



Bits & Pieces

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JUDY RIDDLE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Quilter's Letter to Santa

Dear Santa,

I have tried very hard to be a good quilter this year, Santa, although sometimes it was not easy. No, I have not won any quilt show ribbons (sigh), but I also have not copied one single pattern instead of buying it! I have shared my quilting tools with my friends, and given away a few of them to people who need them more than I do. I assume that keeping one's quilting studio orderly does not really matter when one is over a certain age?! I have made comfort quilts and Quilts of Valor to be given away this year, and have also contributed to my guild's fund-raising sales. Most importantly, I have given of my time by serving on a committee in my guild.

Here is a list of some things I would like for Christmas, dear Santa:

- *An attachment that will make my machine sew a perfect 1/4" seam, no matter how I feed in the fabric. (Someone has invented that, right? If not, get the elves working on it, please!)*
- *A square-up ruler that magically makes my quilts square after all my tugging to get them quilted on my sewing machine.*
- *A studio that cleans itself. You know, the kind that re-folds, re-sorts, re-files and puts away all quilting related "stuff" in my room.*
- *An automated iron would be good, too, so I would not have to spend so much time standing at my ironing board. The kind that never pulls at seams when pressing.*
- *A fabric stash with the exact fabrics that I'm looking for with each new project.*
- *A "finishing robot" for all my UFOs.*

I can hardly wait for Christmas, dear Santa, and I look forward to your visit. I will leave a few fat quarters for you in your favorite colors.

Thank you.

~ Jan Carter

PPQG is the Big Winner!!

As mentioned in the October Newsletter, Barbara Dunsmoor coordinated a special project: decorate a small tree for Festival of Trees. Gualala Art Center asked several groups and individuals to decorate a small live tree to be part of a silent auction at Festival of Trees. Several PPQG members prepared small ornaments and decorations for our tree titled "A Quilter's Christmas Tree". Barbara and Carole Garcia did the final decorating of the tree and it was



displayed on the stage for silent auction bids as well as popular votes. The group whose tree gets the highest bid will receive \$50 for their treasury and the group whose tree collects the most "popular votes" will receive \$100 for their treasury.

"A Quilter's Christmas Tree" not only received the highest bid, but also received the most popular votes. PPQG treasury will receive \$150! We won by 2 votes! The Clay Studio was 2 votes behind us. They said the challenge is on! THEY will win the most popular votes next year. Sandy Hughes was the highest bidder. The tree is proudly displayed in her home. Great job everyone on the exceptional ornaments and congratulations to Barbara on her excellent coordination of the project. ~ Judy Riddle

FUND RAISING: FESTIVAL OF TREES

The guild again had a sales booth at Gualala Art Center's Festival of Trees. The event was Friday, November 25 from 10:00-5:00 and Saturday, November 26 from 10:00-4:00. Even with nearly constant rain both days, we had a steady flow of customers. And, again, we heard comments like "your group always has the best things". It's such a joy to see children find something on the table that excites them. Several shoppers (including the men) looked through the quilts with awe. We sold 14 quilts.



The highlight, I thought, was our last customer. A young couple was looking for gifts to send to family in Denmark and bought several of our Christmas items (table runners, wall-hangings) and were about to leave. Sylvia Edwards Christmas tree quilt was hanging over the piano in the foyer. We had just taken it down and laid it on the table to pack away. The quilt caught their eye and they wanted to look at it further. The woman loved it and said "I'll take it". Thank you, Sylvia, for your wonderful donation. It's going to Denmark! Again, our highest sellers were potholders (31) and hot/cold bowls (39). We sold 5 cookbooks. Carole Garcia still has some books available if you are looking for Holiday gifts. Overall sales totaled \$2,971 before tax and GAC deductions. This is a bit lower than last year and about \$700 more than Art in the Redwoods. So therein lies the challenge for next year.....higher sales.

Thank you to everyone who made items for the sale. Thank you to Janice Batchelder and Francie Angwin for coming in on Tuesday to set up the booth, and to Francie Angwin, Deb Scheffel and Sylvia Edwards for staying late the last day to pack up everything. A special thank you to those who shared the fun of volunteering in our booth: Janice Batchelder, Marcia Luchini, Cheryl Faconti, Kalynn Oleson, Polly Dakin,

Paula Osborne, Iris Lorenz-Fife, Barbara Dunsmoor, Molly Buckley, Pam Todd, Sylvia Edwards, Deb Scheffel, Francie Angwin (who was there all day both days with me).

Time at Festival of Trees truly is enjoyable and time goes REALLY fast. I know it is a "little" early to talk next year, but my encouragement is that, starting in January, each of you make one potholder a month so we have enough potholders to sell next year. AND, if each of you made one lap-size quilt, imagine the inventory we would have!

Finally, to my knowledge, no one has volunteered for the Fund Raising committee. Please consider this position. My husband won't let me Chair again, but I would gladly serve as an advisor and possibly work with anyone interested.

~Judy Riddle

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance.....	\$5,991.16
Income.....	4,172.00
Expenses.....	264.21
Balance.....	\$9,898.95

~Kalynn Oleson

2017 PROGRAMS

Marcia Luchini and Francie Angwin will co-chair the Programs for 2017. Marcia gave a brief synopsis of a few of next year's programs. The program schedule is available on the guild website. Signups through Gualala Arts will be available soon.

January 20 – Comfort Quilt and Quilt of Valor workshop

February 17 – Iris Lorenz-Fife will show and discuss how to prepare quilts for a show.

March 15 & 16 – Kalynn Oleson will do a workshop on how to prepare her jackets.

March 17 – Lecture by Grant Robertson on "Industrial Sewing"

April 19 & 20 – Margie Binker will do a workshop on "Fiddling with Fabric" (folded fabric flowers)

April 21 – Lecture by Margie Binker

May 17 & 18 – Lynn Pullis workshop "Color Doesn't Matter"

May 19 – Lecture by Lynn Pullis on mechanical quilts made from your own pictures.

June 16 -- Comfort Quilt and Quilt of Valor workshop

SHOW AND TELL

NOVEMBER GUILD MEETING



Quilt for Festival of Trees made by Cheryl Faconti



Pillow top made by Margreth Barrett



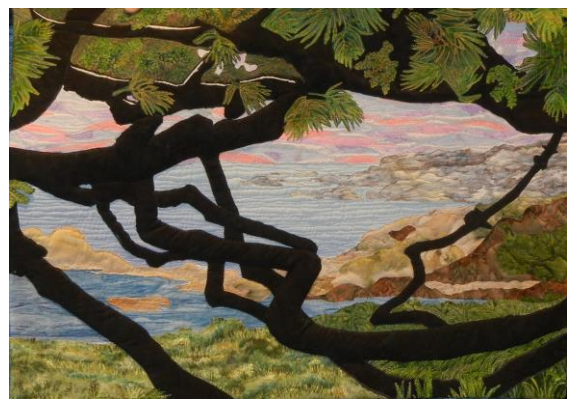
Quilt of Valor made by Connie Seal



Art Quilt made by visitor Carolyn Ogg



Disappearing Four Patch blocks made by those who attended the 2016 Retreat



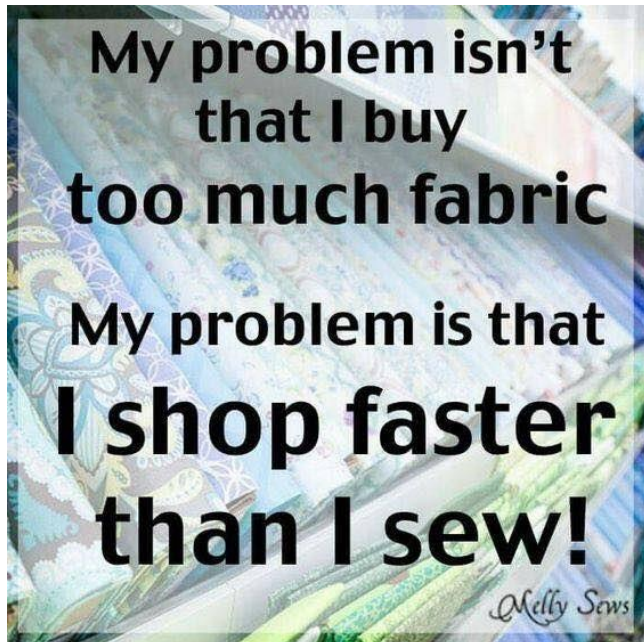
Another Art Quilt made by visitor Carolyn Ogg

EVENTS AND DATES

TO PUT ON YOUR NEW 2017 CALENDAR

Guild Retreat--February 6 through 9 (Monday through Thursday) at Dry Creek Inn in beautiful downtown Healdsburg. The retreat cost is \$160.00, payable to PPQG, and mailed to Kalynn Oleson (35501 South Hwy 1, Unit 54, Gualala CA 95445). Then call Dry Creek Inn (707-433-0300 or 800-222-5784), and reserve a room for those three nights. Make sure you tell them you are part of the quilt guild, so you get the special rate of \$76.00 for a room with two queen beds or \$128.10 for a large room with king bed and Jacuzzi.

Challenge -- The 2017 challenge show is scheduled for April 2017. The theme is "Inspired by....." Your pieces can be inspired by nearly anything.....a work of art, a photograph, a tree, a grandchild, or anything else. Entry forms will be ready soon. You will be asked to include a 5" x 7" photo of your inspiration. Due to limited space, the challenge committee is asking that you notify them if your entry is a large one.



HELP WANTED

Many of our guild's two-year term positions will soon be coming to an end, and we will be needing some new officers. **Please think about the various guild jobs, and let me know how you can help.** On PPQG's web page there is a listing of officers and committees, and a place to click through the job descriptions. If jobs are not filled, we may have to do without things like Programs, Hospitality, AIR Quilt Raffle, Quilts of Valor, or our Newsletter. Also at stake are our major fund-raising activities of Festival of Trees and Art in the Redwoods. These items cannot be taken for granted. Without volunteers stepping up to take on jobs, we simply will not be the Guild as we know it now. ~Jan Carter

RAFFLE QUILT AT THE POINT ARENA LIBRARY



The Friends of Coast Community Library has this quilt on display in the Community Room of the Point Arena Library. It was created and donated by Judy Riddle for raffle ticket sales to help fund the library retrofit. Purchase your tickets at the Point Arena Library. Drawing of the winning ticket will take place on December 21.