



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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## The Pacific Piecemakers Accuquilt Studio Die Cutter Is Up And Running

Cutting fabric can't get any easier. The time-saving AccuQuilt Studio is specially designed for all quilt shops, fabric craft retailers and experienced and prolific home quilters. It quickly and easily cuts up to 10 layers of fabric shapes for quilting, appliques. It is, at present, at Carol Tackett's house until she can get something to store the cutter on in our cupboard at GAC. It is so very easy to use. Marilyn Limbaugh and Carol are spending time to cut fabric kits for Quilts of Valor and Comfort Quilts for the January Workshop. They will also cut fabric for anyone who wishes to have their own fabric cut for this workshop. Carol cut all of the blocks for a quilt in about 20 minutes. So fast and easy.

We have dies for the following:

Squares:	Half square	Rectangle
2 inch	triangles:	3 1/2 x 6 1/2
3 inch	3 1/2 inch	
3 1/2 inch	5 inch	Strips
5 inch	4 3/4 inch	2 1/2 inch
7 inch		
	Diamonds	
	3 1/2 inch	
	3 3/4 x 5 inch	
	diagonal	



*Marilyn Limbaugh trying PPQG's new Accuquilt die cutter.*

## Comfort Quilt & Quilts of Valor Workshop This Month

Our winter Quilts of Valor and Comfort Quilt workshop is Friday, January 15. The emphasis at the workshop will be on making more feminine quilts. Come and help out. You don't have bring fabric or even your sewing machine. All hands are needed, Come try our newest toy and really turn out a quilt in a day.

## President's Message

What a wonderful time we all had at the Holiday Luncheon! Many thanks to Renata Lopez and all her assistants for doing such a wonderful job. We really missed those who were unable to attend.

I'm not sure if it's a year-end thing, or the fact that I'm going to have lots of house guests at Christmas-time, but I've been working hard on cleaning out my sewing studio. I have a tendency to come home from a quilting class or workshop with a tote bag full of class information, an unfinished project, and all the extra fabric that I didn't use. And that tote bag has a tendency to just sit. And sit. And sit. So I'm trying to clean up and stow things where they belong. I sorted through a couple files of patterns (from magazines and the internet) and realized that I'm never going to make all those quilts, even if I live to be 150! So I tossed a lot of them into recycling. I broke the task down into sections, so I didn't feel like I had to tackle the whole room in one day. And I'm happy to say that I've made a huge difference. It feels a lot better in there, too, more like a place I would actually like to go and work. I still have a little work to do, and many projects to finish (help!), but I'm well on my way.

—Jan Carter

## Treasurer's Report

<b>Balance at beginning of Nov.....</b>	<b>\$21,619.47</b>
Plus: Monthly deposits per Income	
Retreat deposits .....	\$125.00
Meeting fees .....	\$5.00
Workshop income .....	\$225.00
Prepaid dues .....	\$1,050.00
Angel donations .....	\$40.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$1,445.00</b>
Minus: Monthly checks from Expense	
Newsletter postage .....	\$14.40
GAC rent .....	\$206.00
Marjan Kuepfel .....	\$865.00
Hospitality .....	\$15.10
Comfort quilts .....	\$87.01
Library purchase .....	\$76.51
<b>Total expenses .....</b>	<b>\$1,264.02</b>
<b>Balance at month end .....</b>	<b>\$21,800.45</b>

## It's Time to Renew Your Membership

PPQG membership dues should be paid on or before January 1, 2010. Please mail your check for \$40 (or more with Angel Gift) payable to PPQG to :PPQG Membership, c/o Gualala Arts Center, PO Box 244, Gualala, CA 95445. Please make sure we are up-to-date on your contact information. Thank you for your support.



*Holiday luncheon—Look at the feast!*

## Programs for 2010 Look Enticing

You can sign up for all these classes now at GAC. Don't be left out!

Jan. 15	Comfort Quilts & Quilts of Valor workshop
Feb. 11,25, and Mar. 4, 11,18, and 25	Beginning Quilting workshop by Mary Austin
Feb. 17, 18	Hand Applique workshop by Gail Sims
Feb. 19	Lecture and slide show: <i>The National Quilt Shows</i> by Janet Windsor
March 19	Lecture and trunk show: <i>African Textiles</i> by Rebecca Amissah-Aido of Ananse Village, Ft Bragg
April 14, 15	Workshop by Rachel Clark: <i>The Fancywork Coat</i>
April 16	Lecture and trunk show: <i>Not Just Another Coat</i> by Rachel Clark:
May 21	Lecture: <i>Borders, Borders, Borders</i> by Nancy Tiffany
June 18	Comfort Quilts & Quilts of Valor workshop
July 23	Picnic
Sept. 15	Design Workshop by Liz Berg
Sept. 16	Color Workshop by Liz Berg
Sept. 17	Lecture: <i>Art Quilts</i> by Liz Berg
Oct.22	Lecture: <i>Scraps, Scraps, Scraps</i> by Marie Strait
Nov. 17, 18	Machine Quilting Workshop by Bonnie Toy
Nov. 19	Lecture: <i>My Animal Quilts</i> by Nancy Brown
Dec. 10	Christmas Luncheon

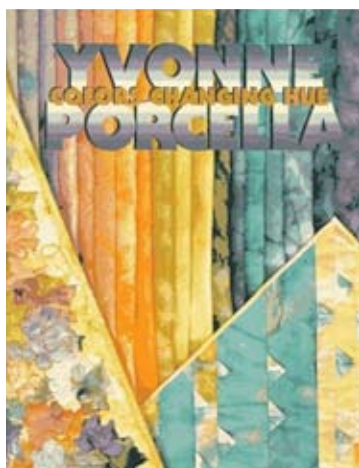


Hand Applique with Gail Sims (above)  
Beginning Quilting with Mary Austin  
(below)



## Library News

Additions to the PPQG library donated by Carol Tackett:



*Colors Changing Hue*, by Yvonne Porcella

*Card Art: Create Treasured Greetings from Fabric and Paper*, by Susan S. Terry

*Quilting Bees: Swarms of Ideas and Projects to Share*

*Fast Fun and Easy Fabric Bowls*, by Linda Johansen

*Star Log Cabin: Quilt in a Day*, by Eleanor Burns

*Sulky Secrets to Successful Stabilizing: What, When, Where, Which, Why and How*, by Joyce Drexler.

In addition we have added Leah Day's DVD and Workbook, *Free Motion Fillers*, from her blog, <http://www.freemotionquilting.blogspot.com> The workbook is on a CD in the same case as the DVD. Since we only bought one copy, technically it is legal to only print one copy, but Leah generously gave permission for us to put it in the library "and allow members to help themselves. I really hope they enjoy it."

For those who requested the new Jinney Beyer book, it has been back ordered since the first of November, but should be here by January.