



NEWSLETTER EDITORS: JUDY RIDDLE AND  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For days I have been pondering what to write in this space. Today it struck me. Count your blessings! Each month we hear about Comfort Quilts that are presented to those having a hard time. The stories pull at your heart strings and we wish them well. I have had three days of horror stories from those close to me. One of the doctors working with my daughter in Texas was found dead of a gunshot wound; my quilter in San Diego has to return a quilt to me unfinished because she has to go to her sister in Arizona who is losing her battle with cancer; my niece was in a car accident and will be facing months of surgery and rehab for a broken foot and broken arm. We are so blessed to have the wonderful support and camaraderie of those in this guild. I am so thankful to be living in this area, for the many delightful quilters in the guild, and for the wonderful programs and projects this guild produces. I count my blessings every day!

*~Judy Riddle*

## MAY WORKSHOP: A WEEK WITH ROSALIE DACE

We were very lucky to offer a four-day workshop plus a lecture from world-renowned South African Quilter Rosalie Dace. She was here five years ago and the possibility of her return was met with an overwhelmingly positive reaction. Even the need to change our May schedule to the first week, rather than the third, did not deter our members from signing up for her class. The class filled quickly and there was a waiting list.

Rosalie is well known for her stunning art quilts, her use of color and texture, and her lively, supportive teaching style. Her class was entitled "Quilting from Kandinsky." Even those members who confessed a dislike of Kandinsky's style were drawn into the flow as Rosalie made it clear that this was not a class designed to copy Kandinsky, but to use his influence on the development of abstract art as a jumping off place for each quilter's personal creativity and style.

Each day began with an appropriate, and often profound quotation that Rosalie chose to inspire us. While we all had plenty of time each day to devote to our individual pieces, Rosalie spent time each day discussing such concepts as color, texture, composition, stitching (both hand and machine), expression, and creativity in the designing of our quilts. I think I can speak for everyone in the class when I say that no matter



where each of us is on our quilting journey, Rosalie had a great deal to offer. She gently, but firmly, pushed each of us out of our personal comfort zone.

Her lecture on Friday was well attended, both by guild members and several guests. She took us on a journey through her quilting development, focusing on the African influences on her work. Perhaps the finest compliment she received was the number of people who asked if she could come back in another five years!

*~Barbara Dunsmoor*



### *THANK YOU FROM ROSALIE DACE*

Thank you so much for everything you did to organize our class and slide presentation for your Guild. I know how much work is involved in that organization and really appreciate it. It was a pleasure to have such a

great group of people in class, and in such beautiful surroundings. And of course you all produced the work! Didn't that room look great by the time we finished?

Thank you too to you and Polly for getting me to the airport. It is an amazing drive and it was good to have the pleasure of your company for a while.

Please pass my greetings on to the rest of your guild, and of course I am looking forward to seeing pictures of the finished quilts.

*~Rosalie Dace*

## *JULY OUTING*

We will be going to Fort Ross on Thursday, July 24, 2014. Meet at the Visitors Center at 12:30 for lunch. At 2:00, there will be a 45 minute to one hour presentation about the Fort Ross Compound with question and answer time. Entrance fee is \$7 per car. Car pool is encouraged. Box lunches will be available for \$12, or bring your own lunch. Please contact Renata as soon as possible if you plan to attend. If you are interested in a box lunch or if you have any dietary restrictions, let her know.

*~Renata Lopez*

## *QUILT CHALLENGE*

The Challenge for 2015 will be "Above and Beyond". The secondary challenge is to push yourself beyond what you've previously completed, i.e, paper piecing, stack and whack, applique, a new pattern, etc. We would like to have 92+ quilts in 2015 which would push us "Above and Beyond" the 90 quilts displayed in 2014. Please plan to submit more than one entry as we again have three rooms to fill at the Art Center: the foyer, the auditorium and the gallery. Opening will be on April 3, 2015.

*~Barbara Dunsmoor*

## *RETREAT 2015*

Confirmed dates for the 2015 Retreat are February 2 through February 5, 2015. Limit of 30 people. Email Jan Carter ([janlc56@mac.com](mailto:janlc56@mac.com)) if you are interested in attending.

*~Donna Blum*

## COMFORT QUILTS

Please join us for the Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor workshop on June 20. Morning and afternoon snacks will be served as well as lunch. Need masculine or gender-neutral quilts. We currently have 3 Quilts of Valor. At least 10 quilts are needed before finalizing a date to take them to the Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto.

~Polly Dakin

## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new member **Kate Barrett** from Cloverdale where she will be opening a new Quilt store. (see Quilt Happenings below)

## PROGRAM CALENDAR: 2014

**June 20:** Comfort Quilt and Quilts of Valor Workshop from 10:00 – 4:00 with a general meeting at 1:00. Lunch will be provided.

**September 18:** “Voluptuous Applique”, one day workshop by Cara Gulati, 9:30-4:00. You’ll learn to create your own original block design. Learn to design your own blocks with wild curvy seams. Freezer paper, glue and invisible thread are some of our tools. A light box creates transparency.

Color gradations can make amazing impact! Check the PPQG website for the materials list. We will have light boxes available.

**September 19:** Guild Meeting with Lecture by Cara Gulati.

### October 10: NOTE THE DATE CHANGE

The meeting is a week earlier so that it does not conflict with the Pacific International Quilt Fest in Santa Clara, CA. Our guest speaker will be Marie Strait, Board Chair for the San Jose Quilt and Textile Museum. She will be bringing several quilts from the museum.

**November 21:** Guest Lecturer will be Jan Soules and her lecture will be “Spectacular Borders: from basics to beyond” Jan has been quilting since 2000. She has never settled on one style of quilting preferring to mix appliqué and pieced blocks, her sense of design and color sense for creating her works. She is a member of the Elk Grove and River City quilt guilds. Her accomplishments include five Best of Show awards and six Best Use of Color awards at local guilds, along with numerous first place and

judge’s choice awards. She was the featured artist at the 2011 River City Quilters Guild annual show.

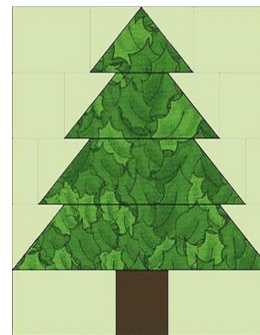
~Kalyann Oleson [ksue57@mcn.org](mailto:ksue57@mcn.org)

## BAG OF STUFF

Bags have been anonymously exchanged. The finished projects will be due at the November 21 meeting. Suggested ideas are bags, purses, wall art, hot pads, hats, shawl, whatever items you come up with. Please use as much of the materials from the bag as you can, plus add some items of your own if you so desire.

~Kalyann Oleson [ksue57@mcn.org](mailto:ksue57@mcn.org)

## FESTIVAL OF TREES



2014

The Festival of Trees Committee gives most grateful thanks to all the guild members who donated so that Festival of Trees 2013 could be the great success that it was.

And thank you to all members who also bought some of the lovely things we offered! We are looking for another volunteer or two to work on this project. Are you ready to join us?

*Sharon Moreland for the Festival of Trees Committee, Joyce Gaudet and Sylvia Edwards, Chairs*

## QUILT HAPPENINGS

An Artistic Celebration of RCLC's Public Access The Redwood Coast Land Conservancy (RCLC) is planning a non-juried art show to include art in all forms (photographs, paintings, drawings, fiber art, sculpture, poetry, haiku, etc.) Viewers will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite three pieces with small monetary prizes awarded. Areas of interest are Cooks Beach, Bonham Trail, Gualala Bluff Trail, and Hearn Gulch.

Registration fee is \$25.00 for up to three (3) pieces. Turn in your signed Entry Form ASAP or no later than December 15, 2014.

Deliver pieces on Jan 7, 2015, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Opening Jan 9, 2015, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
 Pick up pieces Feb 2, 2015, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 I will provide more detailed information in a separate email and at the June Guild meeting.

~Judy Riddle

New Quilt Store opening soon in Cloverdale!



Kate Barrett

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**SHOW AND TELL AT MAY MEETING**



Jan Carter showing a pillow made for the animal shelter. The pillow is stuffed with fabric scraps which she collected from fellow quilters.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balance .....	\$9,370.91
Income.....	+ 295.00
Expenses.....	- 487.66
Ending Balance.....	\$9,178.25



Judy Riddle modeling the jacket she made in Kalynn Oleson's class on "How to make a jacket from a sweatshirt". Great Job!!!!!!!

