



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Bits & Pieces

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African Textile Expert Rebecca Amissah-Aidoo to Speak

Our speaker for March will be Rebecca Amissah-Aidoo, who with her husband, Paajoe, established Ananse Village in Fort Bragg. Inspired by a trip to Paajoe's native Ghana, they were compelled to "give a hand up" to local individuals and communities who were living in poverty and in need of not only the necessities of life but of education and productive work. Rebecca and Paajoe connected with individual families, artists, and crafts people as well as non-governmental organizations working to improve local economies and conditions. One such group, Poverty Reduction Center, has provided workspace, training, and materials for single mothers to learn the art of batik and to make batik cloth for sale in the marketplace. Rebecca and Paajoe commission and purchase cloth from this workshop as well as articles of their own design which supplement the products normally made.



Rebecca not only has degrees in Fine Arts and invertebrate zoology, but is passionately devoted to textiles. An authority on the history of textiles with special knowledge of African textiles, she believes that women of all times and cultures are connected by the woven thread. She sees fabric not only as a cultural expression but as a mirror of individual uniqueness, saying that the textile artist must accept the responsibility of carrying on the legacy of cloth. Her lecture will include general comments about the history of textiles worldwide and specific information about the materials, techniques, and purposes of West African textile art. She promises to share some treasures from her personal collection and will bring lots of fat quarters to satisfy our shoppers.



Challenge Reminders

We're on the home stretch! I can hear our sewing machines chuckling at the resourcefulness of their owners meeting the challenge of theme and fabric.

A couple of last minute reminders:

- Quilt delivery day is Thursday, March 11, from 10:00 am to noon in the foyer of Gualala Arts Center.
- Any item that can be hung on the wall needs a sleeve with a rod or dowel. Creative hanging options are also welcome.

- Please attach a label with at least your name on it so the label cannot be seen during the exhibit.
 - Please take appetizers to the kitchen by 5 pm on Saturday, March 13, the time of our Opening Reception. If you didn't sign up to bring appetizers, bring some anyway.
 - Plan to pick up items that have not sold on Monday, April 5, between 10:00 am and noon. Whoever picks up the item will need the receipt, obtained at delivery, to claim the item.
- Ready, set, go for another great show!

President's Message

For my final president's message, I just want to tell you all how much I have enjoyed being your leader this past year. We have a great guild, a wonderful group of women working together. I've been extremely proud to call myself president of PPQG. The job was a pleasure. We've had some good classes and workshops and speakers this year. Made a good amount of money at the Festival of Trees. Used some of that money to buy our AccuQuilt cutting machine. This wonderful year has really flown by. I can't believe it's over already. I'd like to thank all the officers who have served with me, and made my job so much easier. And thank you to all of the members who make our guild so great.

Next year we will have Joyce Gaudett serve as our president, and I will get to do the wonderful job of "Past President." I think 2010 is going to be a great year, with lots of quilting activities to look forward to.

And remember, when all is said and done, people will see your quilts long after you are gone....not your housework.

—Jan Carter

Kudos to our Members

Janet Windsor has had three of her quilts accepted into juried shows this month. *I Found One* will be in the IQA show in Chicago, *My Idea of Heaven* (also known as that skeleton one) will be in the Illuminations show in North Carolina, and *Cambodian Silks I* will be in the Arts On Fire show in Pacifica. All will be on display in April.

New Elevator Coming

It was announced at the February meeting that our board had decided to give \$10,000 to Gualala Arts Center to help defray the cost of an elevator. In exchange, the guild will get a price break on rent and the joy of not having to haul our sewing machines upstairs and our ironing boards and fanny basket downstairs via the stairs. Yeah!

Membership News

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership for 2010. Those who haven't, time is running out. Anyone not paid up by March 19th will be dropped from the rolls. Please don't let that happen. We need every one of you! Mail a \$40 check made payable to PPQG to me: Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445. Last call, don't delay!

Please make welcome two new PPQG members:

Francie Angwin	Judy Riddle
PO Box 544	PO Box 44
Gualala 95445	Pt Arena, 95468

Quilting Quirks

My cats help me quilt. They like to sit on the quilt top while I am trying to baste it together or just lining up the quilt blocks. They watch me carefully lay the quilt down and then they take their spot on the quilt. The other day my calico cat got so excited she grabbed the corner and twirled. It wasn't that much help after all!

—Monica Zarkowski

Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of Dec.....	\$25,357.68
Plus: Monthly deposits per Income	
Retreat deposits	\$280.00
Dues	\$840.00
Total Income	\$1,120.00
Minus: Monthly checks from Expense	
Newsletter	\$26.40
GAC rent.....	\$206.00
Accuquilt cabinet	\$262.29
Accuquilt dyes	\$193.77
Comfort quilts	\$13.37
Retreat refund.....	\$125.00
Library purchase	\$32.97
Total expenses	\$859.80
Balance at month end	\$25,617.88

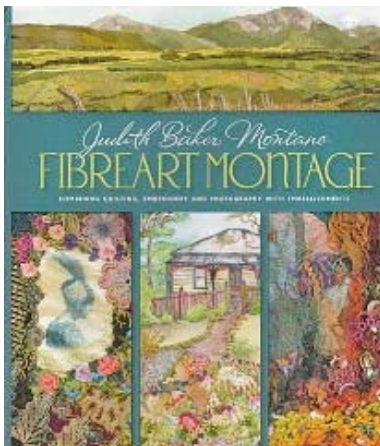
Library News

Thanks to the generosity of our members the library has two new DVDs, a CD and two new books.

From Janet Windsor,
Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims, The Quilt Show: The Complete First Season and Quilt Visions 2008: Contemporary Expressions, CD of the winning quilts.

From Lola DeLongoria
Art Quilt Design: Strategies for Success with Carol Taylor, a Quilting Arts Workshop.

From Iris Lorenz-Fife
Marion Clayden, The Dyer's Hand, a catalog from the San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles, 2008.

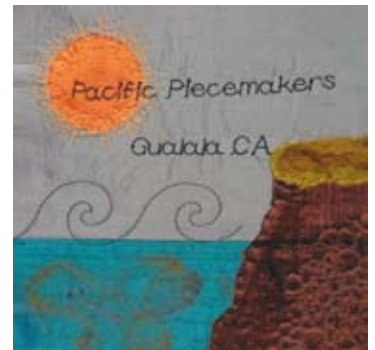


And, including the work of our outgoing president, Jan Carter, *Fibreart Montage: Combining Quilting, Embroidery and Photography with Embellishments*, (which looks quite delicious).



Block Sent to Texas Guild

The theme for the 2010 Quilt Show of the Ellis County, Texas guild is "Stitches Around the World". In support of this theme, guilds around the world are sending blocks to be sewn together to make a quilt top that will be prominently displayed at the quilt show. Carol Tackett and Jan Carter have made a block representing our guild.



Rachel Clark Workshop in April

Sign up now for an exciting workshop with Rachel Clark. The workshop is April 14–15 from 10:00 am–4:00 pm. Register by April 1. Tuition is: Members of Gualala Arts and PPQG: \$135, Members of Gualala Arts or PPQG: \$160, Non-members: \$185

This workshop *The Fancywork Coat* is designed to use some of the materials that have been saved for that special garment: the designer collection of fabrics, fabrics all in one color-way, buttons, beads, laces and treasured

fabrics. Students will learn how to combine some or all into a fanciful designer coat or a vest or wallhanging if you wish. Students may also personalize their garment further by adding hand embroidery, machine embroidery or other fancy stitchery techniques that Rachel will demonstrate. Sewing experience is recommended, but beginners are welcome too. This would be the perfect place to use the fabulous fabrics you are going to buy at the March lecture!

