



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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President's Message

I would like to again emphasize the need for volunteers to assist with the different committees and service as officers of PPQG for 2014-2015. I have contacted the current officers and committees, and many have graciously agreed to continue for another year. Some have indicated that for one reason or another they will not be able to serve another year.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for everyone's service. PPQG is what it is because of the wonderful ladies in the guild. I do not have my committee lists with me as I am visiting my daughter in Texas, but would like to invite you to email me if you would like to participate in any particular way in PPQG. As I recollect, there is a need for someone to do the Newsletter; someone for the Library duties; someone to coordinate Hospitality; someone to assist with the Special Event in July and the luncheon in January; an assistant to the Treasurer; Programs committee for 2015. Please look at the list of Officers and Committees and consider where you might like to be involved. We will be discussing officers and committees at the November guild meeting. See you then. Meanwhile, hope you all have a fun Halloween.

~Judy Riddle

Welcome New Members

Sandy Hughes is a resident of Gualala, would like to join a weekly quilting small group, and is willing to serve on a committee.

Vicki Ryan of Alameda, not only joined the guild, but has signed up for the 2014 retreat in Healdsburg.

Dues Time Again

I am now accepting dues for 2014. Please mail a check made payable to PPQG for \$40 (or more, with Angel Gift) to me, Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA, 95445. Thank you for your support. PPQG does many good deeds, and we need each and every one of you.

~Gail Spencer

November Meeting: "How Did I Get Here?"

Mary Austin, Bette Covington, Barbara Dunsmoor, and Jo Dillon, four long-time members of our guild, have been invited to talk about their quilting/quilt art journey. As a member of PPQG since 2005 and I have seen these artists move from very traditional to contemporary and back again with ease and confidence. Each will have ten minutes to introduce herself as an artist, tell us about her journey, and just exactly, "How did she get here?" At the end we will have a Question & Answer period moderated by Polly Dakin.

I am one quilter who is still trying to break out of the box (sorry—square). I believe there may be others in our guild who may want to extend and enhance their quilt/quilt art journey, too. Come prepared to take notes, listen, and ask questions. Even if you are comfortable in the traditional quilt world, come anyway. There may be some statement or question asked that gives you a clue that will make your work/art easier. Those of us who want to break out of the box may find part of the map that we are missing in our journey, or hear the words that give the confidence to make that break.

I do want feedback from you. Good, bad and/or other ideas. All will be accepted and considered.

~Kalyann Oleson ksue57@mcn.org

Post Holiday Luncheon

Work to facilitate our second annual Post Holiday luncheon has begun. A tentative date of 1/23/14, a Thursday, has been pencilled in. (No Fridays available as Rosemary is booked with the Rotary.) As information is firmed up, you will be advised, about menu, cost etc.. Meanwhile, put the date on your calendar.

~Renata and Cheryl

Retreat Reminder

Members going to the 2014 Retreat in January need to get room reservations taken care of in November.

~ Donna Blum

Program Calendar: 2014

January 17th: Comfort Quilt/QOV workshop.

January 30, February 13 & 27, March 6
Intermediate Quilting: A continuation of the Beginning Class. We will encounter more complex quilt blocks (including curved piecing), introduce paper piecing, and working with templates. Class will be in the conference room so the class maximum is 10. If you are beginning quilter talk to Jan or Kalynn about attending this class

February 19-20, 2014.

Applique Made Easy: Our own Judy Riddle will be the instructor this two day class on another way to appliqué. Materials list is on the PPQG website.

March 12-13, 2014

Vessels with Charis Webb and Kalynn Oleson:
Learn two methods for creating fabric vessels in this two day class. One method, featured in a past issue of "Quilting Arts" magazine, uses wash away embroidery stabilizer. The second method uses 30 weight. pellon and your fabrics.

April 16th & 17th, 2014

Sweatshirt to Jacket with Kalynn Oleson: Come and create your own jacket from a sweatshirt. Once cut apart, the construction of the sweatshirt offers 5 design choices, for an easy fit, comfortable jacket. You decide on the closures.

May 5-8, 2014 Workshop

May 9, 2014: Meeting and Lecture

Four Day workshop with Rosalie Dace, world renown contemporary quilt artist from South Africa and recently Asilomar. Rosalee will also give the guest lecture at the May meeting.

I am working to set up a class with Gerda Randolph and will try to get the sign-up list started soon.

June is our Comfort Quilt/QOV workshop.

That's all for right now.

~Kalynn Oleson ksue57@mcn.org

Member News:

Mirka Knaster invites PPQG members to visit her new website: <http://mirkaart.com>

Charis Webb's "Couch Lock", pictured left, was juried into the Salon De Refuses Show.

Congratulations!

Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of Month	\$5,904.46
Plus: Monthly deposits per Income	
Dues.....	\$230.00
Library sales.....	\$22.00
Fund-raising.....	\$50.00
Workshop fees.....	\$1,293.00
2014 Retreat deposits.....	\$1,650.00
2014 Angel donations.....	\$80.00
Meeting fees.....	\$15.00
Total Income	\$3,340.75
Minus: Monthly checks from Expense	
GAC rent Sept & Oct.....	\$412.00
Lecture fees	\$300.00
Travel and Meals.....	\$318.13
Newsletter postage.....	\$46.00
Total expenses	\$1,076.13
Balance at month end	\$8,169.08

Notes from the Loft

I'm here in Mountain View, enjoying our latest grandchild - Logan. All are doing well despite a little sleep deprivation!

Kathy and Laurel are holding down the "fort". Be sure to stop by Thursday's to meet our latest addition - Katy, who loves to sew and is starting to quilt (yea - she knows her stuff so don't be shy.

New arrivals -

Laurel Birch Sea Escapes and blenders - Laurel B fabric never stays in the shop long so don't wait if you like her designs. Also, Superman fleece, Tweety bird flannel, and hopefully the Star Wars (glow in the dark!) fabric will be here soon.

Need a quick table runner (Festival of Trees?) We have a great fall border print just perfect for a beautiful runner - fast.

Again, thank you for your support. -.

~Marva Jacobs



Festival of the Trees

November is always a big month for quilters. The holidays are coming and so is The Festival of the Trees, our Guild's yearly fund-raiser. This year the Festival occurs on November 29th and 30th and what we earn helps fund our speakers and events. We have some beautiful things so far and send a heartfelt thanks to those of you who have contributed already. But, as always, we could use a few more items. Some suggestions are: aprons, hand towels embellished with ribbon, pincushions. If you like it, others will, too. If you complete your project, bring it to the November Guild meeting if possible. Don't forget, we are raffling off two items this Festival. You can view the raffle quilts and buy tickets at the November Guild meeting or at the Festival. Happy stitching...

~Joyce and Sylvia



"Surfer Dude Santa" by Katherine Gyorf is one of the many items that will be for sale at the PPQG booth at Festival Of Trees.

Photo left: Guest lecturer Pam Rocca speaking at the October PPQG meeting, as Polly Dakin and Pat Connell show Pam's beautiful quilt.

What is the "Best" Part of the Guild Retreat?



Dry Creek Inn, Healdsburg, California

Past PPQG Guild Retreat participants tell me the best part of the annual guild retreat is the chance to get away, visit beautiful Healdsburg, socialize with friends and not have to cook any meals! Oh, and they mentioned that they did get an amazing amount of quilting and special project work done. The workrooms are open from 8 am to 10 pm and are always filled with happy workers.

The 2014 Guild Retreat is scheduled for Feb. 6,7,8, 9, 2014. The total cost for the retreat is \$150. **Deposits are due by November.** The fee covers our workroom fees and meals that include two dinners and two lunches and all your breakfasts when you are there. One evening we all go out on the town and enjoy an evening meal with friends.

The retreat is held at the beautiful Healdsburg Dry Creek Inn. Be sure to reserve your room. Space is limited to 25. Special room rates are the same as last year: \$66 for Vintage room and \$118 for the Tuscan. These are special rates so you must be sure to call them direct (707-433-0300) and tell them you are with the **Pacific PieceMakers Quilt Guild Retreat**. Contact Dblum@mcn.org to save your retreat space today and send your check to **Kalynn Oleson 35501 S. Hwy. 1 # 54, Gualala. CA. 95445**

~ Donna Blum

