy Northrup, Sheri Hill, and Wendy McCalley.**

## Challenge - Jan Hirth



Is your locked-down brain in need of some exercise?

Tired of internet shopping, assembling jigsaw puzzles, baking, and watching home improvement shows on TV?

Well, stretch yourself—create a small quilt, garment, bag, doll, or whatever using the three beautiful Hoffman batik fabrics contained in this year's Challenge kit.

The theme is **Bucket List**, one thing you'd like to accomplish before you kick the bucket. If nothing comes to mind, think about one activity you look forward to after the pandemic is over...even if it's

just shredding that horrid mask you've been wearing.

Or...think about the one quilt you've been wanting to make. Still, no ideas? Dig out old quilting books, magazines, or patterns that have been collecting dust. Which ones still appeal to you? Your work does not need to be an original design, you know.

The beautiful little challenge kits include your very own bucket, three fat quarters, and a complete set of rules. Price is \$20, cash or check (*made out to Surfside Quilters Guild—no abbreviations, please*).

Kits can be purchased from:

**Jan Hirth** - Laguna Niguel - 949-246-9097

**Lyndy Dye** - Mission Viejo - 949-433-2588

**Nancy Ota** - San Clemente - 949-241-1118

**Debbie Myers** - Carlsbad - 714-925-1936

Please call or text us first to make arrangements. **Deliveries to your door are available or we can even mail the kit to you!**



## Jan Hirth's Challenge Story

Jan's bucket list is the ambitious goal of using up her stash! Her quilt (right) depicts her stash shelves dwindling to nothing. The petals at the top of the "flower" show her completed quilts.

Her inspiration came from an article, "Making Short-Story Quilts," from **Mary Lou Weidman's** book, Out of the Box.

Jan took photos of her shelves: full, half full, and then empty to illustrate her bucket wish list--which she says will NEVER happen...but Mary Lou says to "exaggerate" and so she did.



## President's Quilt - Batik STARS - Monica Shafer

President, **Mary Arter's**, galaxy of bright batik stars quilt is coming together nicely. Just under 60 blocks have been turned in and they are just as brilliant and happy as Mary herself. Both the star motifs and their background fabrics are every color of the rainbow.

If you haven't gotten your block done yet, no worries. I'll accept blocks until the day of the March meeting, Tuesday, March 9th. Your star block can be any pattern but should be constructed in batiks; size unfinished is 5 1/2



inches square. Do not trim your block and please remember to sign it. Blocks can be mailed to me or dropped off on my front porch; my address is in the directory.

Also, for those of you who would like to be included but aren't able to make your own block, never fear, we've got you covered! Several guild members generously made extra stars. We'll make sure your name goes on one of the blocks so that you can be included in Mary's starry night quilt. But, please if possible, make your own special star.

Due to COVID restrictions, traditional quilting bees will be postponed until next year. This year, we invite volunteers to take turns quilting at home. Thread and needles will be provided. I have a portable quilting frame as well as a lap hoop that can be used. Sign-ups will begin at the March 9th guild meeting; quilting is anticipated to begin in April. I will do a brief demo of hand-quilting at the April Zoom guild meeting.

If you have any thoughts or questions, please let me know! My phone number and email are:  
949-933-6345  
monicaeshafer@gmail.com

### Philanthropy - Linda Chiu & Nancy Pestal



With help from many of you, we made 45 baby quilts for the Marine Baby Shower held February 20, 2021. Thank you for all your sewing!

A special thank you to **Sharon Jaeger** who donated more than 25 little fleece birds to give out along with the quilts donated to

the military. Such a cute addition for these families... *see photo below and you'll agree.*

A small group of us will be able to get into the church on February 24th to find fabric for quilt backs. That means we will have lots of tops ready to be quilted. Please let us know if you want to help with machine quilting or sew on bindings. We will deliver them to you!

Happy sewing!

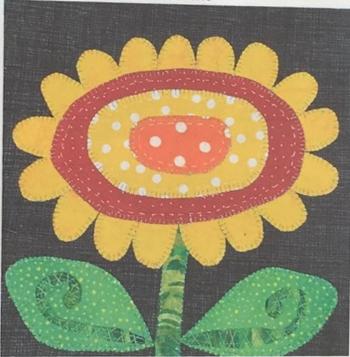






## Block of the Month - Vickie Janis, Janis Toman

  
 SURFSIDE QUILTERS GUILD  
 BLOCK OF THE MONTH  
 Block 12  
 Anemone



Block 12 is Anemone. Applique this 9.5" unfinished block. This is our LAST block, below is the sashing, borders and layout.

SASHING – BORDER

Cut (15) 3.5" x 9.5" sashing; (20) 3.5" x 5.5" border sashing;  
 (4) 5.5" x 5.5" corner stones; (20) 3.5" x 3.5" corner stones.

### BOM BLOCK 12 FLOWER FUN

The **FINAL** block of the month for 2020-2021 is **Anemone**.

Choose your favorite applique technique to create your block (9.5"x9.5" unfinished).

Patterns and yardage requirements are available on the **SQG website**.



Table runner - Janis Toman



Wall hanging - Vickie Janis

**Treasurer's Report - Nancy Ota**

Surfside Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report January 2021

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE January 1, 2021</b>	73,641.63
<b>INCOME</b>	
Donation/Penelope Young/Philanthropy	100.00
Donation/Sandie Johnson/Philanthropy	10.00
Workshop/Brita Nelson/Disappear Block Sampler/January	280.00
Janet Smith/Sponsor/ Boutique Beachfront	100.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	490.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
California Dept Tax & Fee Administration/Sales Tax	107.00
Operations/Constant Contact/12 months	168.00
Facilities /Zoom/February	64.99
Speaker/Elizabeth Eastmond/February 2021	300.00
Workshop/Elizabeth Eastmond/February 2021/Criss Cross	350.00
President Expense/500 note cards, envelopes	251.60
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	1,241.59
<b>ENDING BALANCE January 31, 2021</b>	72,890.04
Nancy Ota, Treasurer	

**Workshops - Deanna Garcia**

## Chicken Challenge



### **New REDUCED Zoom Workshop Price!!**

**Chicken Challenge** - a two-day Zoom workshop by **Ann P. Shaw**

Chickens have often found their way into the quilt world - small wonder given the astonishing variety of plumage in chicken breeds. Among the most memorable poultry quilts are the charming chickens and roosters (and turkeys and ducks) created by **Ruth McDowell**. ([www.ruthbmcowell.com](http://www.ruthbmcowell.com)).

Join us in poultry piecing to celebrate these barnyard wonders!

March 23, 2021 - 9:30 - 11:30am

March 24, 2021 - 9:30 - 11:30am

Optional one hour follow-up class to be determined.

You will select from five patterns to create your chicken wall hanging. A brief discussion introduces the methods and techniques of freezer paper templates. You will then prepare a freezer paper template for your chicken pattern and begin the process of selecting fabrics for your design. Sewing methods and sewing order to complete the wall hanging will also be discussed.

**Ann P. Shaw** teaches the wonderful **Ruth McDowell** style of quilt design. You will get to choose from five Chicken Challenge Patterns; these will be available for purchase prior to the workshop. Check out Ann's work and patterns at [www.annshawquilting.com](http://www.annshawquilting.com).

Workshop sign-up is **\$25 for members**; \$35 for nonmembers. Pattern is \$15. To sign-up, email **Deanna Garcia** at [46RDGarcia@gmail.com](mailto:46RDGarcia@gmail.com), then mail her a check. Please make check payable to Surfside Quilters Guild (no abbreviations). For more information, contact Deanna or **Vivien Hawker** at [vivenhawker@cox.net](mailto:vivenhawker@cox.net).

## Sunshine & Shadows - Katy Lillie

**Angela Miller** has a new grandson, **Piper Reed Miller**.

**Maggie Bell** is happy about her new easier glaucoma treatment.

**Del Thomas** suffered a TIA (temporary period of symptoms similar to those of a stroke) but is back home and recovering.

## March Birthdays

**Emily LaMond - 1**  
**Holly Betz - 3**  
**Maureen Wagner - 3**  
**Julia Renaud - 7**  
**Sumi Maruyama - 11**  
**Carol Divino - 13**  
**Joan Provance - 15**  
**Debbie Fradin - 16**  
**Susie Russell - 18**  
**Carol Whiteside - 18**  
**Vivien Hawker - 19**  
**Mary Mulcahey - 19**  
**Patty Sidner - 19**  
**Betty Manzo - 20**  
**Susan Trindle - 24**



### Let's Get to Know - Holly Betz

**Linda Chiu** learned her sewing skills from her extended family. She has fond memories of growing up near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, watching her aunts piece quilt tops as well as sitting together around the quilt frame.

Sometime when she was in junior high school, they taught her to sew and she went on to create many of her own clothes. A skilled sewist, her repertoire varied from casual lined jackets to elaborate prom dresses. She ultimately went on to win awards in sewing competitions. Later, her twin daughters benefited as she made many of their outfits when they were small.



She delved into quilting about 10 years ago. Precision piecing is her favorite part of the process. Linda has explored appliqué as well and is always up for the challenge of new sewing techniques. Her love of jewel tones is evident in her lovely pieced top from the February Criss-Cross workshop with Elizabeth Eastmond (*pictured below*).

Before she retired in 2016, Linda loved her rewarding career as a preschool teacher in Hemet, CA. In addition, she mentored many future teachers through her work with the local community college. She guided students through their internships and lectured—passing on her knowledge and love of the subject.

Linda and her husband moved to Orange County to be closer to their daughters and grandchildren. And now, Linda's young granddaughters are already following in her footsteps. Last fall, her six year old granddaughter planned and constructed a quilt for her new baby brother—with a little bit of help. Her five year old granddaughter loves to design her own quilts also. She lays out fabric combinations on the floor, often with very "unique" color combinations.

Together, they recently completed a pieced fabric fort for her to play under. The little girl asked when the "stuffy stuff" (batting) would be added

but Linda convinced her to leave it as a giant top!

After joining Surfside in 2017, Linda helped with magazine sales at the meetings and then moved on to Philanthropy. She has co-chaired this position for several years and ensured that our community benefited from Surfside's sewing talents. Hopefully, we will be able to gather in person in the near future. Please look for Linda to say, "hi."



## Show & Tell

### Janet Shannon

I made this quilt for my husband's 80th birthday which was last November 21st. I finished it one week before his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday. I think it still counts since it is still his 80th year.

There is a story behind this quilt. Several years ago we were in Sedona and saw this pattern in a quilt shop. When we left Brian stopped and asked me if I was going to buy it, I told him no. He then told me if I didn't he would and my sewing machine would not like it.

So back in to buy it where the clerk told us it was very complicated and I would need to work on it with someone. Heading back to the timeshare I opened the pattern and oh my what did I get myself in for. Back home I had baby quilts and wedding quilts to make so this project went on hold. After a few months I ordered the fabric. In February of 2019 I contacted the designer who is in Tucson and signed up for her one day class. Road trip! Brian and I took the class and spent 5 days enjoying Tucson.



### Becky Reed

I made this Ferrari quilt for a friend in Texas who loves Ferraris and actually has a couple. The center block is hand-embroidered and the quilt is hand-quilted.



I found the panel of alphabet fairies in Sedona and bought it knowing I would make it into a baby quilt when a baby girl was joining our family. I created the pattern and machine quilted it.

## Janet Shannon



## Michelle Howe

My "Route 66" quilt that I spent 3 years completing the embroidery for all the blocks. The pattern is from Crabapple Hill. It was a challenge to figure out how to quilt it with all that embroidery, but eventually I figured it out. It was quilted on my domestic Juki machine.



## Charlotte Runyan



## Nancy Ota

Happy Birds", pattern Jen Kingwell  
72x72

Bud and I took the 61 days Round the Pacific cruise in 2018. There were many sea days on the trip, so I decided to make "Happy Birds" by Jen Kingwell. I did most of the center appliqué by hand before sailing, collected a wide variety of prints, gathered tools, and arranged with Princess Cruises to take my Singer Featherweight machine.



## Nancy Ota

The small hexagons were glued to Sharon Schamber's appliqué sheets. Bud wanted to be a part of this, so he cut out the hexagons and glue stuck them to fabrics. The center and the hexagons were hand appliqué, all the other outer blocks are machine pieced.



The outer borders were sewn together and the quilting was done at home.

# Charlotte Spere

Pattern and fabric from Jen Kingwell



# Charlotte Spere

Playing card quilt using  
South African fabrics

# Charlotte Spere

Using Australian fabrics



# Holly Betz

All Kaffe...



Sherri Hill

This is a block  
of the month  
from Shabby  
Fabric



Cathie Opila

I made this quilt for a grade school classmate that recently got married. It's one of my first experiences in working with neutrals, I think I am hooked!





## Judy Nunn

It's my first Laura Heine pattern project!



## Mary Arter

This is my entry for Project Quilting challenge #3. The theme of the challenge is Virtual Vacation, and this mini quilt is inspired by the walls in Mosaic Canyon in Death Valley National Park.



## Mary Arter

This is my quilt for Challenge 2 of Project Quilting. The challenge was to make something using fussy cut fabrics. I made circles from the motifs on this fabric and hand-applied to make the peacock.

## Mary Arter

Rocks in the Sun  
I made this in a workshop given by Ana Buzzalino called Rocks, Pebbles, and Stones.





## Pam Hadfield

Found this Valentine top at a rummage sale. I added borders and quilted it for my daughter.

### Virtually Out & About

#### Gallery Q - Building a Beautiful World One Quilt at a Time Third Virtual Exhibit

Locally made quilts from talented quilters from Laguna Beach, CA and its surrounding areas

Surfside members: **Angela Irish, Becky McDaniel, Claudia Redfern, Del Thomas, Margaret Arnold, Maureen Killackey, Nancy Ota, Susie Russell, and Verna Rollinger**, all have quilts in this show.

**Del Thomas** won \$100 for her beautiful quilt, Cactus Flower. Check out an article about the exhibit [here](#).

Available virtually from: January 19, 2021 - March 11, 2021 at [Galleryq.org](http://Galleryq.org) or [TheSusiQ.org](http://TheSusiQ.org).



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**Surfside Quilters Guild**

Guild meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at San Clemente Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 119 Avenida de la Estrella, San Clemente, CA 92672. (Currently meetings are held via Zoom.)

Visit [Surfside Quilters Guild](#) for more information.



