



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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*Newsletter Editor: Barbara Fast*

**Editor's Note:** Recently I asked for advice when I needed my Bernina sewing machine repaired. Many of you responded for which I am grateful. I was told that Paul Cupich, who is a member of PPQG, could probably help. Paul is a "retired" sewing machine technician who now lives in Gualala. I brought him my machine and within a few days it was repaired and returned to me. Paul may find that he is busier now in retirement than he was before, but I certainly received prompt and courteous assistance.

*Barbara Fast, Editor*



## President's Message: March, 2025

Greetings Quilters!

Spring has sprung! I haven't had to build a fire in the wood stove the past two days. I think I'll even be able to hang laundry out on the line this afternoon.

As you probably have already seen, one of our members, Charlotte Tefft, passed away a couple of weeks ago. She contracted RSV, complicated by pneumonia, and was unable to recover. A service for her will be held in a few months. I will let you all know when I have a confirmed date. Her daughter has generously donated Charlotte's stash to the Guild. A group of us met and sorted this amazing collection of fabric and it will be on the fanny basket table at our meeting in April.

Our new officers were introduced at our meeting this month. Kathy Mayda has agreed to be co-president with me for her first year. Kim Madson has taken the office of Treasurer. Jan Carter and Bonnie Coffey-Smith will continue as co-secretaries. Mary Banach has joined the fundraising team. Jeri Kennedy will chair the 2026 Challenge. We still need a vice-president, and help with hospitality. Please consider stepping up and helping out.



Our Challenge Show is fast approaching. Sandy and I hope that you are inspired to enter at least one piece. I have two tops ready to be quilted. I need to get to it! Entry forms can be downloaded from the GAC website or picked up in person. All the information about fees and dates is also on the website. Meanwhile, get out and enjoy the sun. We still have some showers predicted, but I'm getting ready to start gardening.

Keep on quilting!

*Francis Angwin, President*

## Fundraising Fun 2025



First off, Thank you Kim Madson. You have done such a marvelous job as Fundraising Chairperson. I only hope that I can keep up with your activities. This was a marvelous month for donations. We even received a fully-completed tie apron from Charlotte's treasure trove. In addition, Kim donated two Fifi Fox from Funky Friends, Kathy Mayda and Janice Batchelder donated quilts. Sandy Lockhart donated 3 potholders and 1 trivet-table pad. Francie donated 7 adult clothing protectors, 1 potholder, and 2 coasters, and won the raffle for the \$25 gift certificate to The Loft. We are focusing on the "most needed" items on Kim's list which is potholders and coasters. Of course, stuffed animals always sell out. Happy sewing!

*Mary Banach, Fundraising Chairperson*



## Membership

Our guild now has 57 members. When the 2025 roster comes out, please make or keep a copy for your records.

When I sent out the info about our newest member, I made a mistake on her email address. I left off the "e" at the end of "Susanne." It will be correct on the 2025 roster (which Bonnie Toy and I are comparing notes on now). Just be aware when you get your copy. If you've had any contact changes in the past six to nine months, this would be a good time to make sure that Bonnie Toy and I have been made aware of them.

The correction is:

Susanne Scholz	(707) 350-1817
PO Box 2037	Birthday March 3
Clearlake, CA 95422	susanne.scholz@att.net

As I like to say "Trust, but verify." The guild roster has hundreds of details.

Thanks, Gail

*Gail Spencer, Membership Chairman*

## Mark Your Calendars Program 2025

### April 10: MONTHLY SEW-IN

For a fun day, plan on joining us for our monthly Get-Together-and-Sew event Thursday, April 10, 11-3, upstairs at Gualala Arts Center. We will work on microwave popcorn bags to be sold at Art in the Redwoods and Festival of Trees. This is a fun and easy project and sure to be a best seller. OR, work on your own project if you like. We'll set up an ironing board, but bring your own sewing machine, other supplies, and a snack for lunch.

Please let me know if you will attend so we can have the right number of tables set up.

*Kim Madson (916) 690-0571*

**April 18:** Friday, PPQG meeting. Social 12:30. Business meeting 1 PM.



**May 14 & 15: Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30-4,** Lorraine Woodruff-Long will teach a two day "Improv Mosaic

**May 16: PPQG meeting; Social 12:30; Business meeting 1 PM** followed by a lecture and Trunk Show by Lorraine.

**Saturday, May 17.** Lorraine will go with those who are interested on a shopping trip to PayNTake Clothing. She will give us tips on selecting used clothing for a quilt project she has created. Stay tuned for more details...

*Sylvia Evans, Program Chairman*

## March Comfort Quilt News

This month we sent a second shipment of Comfort Quilts to the Los Angeles Fire Victims. They were again well received! Thankfully, we only had one quilt given out this month to a local grieving husband. Judy Riddle is quilting the remaining quilts that we all made at the last workshop. I have been sewing on the bindings, and the quilts should be ready to show off at the next workshop. As always thanks for all you do to give a little joy to our greater community.

*Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chairman*

## Challenge 2025

The Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild is set to present our Annual Quilt Challenge. "Inspiration is: Our Local Quilt Shop." This year's creative endeavor challenges participants to incorporate a featured fabric from the Loft, a cherished local fabric store in downtown Gualala. The exhibit will commence with an opening reception on Friday, May 9, from 4 -6 pm, and will be on display through June 8, 2025, in the Gualala Arts Jacob Foyer and Burnett Gallery. This showcase celebrates local quilters' artistry and craftsmanship and reinforces the bond between the arts and local businesses.



- Rules:
1. Any design, any size quilt.
  2. Use one or more of the four fabrics chosen for this challenge. The challenge fabric(s) must be purchased at the Loft. The fabrics chosen are for their simplicity and versatility. The fabric line is "Thatch" in the colorways: Plum, Turquoise, Royal, Heather.
  3. Purchase one or more featured fabrics in a minimum ½ yard cut.
  4. Use as much of the featured challenge fabric as you like but at least one of the challenge fabrics must be recognizable within your challenge quilt top.
  5. Print your name on your challenge-fabric purchase receipt. It must be from the Loft. **Save it.**
  6. Turn in a fabric purchase receipt with each of your finished quilt(s) on the Challenge "turn-in" date 5/7/2025. **One receipt per person per quilt.** Do not attach your receipt to your registration form. Your receipt will be placed into a drawing for a "Tula Pink mini-Oliso Iron" or an "Accuquilt Go! Me" fabric cutter with a 5" finished square die. Note: A Guild member donated the prizes for our Challenge.
  7. The 2025 Challenge will also include the opportunity for the community to vote for a "Viewer's Choice." The quilt chosen as the Viewer's Choice will receive a ribbon and its maker will receive a gift certificate from the Loft.
  8. All Artists exhibiting their artwork at Gualala Arts must be current Gualala Arts members.

Important Dates to Remember:

Call to Artist Deadline (registration): 4/25/2025

Turn in Entry for Exhibit 5/7/2025

Hang and Prep Exhibit: 5/8/2025

Opening Reception: 5/9/2024

Take Down: 6/9/2025

*Sandy Hughes, Challenge Chairman*

## Challenge 2026

Theme: Spring in Bloom

Hello Everyone! I am excited to assume the chairmanship of The 2026 Challenge Quilt Show. The 2026 Challenge takes another step in showing our support of our local quilt shop. Quilters are asked to interpret "spring" in any way they choose, using **ANY** floral print purchased from The Loft. You are asked to purchase a minimum of ½ yard of any floral print you like. That fabric must be evident on the front of the quilt and a swatch of the fabric needs to accompany your receipt of purchase when you turn in your quilt. There are no other restrictions. You may use as much or as little of the floral print that you choose, as long as that fabric is plainly shown somewhere in the design of your quilt.

There will be more to come on this, but expect much the same format as the 2025 Challenge! Viewer's Choice Award, Raffle Prize... and maybe more! Naturally, I will be giving you monthly updates as we move forward. Happy designing!

*Jeri Kennedy, Chairman Challenge 2026*

### March Show and Tell



Sandy Hughes



Janice Batchelder



April Birthdays: Jan Saufferer, April 8; Linda Warnock, April 15; Kelly Colburn, April 16; Lynn Bailey, April 19; Annie Bedichek, April 25; Jan Carter, April 26;

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