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GUILD GLIMMERS

Great salads, decadent desserts, redwood elegance, friends old and new, Show & Tell, a bit of business, and Quilto — all added up to a relaxed and delightful afternoon. Thanks to all who brought those luscious healthy salads, which helped to justify those incredible, diet-wrecking desserts; and to Carol Tackett and her crew who set up the irresistible feast. Perfect weather didn't hurt, and there wasn't even a hint of July fog to dampen spirits. Thanks to all who made our picnic an event worth repeating!

Notes from our meeting: Keep those Quilts of Valor coming in, and be sure they're not too small to wrap an injured vet in warmth. Call Marilyn Limbaugh if you have questions.

Think Christmas, and start your project for Festival of the Trees now, before the holiday time crunch. Larger items sold best last year, so think big: table runners, placemats and napkins, cheater-cloth wall or crib quilts (who knew?), pot holders (small but OK). Call Carol Tackett with your questions. Comfort Quilts are needed for Christmas distribution, so please help fill our cache with quilts no smaller than crib size.

Paula Osborne



AUGUST

NO GUILD MEETING

ART IN THE REDWOODS

PPQG will take its traditional August vacation as Art in the Redwoods takes center stage at Gualala Arts. Be sure to check out the entries by our various members!

And of course buy lots of tickets for the AIR quilt. Lola and her crew have come up with a stunningly original quilt which will be raffled for scholarships to Gualala Arts programs.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a great picnic! The weather was perfect, the food was to die for and the company was special. As we all know, quilters can cook! We had goooooood stuff!

Everyone had a great time playing Quilto. It was just wonderful to sit there among the trees and enjoy. We are lucky ladies to live here.

Thank you to Carol for organizing the picnic. As always, she did a great job! Thank you to Polly for helping with set up. And thank you to all who joined us for the fun. We missed all those who could not join us.

Cheers!

Marilyn

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

One of the most renowned artists to visit our guild, Yvonne Porcella will present our September program. Porcella pioneered the wearable art frontier with vests, kimonos, coats and jackets and brought her dramatic flair and technical skill to contemporary quilting as well. Using pure, saturated colors (lots



of red!) and dynamic, balanced designs, Yvonne has created a body of work that spans more than three decades, and is actively collected by individuals and corporations worldwide. Breathtakingly bold and strikingly original, her quilts and wearables are clearly the work of an artist dedicated to excel-

lence and innovation. Yvonne Porcella is a prolific author as well, who teaches, travels, lectures, and imbues the quilt world with a healthy dose of her creative genius. How lucky can we be! Invite a friend to join you (and us) for our September 21 meeting with Yvonne Porcella. It's sure to be a hit!

BUT WAIT — THERE'S MORE!

September also brings our own Barbara Dunsmoor to the front of the class, as she teaches an all day workshop on Hand Quilting. Her exquisite work and teaching ability combine to offer aspiring quilters a chance to fast-forward their skills. You'll come out of class with a small quilt well on its way to "finished." See our PPQG website for details and supply list, and call or email Gail Sims to register. Fee for members is \$20, non-members \$25.

PRESIDENT'S QUILT

Please make any STAR block that you would like to make in black and white fabrics. You can use prints or solids, black on white or white on black — your choice. Please make the blocks any multiple of three inches. Please add a ZINGER color of your choice anywhere in your block!

Block size may be 3 1/2 inches, 6 1/2 inches, 9 1/2 inches, or 12 1/2 inches.

The block may be paper pieced, regular pieced embroidered, appliquéd or any technique that you wish.

Please sign your block.

If you are in need of ideas, you can go to www.quilterscache.com. They have so many lovely blocks on this website!

Thank you all so much!

Carol Tackett

MEMBERSHIP INFO

Please welcome our newest members:

Sandi Brearcliffe, P.O. Box 491, Gualala CA, 95445, 884-3938, sanditwice@yahoo.com, January 16.

Sylvia Keller, General Delivery, Gualala, CA 95445, 785-3176, lytham@peoplepc.com, December 10.

Both these new members would like to join a weekly quilt group. Can any group welcome them?

BAG 'O STUFF

Remember your project is due during our September meeting! Turn on the after-burners and get it done in August!

Anita

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Reva Basch	1
Mary Hunter	1
Carlene Keller	20
Pam Wilson	23
Mary Alice Bastian	24

ANOTHER CHALLENGE FOR 2008!

For 2008 we are adding a secondary “challenge within the challenge” for anyone who would like to participate. The format of the show will remain the same as in past years, not judged or juried in any way. All members, from beginners to the more experienced, are encouraged to enter. It is not a contest. The only prize is the fun of seeing your work displayed with that of other PPQG members and the pleasure of being part of the group. It is about participating, with everyone a winner.

But for those who are interested, we will add another level to the 2008 Challenge. Eight quilts will be selected, by a vote of the members, to submit as a group to represent the Guild in the American Quilters Society’s Ultimate Guild Challenge at Quilt Expo in Nashville, August 20-23, 2008.

This year’s theme, I Found it in the Library, and all other requirements remain the same for these entries, but there are a few extra requirements to meet the rules set by AQS. The quilts must be hand or machine quilted, original in design, and between 30 and 60 inches in width and 30 and 60 inches in length. Wearables and 3D objects are not eligible for this part of the challenge. The quilter must choose to participate by circling “yes” on the application form where it says, “Consider this piece for the Ultimate Guild Challenge.”

Members may still submit a total of two individual pieces for the show, one of which may be considered for the Ultimate Challenge. Like all entries, pieces submitted for the Ultimate Challenge can be for sale or NFS> If one of the eight selected is sold it will be held until we are notified about our entry in early July, or if accepted, until after Quilt Expo in August.

AQS offers 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes in their Ultimate Guild Challenge category of \$1500, \$1000, and \$750 respectively. Any winnings will go to the guild.

Entries NOT to be considered for the Ultimate Guild Challenge may be up to 64

inches, with no minimum size. Wearables and 3D objects are also welcome.

The show will be March 8 through April 6. Applications for all entries are due by February 22nd, 2008. More information is available on the PPQG website.

On September 21 at 11:45 a.m., preceding our regular meeting, Janet Sears and Lola DeLongoria will share information about how quilts are judged. This should be helpful to those who would like to improve their chances of being accepted into juried shows and for all of us as we cast our votes for the quilts that will best represent the Guild in the Ultimate Challenge. Bring a brown bag lunch.

Challenge 2008 committee members are Anna Hines, Laura Hamilton, Polly Dakin, Iris Lorenz-Fife, Janet Sears, and Lola DeLongoria.

NOW HEAR THIS!

A Festival of the Trees workshop is scheduled for Thursday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m. at GAC.

Please come! We will have patterns, fabrics, ideas, and good company — maybe even some food!!!!

Carol Tackett



THE LIBRARY CORNER

Here’s your chance to include the quilt book of your dreams in our library! We invite suggestions from the membership for the acquisition of new books. There must be books out there that you’d love to use but don’t want to spring for yourself! Let me know what those books are and we’ll see about getting them onto our shelves!

Anna Hines