



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Scraps, Scraps, Scraps



Marie Strait will speak at the next guild meeting, October 22. Quilting has been Marie's passion for more than 35 years and she has taught nearly that long. She says, "The allure of color and shapes, a response to the tactile nature of fabric

along with a genetic and emotional connection to my foremothers come together when I make quilts. I sometimes describe myself as a split personality quiltmaker, enjoying putting a contemporary twist to traditional quilts and also finding pleasure and challenge in contemporary and art quilts." Her trunk show features a wide variety of scrap quilts. Included is a discussion of various types of scrap quilts as well as suggestions for separating and storing scraps. Get lots of ideas for what to do with your scrap collection.

Retreat News

Ladies the 2011 retreat is now half full! If you have submitted your deposit check please phone the Dry Creek Inn, 707-433-0300, and reserve your room. Indicate if you are sharing with a roommate and that you are part of PPQG. There is a block of rooms reserved for us. Let them know that you would like a room close to the event center. If you are interested in joining us for a wonderful time please send your deposit check asap for \$150 made out to PPQG to: Kalynn Oleson, 35501 S. Hwy 1, Unit #54, Gualala, CA 95445. If you are thinking about attending please talk with any member who has attended our retreats in the past. Learn about this wonderful experience first hand. The retreat lasts three nights and we have more than 3 1/2 days to work. Dates are Mon., Jan. 31–Thursday, Feb 3, 2011.

—Anita Kaplan

Beginning Quilting

On October 6, 7, 13, and 14 from 10am–4pm Jan Carter and Kalynn Oleson will offer a beginning quilting class where students will start learning right from the supply list on. If you or someone you know has always wanted to learn to quilt, or if you do handwork and want to switch to machine sewing, this will be a very comprehensive class by two prolific quilters who will show their students all the basics, and patiently and thoroughly answer all questions. Sign up immediately, before the extended registration deadline. The next beginning quilting class will be in February 2011.

Kudos to Our Members

Dee Goodrich had two quilts accepted into Pacific International Quilt Festival: *The Magic of Metamorphosis* will be in New Quilts of Northern California, and *Winter Sunset* is in the Quilt Competition.

Through October 15th, **Chris Smith** has two of her quilts, *Seraph* and *Bring On the Endorphins!*, on exhibit at The Addison Street Windows Gallery in North Berkeley, across the street from the Berkeley Repertory and Aurora Theaters, just southwest of Shattuck and University Avenue. The exhibit is viewed from the sidewalk and is the first one where this art gallery has promoted an entire exhibit of quilts as "art."

Kalynn Oleson had another winning year at the Mendocino County Fair. Her Mola jacket (made in Rachel Clark's spring class) won a blue ribbon in the class of Decorative Clothing and a Best of Division—Wearing Apparel and Best of Show—Wearing Apparel. Her quilt *3 Sugars Waiting* also won a Blue Ribbon.

President's Message

We all know Marva Jacobs, owner of The Loft, but how many of us know anything about her life and how she came to be owner of The Loft?

Marva grew up in Ojai in Ventura County. She was always interested in any kind of needlework. She feels she was “born with a needle in one hand and fabric in the other.” Her mother and aunt were her inspiration. She went to college in Chico majoring in Home economics and minoring in English. Here she achieved her goal of becoming a high school educator.

While at Chico she met Allan Jacobs. After college they married and moved to Williams, CA. where both taught high school for a few years. Allan was the Mathematics and Science Department and Marva was the English Department.

They moved to Point Arena 40 years ago and raised their 3 children here. Marva taught at Manchester School (grades 1–3) for a year. Not wanting to work full time after becoming a mother, she taught part-time as a substitute here and as an off-campus clothing construction instructor for SRJC. Never even thinking about someday owning her own store, Marva had the idea of turning her sewing hobby into a money making business. That was the beginning of The Gingerbread Cottage Boutique. Many of us still remember her Holiday Bazaar up on the ridge each year.

Substitute teaching jobs became very scarce and needing to supplement the family income, Marva responded to an ad for a “gourmet kitchen store” clerk. She was hired and worked at Mary Ann’s Kitchen Store for 12 years learning a lot about retail.

The Loft at that time was owned by Carol Slavens, a good friend of Marva’s, and Marva wanted to keep in touch with the sewing world so she began working for Carol one day a week. She added alterations and custom sewing for individuals to The Loft’s services. After the death of Carol’s husband The Loft’s future was in jeopardy. Carol was inclined to close the store but Marva encouraged and helped her to keep it open and she and Carol formed a partnership which led to Marva purchasing the business in 1998.

She began changing the inventory from clothing related items to the growing needs of the quilting community. For this we are very grateful. Many times I’ve suddenly needed an item to continue work on a quilt and have been so glad I didn’t have to wait for a trip to Santa Rosa to buy it. A short trip to The Loft solved the problem.

This year Marva celebrates her 12th anniversary as owner of The Loft and I for one hope she’ll be here for a long time to come.

—Joyce Gaudet

Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of August.. ...\$10,351.70

Plus: Monthly deposits per Income

Comfort quilt donation.....\$50.00

Total Income\$50.00

Minus: Monthly checks from Expense

AIR awards\$225.00

MCN domain name host\$60.00

Total expenses\$285.00

Balance at month end\$10,116.70

Membership News

Please welcome our newest member:

Susan Miller

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Challenge News

Watch for national online advertising next year for Challenge 2011, *Rhapsody in Hue*. WRBQ, Inc. publishes regional directories of quilt events around the country, and PPQG’s April challenge exhibit will be listed in upcoming printed directories and online in a new blog called “The Quilt Shop Navigator.” So make those quilts, because we’re going national!

Freemotion Machine Quilting—All Levels

Bonnie Toy— November 17 & 18

Once again the incomparable Bonnie Toy offers her Free Motion Machine Quilting Workshop for all levels of machine quilters. Register soon as this class fills quickly. It will be held from 10–4. Cost is \$40/50/65.



Liz Berg's Design Classes

Two days of learning design fundamentals were a fascinating and exhausting experience for the 16 students in Liz Berg's color and design classes last month. Everyone felt she learned so much about design and especially color that the intensity of the exercises was worth it. Both traditional and art quilters commented that they learned principles that they did not know. On Friday, Liz gave an interesting lecture and trunk show. What a great opportunity for us to learn from a well-known art quilter.



PIQF This Month

Don't forget, Pacific International Quilt Festival will be held October 14 to 17 at the Santa Clara Convention Center. If you can make it, this is a wonderful festival filled with vendors, like our own Charlene Younker and Judy Bianchi and beautiful quilts, including those by guild member Dee Goodrich (see Kudos). Shop, enjoy yourself and support our guild members!

Comfort Quilts

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to our busy PPQG members, during the past few months we have given away many quilts, and the stock was down a bit, but after the amazing shower of quilts this past Friday, September 17th, we are again in the possession of a nice selection. Accolades go to Claire McPherson, Jeri Taylor, Bette Covington, Katherine Gyorfi, Gail Spencer, Jan Carter and Dee Goodrich.