



Bits & Pieces

NEWSLETTER EDITORS: JUDY RIDDLE AND
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here's hoping everyone had a happy and safe holiday!

And now on to a New Year, 2015. Several committees are planning events for the New Year: The luncheon in January, The Retreat in February, The Challenge in April, Workshops and Lecturers for 2015, Festival of Trees in November. Opportunities remain available for your ideas and your service. Feel free to call me with your offer.

~Judy Riddle

FESTIVAL OF TREES

2014 REPORT

I just received the check from Gualala Art Center for Festival of Trees sales. The net was \$2200 and prior fundraising was \$967. Total was \$3167 for 2014. We made our goal of \$3100.00 for 2014. Great work and congratulations to everyone who bought items prior to the sale and for working on the FOT booth, or donating items to sell. Sales from the Co-op in Point Arena have not been tallied yet.

~Kalynn Oleson

JANUARY LUNCHEON

The date is January 22, Thursday, at 11:30 AM I've been to St. Orres today, they will again give us a choice of 4 items from their lunch menu, including the breakfast items. You will find the menu on their website, <http://saintorres.com/menuBrunch.htm> please review and email me your preferences, questions or concerns by January 10, 2015.

This does not lock you into a final selection at this time, it gives me some talking points with the chef at St.Orres. We had some special requests last year which need to be planned for in a timely manner.

~Renata Lopez

MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew your membership in PPQG for 2015. Please mail a check, made payable to PPQG, in the amount of \$40.00 (plus Angel Gift, if desired), to me: Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA, 95445. You do not need to put PPQG on the envelope, just on the check. Also, if any of your contact info has changed recently, include a note with your check. Thank you!

~Gail Spencer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance (Dec).....	\$7,986.79
Deposits.....	1,805.00
Expenses.....	1,145.70
Ending Balance (Dec).....	\$8,646.09

~Kalynn Oleson

JANUARY WORKSHOP:

Comfort Quilt and Quilt of Valor

Friday, January 16, 2015

10:00 AM till 3:00 PM

Lunch will be provided by PPQG Hospitality Committee and lamb/barley soup made by Laura Hamilton.

Bring your sewing machine and your comfort quilt/quilt of valor projects.

Business meeting will be held after lunch at 1:00

QUILT HUMOR

Vocabulary Word:

Proquiltinating:

Working on quilts when you should be doing laundry, or dishes, or picking up kids from school.

RETREAT 2015

There are currently 21 enrolled for the 2015 Retreat. We would like to have 25, so there are some spaces available if you are still interested in attending.

If you haven't gone before, consider doing so. It is a great time of working, creating, eating, and laughing.

The fee for the retreat is \$150.00 payable to PPQG to cover our workroom expenses and meals. The location is Dry Creek Inn Best Western in Healdsburg (800-222-5784 or 707-433-0300). Cost for the room is your direct responsibility. Regular rooms are \$66.00 per night with two queen beds. The special rooms are \$118.10 per night with one king bed, fireplace, etc. We arrive on Monday, February 2, and leave on Thursday, February 5. Hotel rooms need to be reserved NOW. **These reduced rates expire on January 2.**

Lunches are provided, as are two dinners. One night we will be on our own for dinner. A hot breakfast is provided by the hotel.

Typically, people at retreat get a lot of sewing done, get a lot of inspiration from other people for new projects, make new friends or deepen existing friendships, get help/feedback with a current project, and have a lot of fun. We have a Happy Hour every evening at 5:00 where you can bring a snack food and a beverage of choice to share.

Thank you to the many who have responded with their willingness to assist by bringing the irons, covers, centerpieces, help with set up, lunch pickup, however, **we still need someone to bring the design walls and a first aid kit.**

So email me if you are interested in attending Retreat 2015. JANLC56@mac.com.

~ Laura Hamilton

PROGRAM CALENDAR: 2015

Mark your calendars and watch for notices of registration opening soon. Our limit is 20 students per class.

Jan. 16 - Comfort Quilts/QOV
Feb. 20 - Members Teaching Members
Mar. 19 - Angie Woolman - Improvisation
Mar. 20 - Angie Woolman - Lecture
Apr. 14 - 16 - Joan Wolfrum - Adventures in Design
Apr. 17 - Joan Wolfrum - Lecture
May 14 - Claire Witherspoon - Scrap Strategies for Traditional and Art Quilters
May 15 - Claire Witherspoon - "Confessions of an Eclectic Quilter"
Jun. 19 - Comfort Quilts/QOV
Jul. 17 - Outing
Aug. - No Meeting
Sept. 15 - 18 - Not yet confirmed
Oct. - 6 - 9 - Not yet confirmed
Nov. 20 - Lynne Pillus - Mechanical Quilts Lecture

~Chris Smith

QUILT HAPPENINGS:

Quilt and Textile Art Show presented by Country Crossroad Quilters in Modesto, CA

January 17-18, 2015

At Modesto Centre Plaza

For information contact: www.countrycrossroadsquilters.com

Road to California Quilters Conference and Showcase

January 22-25, 2015 at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, California

Info at: www.road2ca.com

Explore Ireland with Ricky Tims (RICKYTIMS.COM)

Ricky has a special fondness for Ireland and is looking forward to sharing his love of all things Irish with quilters and their spouses/friends from around the globe on this 12-day journey, **June 3-14, 2015**. The tour is a sight-seeing tour with a focus on creativity and learning to see your world with an artist's eye. Ireland seems to be on everyone's bucket list so this is your chance to make your dream come true. Touring with Ricky is certainly targeted to quilters, but it's not a quilting tour, so non-quilters will enjoy all of the activities. This tour does include a two-day master-class with Ricky but other activities will be available for the non-quilting attendees. From Belfast to Donegal and Galway, you will experience Ireland in a unique and special way. Visit SewManyPlaces to register today! If you've ever wanted a magical tour to Ireland - this is your chance! Payment plans available.

