

**Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild General meeting at  
Gualala Arts Building on February 20, 2015**

**Meeting was called to order by President Judy Riddle at 1:05 p.m.**

**There were 25 members and no visitors present.**

**2015-2016 Officers and Committees: Judy announced that Janice Batchelder will serve in the Library Position. A Motion was made by Barbara Dunsmoor, and seconded by Lori Holmes, to approve the list of Officers and Committees, including Janice Batchelder for Library. It was approved by those in attendance.**

**Judy reminded us of the proposed Bylaw change from March 2014, to amend the cut-off date for membership dues payment from the March meeting, to March 1<sup>st</sup>. Iris Lorenz-Fife made a motion to change the Bylaw, Laura Hamilton seconded it. Motion was passed. It affects Article III—Membership, Section B, will now read as follows:**

**“Annual dues shall be payable in January. Any member who has not paid dues by March 1 shall be dropped from active membership.”**

**The other Bylaw change proposed was to make all terms for Officers and Committees two years, instead of one year, with the note that anyone may ask to be released from their commitment at any time. The two year term will not include “special” one-time committees, such as the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Iris Lorenz-Fife moved that the Bylaws be so changed, Laura Hamilton seconded it. The motion was passed. Following Bylaws regulations, this proposed change was presented at this meeting, and the final wording will be presented at the March 2015 meeting, for final approval, before implementation.**

**Minutes of the January 16, 2015 meeting: Barbara Dunsmoor moved to approve the minutes, as submitted; Motion was seconded by Cheryl Faconti. The motion passed.**

**2015 Challenge:** Barbara Dunsmoor reminded us that entry forms are due by March 13. Bed sized quilts are discouraged, (but not forbidden) because of the events being held in the auditorium, this April. We will be sharing some space with the Sea Ranch Chapel Anniversary group.

**2016 Anniversary Celebration:** Barbara Dunsmoor plans to hold a preliminary meeting within two weeks. All are welcome. Lynne Atkins and Kathye Hitt have agreed to be consultants.

**Treasurers report,** Kalynn Oleson: January 31, 2015 beginning balance was \$11,591.60. Income of \$2102.14 and Expenses of \$2184.30 left a balance of \$11,509.44.

**Program Committee,** Kalynn Oleson: March's Angie Woolman class is full, with a waiting list. Sign up for Joen Wolfrom's 3 day class in April, if you are interested. The class will be offered to neighboring guilds. May 14 is a 1 day class with Claire Witherspoon. Ann Horton will be coming in September. Check the PPQG web site for details.

**Continuing Education:** Kalynn and Jan: A Beginning Quilting class has been suggested, and may start the Thursday in February after the annual retreat.

**Festival of Trees:** Sylvia Edwards thanked everyone for their support in past years, and encourages us to give the new committee the same level of support. Judy presented Sylvia with a card and a gift certificate to The Loft for her many years' involvement with Festival of Trees.

**Fundraising:** Judy announced that items for sale are needed for both the Art in the Redwoods and Festival of Trees booths, this year. For A.I.R., they hope for baby quilts, lap quilts, pot holders, oven mitts, shopping bags. Mobiles, Ipad holders, BBQ aprons, taggie blankets, mobiles, toys and games. Our A.I.R. booth will be 10' x 10'. Feedback was received that more masculine items are needed.

**Comfort Quilts,** Polly Dakin: No comfort quilts were given out, last month. We still need more, along with some masculine themed quilts.

**Quilts of Valor,** Polly Dakin: Delivery of the Q.O.V. quilts was postponed.

**Retreat:** Jan Carter, Laura Hamilton: 21 participants had a great time.

**January luncheon,** Renata Lopez: The luncheon at St. Orre's went well.

**July Outing:** A shopping trip to Duncan's Mills, with lunch, was proposed, for the last Thursday in July. (30<sup>th</sup>) Please email Renata if you are interested.

**Library,** Jan Carter: a book sale was held, both before and after the general meeting. Most of the books were donated by Barbara Dunsmoor. Unsold books were taken to Pay'n'Take.

**Membership,** Gail Spencer: Our membership has fallen below 100 members. Please invite a neighbor or friend, and grow our membership.

**Newsletter:** Judy, Laura: The deadline for submissions remains the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Publicity,** Janice Batchelder was successful in getting a notice in the ICO for the February meeting. Mark, at G.A.C. has been taking care of entries in the Sketches. If you're interested in being Publicity Chair, talk to Janice about what it entails.

Francie Angwin mentioned that PPQG doesn't get enough credit for raising the money for the A.I.R, quilt raffle scholarships. It was suggested that the guild be proactive in assuring P.P.Q.G. is credited for the funds for the Scholarship, especially when they are presented to the students.

**Hospitality:** Thank you to Kalynn Oleson, Lori Holmes, and Sue Lease for the cookies. Thanks to Sandy Hughes for set up, and preparation of the coffee and tea.

**Name Tag Drawing** was won by Cheryl Faconti. Let's shoot for 100% name tag wearing in March.

Judy Riddle presented wood carved roses to all those who served on Committees last year, as a thank you for their commitment, noting it takes many hands to keep the Guild operating, as well as service on multiple committees.

**Show and Tell:** Cheryl Faconti brought her mom's U.F.O.s There was a Hardanger linen square, a lamb quilt top made for Cheryl's son, and a quilt top made with 1930s and 1940s fabrics. Polly Dakin showed a black and white comfort quilt made by Katherine Gyorfi. Julie Verran showed keys to

her new studio, upstairs at Sundstrom Mall. She invites visitors. Monica Zarkowski showed a masculine comfort quilt she made from fabrics found in the fanny baskets. Gail Spencer showed a green quilt she started at Retreat 2014, and completed at Retreat 2015.

Program: Kalynn Oleson gave a demonstration on making “Vessels as Art”, using wash-away stabilizers, and many types of thread.

Judy Riddle demonstrated a way to use quilting rulers to uniformly fold all the fabrics in your stash. She also demonstrated how to cut long (unpieced) border strips, using a waffle fold method.

Jan Carter demonstrated the use of our Accuquilt Studio cutter.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gail Spencer.