



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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The Loft is Our Treasure



As you may know, quilters have kept the fabric industry alive for the past 12 year's—kudos to all of you. Now, I see a slow trend back to "sewing" for family members, making gifts and repairs which has to be a positive sign. The economy is also beginning a slow upturn, something we can all be grateful for.

The Loft in Gualala (check us out on Facebook) has become a "destination" for many visitors to our area. My staff and I hear this repeatedly. Guests to the area are always overjoyed to see that this little shop is still here! They particularly love the diversity of items, the friendly atmosphere, and items they cant' find in their BIG city.

I expect and hope this store will remain a valuable asset to our community for a long time. With this said, I ask for your assistance in maintaining a communication of needs, ideas and requests of you—our local shoppers of crafters and quilters.

To those of you who have phoned and/or stopped by to see if The Loft has what you are looking for—a sincere: "Thanks". We are constantly exploring what is new and exciting through our reps, the internet and our customers so there is always something fresh. Please keep The Loft in mind whenever you need supplies, ideas, or information. We take great pride in being able to provide items you may want or need.

—Marva and Staff

Mark Your Calender for the Holiday Luncheon

Our annual Holiday Celebration will be at the Art Center, on Dec.10th, at noon. So be sure and save the date.

Bring your usual scrumptious casseroles or desserts. Your favorite dish will make this celebration special and elevate our excitement. Don't forget to bring your table setting.

There will be a fabric exchange after lunch, so we need some fabulous fat quarters (more excitement). They should not be wrapped, a lovely ribbon will do nicely

Decorating will commence at 10:00AM, those of you who would like to participate, come join us then. This is a fun part of the celebration

President's Message

When you read this Thanksgiving Day will be over but as I write it there are still a couple of days left before the big day. This Thanksgiving is a very special one for me and for my family. All being well my great granddaughter will be with us to help celebrate. We've had our flu and whooping cough shots and if we all manage not to get any sniffles or sneezes she will be there. Actually she'll still be there and those with the cold won't be. As you know Madison was a very small preemie and she's been leading a very sheltered life but she's almost six months old and seems to be thriving. She's about ten pounds now. We truly have a great deal to be thankful for— a healthy great granddaughter, a beautiful place to live, good friends, good neighbors and this year a good rainfall so far.

Don't forget the Holiday Luncheon on December 10th. It's always fun and I hope to see many of you there.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah and a very Happy New Year.

—Joyce Gaudet

Festival of Trees

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Festival of Trees this year! We appreciate your sewing contributions as well as your sales and setup help and your good ideas. A special thank you to Katherine Gyorf, Claire McPherson and Joyce Gaudet for their 'above and beyond' efforts for our Guild and our Art Center. We hope you enjoyed the Festival as well.

—Donna Blum and Sylvia Edwards

Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of October.... \$9,598.03

Plus: Monthly deposits per Income

Dues \$40.00

Liz Berg workshop..... \$1,718.26

Total Income \$1,758.26

Minus: Monthly checks from Expense

Marie Strait lecture \$225.00

Marie Strait travel \$185.90

Newsletter/poster \$82.39

GAC rent..... \$206.00

Retreat refunds \$1,650.00

Total expenses \$2,349.29

Balance at month end \$9,007.00

Membership News

It is time to pay your 2011 dues. Please mail a check payable to PPQG to Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445. Dues are still only \$40 per year, and we would really appreciate it if you could add an Angel Gift to the amount on your check. I will accept dues at the holiday potluck on December 10th. This is also a good time to be sure we have your most current contact info, ie: email, phone #.

Please welcome our newest member, Sharon Stinson of Gualala, sharondstinson@hotmail.com



Marilyn Limbaugh helps Nancy Brown display one of her wonderful animal quilts. Nancy was our speaker for November. A master at applique, she presented an intriguing lecture and trunk show about her award-winning animal quilts. If you missed the meeting, you missed quite a treat.