



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Editor's Note:

May is the month to celebrate Mothers. As I have interviewed PPQG members for the Featured Member section of the newsletter, I have noticed that almost everyone said that she learned to sew from her mother or grandmother. I certainly did. My mother was an excellent seamstress and she taught me enough that I made most of my own clothes (even formal gowns) through high school and college.

As Mothers' Day approaches, remember the "mothers" in your life. Don't forget the mothers of your grandchildren who bring you so much joy!

Barbara Fast, Editor



President's Message:

It's really starting to feel like Spring and life is busy! HAM # 1 (Happy Active Members) "Remember what it was like to be new yourself, and make an effort to be welcoming to our new members." I remember feeling very shy at my first meeting, until Joyce Gaudet reached out and introduced me to other folks. I hope we all can do the same for new members now.

By the time this is out, the deadline for submitting entries for our Challenge will have passed. I know there have been glitches, but introducing a new mode of entry often requires some troubleshooting. Thank you all for your patience. Hopefully, you were able to get your entries in. Now, finish up those quilts and get them ready to hand in on May 8. Sandy and I look forward to seeing your masterpieces and finding the best spots to show them off. I hope we will see you all at our opening on Friday, May 10th. Please invite your friends and family to come see our show. Maybe it will inspire a new quilter to join us.

Keep on Quilting!

President, Francie Angwin

Fundraising Fun 2024

WOW! Check out all the fantastic items turned in at our April Guild meeting! Lots of aprons, microwave bowls, tortilla warmers, a couple of beautiful quilts and some fun new items – appliqued hand towels and chicken pincusions! Thank you to all who donated this month, and also to those who helped at our Thursday Sew-In to produce more bowls and tortilla warmers. Your hard work is greatly appreciated! Jan Saufferer was our Loft Gift Certificate raffle winner this month. Congratulations Jan! For the May 17th Turn-In, please focus on potholder sets (remember to sandwich a piece of Insul-bright between 2 pieces of batting for each potholder), microwave bowls, tortilla warmers, and baby and child quilts (such as I-Spy quilts). Also, I will be making kitchen towel boas at the Thursday Sew-In on May 9 and will be happy to give anyone interested a quick tutorial on how to make them. Happy sewing everyone!

Kim Madson, Fundraising Chairman



Mark Your Calendars Program 2024

May 8: Deliver challenge quilts to Gualala Arts Center 11-2 PM

May 9: Thursday Sew-In

We had ten participants and lots of fun on April 11! Please join us Thursday, May 9, 11:00-3:00 upstairs at Gualala Arts Center. Bring whatever you'd like to work on, including your sewing machine if you wish. It's a great opportunity to socialize with other Guild members, too. Extra credit for working on items to be sold at Art in the Redwoods and Festival of Trees! It's very helpful to know how many to expect in order to provide adequate workspaces, so please contact Francie Angwin (fangwin@mcn.org) to let her know you'll be there.

Janice Batchhelder cp

May 10: Opening of Challenge exhibit at Gualala Arts Center
Challenge reception 4-6 PM at Gualala Arts Center

May 15th and 16th: On Wednesday and Thursday we will have a two-day workshop with Jennifer Sampou where she will present "Octagon Shimmer". Hello Quilters!

Our much-anticipated Jennifer Sampou workshop is now available for sign ups on the Gualala Arts website! Check out the link below for details and supply list. We have opened it up to outside guilds, so early registration is encouraged for this May workshop.

<https://gualalaarts.org/2024/05/octagon-shimmer-quilt-workshop/>



This is a link to a video that will help you decide what fabric to choose:
<https://www.jennifersampou.com/my-blog/your-stash-sky-wow-new-youtube-videos>

May 17: On Friday Jennifer will share her lecture “Light Your Ombre’ Fire”.

She says, “I love color and want to get better at choosing palettes.” Does this sound like you? Let Jennifer improve your color confidence by lighting your ombre’ fire! She gives a spirited talk about the joy of using gradient ombres that make color pairing successful. It’s a full proof technique to harness a thousand colors at your fingertips that include prints, wovens, and solids!

June 21: Comfort Quilt workshop 11-1; Business meeting 1 PM

Sept. 17-19: Save the date!!! Pam Nelson will teach a three-day free motion workshop (beginning techniques to more advanced). Pam comes highly recommended by Jeri Kennedy!

Sylvia Evans, Program Chairman

Featured Member



Dee Goodrich is not only an amazing quilter; she is also a good teacher. Many of us enjoyed the “One Block Wonder” workshop that she taught. There should be some very interesting quilts with hexagons inspired by that workshop.

At the April meeting Dee gave a “trunk show” of some of her quilts, most of which were hand-pieced and sewn by hand. She often has several projects in the works at any given time.



There will be more about Dee in next month’s newsletter. Stay tuned!

Barbara Fast, Editor

Comfort Quilt News

Our Comfort Quilt and Quilt of Valor Workshop is coming up in June. Please mark your calendars for Friday, June 21. Hospitality will again provide lunch. More details will come next month. We received three lovely quilts this month from Andrea Polk, Janice Batchelder, and Kalynn Oleson. Thanks for all your support!

Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chairman

2024 AIR Quilt

The 2024 AIR Quilt is finished, thanks to Kathy Mayda’s efforts. It will be on display at Art in the Redwoods. The quilt will be raffled off with the proceeds going to the scholarship program.

Jeri Kennedy, 2024 AIR Quilt Chairman



2024 Challenge

The Challenge is almost upon us, "Twenty-Four Squares in 2024." Due date for entry forms was April 26. Turn in your entries on May 8, from 11 am to 2 pm Opening reception is May 10, from 4 - 6 pm. Cheryl Faconti has offered to coordinate refreshments for the opening. We would like to have finger foods, sweet or savory. If you can't come that evening, but would like to contribute, bring them to the Second Thursday Sew-in on May 9, in the upstairs classroom. Take down and pick up your quilts is June 10 from 11 am - 2 pm.

2024 Quilt Guild Challenge Committee: Francis Angwin, Sandy Hughes and Janice Batchelder

2025 Challenge Inspiration is: Our Local Quilt Shop"

Challenge dates to be announced – May 2025 has been requested.

The title of the 2025 Challenge will include the word "local". It is designed to help Maryse keep open our local fabric store, The Loft. Members will include at least some of four pre-selected fabrics in their design.

Rules:

1. Any design, any size quilt.
2. Use one or more of the four fabrics chosen for this challenge. Purchase the fabric(s) at the Loft. The fabrics chosen are for their simplicity and versatility. The fabric line is "Thatch" in the colorways: Plum, Turquoise, Royal, Heather.
3. Purchase one or more of these fabrics in minimum ½ yard cuts.
4. Use as much of the challenge fabric as you like but at least one of the challenge fabrics must be recognizable within your challenge quilt top.
5. Print your name on your challenge-fabric purchase receipt from the Loft. Save it.
6. Turn in your fabric purchase receipt with your finished quilt on "turn-in" date for the challenge. One receipt per person. Do not attach your receipt to your registration form. Your receipt will go into a drawing for a mini-Oliso Iron or an Accuquilt Go! Me fabric cutter with a 5" finished square die. Prizes donated by a Guild member for our Challenge.

PLEASE NOTE: The 2025 Challenge will also include an opportunity for the community to vote for a "Viewer's Choice." The maker of the Viewer's Choice quilt receives a Viewer's Choice ribbon and a gift certificate from the Loft.

2025 Quilt Guild Challenge Chairman Sandy Hughes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April birthdays: April 8, Jan Saufferer; April 15, Linda Wamock; April 16, Joanne Corey, Kelly Colburn; April 19, Lynn Bailey; April 26, Jan Carter;

April Show and Tell



Janice Batchelder – Comfort Quilt



Andrea Polk – Comfort Quilt



Jeri Kennedy – hand appliqued and sewn



Jan Carter Pillow for granddaughter

Sandy Hughes sent this list to me for inclusion in the newsletter. Good advice!

Barbara Fast, Editor

To ponder . . . 10 Acts of Quilter Kindness

- 1. Offer to finish a project for a quilter who is ill or deceased.**
 - 2. Invite a new quilter to your quilting group.**
 - 3. Give a quilting friend a ride to quilt shows or meetings.**
 - 4. Help a quilter put a quilt in a frame, put on binding or add a sleeve.**
 - 5. Lend a quilter a pattern or a book if the need is there.**
 - 6. Trace a pattern for a quilter if their eyesight is poor.**
 - 7. Help quilt at your church or community groups.**
 - 8. Hold back any catty remarks or criticism of another's quilts.**
 - 9. Help quilters learn about resources that you know about, and they may not.**
 - 10. Compliment and encourage quilters' progress no matter how small.**
- ~ It could mean everything to them.**

Reference: American Quilter Magazine, May 2024