



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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September is Liz Berg

August is a month without a meeting, but it is the month to register, if you haven't already, for two design workshops Liz Berg will be teaching September 15th and 16th. This textile artist from the Bay Area is so good that she traveled all the way to



France to teach her art quilt creativity classes this summer. We are very fortunate to have her joining us for two full days of classes as well as a guild lecture on her journey from a traditional quilter with fear of the quilt police to a self-described irreverent art quilter whose quilts are accepted in both art and quilt shows (regardless of irregular stitch lengths)!

Liz characterizes her work as using bold colors, coupled with line and shape brought to form

pleasing compositions, usually abstract pieces open to individual interpretation. She works intuitively and spontaneously most of the time, although usually with a clear idea of where she wants the piece to go. She emphasizes incorporating multiple levels of depth to bring viewers in closer and closer to see more detail. She sees her sewing machine as the final embellishment tool, adding lustrous threads and other elements of design.

Liz's upcoming workshops can be taken separately or together. Design rather than sewing classes, the first workshop focuses on the elements and principles of design (other than the element of color) using fabric scrap mock-ups. The second all-day workshop will be a fun exploration of color dynamics that will help you give a new "wow" effect to your traditional or art quilts. Expect to leave each of these days with a number of ideas for new quilts. You can see more of Liz' style and quilts on her website, www.LizBergArtQuilts.com



Kudos to our Members

Congratulations to **Janet Sears** whose quilt *After the Storm* was accepted into the *Five Years After Rita* show in Houston.

Membership News

Please welcome our newest member:
France Ward
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Gualala, CA 95445

Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of June.. \$10,852.85
Plus: Monthly deposits per Income	
Total Income	\$0.00
Minus: Monthly checks from Expense	
Newsletter postage	\$16.72
GAC rent	\$206.00
MCN domain name	\$15.00
AIR QUILT	\$246.97
Total expenses	\$484.69
Balance at month end	\$10,368.16

President's Message

I hope you have all been enjoying these lazy, hazy, FOGGY days of summer. This weather hasn't been very conducive to gardening, so I've found myself doing quite a bit of sewing, and wonder of wonders I've completed one of my UFOs.

I started this one years ago with my youngest granddaughter. She used to visit for a week every summer and one foggy cold day we decided to make a quilt for her but we would only work at it on the bad days when we couldn't go to the beach. The first year we went through all my books and magazines to choose the perfect quilt. The next year we shopped for and chose fabrics, the next we did the cutting—remember only on foggy, cold days so sometimes we only worked for a morning each visit. Years passed and we had 7 blocks of 12 sewn together and Laura was turning 16, getting a job and saving for college—so no more summer time

weeks at Grandma's house. I put it away hoping that maybe she'd get some time to stay with us and work on it but she's going to college and working now so when she comes home to Rohnert Park we go and visit her. This particular quilt was what gave me the idea for the newsletter article and TA DA (drum roll please) IT IS DONE!

I found out that I inspired Annie Beckett to work on a UFO. I ran into her in Sew 'n' Sew a couple of weeks ago and she was picking out the binding to finish up one she had unearthed. I hope she'll join me to show her finished quilt at the September meeting. Anyone else ready to join us?

I hope you are starting to think about Festival of the Trees and will have some ideas and/or finished projects in September. That only leaves us a couple of months to be ready as we do not meet in August. Happy Quilting!

— Joyce Gaudet

Retreat News

I am happy to announce that the 6th Annual PPQG Retreat will once again be held at the Dry Creek Inn in Healdsburg. The dates are January 31–Feb 3. Save the dates. The price will be the same as last year. Reservations will be accepted in September on a first come first served basis secured with a deposit of \$150. At that time you will be able to call the hotel and reserve your room. The event room can comfortably accommodate 25 quilters. After that a waiting list will be started. Join us for the “highlight of the winter.” This three day immersion into quilting with good friends & good food is a unique chance to work without interruption.

—Anita Kaplan



It was a cold day for our annual picnic, but those who attended had a fun time while trying to keep warm!