



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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May 2012

## Programs! We got programs!



Only 4 spaces left!  
**May 16th & 17th,**  
Hot Quilts from Cold  
Scraps-Alison Schwabe  
a contemporary  
Australian quiltmaker,  
fiber artist, and teacher  
now living in Paraguay.  
She is inspired by  
change in landscape,  
her works may include  
hand and machine  
stitch and mixed  
media techniques.

Her techniques will work for either traditional and contemporary quilters.

**June 15th** Comfort and Quilts of Valor workshop.

**July** is our guild's picnic or outing. Renate Lopez will up-date you on this event

**August**-Art in the Redwoods—no meeting

**September 19th & 20th** Workshop.

**Sept 21st** Lecture Dianne Hire ([myquiltplace.com](http://myquiltplace.com)) will lead the workshop titled "Come Play with Me". We will be playing games with our fabric and design. Her books are in our library. Please take a look at them, then sign up for some fabric fun.

**October 18th Workshop and 19th** Lecture. Purses by Design ([pursesbydesign.co](http://pursesbydesign.co)) Pamela Day and Rosanne Lauter will show you how to make a purse in a day. Sign up early and purchase your patterns and/or kits. It is requested that you have your pattern pieces cut out BEFORE class patterns and Kit will be available for class participants. Only 3 have signed up now. These ladies are loads of fun and will help you get that purse completed just in time for Festival of Trees. Sign up now and mark your calendar.

**November 16th** Bobbie Bullard ([bullarddesigns.com](http://bullarddesigns.com)) will be our lecturer.

**December**-TBA

## President's Message

Well I am back from Brazil and it was a great experience to have 3 weeks with a son and nephew, a little like being a frat mom and a listening post.

This past week I went through our closet upstairs at GAC, and saw the Accuquilt Machine, when is the last time it was used, and have you tried to use it? It is a great tool and all you need to do is make arrangements with GAC, (making sure the room is not a class room that day), if you need help call Carol Tackett and she will refer or help you herself. Great for cutting large quantities of strips, squares, triangles, etc.

I want to bid farewell to two stalwart quilting guild members, Diane Cunningham and Karen Shanower, both who gave generously of their time, talent, and fabric to our quilt community. Both of these ladies are moving to Panorama, Washington and will join four other guild members that recently moved there Bev Sloane, Janet Sears, Elizabeth Langdon, and Pam Wilson, wishing them happy stitching and hugs.

And, last but not least, A GREAT BIG well done, to the Challenge committee headed by Jan Carter and Kalynn Oleson, beautifully hung and a great tribute to the multi talented quilt members, WOW. And, the AIR quilt committee, out standing, finished for the event, well ahead of time and gorgeous, Marva Jacobs, Marilyn Limbaugh, Judy Riddle (appliqué queen), and quilted by Sharon Malakowski.

Thank you for all your efforts.

*~Polly Dakin*

## PPQG Library

Guild Librarian Mirka Knaster reports that she has books and magazines for sale. They can be found at the meeting or in our storage area upstairs at GAC. She also says, "Thanks again to Anita Kaplan," for her recent donations.

## Treasurer's Report

<b>Balance at beginning of March.</b>	\$11,472.78
Plus: Monthly deposits per Income	
Dues .....	\$905.00
Workshop Fees Earned .....	\$716.25
Angel Donation: .....	\$113.00
Library Sales.....	\$115.25
Meeting Fees .....	\$35.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$1,884.50</b>
Minus: Monthly checks from Expense	
GAC FEB/MAR rent.....	\$516.00
Newsletter .....	\$27.00
T.Waldron Lecture .....	\$400.00
T.Waldron Workshop .....	\$450.00
T.Waldron Airfare .....	\$390.00
Gualala Country Inn.....	\$256.41
Meals and Transportation.....	\$231.00
<b>Total expenses.....</b>	<b>\$2,270.41</b>
<b>Balance at month end.....</b>	<b>\$11,086.87</b>

## Thanks for the Goodies!

Barbara Dunsmoor and I would like to thank all of you who brought the wonderful appetizers to the Challenge Opening. They were terrific looking and very tasty. There was a great variety and we had plenty. No problem about maybe running out. Thank you also to all of you who helped with replenishing the tables. I think our reputation in the community is intact. Looking forward to a repeat performance next year when we "Celebrate".

~Joyce Gaudet



Quilt by Alison Schwabe

## Guild Retreat 2013



It is not too soon to start thinking about next year's guild retreat. Our retreats are generally scheduled for three nights; Monday thru Wednesday and leaving on a Thursday. In the past, the last week of January or the first week in February have been the best dates for the largest number of people.

Please check your calendar for 2013, we are considering Jan. 28-30 and Feb. 2-6. Which one of these would be best for you? Please email me (Dblum@mcn.org or call 707-785-3625) if you have a specific preference or if both dates work for you. This is not a reservation; I am just starting a list of people who are interested in attending. If you are planning events for 2013...Save these dates.

This is a fun event with many of our members returning every year. If you have not attended a guild retreat before, you are missing a fun get-a-away. The cost is very reasonable, with lots of time to quilt, play, and enjoy the beautiful town of Healdsburg.

~Donna Blum

## Notes from The Loft

Many of you are in the process of finishing Quilts of Valor and Comfort Quilts. Keep in mind that The Loft ALWAYS has fabric marked down 25-40%" on selected bolts. This is our way of giving you a break and for us to be able order new" stuff.

Buckram and Diaper Flannel (on the bolt) are back! We use to keep these items in stock years ago and now the tide is coming back on these old fashioned items - great news!

Every month Martingale Publishers will be shipping us their latest quilt and knitting books. Come check them out. Elegant Quilts, Country Charm and Sew Embellished (just to name a couple) will be here any day.

We've got some Razzle Dazzle threads from Superior in - Great for hair as well as quilts - Yes, thread, beads and feathers are added to hair-do's. Always something new to tantalize our creative endeavors!

~Marva Jacobs

## ??? Question Cards ????

I mentioned at the March 2012 PPQG meeting that, beginning with the April meeting, there would be "question" cards at the check-in table. These questions would be quilting related and optional to complete, but the more the merrier. I would then compile the answers and post them in the newsletter.

The question(s) presented at the April 20, 2012, PPQG meeting were:

- (1) How long have you been quilting?
- (2) How long have you been a member of PPQG?

Answer choices were:

0-5 yrs 6-15 yrs 16-25 yrs 26-35 yrs over 35 years

The graph shows the breakout of the 26 responses. Since, I am told, the guild has been in existence only 17 years, the last two answer options were irrelevant for question #2.

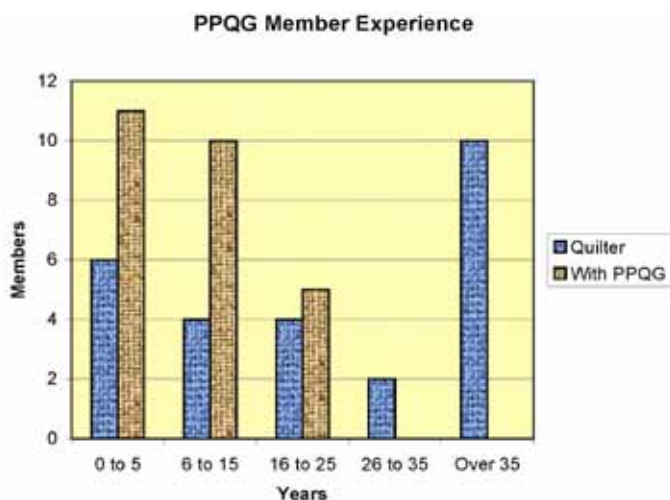
Blue represents answers to question #1 Beige represents answers to question #2.

Interesting to me is how many quilters have been making quilts "Over 35 years" and how membership in the guild is "on the rise". Also of note, at least three responders indicated they were "Charter Members".

Thank you to those who completed the cards. What will next months question be?????

Judy Riddle

PPQG Secretary and Vice President



## An Invitation from Northern California Quilt Council (NCQC)

NCQC is sponsoring a special exhibit, New Quilts of Northern California, at the Pacific International Quilt Festival October 11-14, 2012.

This is a great opportunity to showcase Northern California's quilting talent at a world class venue.

We encourage you to enter or to pass this on to fellow quilters.

The exhibit will be juried to 70 quilts which will be in the entry of the show.

Medium size quilts show the best, and quilts longer than 90 inches will hit the floor.

Enter quilts that are new and have not been widely shown before -your best latest work!

Entries are due August 10, and acceptance will be sent by September 10, 2012.

Entry forms are available at the April NCQC meeting and on our website [www.ncqc.net](http://www.ncqc.net). Click on the word "Forms".

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Sincerely,

Judy Martinez

Membership Chair

## Member News

Mirka Knaster sold "Flowers and Fans", one of her pieces in the East Bay Heritage Quilters' show, "Voices in Cloth 2012." Congratulations, Mirka!

Diane Cunningham and Karen Shanower are both leaving for Panorama, Washington (see the President's message).

Diane Cunningham is one of the original 25 guild members. She served as co-chair for comfort quilts and was always there with a helping hand and personal generosity to the Guild and to our Community. She will be missed

Karen Shanower has been a member for only a few years, but has stepped up to serve as secretary and as Chair of our "I Love Chocolate" Challenge, 3 years ago. She will be missed for her willingness to help make the guild a success and for her excellent craftsmanship.

We wish them both the best!