



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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## Comfort Quilt/Quilts of Valor Workshop

PPQG will work on Comfort Quilts and Quilts of Valor on Friday, June 19, 10 am–3 pm, at the Gualala Arts Center Auditorium. Everyone is encouraged to join in. If you have a quilt you're working on, you can get help to finish it. Even if you don't have a project to bring, you can assist with other tasks. All talents and levels of ability are welcome and gratefully accepted. Comfort Quilts go to various adults and children in need. Quilts of Valor are given to veterans. For more information, contact Marilyn Limbaugh.

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*Jeri Taylor shows her latest comfort quilt at May's Show & Tell.*

## Save the Dates for the Picnic and the Holiday Luncheon

The date for our picnic is Friday, July 24 at noon. Come to the picnic grounds at Gualala Arts and enjoy an afternoon of fun with your fellow quilters. Once again we will do salad toppings, bread and desserts. Those whose last names begin with A–M will bring desserts and N–Z will bring salad toppings. Salad greens, bread, beverages and dressings will be provided. Please bring your own table service. We're going green!

Our holiday luncheon is scheduled for Friday, December 12 at noon. Renata Lopez needs willing hands to help in the set-up, games etc. Please contact her if you can help.



## Guild Glimmers

Mary Austin presented a fascinating journey into the world of antique Japanese country textiles. Her collection was overwhelming and in her lecture she showed an extensive knowledge of the subject. The guild members who attended were rapt as Mary shared textiles both familiar and arcane (shibori, kasuri, katazome, tsutsugaki, fukasa, and tsugigahana). We are lucky to have such an expert in our midst.

## Kudos to our Members

Harmony Susalla is featured in a new book — *Sewing Green* by Betz White. There is a 2-page article about Harmony's fabric, and also some of the projects photographed use Harmony's fabric.

Jan Carter's quilt *Sonoma Coastline* has been selected for inclusion in the special exhibit *West Coast Wonders 2009*. It will be exhibited at: The International Quilt Festivals at Long Beach, July 2009; Houston, October, 2009; and Chicago, April 2010

## Fabric Donations for Children's Quilts

Anyone who has fabric donations for the nurse in El Centro who makes quilts for children's hospitals (mentioned at the April meeting), may drop them off at Jan Carter's house or at the Loft. Marva has kindly agreed to keep a box for this purpose.

## President's Message

Thanks to all the quilters who entered shopping bags in the Paper (n) Or Plastic art show. And congratulations to Barbara Dunsmoor, who was one of the winners, receiving an award from a local grocery store. It was great to see all the very creative ways that people used to decorate shopping bags.

I've been on the road lately, and I always like to check out new quilt shops whenever possible. I found a nice shop as I passed through Roseburg, Oregon called Country Lady Quilt Shop. A beautiful store, with a large area set up as a classroom, including three long-arm quilting machines.

I have a book called *Quilter's Travel Companion*, which lists many quilt shops, with maps, as well as information about Guilds, and when they meet. And I just found out about a good website called [mapmuse.com](http://mapmuse.com). You can enter your interest, e.g., quilting shops, then tell it a city or state, and voila! There appears a map with all the quilt shops marked.

It really is fun to visit quilt shops in different areas, to see how their selection of products differs from what we're used to seeing. Just one note, though. It's a good idea to call before you go, just to make sure the information (e.g., hours, address) hasn't changed since printing.

Happy hunting!

—Jan Carter

## Treasurer's Report

**Balance at beginning of month ..... \$22,655.13**

Plus: Monthly deposits per Income

Workshop fees earned ..... \$547.50

Total Income ..... \$547.50

Minus: Monthly checks from Expense

GAC rent ..... \$206.00

GAC newsletter printing ..... \$7.00

Susan Else lecture/travel ..... \$692.50

Batting for Anderson Valley quilters. \$216.50

Total ..... \$1,122.00

**Balance at month end ..... \$22,080.63**



### **PPQG Booth at the GAC Fine Arts Fair**

GAC's Fine Art Fair had a booth featuring PPQG items over the Memorial Day weekend. Fair-goers mulled over lap quilts, placemats and table runners and seemed to enjoy themselves. Special thanks to Claire McPherson, Janet Windsor, Mirka Knaster, Kalynn Oleson and Ruth Hayflick for their help in the booth and to those to donated items for sale.

### **Challenge 2009—It's Easy Being Green**

If you missed the challenge show, photos of every entry are on our website.([www.pacificpiecemakers.org](http://www.pacificpiecemakers.org)) The show was beautifully hung and filled the Gualala Arts Center Gallery and Foyer. Many thanks go to Gail Sims and her team for their hard work.

The range of talent and creativity was amazing. Truly we are a talented guild with many gifted quilters. The challenge quilts reflected many interpretations of the ecological theme. From recycled tea bags, shopping bags and antique Japanese coats to exquisite glimpses of nature in its many forms.

The show represented both new and old members, new quilters and members from far away. We are grateful to each and everyone one of them that took the time to share their work. Thank you also to them many members who provided appetizers for the fun Opening Night Reception.

The comments from the viewing public were very complementary: "Beautiful pieces & fabulous idea!...FABULOUS SHOW!!!...amazed and inspired!...loved it all...These quilts are ALL so wonderful & creative & expressive of the theme.