



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Bits & Pieces

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Nancy Brown to Speak in November

Nancy started making quilts over fifteen years ago after her mother took a quilting class. Nancy says, "I have always loved animals and found that I could create animal portraits with hand applique. I make these quilts because I feel that animals are important parts of this world and should be celebrated and preserved for future generations to witness." Nancy exhibits her quilts around the country. You may have seen her award-winning quilts at PIQF. Nancy will give a lecture entitled, *My Animal Quilts*.

Accuquilt Machine

Those quilters who wish to use the Accuquilt machine located in the upstairs classroom at Gualala Arts Center must preschedule its use with Scott at GA. Please email Scott at scott@gualalaarts.org to do this. Many classes and meetings are scheduled for this room and it is necessary to check the schedule so that you do not make the trip to the art center and get turned away.

Holiday Luncheon

The Holidays are fast approaching, as is our annual luncheon. Do reserve 12/10 for our PPQG Holiday luncheon at Gualala Art Center.

Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of June..\$10,116.70
Plus: Monthly deposits per Income	
Dues	\$20.00
Meeting fees	\$5.00
Retreat deposit	\$1,650.00
Total Income	\$1,675.00
Minus: Monthly checks from Expense	
GAC Rent.....	\$206.00
Liz Berg Workshop & lecture	\$1,600.00
Liz Berg Country Inn	\$224.79
Liz Berg Mileage & meals	\$112.03
Picnic.....	\$50.85
Total expenses	\$2,193.67
Balance at month end	\$9,598.03

President's Block

Jan Carter has left the materials for her president's blocks at two different locations. One is the PPQG mailbox at The Dolphin. The other is The Loft. If you have a finished square you can leave it in the mailbox at The Dolphin or mail it to Jan Carter at PO Box 621, Gualala 95445. Make sure to put your name near the center of your block, She says that she has already received a few squares, and they are so beautiful! Thanks to everyone.

Beginning /Intermediate Quilting

On November 17 & 18 from 10am-4pm Jan Carter and Kalynn Oleson will offer the continuation of their 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. This class is open to those who took the beginning class and anyone else who is interested. Sign up immediately, before the extended registration deadline. The next beginning quilting class will be in February 2011.

President's Message

This month I want to talk about two subjects.

The first is communication or lack of communication between committee members. There have been some situations recently where the ball has been dropped but we have been able to fix things before they got out of hand. There have been others where committee members have not seemed to know what they were expected to do. PLEASE—if you are on a committee—as the chair or just a member—read the job description for that committee. The job descriptions are all posted on our web site. The Executive Committee spent many hours last year to try to make these descriptions clear and correct. In most cases it states committee chairs are responsible for reporting on their committee each meeting or if the chair is not able to attend or do their job it is their responsibility to get a substitute. This has not been happening.

If you are a committee chair with other members please keep them informed of what is going on. If you are a member of a committee and don't hear from the chair call and ask what you want to know. If you are a one person committee please let the president know if you need help. All committee members are listed on the web site if you need to get in touch and are not sure who to contact.

On to subject #2 which also involves committees. It is almost time to start putting together next years slate of officers and committee

chairs and members. Last year it was a very difficult process to find people willing to serve. I know of a couple of you out there who were practically shanghaied and I thank you for giving in to my pleas. Since then we have lost a couple of members who were very involved and we are losing more. Some are moving away, others have been doing the same job for years and it is time for a change. There are a few hearty souls who have come forward to pick up the slack. Looking at our list of officers and committees you will see some of them listed two or three times.

We have over 100 members in PPQG. We understand that some are part-timers on the coast and others are involved in other organizations. We also know that this area runs on volunteerism and every group is looking for good members willing to do the work.

So please look at the job descriptions and see if you can find something you are willing to do or help to do. I hope to have a sign up sheet at the November meeting along with a copy of the job descriptions.

This is a great guild and most of the time things go very well. I want to keep it that way. Thanks to all of you who have helped to keep it running as smoothly as it has. I'm waiting to hear from more willing workers. My phone and e-mail are anxious for you to call or write.

—Joyce Gaudet

Retreat News

The retreat has been cancelled for 2011. We did not have enough attendees to make a go of it. Hopefully, 2012 will bring renewed enthusiasm and an improved economy so we can continue with the retreat. I am sorry to disappoint the people who were looking forward to this event.

—Anita Kaplan

Kudos to Our Members

Janet Windsor's diptych quilt *Petal Fall* was accepted into the Bay Area Annual at the Sanchez Art Center in Pacifica. It will be on display through the end of November. It was one of 53 pieces accepted from over 400 entries.

Marie Strait (left) entertained and informed us with her lecture and trunk show Scrap, Scrap, Scrap at the October meeting.

Membership News

Please welcome our newest members:
Pam Todd, PO Box 867, Gualala
Lori Holmes, PO Box 970, Gualala,
Sandy Lockhart

