



Bits & Pieces

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I found a "Permission Slip" in a quilting magazine a few years ago, and I have kept it around because it really speaks to me. Here's what it says:

I AM A QUILTER. As such, I have permission to:

_____Change the color, size, and shape of any quilt pattern I make.

_____Substitute my favorite blocks, fabrics, or quilting techniques.

_____Add/subtract appliques or other embellishments.

_____Forget about making a quilt as it originally appeared and feel free to make it my own!

So, If you need permission to change a quilt pattern, here it is! I know of at least one quilting teacher who is very disappointed when her students feel they must have the exact same fabrics that are in the teaching sample. Maybe when we are beginners we need the security of having someone else choose everything for us—just as the recipe states. But many times I see a pattern in a magazine and really like it, except its colors just do not ring my bell! And, given our guild's affinity for making Quilts of Valor, I often see a pattern that I think would look really good in red, white and blue. Or maybe the pictured quilt shows a printed fabric center with surrounding blocks, and I particularly like the surrounding blocks but not the center. Then I'll just use that block pattern for my quilt. And I'll probably pay no attention to the size/number stated, but make it until the quilt is the right size.

So feel free to "Do your own thing," even when using a pattern by someone else. The sky is the limit!
~Jan Carter

JULY OUTING

Let's talk picnic

To summarize, date: July 28th

Place: Gualala Art Center picnic area

Time: 11:30 –noonish

Early birds will be asked to help with the set up.

The guild will provide the greens, a couple of dressings, bread, butter and ice.

Attendees should bring toppings to share for the salad, your favorite beverage, and your place-setting (plate, knife, fork, spoon, napkin and a small bowl). Dessert is a surprise, you'll need a small bowl to partake.

And of course, since we'll be playing Quilto, bring some fat quarters.

Please RSVP to Renata Lopez by July 21. If you have any questions, email Renata.

~Renata Lopez

FUND RAISING:

ART IN THE REDWOODS

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Art in the Redwoods is August 13 and 14. Keep these dates in mind as we will need volunteers to cover the sales booth for 2-hour intervals. Please continue making items for the sale and bring them to the July picnic. We need potholders, placemats, table runners, lap quilts, and anything else you might think will sell. If you are unable to deliver items at the July picnic, please contact Judy Riddle or Francie Angwin for alternate delivery. Thanks for your help.

~Judy Riddle

I'M NO EXPERT BUT I THINK A FINISHED QUILT IS WAY BETTER THAN A PERFECT QUILT.



PROGRAM CALENDAR:

2016

July 28 – Picnic at GAC Picnic area

August 13 & 14 – Art in the Redwoods

Balance of 2016 Programs Here's what's coming up next

September 14 & 15 – Sue Rasmussen

-Free Motion Sewing with your machine

GAC is now ready to take your sign ups for Sue Rasmussen's class!

Prices are:

with PPQG **AND** GAC membership \$100

with PPQG **OR** GAC membership \$110

Membership in neither \$120

Please go to the PPQG website for the materials list.

Sue Rasmussen has been a quilt instructor for over 25 years. If you already do free motion, this class could be a "tune up" and maybe another person's view or just showing you another technique, may make your Free Motion sewing even better. Please visit her website: <http://www.suerasmussenquilts.com/index.html>

September 16 - Guild Meeting

October 7 - Guild Meeting

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE - We do this every year to accommodate a conflict with Pacific International Quilt Festival (PIQF) in Santa Clara. The SAQA (Studio Art Quilts Associates) Trunk Show - SAQA representative, Sonja Campbell and friends will have a large selection of small quilts to show. We will break out into groups. Each group will have a selection of art quilts and the groups will be the jurors for a show. Jurying each piece and giving reasons as to why this one quilt should be in the show. The SAQA representatives will guide you through this process. Perhaps hearing this discussion, the SAQA representatives will give you a better idea of just exactly what judges are expecting in quilt show entries. Maybe the knowledge you gain in this exercise will help you improve your approach to your quilting and quilting designs.

November 18 - Guild Meeting

Lecturer is our Guild member, Chris Smith

December – No meeting

~Kalynn Oleson

2017 QUILT CHALLENGE

The 2017 Challenge theme is **"Inspired by..."**

This means you have to fill in the blank. This theme has so many possibilities for ideas it may make your head spin. Mine is already.

Look to "Old Master" artists. Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Picasso, Monet, etc. all come to my mind, or pick a "New Master" such as O'Keefe, Thiebold, Pollock for your inspirations.

I just viewed a show on New England and some scenes of the autumn colors brought a traditional pattern to mind. That pattern idea and brilliant display of color could be your inspiration for your Challenge quilt.

When I travel I collect postcards for ideas. I purchase quilting magazines in any foreign country that I visit, if I can find them. I have photos from my travels of (as Glenn says "weird stuff") as I'm always looking at patterns and colors for ideas. I have so many pieces of ideas that I will have to live to be 150 in order to express them all in fabric.

Take a look at Carol Garcia's 2016 challenge entry. The colors and their action were drawn from Van Gogh's painting. She didn't replicate it. She took only the colors and their "action" and interpreted it in fabric.

Your entry will need to include a photo or postcard of your inspiration.

Challenge entries are due by March 27, 2017 and opening reception is on April 7, 2017.

Ladies...Start your engines. It's not too soon.

~Kalynn Oleson

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance.....	\$11,432.88
Income.....	1,578.50
Expenses.....	5,076.26
Balance.....	\$ 7,935.12

~Kalynn Oleson

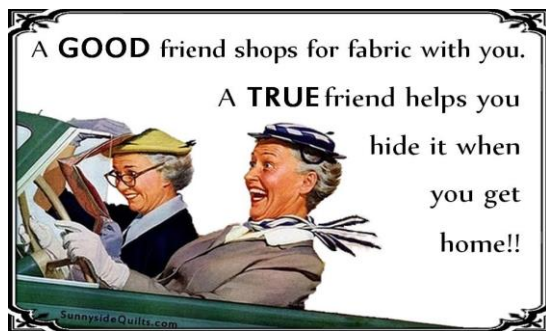
MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome new member Kendra Stillman.

~Gail Spencer

HELP WANTED

Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild is looking for passionate volunteers for the following offices and committees: Secretary, Newsletter, Fund Raising, AIR Quilt. Start date is effective immediately, but no later than March 1, 2017. No experience necessary. Some committees may have more than one opening. Orientation and training available as soon as you are willing. Work hours are at your convenience and as long as you desire but must be compliant with indicated deadlines. Compensation is dependent on your enthusiasm. Contact Judy Riddle, current member of each position, and/or Jan Carter, current PPQG President.



DID YOU KNOW!

If you address notices to “the PPQG listserve” (all guild members) as a **bcc**, replies are sent to you only and not to ALL guild members. That’s correct, you don’t need to receive endless emails with everyone’s reply. Only the sender will receive them. This is what you do:

- (1) Put YOUR email address in the “TO” line,
- (2) ADD “bcc” (blind carbon copy) addressed to ppqg@lists.mcn.org

When someone responds to the email, their reply only goes to you and not the entire guild. You won’t be burdened with everyone’s edit to the minutes, or the many “YES” replies to a request for volunteers to attend a meeting, or EVERYONE saying they can or cannot attend a meeting that does not involve you. Also, when people forget to respond as a “reply to sender” and their response goes out as a “reply to all”, their reply will automatically only be sent to YOU, because the address line has only YOUR address. Try it, you may like it! And I guarantee, many guild members will greatly appreciate it.

JUNE GUILD MEETING

SHOW AND TELL

Joyce Gaudet – Quilt for great grandchild



Joyce Gaudet – Quilt for AIR sale



Joyce Gaudet – Quilt for AIR sale



SHOW AND TELL CONTINUED

Deb Scheffel – Comfort Quilt



Polly Dakin – Comfort Quilt



Deb Scheffel – Bag



Sandy Hughes – Quilt for her son



Sandy Hughes– Quilt for AIR sale



Kalynn Oleson – Quilt for AIR sale

