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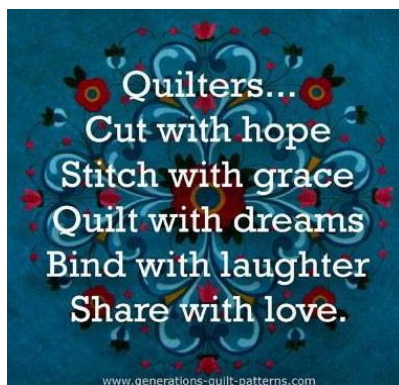
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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR
2016**

JANUARY LUNCHEON

As planned, the Guild will be honoring the year past and greeting the new year by gathering for **lunch at St. Orres on Thursday, January 21**. Please **arrive by 11:30 am** to allow time for a group photo as well as time to enjoy a beverage before lunch. We will be seated at noon for lunch. The menu is available on line at www.saintorres.com. Make your selection from the brunch or the bar menu. Notify Renata at rntlopez1@gmail.com if you plan to attend and your choice of entree. Renata will need to give St. Orres an accounting. Be prepared to pay for your lunch selection, even if you are unable to attend.
~Renata Lopez



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a great turnout we had for Festival of Trees! I want to thank everyone who worked on planning FOT this year, everyone who contributed items to sell, those who worked setting up and selling, and also those who bought items! What a great example of everyone working together! Thank you, thank you.

Now I want to ask if you have ever had "quilters block", a condition when you just don't feel the enthusiasm to work on your quilting. All of us have had periods when we just don't feel motivated to create.

This very topic was addressed in a recent issue of McCall's Quilting magazine (Nov/Dec 2015). There were some good ideas there, so I thought I'd recap a few of them here. (And maybe add one or two of my own!)

- Sort through your stash and maybe discover a forgotten fabric.
- Join a block-of-the-month.
- Clean out your sewing room. (the dreaded suggestion!)
- Try something new.
- Wander the aisles if a quilt shop.
- Play with your fabrics with no actual project in mind. Just put together different color combinations, and see if something new pops up.
- Look around you for inspiration. A tile floor, texture in a garden, colors in your closet.
- Check out the PPQG library for all sorts of new ideas and techniques.
- Page through a quilting magazine, or surf the quilting websites.
- Sometimes we just need to take a little break. Read a good book. (maybe a quilting-themed novel!?!?) Have a movie-watching binge!

And if everything else fails, come help me clean out my sewing room!

~Jan Carter

FUND RAISING: ART IN THE REDWOODS FESTIVAL OF TREES

Our booth sales at Festival of Trees were, indeed, pretty wonderful. It will be hard to beat...but we can sure try! Our inventory is way down. So I am starting the year with a pep talk to ask you to "begin again" preparing items for the sales booth. At least start thinking this month about new ideas. The great thing is we can start fresh. We have only 7 quilts, only 10 potholders, 3 table runners, 2 aprons, only 10 hot/cold bowls, plus some miscellaneous items. There are virtually no Christmas items. So the field is wide open. Now is the time when all the holiday fabrics are on sale as well as last-year's patterns. Try a new quilt pattern. Give us something new to sell in 2016! I look forward to seeing your new ideas.

~Judy Riddle

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome two new members. (1) Mary Eberhard moved here about a year and a half ago, has sewn most of her life, but recently took up quilting. (2) Margreth Barrett asked about the guild while shopping at PPQGs booth at Festival of Trees. We hope to see them at the January Guild meeting.

Membership renewal is due on or before January 1, 2016. With next year being our 20th Anniversary, there is no better time to be a supporter of Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild. If you haven't already done so, please mail your check, payable to PPQG, for \$40 (or more, if you would like to include an Angel Gift), to:

Gail Spencer
P. O. Box 1489
Gualala, CA 95445

~Gail Spencer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance.....	\$ 8,723.94
Income.....	3,857.25
Expenses.....	1,111.34
Balance.....	\$11,469.85

2016 RETREAT

Our next retreat is just around the corner now! As I write this it is the end of December. I want to remind those of you who haven't, to quickly make your hotel reservations at Dry Creek Inn (707-433-0300). Be sure to tell them that you are with the Quilt Retreat so you get the discount rate, and make the reservation for three nights, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (2/8, 2/9, and 2/10). **You cannot get the discounted rate after January 8**, so it is imperative to make your reservation soon.

We have space for two more people to attend the retreat! So we are going to have very good attendance this year (25). I'm excited because that means more fun. I will be sending out information to those who are signed up. If you would like to go to the retreat, call me at 707-785-1976.

~Jan Carter

CHALLENGE 2016

*"Reflect on the Past and
Stitch to the Future"*

Mark your calendars with these DATES:

Quilt Take-in: **Monday, May 2**, Noon till 3:00 PM

Quilt Hanging: **Tuesday, May 3**

Reception: **Wednesday, May 4**, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Celebration Dinner: **Saturday May 14** (exact time to be determined)

YES, the Challenge Reception and the Celebration Dinner are on different dates.

Criteria for the Challenge:

1. 20" x 20" is the minimum size.
2. There must be 20 of something in your quilt; such as buttons, beads, quilt blocks, fabrics, etc.
3. Take something from the past and transform it into something for the future.

We hope to see some beautiful quilts for this upcoming big event, so stitch your hearts out.

P.S. Remember all those UFO's, maybe you could bring them out, re-work them and stitch them into a new, re-designed, finished quilt.

~Laura, Kalynn, Judy
2016 Challenge Committee

PROGRAM CALENDAR: 2016

Once again the early deadlines to sign up for classes is in accord with our updated contract.

Waiting for last minute sign up is not the norm any more. Honestly, it will cost the guild to cancel after the deadline date indicated. If you are interested in a class and want it, sign up immediately and put it on your calendar.

Here is the tentative 2016 program. Prices are not established yet.

Preliminary 2016 Program Calendar:

January 15 - Comfort Quilt/QOV Workshop
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at GAC. Lunch is provided by PPQG Hospitality Committee.

February 19 - Sandra Bruce Lecture

March 16 & 17 - Jennifer Sampou Workshop

March 18 – Jennifer Sampou Lecture

April 13 & 14 - April Sproule Workshop

April 15 – April Sproule Lecture

May 18 & 19 - Yvonne Porcella Workshop

May 20 – Yvonne Porcella Lecture

June 20 – Comfort Quilt/QOV Workshop

July - special event

August - Art in the Redwoods

September 14 & 15 - Sue Rasmussen Workshop

September 16 Sue Rasmussen Lecture

October 21- SAQA's Trunk show

Meeting hours will be altered a bit so that we will have enough time to hear the presentation and then break out in small groups with the SAQA presenters to discuss the small quilts. The discussions can be looking at the quilts as they might be juried in a show or a discussion of the design elements of the quilts.

November 18 - Chris Smith Lecture

December – No meeting. Have a wonderful Holiday.

There may be some minor changes or adjustments to the schedule.

~Kalyann Oleson

VERY IMPORTANT

Still need
a Program
Chair or two+
Co-chairs for
the 2017 year.
No Chairs =
No Program

[Note: Any offers, any negotiations, will be considered. Talk to Kalyann and/or Jan Carter.]

