



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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All About Threads Class and Lecture This Month

On Friday, September 17 Cindy Needham from Superior Thread Company will offer a 3-hour Open Thread Bar workshop followed at 1 pm by a lecture about thread and how to use the different kinds. The workshop begins with a one-hour session discussing the dynamics of specialty threads, working with machine tensions and needle selection. This workshop provides students with instruction and hands-on experimentation with specialty threads. There will be a large selection of threads available for the students to use. This is a rare opportunity for the quilter to experiment with many different threads and have the guidance and assistance of a professional teacher to help with any questions or concerns.



Bylaws Committee Report

Our Bylaws Committee, consisting on Barbara Dunsmoor, Jan Carter, Polly Dakin, Carol Tackett and Karen Shanower, has been meeting off and on for the summer. They have drafted a set of bylaws to govern our Guild.

They used several outside Guild bylaws to structure our own governing policies. As soon as they have the final draft in finished condition, these bylaws will be placed on our website for all our members to study and comment upon. All concerns and comments are very welcome.

They plan to have three readings of the Bylaws for public comment. The first reading will be at the Guild meeting in September. The second in October and the final reading will be in November. The Guild will then vote upon acceptance of these bylaws to govern our organization.

The committee is now working on Policies and Procedures to codify some of the decisions that they have made in past years. They will also modify the Job Descriptions to fit the new bylaws.

This is a longer and more detailed project than they expected but when it is finished they will have a good structure for the guild..

President's Message: September

We've had another successful Art in the Redwoods. I was very impressed with all of the quilts entered. It showed, once again, the breadth and depth of the talent in our guild. Winners are recognized in the Kudos column. Congratulations to all. We're very proud of you.

The Bylaws Committee has been working hard and has prepared a draft document for your consideration. It will be presented to the Steering Committee for recommendations and should be ready for the first reading by the general membership by the September meeting. Once the final draft is approved by the membership, the committee will begin working on Policies and Procedures for the guild. Thank you to Jan Carter, Polly Dakin, Karen Shanower, and Carol Tackett for all their hard work and for enduring summer meetings.

I hope you are all having a pleasant, restful summer. But it is time to start looking ahead to the rest of this year and the beginning of next year. There are a lot of exciting events coming up. See you in September.

—Barbara Dunsmoor

Library News

Feeling like I needed some visual stimulation for my current quilt project, and knowing we have some wonderful books with art quilts in the PPQG library, I stopped by the Gualala Art Center to see what I could find. The only trouble was, I didn't remember any titles or authors and I didn't have a lot of time for browsing the whole collection. Checking the online list on the PPQG website would have led me to a few books that have "Art Quilt" in the title, but I hadn't thought to do that ahead. But there was the computer in the library. I typed in "art quilts", did a key word search, and came up with a list that I could look for by call number on the shelves. How great is that? I was done and out in just a few minutes thanks to the wonderful work of the Gualala Arts library volunteers. Of course, if you have time, browsing those great quilting books is a wonderful way to it.

—Anna Hines

New Member

Please welcome our newest member:

Bonnie Kistner

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bday May 9

Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of month \$19,875.45

Plus: Monthly deposits per Income

Prorated dues \$25.00

Total Income \$25.00

Minus: Monthly checks from Expense

Newsletter postage \$21.00

Art in the Redwoods Awards \$225.00

MCN domain host rate \$60.00

Total \$306.00

Balance at month end \$19,594.45

Happy Birthday

		Cynthia Daniels & Maureen Healy	Sept. 19
Chris Smith & Lenore Sollom	Sept. 1	Cynthia Chilton-Hauck & Babs Levine	Sept. 20
Janet Sears	Sept. 2	Laura Hamilton & Claire McPherson	Sept. 21
Gwen Sundstrom	Sept. 4	Christine Francis	Sept. 24
Linda Jones	Sept. 8	Sharon Moreland	Sept. 25
Gail Sims	Sept. 15		

Kudos to our Members

Carol Tackett's quilt *Wild Fires...Wall of Flames* was accepted into the Houston Quilt show. Her quilt will be part of an exhibit *Journal Quilts II: The Elements*. Carol's quilt was one of 48 quilts chosen from 150 entries.

There were eight guild members who were winners of ribbons at Art in the Redwoods. Quilt category: Congratulations to: Janet Windsor, first place and winner of best local entry; Kalynn Oleson, second place; Anita Kaplan, third place; Bette Covington, Judges award; Marilyn Limbaugh, Judges award; Barbara Wendt, Judges award. Other categories: Congratulations to: Suzan Friedland, first place in Fiber & Textiles; and Katherine Gyorfi, water media, Judges award and Mendonoma Sightings award.

Harmony Susalla's fabric (Two samples from her new line are shown below. To see more go to www.harmonyart.com) will be featured on Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson's *The Quilt Show*, the internet quilting show. The theme of the show is Green and it will be available in January. You might get some challenge ideas, so be sure to watch.



Location and Dates of Retreat Changed

Usually people go to the “country” for retreat. We are a group of women who live in a stunning, rural setting. It is difficult to travel anywhere in the world and meet or beat our views and environment. Thus this year we will have a “city” retreat in a city that is near and dear to our hearts, Healdsburg. This location offers many perks such as access to great shops & restaurants, a fabulous quilt shop at our fingertips, unlimited single rooms, low room prices, and less than two hours away from home.

We will stay at the Dry Creek Inn. The price is \$84/night plus tax. This is a room rate only. Singles will pay \$84, doubles will split that bringing the cost to \$42/person plus tax/night. To this cost will be added a one time fee of \$33-\$37/person (depends on # of retreat attendees) to rent the ballroom workspace.

Food will be handled separately. Breakfasts are included with the room. Plans are still evolving for dinners but I am considering the following: The first day we arrive in time for dinner, and the first night’s dinner will be catered at the hotel by their very excellent catering service. The cost will be approximately \$30/person. For the second dinner everyone is on her own which allows us to take advantage of the variety of wonderful eateries in Healdsburg. For the third dinner I am investigating a restaurant that will accommodate our entire group at a fixed price. Alternatively all dinners can be catered in the hotel.

Lunches will be supplied by local delis such as Oakville Grocery or other. We will fill out order forms in the morning, and the person who volunteers to pick up the lunches gets her lunch free. We can also chip in to have bottled water and/or soft drinks available during the day.

The new dates for our three night retreat are January 26th–29th. We arrive Monday, Jan. 26th at 3 p.m. This gives you plenty of shopping time in Healdsburg if you head over the hill early. We depart on Thursday, Jan. 29th after breakfast which gives you time to clean up your work space and one more chance at the shops.

The total costs break down this way:

Single room, \$84/night

Double room, \$42/night/person



Workroom rental, one time fee of \$33-\$37/per person depending on # of attendees

First night dinner approx. \$30

Other costs: 2 lunches, approx. \$10-\$12/ day; 1 dinner out, your choice of venue; 1 group dinner out, approx \$30

Please note that the total average price is much lower than previous retreats and that I still need time to verify the cost of meals.

At Dry Creek Inn a double = approx. \$241/p including food & workspace rental,
a single = approx. \$367/p including food & workspace rental.

FYI Upgraded rooms are available. They are newer, have only king sized beds, fireplaces, flat screen T.V., jetted tub, patio or balcony, access to sauna & steam room. Cost is \$135/night. Live like the princess you are!!!

I still need to hear asap from all interested parties.

Here are the things I need to know from YOU.

Are you attending? Do you want a single, double, or upgraded room? Who is your roommate?

Would you rather have all dinners catered in the hotel or venture out a couple of nights? If you wish to attend and do not have a roommate please do not ask me to find you one. Please email the guild for one.

I will book a block of rooms in order to get the special rate. When I have heard from the majority of people and know that this retreat will be a go, I will notify you to make your own room reservation under the Pacific Piecemakers group reservation name. All rooms must be booked by 30 days prior to the event to get the above rates, but much sooner for the cost accounting and catering.

—Anita Kaplan