



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are right in the middle of our two fund-raisers of the year, Art in the Redwoods, and Festival of Trees. Our booth did a lot of business at AIR, and we made a good amount of money.

Yippee!!! I want to thank all the volunteers who sewed items to sell, worked at the booth, helped with set-up and take-down, counted money, or in any other way. Many helpers make the job a little easier.

Now we need to keep our sewing machines running, as we make more things to sell at Festival of the Trees. I thank you in advance for those who take care of FOT, storing the stock for sale, setting up the booth, selling, taking down the booth, and keeping track of all the numbers. You all are appreciated so much. Let's have another good sale in November!

~Jan Carter

2016 Program

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

October 7 - Guild Meeting

Mark Your Calendars! The October Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild meeting has been moved to October 7 and it is sure to be one you do not want to miss!

A SAQA member presents a collection of small quilts and will be speaking on what to do to assure your quilts are ready for show.

SAQA Silver Anniversary Trunk Show

The trunk show, comprised of 50 small quilts, is a wonderful way to view and engage with art quilts.

They include a large variety of styles, techniques, and fibers in a true demonstration of the creativity

and the diversity of art quilts. The Trunk Show appeals to quilters, art quilters and artists of all backgrounds.

SAQA Northern California/Northern Nevada shares this Trunk Show with organizations interested in expanding their member's vision of art and art form. This is an interactive presentation that exposes participants to a variety of art quilts, while developing or refining critique skills.

Come and enjoy the visual experience and creative expression with your friends.

Studio Art Quilt Associates, Inc. (SAQA) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the art quilt through education, exhibitions, professional development, documentation, and publications. Founded in 1989 by an initial group of 50 artists, SAQA now has over 3,300 members: artists, teachers, collectors, gallery owners, museum curators and corporate sponsors.

ART QUILT: "a creative visual work that is layered and stitched or that references this form of stitched layered structure."

~~~ Sandy Hughes

### November 18 - Guild Meeting

November Speaker Chris Smith

Being "Inspired-Passionate-Bold-Authentic", and "Productive Story Quilts", is what this lecture is about. It will include Chris's and other people's quilts made for healing, honoring, remembering, discerning, grieving, celebrating, and helping raise awareness about important issues. The presentation discusses inspiration, approach, process, exhibition, and the benefits of story quilts, as well as sharing some amazing stories and the quilts that go with them.

**December – No meeting**

*~Kalynn Oleson*

# 2017 programs

Marcia Luchini gave a brief synopsis of a few of next year's programs at the last meeting:

## January

Comfort/Quilt of Valor workshop

## February

Iris Lorenz Fife will show and discuss how to prepare quilts for a show.

## March

Kalynn Oleson will do a class on; how to do her jackets.

Grant Robinson will provide a lecture on "Industrial Sewing".

## April

Margie Binker will do a class on folded fabric flowers.

Cassari Ranch will provide a lecture on wool.

## May

Lynn Pullis will do a class as well as a lecture on mechanical quilts made from your own pictures.

~~Laura Hamilton

## Festival of Trees

The Festival of Trees booth sale is Friday (Nov. 25), and Saturday (Nov. 25) after Thanksgiving. We had a pretty good sale at Art in the Redwoods, which means our inventory is low. We need more items, especially small quilts (crib/lap size) ---any theme, any design. We also need many more potholders and some Christmas items. If you are able to make new items between now and the November Guild meeting, please bring them to the October Guild meeting and give them to Francie Angwin or contact her directly for pickup.

I am out of town until November 14, but will be sending an email the beginning of November to ask for volunteers to work in the sales booth. Pricing items is a difficult decision. We can't begin to price things at their worth to cover the cost of making items or to cover the value of

your time. Thank you for your understanding. If you would like your items price at a particular price, please let us know.

As a final note, be aware that Francie nor I will be able to serve on this committee next year.

Anyone interested in serving on this committee would be welcome to work with us during Festival of Trees this year to become familiar with the process. Feel free to contact me.

~Judy Riddle

## F.O.T. – TREE?

We are once again going to decorate a small tree to auction off at Festival of the Trees. GAC has asked several groups and individuals to do this. Last year, one to two people did all the work. Let's not let that happen this year. I have offered to coordinate the project. If most of us create one or two small ornaments, it will be beautiful and no one will be overburdened. We are using traditional red, white and green. Each ornament should be made primarily of fabric and shouldn't be much bigger than 2-3" long. The theme is very original—A Quilter's Christmas Tree. I already have an offer for a tree topper and I am trying to create some "garland". I will also get a battery-operated string of lights.

We do have some incentive, other than raising money for the art center. The group whose tree receives the highest bid will get \$50 for their treasury and the group whose tree gets the most popular votes gets \$100 for their treasury. We are the biggest group affiliated with GAC, so we have a great chance to increase our treasury. So please make from 1-5 ornaments, depending on the time you have available. If we have more than the tree can hold (I hope, I hope) then we will sell them at our booth.

I will be gone from Sept. 24th to Nov. 4th, so you can leave your contributions at the Dolphin with my name or Kalynn's on the bag. You can reach me at [bdunsmoor@mcn.org](mailto:bdunsmoor@mcn.org) or on my cell, 707-889-0880.

Please, please, please help.

I'll keep bugging you till you do.

Let's work together to create a beautiful tree.

~Barbara Dunsmoor

# QUILTS OF VALOR

Sixteen beautiful quilts of valor were delivered to the Polytrauma System of Care unit at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital on Sept 2.

Thank you all for your care and generous contributions of quilts to these people who come to the hospital for the specialized care they need as a result of their service to our country.

The quilts were chosen with great deliberation by the patients, and the labels scrutinized diligently all the while loving the bags that were included.

~~Sandy Lockhart

## Retreat 2017

Retreat has been set for Monday, February 6 through Thursday, February 9, 2017. I hope you are all as ready as I am for retreat! It is truly one of the highlights of my year, a real special time for me.

Now is the time to put these dates on your calendar, so nothing else gets scheduled then. Don't forget to have your "significant other" block out these dates on their calendar, too! After that task is completed, you should call the hotel to reserve your room. Dry Creek Inn's number is 707-433-0300. Be sure to tell them you are with the quilt guild, so you get the special room rate. Also make sure that you reserve the room for three (3) nights. We are lucky that the hotel kept its rates low for us for many years, but there is a slight increase this year. It's not much difference, though, with the double queen rooms at \$76.00 and the larger king bed rooms at \$128.50.

This year we are also raising—by just a little bit—the amount you need to give to the guild for the retreat. We are asking \$160.00 this year. The hotel workroom is the same price, but some other costs have risen, and we can have a little more choice in the catering area. So please write a check to PPQG for \$160.00 and hand it to Kalynn or send it to her at 35501 South Hwy 1, Unit 54, Gualala CA 95445. If you want, you can

make a down payment of \$60.00, with the rest of the amount due before the retreat.

~~~~Jan Carter

PROJECT SANTA

Project Santa has asked that we again make fabric bags, to hold toothbrushes and toothpaste. It was estimated that they will need at least 160 bags, this year. These bags are very easy to make.

Please make as many as you'd like, and either drop them off on the Community Drop off Table, at the Dolphin (in a bag or box marked "Project Santa"), or bring them to the Oct/Nov guild meetings.

Directions:

- 1) cut a piece of bright and cheerful fabric 13" wide and 17" long, using pinking shears. If using regular scissors, add an extra inch to the length (18"), to allow for a turned under hem at the top.
- 2) cut a piece of coordinating 1/4" ribbon 20 inches long. (Please do not use 1/8" ribbon. It is too hard to untie.)
- 3) Fold fabric lengthwise, right sides together.
- 4) Fold ribbon in half, and place the fold inside the seam, about 3" from the top. (The ribbon must be inside the folded fabric, so it will be on the outside, when the bag is turned right side out. It will be used to tie the bag closed.)
- 5) Using a 1/2" seam, sew along the bottom and open side of the fabric. Clip the stitched corner, and turn the bag right side out.
- 6) Press.

Thank you!

~Gail Spencer

Treasurer's Report

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 7,669.60 |
| Income | 200.00 |
| Expenses | 260.00 |
| Balance | \$7,609.60 |

~Kalynn Oleson



News from the Loft

The “Row by Row” experience is about to go into hibernation. You have until September 6th to collect the kits or free patterns. Sept 7 - Oct 31 are considered “hibernation” months when you are supposed to be making your “quilt”. Oct 31 is the last day to submit your quilt for a prize. You qualify to be a winner by making a quilt (quilted, bound and labelled). Each shop will have only one winner. At The Loft, there are 25 fat quarters waiting, plus, if you use our block in your quilt we will let you pick out an additional 10 fat quarters and you get a lovely handmade tote. The Loft still does not have a winner...soooo.

If you are going to be traveling during the “hibernation” months and visiting quilt shops, you can have the shop mail you a kit after November 1, since the game is over then. This rule does not apply to the License Plates.

Many out-of-town customers have had fun coming in to purchase our “row” and “license plate”. They saw or heard about it on line or through Facebook. More than 3200 quilt shops worldwide are participating. If you are not familiar with this event just google Row x Row.

ALSO – The Loft is having an ‘END OF SUMMER SALE’ at least through September. Selected Yarn and Fabric is 50% off!! Lots of great buys. Time to get those holiday projects going and save some money as well.

Want to learn how to make “Key Fobs” and “Pea Pods” (a way to manipulate a zipper into a circle – clever trick)?

Key Fobs – Saturdays, 10:00 am till noon

Pea Pods – Sunday, Sept 4, Noon till 2:00 pm

We are taking sign-ups now for these workshops at the Loft.

~Marva Jacobs

CHALLENGE 2017

“Inspired By...” is the title of next year’s challenge. Your entry should represent something that has “inspired” you. Kalynn at the meeting showed us the beginnings of a jacket showing fabric play that inspired her. She also remarked that she would like to see some 3D work this coming year. If your entry is going to be larger than 60 inches, please notify Kalynn Oleson or Barbara Dunsmoor. The opening will be April 7, 2017. Details of entry and quilt delivery deadlines will be forthcoming.

~Laura Hamilton

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.

~ Judy Riddle



Septembers lecture with Susan Rasmussen was a success and enjoyed by all who attended.

Susan Rasmussen showing us her beautiful quilting.



Beautiful quilt and her quilting is marvelous even though it is hard to see in this photo.



Susan explaining how Sylvia should quilt this top.



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