



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Sign up Now for Guild Fall Classes at Gualala Arts

All About Threads in September

On Friday, September 17 Cindy Needham from Superior Thread Company will offer a 3-hour Open Thread Bar workshop followed at 1 pm by a lecture about thread and how to use the different kinds. The workshop begins with a one-hour session discussing the dynamics of specialty threads, working with machine tensions and needle selection. This workshop provides students with instruction and hands-on experimentation with specialty threads. There will be a large selection of threads available for the students to use. This is a rare opportunity for the quilter to experiment with many different threads and have the guidance and assistance of a professional teacher to help with any questions or concerns.



Free Motion Machine Quilting in October

On Monday & Tuesday, October 13 & 14 from 10–4 Bonnie Toy will once again offer her fabulous machine quilting class. This 2 day class will cover free-motion machine quilting basics—pinning a quilt sandwich for machine quilting, techniques for marking a quilt for machine quilting, techniques for free motion machine quilting with no, or very little, marking will be covered on Monday. On the second day there will be sufficient time to practice these techniques by creating a sampler, or, if you prefer, by working on a project of your own.

Fabric Folded Origami Flowers in November

On Wednesday & Thursday, November 13 & 14 Rami Kim will offer her wonderful asian quilting class. Depending on the fabrics you choose you can create oriental or contemporary 3-dimensional quilts. The designs are innovative quilt patterns inspired by Japanese sashiko and origami techniques. We will make beautiful origami blocks using Kumiko Sudo's book *Fabled Flowers* with Rami's easier, revised techniques. Rami will also show how to assemble beautiful blocks to create wonderful 3-D quilts or pillows.



Happy Birthday

Reva Basch &	Pam Wilson	Aug. 23
Mary Hunter	Aug. 1 Mary Alice Bastian	Aug. 24

Kudos to our Members

Congratulations and a big thank you to Carol Tackett, Lola DeLongoria, Marilyn Limbaugh, Sharon Malachowski and Anna Hines for the amazing job they did on the wonderful Art In The Redwoods quilt pictured right. Stop by Gualala Arts and take a look in person.

Chris Smith's quilt, "Jellies: Fantasies of Their Creators," was juried into the Pennsylvania Quilt Odyssey, held in Hershey, PA, in July, and from there, it will go to Images 2008 at the New England Quilt Museum as part of the Lowell Quilt Festival, to be held in August. Chris designed the quilt during a week-long Color Challenge class with Hollis Chatelain and showed it to fellow participants at Sue Benner's PPQG workshop in May.

After two years of submitting *Peaceful Pieces*, Anna Hines' third collection of poems to be illustrated with quilts, to many publisher's, Henry Holt has decided to publish it. She'll be busy making the quilts during the coming year. For those who have young ones in town, Anna will be making an appearance at the Four-Eyed Frog on Saturday, August 9 at 4PM. She'll be sharing and signing *1, 2 Buckle My Shoe* and other works, including *Curious George* books.



Guild Glimmers

As usual, July's Guild meeting was a picnic held outdoors at Gualala Arts Center. Lunch worked out really well, with everyone bringing one item of food to put on a salad, for which greens were provided. The plates were loaded with wonderful, tasty salads. And the dessert table was superb, too.

A short meeting, including show and tell, was followed by a game called QUILTO, with fat quarters being the prize for a QUILTO (bingo). Thanks to Gail Spencer for being the "caller" this year. A good time was had by all.

Guild Challenge News

Anna Hines, 2008 Challenge Coordinator, announced that AQS thanked us for submitting, but regretfully declined our entry for the Ultimate Guild Challenge. Considering the broadness of the theme and confusion about size, I think it was a good first attempt and worthwhile learning experience. Thanks to all who entered quilts and took time to vote, and a special thank you to David Windsor who took beautiful photographs of the quilts for us.

The title of next year's challenge is *It's EASY being Green*. The opening reception is April 11th, so dig out your hemp fabric and boil up those onion skins for dye and let's make some eco-minded quilts. Gail Sims, 2009 Challenge Coordinator, has a list of A-Z ideas on how we can help our planet and will provide more info at the Sept meeting.

Block of the Month

The deadline for the block of the month has been extended to the September meeting. So get sewing on your 12 1/2 inch card trick blocks. If you need a pattern contact Renata Lopez. What a gorgeous quilt you can have for just an hour of work!



Guild Retreat Will be February 9-13

The retreat committee has identified a new, exciting venue in the Sonoma foothills, Westerbeke Ranch



Conference Center. The Ranch is available for a four night retreat if we so desire. A four night retreat would make our arrival on Monday, 4 p.m. in time for dinner, and a departure on Friday after lunch.

The cost is per person per night regardless of two or three in a room and it decreases depending on the number of participants.

For 16-30 attendees the cost is \$132/person/night;
31-39 attendees, \$127/person/night
40 and over \$119/person/night.

There is the usual room tax involved which amounts to approximately; 10%. All prices include 3 meals

plus coffee & tea all day, as well as light snacks like fruit.



The amenities at Westerbeke include: Rustic redwood cabins, each with 3-4 rooms, each room

accommodating 2-3 people and with a private bathroom and entrance; gourmet meals prepared by a Cordon Bleu chef and served in a homey dining

room adjacent to a comfortable living area with a large fireplace; outdoor dining, weather permitting; a large, very light workroom with new lighting, and a table for each quilter; hot tub, swimming pool, hiking trails; massage available. The setting is surrounded by miles of vineyards and is less than one hour's drive from Hwy 12 in Santa Rosa. It is a 20 minute drive to Quilted Angel in Petaluma.



Please look up westranch.com and learn more about this lovely location.

In the spirit of full disclosure the rooms are not as luxurious as at our previous retreats, but I know you will agree that the work room is a vast improvement. The food should be very special as well.

If we have 40 participants, not only is the cost lower but we also have the entire facility to ourselves. This entitles us to use two other meeting rooms which are only slightly smaller, and can be used for quilting, exercise, meditation or parties!

If you are interested, please contact Anita Kaplan ASAP with an email stating that you are interested, whether 3 or 4 nights is what you want, who your roommate(s) would be. Be prepared to plunk down a \$200 deposit by Sept. 10th. We need this to secure our dates.

President's Message

As we begin our summer hiatus from meetings, I want to especially thank those who created that beautiful AIR quilt. I know that many people worked on it, but particular thanks must go to Lola DeLongoria for her spectacular work, to Carol Tackett and Marilyn Limbaugh for all of their help and to Sharon Malachowski for her beautiful machine quilting. Remember to buy tons of raffle tickets. Whoever wins this quilt will be lucky, indeed. I hope everyone enjoyed the picnic this year. I'm sorry to have missed it. Thanks to all who helped to make it a success. Have a great rest of the summer. See you all in September!

—Barbara Dunsmoor

Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of month \$20,038.70

Plus: Monthly deposits per Income

Workshop fees earned \$420.00

Total Income \$420.00

Minus: Monthly checks from Expense

GAC newsletter printing \$7.00

Sharon Malachowski (AIR) \$246.85

Bev Sloane Postage \$29.40

Kalynn Oleson Class \$300.00

Total \$583.25

Balance at month end \$19,875.45