



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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## Scavenger Hunt Quilt Class with Terry Waldron: March 15, 2012

Terry is a quilter, a teacher, and an author. She began quilting when her tennis partner left her for six weeks because of a “quilt class”. Terry asked what was that, found a quilt shop, and was hooked. She was a secondary school teacher and now finds teaching quilting a joy. She will be teaching a one day workshop at GAC on March 15, 2012.

Participants in this Scavenger Hunt Quilt class are asked to bring five things which they must find, beg borrow or steal from anyone but DEFINITELY not buy. The list includes a new item that excites and you and you want to have on this quilt, an item that is or was alive, an item that was thrown away, but interests you, a picture, an item that is long and will create a line, and two more essentials— a sense of humor and a sense of adventure.

Students may also bring fabrics they LOVE, Wonder Under, glue sticks and a sewing machine, if they want one. Using the four principals of design, beginners and more advanced quilters can expect to come away with the start or a completed small art quilt, and ideas for future projects.

Sign up now and have some fun!



**Membership News** The deadline is approaching. Any member who has not renewed prior to the March 16 guild meeting will be dropped from the rolls. YOUR guild needs you. If you have not already paid, please mail a check for \$40 (plus Angel Gift, if you're able), made payable to PPQG, to Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445. Make certain we have your correct contact information. Thank you. —Gail Spencer

Welcome New member: Phyllis L. McCalla Email: [phyllismccalla@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phyllismccalla@sbcglobal.net)

## President's Message

This has been a wonderful year for me as President of this great and talented quilt guild. Everyone has been so supportive and helpful. I particularly want to thank Joyce Gaudet our first past President. She was always there to help me and advise me.

Thanks also to all the committee chairpersons and members who make this job so easy.

Polly Dakin will be the new president starting in March and I know she will be great.

Thanks again for making this a year to remember for me.

—Lola de Longoria

## Don't Forget the 2012 Challenge Show!

The 2012 Challenge Show is right around the corner. Entry forms need to be in to GAC by March 21. Those forms are available at the GAC office, or on the GAC website. We want to have a lot of quilts again this year, so we can have a wonderful show.

Thanks in advance for your participation.

This year's challenge is titled West Coast Splendor.

The challenge is to express your love of our area in fabric. No size limits, no imagination limits! The challenge show runs from April 6 through April 29.

Also, be thinking of what appetizers you will be bringing to the opening on April 6.



## Sixth Annual Retreat for PPQG

Pacific PieceMakers Quilt Guild celebrated its Sixth annual quilt retreat at the Healdsburg Best Western Hotel from January 30 to February 2, 2011. Attended by 25 guild members and guests, the retreat was a great success, with participants enjoying luxurious accommodations, spacious work stations, delicious catered meals and perfect weather.

Members worked on projects that ranged from comfort quilts, to long term projects and resurrected UFO's. One of the many benefits is the camaraderie and friendship shared as members help one another on projects, provide positive feedback and advise new quilters learning an assortment of techniques.

Healdsburg boasts a well-stocked fabric store, many interesting restaurants and an endless array of shops to peruse. Meals are provided onsite so that avid quilters can eat and return to their projects. One evening, members are encouraged to eat out in small groups and enjoy one of the local eateries.

## Treasurer's Report

<b>Balance at beginning of February..</b>	<b>\$13,153.03</b>
Plus: Monthly deposits per Income	
Dues .....	\$440.00
Angel Donation.....	..\$20.00
2012 Retreat Deposits .....	\$150.00
Comfort Quilt Donation.....	\$100.00
Fundraising/Dolphin/Gallery .....	\$243.75
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$953.75</b>
Minus: Monthly checks from Expense	
GAC rent.....	\$206.00
Retreat refunds.....	\$1,766.00
Retreat partial ref .....	..\$94.00
<b>Total expenses.....</b>	<b>\$2,066.00</b>
<b>Balance at month end.....</b>	<b>\$12,040.78</b>

The guild provides many of the needed supplies for quilters; including irons and ironing boards, design boards, long work tables and electrical hookups.

One of the fun activities of the retreat is the creation of a special postcard that is exchanged with another member. Each member went home with a keepsake of our special retreat time together.

Anita Kaplan has been the guiding force behind the creation and organization of this wonderful event. Past retreats have been in Tomales, Ukiah and this is was our third year in Healdsburg. We will miss her smiling face as a leader, but are hopeful she will be able to return in future years as a participant.

We look forward to next year's Guild Retreat, typically the last week of January or first week of February. Save this time in 2013 as a special treat for yourself!

## Farewell, Janet

Longtime PPQG member, Janet Windsor is leaving at the end of February. Janet's contributions to the guild have been many, most recently her years as newsletter editor and work with Bonnie Toy to design and build a brand new website. Her quilts are always a treat to see in our shows.

We wish Janet and her husband Dave well in their new life in Tucson and will be watching for quilt news.

