



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Bits & Pieces

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December 2013

Program Calendar: 2014

January 17th: Comfort Quilt/QOV workshop.

January 30, February 13 & 27, March 6 Intermediate Quilting: A continuation of the Beginning Class or a "Tune-up" class for those returning to quilting.

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 (moved due to GAC request)

Vessels with Charis Webb and Kalynn Oleson: Suggestion for those signing up: Start saving yarn bits, thread small pieces of fabric, ribbons, roving wool and/or roving silk—those valuable pieces that are "too small to use and too precious to let go." All of these items will help make you vessel with the Wash Away Embroidery Stabilizer. The materials list for both vessels is available on the PPQG website.

April 16th & 17th, 2014

Sweatshirt to Jacket with Kalynn Oleson: Create your own jacket from a sweatshirt using one of five designs.

May 5-8, 2014 Workshop

May 9, 2014: Meeting and Lecture

Note that the meeting date is 2nd Friday

Sign-ups now open for this four Day workshop with Rosalie Dace, world renown contemporary quilt artist from South Africa and recently Asilomar, who will also give the guest lecture at the May meeting. For those taking the workshop it is suggested that you check out Kandinsky's art work and style, on the web or the art section of the GAC library.

June is our Comfort Quilt/QOV workshop.

To Polly Dakin, Barbara Dunsmoor, Mary Austin and Jo Dillon, a big heartfelt "Thank You!" I am really sorry that I had to miss this forum. Thank you for a great presentation. It was well received and your comments and suggestions mean that this forum will happen again next year with 3-4 different quilt artists. Bette is first on the list.

Thanks also to Barbara for the review of sleeves and dowels/slats for your quilts, something that's been a pet

peeve of mine for years. When it's time to bring in your challenge quilts let's not hear about the dowels sticking out as "it's OK, it doesn't matter". It does. That's all for now. Best wishes for a great Holiday Season.

~Kalynn Oleson ksue57@mcn.org

President's Message

I thoroughly enjoyed the presentations of Barbara Dunsmoor, Jo Dillon and Mary Austin at the November Guild meeting. It was thrilling to hear about their interests and to see some of their wonderful quilts/wall hangings. This is yet another example of the outstanding talent in our guild. As a fairly new member and unfamiliar with everyone's interest, I would love to see this be a continuing activity in the Guild.

The next big activity is the Festival of Trees event on Thanksgiving weekend. Joyce and Sylvia have spent many hours collecting, pricing, finishing items, and the final preparations for this wonderful event. Excellent items continue to come in and we all hope for a great sale to replenish the PPQG funds. Check out the PPQG booth if you are in town. You may find the perfect Christmas gift for that special someone on your list.

There is no guild meeting or activity in December. However, a luncheon is planned for January.

Our next Guild meeting (January 17, 2014) will include a day-long Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor workshop. It is always fun to see what everyone is working on as well as get new ideas and inspiration. Please join us if you can.

I am planning a new activity for the February meeting. Please reserve this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Hope you all have an enjoyable Thanksgiving and Wish you a Happy Holidays! Be safe in your travels. See you in January.

~Judy Riddle

Festival of the Trees Thank You!

A very big thank-you to everyone who helped make this year's Festival of the Trees a success. We appreciate the thought and generosity of your contributions on behalf of PPQG and hope that you took the opportunity to do your holiday shopping.

If you were out of town during the Festival, don't forget the Dolphin Holiday Boutique which has some of our items for sale, too.

May your days be merry and bright!

~Joyce and Sylvia

Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of Month.....	\$8,169.08
Plus: Monthly deposits per Income	
2014 Dues.....	\$640.00
Fund-raising.....	\$90.00
2014 Angel donations.....	\$100.00
Meeting fees.....	\$5.00
Total Income	\$835.00
Minus: Monthly checks from Expense	
GAC rent	\$206.00
Honorarium	\$150.00
GAC printing for FOT.....	\$30.00
Deposit for retreat 1/2 d.....	\$607.00
Total expenses.....	\$993.00
Balance at month end.....	\$8,011.08

News from The Loft

Those of you who like to knit (and who doesn't?) - we just received a great shipment of Noro BULKY and Silk Garden yarns - beautiful stuff. We have a great little spiral hat out of the silk garden on display.

Our Saturday Morning Breakfast Club is very popular. Dec 7th I will be showing anyone how to make pretty little pine cone ornaments for the tree, out of wrapping paper. We have some on display - Bring your thumbs, wrapping paper (12x12" or so) straight pins and have fun. We have crafting supplies here as well (not the thumbs!) Want to make your own wreath? We have straw and wire wreath forms in stock..

Wishing all a very relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

We will be closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

BLACK FRIDAY sales event - lots of bargains and fun!! Regular hours - no midnight sales here!!

~Marva Jacobs

Membership Dues

Please pay your 2014 membership dues in a timely manner. Send a check payable to PPQG for \$40 (or more, with Angel Gift) to Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445. Thank you.

~Gail Spencer



Last Reminders for Guild 2014 Retreat

It's not too late to participate in the PPQG Annual Quilt Retreat. If you are interested and missed the reservation date, call Donna Blum at 785-3625 or dblum@mcn.org to find out about available options. The cost for the retreat is \$150. This covers your meals, snacks etc. for 3 days and our beautiful quilt conference work room.

The fabric Store in Healdsburg has relocated to their new light and bright store on Healdsburg Square. They always look forward to our visit and invite you to come see their new fabrics and notions.

Don't forget to take advantage of our special low rates at the Dry Creek Inn. We have a special rate for the beautiful rooms at the Dry Creek Inn, Healdsburg (707-433-0300). Make your reservations now. They will only hold a small block of these rooms at this low rate until the end of December 2013. The Vintage Rooms are \$66 a night, and the Tuscan Courtyard rooms are \$118 per night. Call the Dry Creek Inn (707-433-0300) in Healdsburg and be sure and tell them you are a part of the PieceMakers Quilt Guild to get the discount rate.

~Donna Blum

PPQG's 2014 QUILT CHALLENGE —QUILT THE MUSIC : Suggestions for Getting Started

Hints from Paula

To help you get started on your “musical quilts”, we’ve shortened the theme to: “Quilt the Music”. Now here are some hints for the primary challenge, which is to relate your quilt to a song or a piece of music you like. The possibilities are endless---but don’t let that stop you!

Hint #1: Any piece of music, any song, can suggest an idea for a quilt. Any quilt idea can suggest a piece of music. Examples: tradition pattern or fabric >>classical music. Wonky design>>jazz.

Hint # 2: A quilt you’re already making or need to make just needs some music. Baby quilt? Kid’s song. Christmas or holiday quilt? You guessed it--- holiday song.

Hint # 3: Keep it simple. Just make a quilt! And if your quilt needs some music, call me. I can probably help you find the perfect partner.

Now let’s get started!

~Paula Osborne

Thoughts on How to Decide from Iris

I was recently asked: "There are so many songs, how do YOU decide what to work on?"

Before I could answer I had to think -- how DO I decide what to start with? The speaker said she has three ideas and just can't get started on any one of them. While I, too, have three main ideas (and several backups) I haven't gotten very far with any of them, yet. Actually I hope to make all three and, oh gee, that means I should get started. Hey! Stop! The mea culpa DOESN'T help!

So after some thought, here's how I proceed:

1. When I feel affection for a particular idea I start a file folder with its name.
2. Into the folder goes a paragraph or two of description, or a sketch or two, or both. That's the start.
3. Then I start collecting -- snips of fabric I might use, pictures for ideas, moods, color scheme, whatever. They can be from magazines, my photographs, books, whatever I come across that seems pertinent.
4. Pretty soon the file is sitting on a small pile of fabrics, and I'm saying to myself
5. What do I need to know? Like the words of a

song, or a list of words that describes how it makes me feel.

6. Next I realize that even though I have several ideas being developed, there's one that is either a fatter file, or has the largest stack of fabric under it, or I just spend more time thinking about, making sketches, or whatever and it's time to spread all the stuff on the cutting table and start sorting and working. While I usually have several ideas going, only one will be at this hands-on stage that gets most of my time. And that's when I know I've already decided.

SO HOW DO YOU DECIDE?

Please don't think you have to edit out some of your ideas. We have the entire Arts Center for our Challenge. We managed to fill the Arts Center for our 10th anniversary and your Challenge 14 Committee would love to do that again. While we hope everyone will enter at least one quilt, there is no limit -- this year -- to the number of quilts you may enter.

SLEEVES and LABELS

Thanks to Barbara and Paula for giving a brief demonstration of sleeves and labels at the November meeting. We are also willing to do a sit-down-at-the-machine demonstration at the January Comfort Quilt workshop if there is enough interest. Please drop me an e-mail if you would be present for such a demonstration -- irisilk@wildblue.net

So let's quilt the music!

~ Iris Lorenz-Fife

Reap as You Sew Retreat

Sue Friedland and Chris Smith are collaborating to host a Reap As You Sew retreat January 9 - 12, 2014, on Abstract Textile Painting and Machine Quilting with a Spiritual Focus, with one-on-one creativity coaching as well. The retreat is primarily geared to out-of-area students coming to the Sea Ranch for a long weekend. However, once we have the minimum number of students registered for the retreat, we are willing to accept 1 or 2 "day students" from the local area. Chris is also accepting registrations until December 26th for a Reap As You Sew quilting and/ or creativity enhancing retreat to be held overlooking the Sea of Cortez in San José del Cabo Baja, Mexico, March 15 - 22, 2013, when the weather is perfect there!

~Chris Smith