



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Bits & Pieces

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Just a Few Spaces Remain in Curves Another Way Class!

Rebecca Rohrkaste, an award winning master quilter from Berkeley, CA will be teaching *Curves Another Way* on Thursday, March 19 from 10am–4 pm. Sign up now at Gualala Arts Center. This class is a bargain—\$50 for guild/GA members, \$60 for members of either and \$75 for non-members. Learn a versatile free-hand cutting and sewing technique for quarter circles. No templates and no pins! These blocks sew up quickly and can be combined in any of the Drunkard’s Path arrangements. They also combine well with many other free-form cutting and sewing methods you may already know. We will go over many of the setting possibilities in class and work with color and pattern choices. Bring fabrics you’ll enjoy working with. You’ll have many “ingredients” for a new quilt by the end of the day. Rebecca comes to quilting from a fine arts background and her work is marked by an original sense of color and fine craftsmanship, inspired by unexpected elements in antique and scrap quilts. Her quilt *Full Circle* won Viewer’s Choice at Quilt National 2001. She will share her color sense as well as her designing and sewing techniques at her lecture at the March 20 guild meeting.

Don't Forget the Challenge Show is Next Month

It's Easy Being Green show is April 11-May 3 The possibilities with this topic are endless. It seems everywhere today there are discussions about going green. We hear about global warming, different forms of energy, organic everything, bamboo this and that and on and on. You might immediately think of recycling, growing your own food, composting, conserving water, growing a tree, or an all green quilt. By no means do you need to use organic materials or recycled things to participate. Whatever this topic conjures up in you mind will be fascinating This challenge will be different. We will share opening and exhibition space with Wood Creations 2009. PPQG will have the wall space in both the gallery and the foyer and the woodworkers the center space. Each person will be able to submit 2 quilts, exception being additional participation in group quilts. Entry forms are at the Art Center and the deadline for submission is Friday, April 3. There will be no submission fee if the quilt is for sale (GA retains there usual 30%) and a \$10 fee for quilts that are NFS

Treasurer's Report

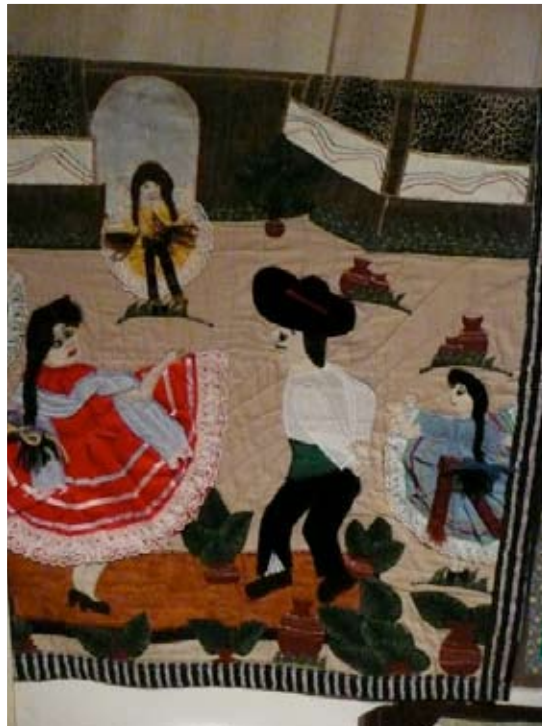
Balance at beginning of month	\$21,199.97
Plus: Monthly deposits per Income	
Prepaid Dues	\$1,605.00
Prepaid Angel Donations	\$130.00
Prepaid Retreat.....	\$3,006.00
Dues paid in 2009	\$1,320.00
Angel donations 2009	\$80.00
Retreat income 2009	\$568.04
Total Income	\$9,127.38
Minus: Monthly checks from Expense	
Retreat expenses.....	\$3,317.37
NCQC dues	\$25.00
Newsletter Postage.....	\$16.80
Rami Kim expense	\$11.76
Library Purchase	\$26.88
Hospitality	\$63.55
Total expenses	\$3,461.36
Balance at month end	\$26,865.99

Threads of Life Quilters Tell Touching Stories

There was not a dry eye in the room when the DVD of the Los Hilos de la Vida (Threads of Life) quilters, from Anderson Valley was shown at the guild meeting on Friday, February 20. Our neighboring Mendocino County quilters told stories of hardship, struggle and triumph. The women who came,

Angeles, Aurora, Laura and Marina brought over 50 of their folkloric story quilts to share with us. Molly Martinez Johnson, coordinator of the program at the Anderson Valley Adult School Even Start Program, was the principal speaker and answered the many questions and served as translator for the women.

The most amazing results in literacy and parenting education are taking place through this program. The elementary school has 100% parent participation.



Amazing what quilting can do! We learned that over 40 women sew on just 3 sewing machines, so several guild members have volunteered to purchase more sewing machines for them. If you would like to contribute to this effort and help give these women the tools they need to continue their creative work, please contact Janet Windsor by March 17 (785-9521 or jwindsoh@yahoo.com) If you would like to help in other ways, you can donate fabric and they always need batting. So if you have extra stuff in your stash (also trims, buttons and beads) or if you have good-sized pieces of “left-over” batting from larger quilts, please bring them to the next guild meeting. Sue Arnold has offered to deliver fabric to them, so go through your stash for fabric you won’t use. They especially need beiges to browns.

Fiber Art Four at the Sea Ranch Lodge

The Fireside Room at the Sea Ranch Lodge will feature the work of four eclectic fiber artists from March 6 through April 1st. The opening reception will be held on Friday, March 6th 5–7 p.m.

The featured quilters will be: Leslie Rego, of Sun Valley, Idaho, lived in Guatemala for many years. She credits the time spent there for her lively sense of color and experimental approach to quilting. Leslie recently won first place in the World of Beauty show at the International Quilt Festival. Catherine Kleeman of Baltimore, Maryland is a self-taught fiber artist who has exhibited work nationally and internationally. Her work will appear at Quilt National 2009 in Ohio this summer. Anita Kaplan of The Sea Ranch, manipulates her own hand dyed and hand painted fabrics, telling her story using her history, her hands and her heart. Vivid color, texture, dynamic line, and contemporary design, are hallmarks of Anita’s quilts. Carol Larson of Petaluma applies multiple layers of dye, paint, imagery and stitch to cloth to create her abstract work. Her award-winning work hangs in the corporate offices of The James Irvine Foundation in San Francisco.

Classes News from the Program Committee

Intermediate Piecing Class

The intermediate piecing class that started on February 27 is full. If you had planned to attend any single sessions, please check with Mary Austin or Janet Sears a day or two before the class. If any of the regular class members are unable to attend that session, we'd be happy to welcome you in her place. We're sorry to have to say no to anyone, but ten quilters is the most we can squeeze into the conference room.

Machine Applique ►

May 14, 10:00 am–3:00pm

Instructors: Carol Tackett and Marilyn Limbaugh

Price is \$30 for guild/GA members, \$40 for members of either and \$50 others.

This machine appliqué class will focus on edge appliqué, reverse appliqué and soft edge appliqué techniques. A single project will not be completed. Instead, participants will work on various samples of these techniques in class that they can take home for reference. The class is limited in size so we will have time to provide all the help needed. This class is open to anyone interested in appliqué.



Earth, Wind & Fire Workshop ►

June 2, 3, 4, 10:00 am–4:00 pm

Instructor: Rosalie Dace

Price is \$125 for guild/GA members, \$135 for members of either and \$145 others.

Rosalie is an award-winning quilter from South Africa. She makes beautiful art quilts and teaches many techniques for coming up with ideas and executing them. See her quilts on her web site at <http://www.rosaliedace.co.za/>. The class description and supply list are on our web site. This is a unique opportunity for guild members to learn from a very special teacher. The class will be opened up to non-guild members on April 1 if there is still space.



Membership News

Membership Chair Gail Spencer would like to thank all members who paid their 2009 dues. Per the new bylaws, any member not in good standing by the March General Membership meeting will be dropped from the roster. Please check to see that we have your correct contact info.

Happy Birthday

Karel Metcalf	Mar. 8	Joan Rudman	Mar. 16
Janet Windsor	Mar. 12	Pat Peterson	Mar. 20
Judy Castleton	Mar. 15	Sue Arnold	Mar. 23
		Mary Suhr	Mar. 25

President's Message

This will be my last message as president of the guild. I want to thank all of you for helping to make my year such a pleasant one. Very special thanks goes to Jan Carter, who has been an incredible vice president during this past year. I know she will do a great job as president and I hope you will all give her the same support and help that you gave me. I know you will.

I would also like to thank those of you who have agreed to serve as officers and committee chairs for next year. No president can function alone and I know you will help to make Jan's year as good as mine has been. I think Donna Blum said it best when she said, "It is a gift you give to the guild." It is because of each of you that this guild is so special.

—Barbara Dunsmoor

The buzz is around the north coast that this was the most successful retreat to date. A big thanks to Anita Kaplan for her hard work to pull off this happy event. The workspace was fabulous and the rooms comfortable. Everyone had a great time.

