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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! May is going to be a big, fun-filled, celebratory month for our guild, isn't it? Everyone take a big breath, because we are going to be busy!: challenge quilt turn in; prepare finger foods for the opening. I always look forward to our challenge shows. It's such fun to see how differently people have interpreted the theme. And all the beautiful quilts on display are simply breath-taking. We really have some talented people in our guild. And this is where we showcase that for the public (and each other) to see.

Then the very next week is our 20th anniversary celebration. Actually, I think we'll be celebrating our anniversary all year long. But our celebratory anniversary dinner, as I'm sure you know, is **Saturday May 14th at 6:30**. That should be a fun evening of good food and good entertainment with all our best quilting buddies and/or husbands. I'm really looking forward to it.

I joined the guild shortly before our 10th anniversary, and I'm so glad to be a part of this wonderful group. <que the band> "Have I told you lately that I love you!?" I seriously, seriously love this guild. I have made wonderful friends here. You quilters embraced me when I was new and made me feel welcome. I've learned so, so much in our guild, both informally and formally through our guild classes. I'm proud that we have such good teachers come to teach at our guild. And I've taken some very good classes which were taught by our own guild members, too. We have fun here, don't we! Think of our picnics, playing Quilto, eating all the desserts that we brought! Fun retreats, fun challenge show openings, fun comfort quilt workshops. Our numbers wane and wax, and we keep a pretty steady membership roll. I think our guild is strong and solid and will definitely be around for more anniversary celebrations. Cheers to you all!

~Jan Carter

CHALLENGE 2016

"Reflect on the Past
and Stitch to the Future"

Quilt Take-in: **Monday, May 2, 12:00 - 3:00**

Quilt Hanging: **Tuesday, May 3**

Reception: **Wednesday, May 4, 5:00 - 7:00**

We look forward to seeing some beautiful entries!

Don't forget:

- 1) to bring your hang rod when you turn in your entry
- 2) to put your name on your hang rod
- 3) to turn in your artist's biography and/or a description of your quilt, i.e. how you chose to do what you did, special elements, special thoughts. This will be included in a "binder" for viewers to read.

Pick-up your quilt on:

**Memorial Day, Monday, May 30,
Noon – 3:00**

If you do not pick up your quilt, it will be left at GAC and you will be charged \$5.00 per day. We will not take your quilts home!!!

~Laura Hamilton, Kalynn Oleson, Judy Riddle
2016 Challenge Committee

REFRESHMENTS FOR CHALLENGE OPENING

Well, it's time again for our annual quilt spectacular – The Challenge. There is a second challenge included and it is providing refreshments for the attendees. As usual we are asking you to provide a plethora of food for the opening on May 4th. We have a reputation to defend.

We will have our new cookbook for sale at the opening and we think having samples might help sales. Carole and I would like to feature a table with appetizers, sweet bread (lemon, pumpkin, banana, etc) and cookies made from recipes in the cookbook. So, if you donated a recipe in these categories, we would appreciate having you make it for the opening. If you are not able to attend, perhaps you can ask a friend to make your recipe. Notify Carole Garcia, Cheryl Faconti or myself if what you bring has a recipe in the cookbook, so that small cards can be displayed by said items when they are placed on the table.

Of course we hope to have many other appetizers as well. I baked brownies and cookies today as part of my contribution.

Please bring your items to the kitchen or the conference room any time after 4:30 pm. It would be great if you could put it on a nice dish or platter. Put your name on your dish so it can be returned to you. Your dishes will be put in the conference room for you to pick up after they are emptied.

If you wish to help in the kitchen, please let us know. One more helper would be great.

Thank you in advance for all your hard work in making the evening a success.

~Joyce Gaudet, Carole Garcia

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20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our Celebration Dinner is coming up on SATURDAY, MAY 14th. Preparations are moving right along.

Dinner: At last count, more than 70 people have sent in reservations for the dinner. We should have a final count by the 28th. Among the guests will be Gayle Stewart, acknowledged by many as the "Mother" of

PPQG, and Naida Mauthe, our first president. It will be so special to have them in attendance. The committee is working hard on quilting themed decorations for the dinner. There will be entertainment provided by our very own Deb Scheffel during the dinner. If you attended the retreat in February, you know how special that will be.

We have worked with caterer Leslie Bates to finalize the menu for the dinner:

- Mixed green salad with candied pecans, dried cherries, goat cheese and champagne vinaigrette
- Grilled pork tenderloin with a coffee rub and rosemary/fennel crust
- Chicken Marbella
- Herbed Rice
- Haricot vert and snap peas
- La Brea baguette and butter
- Mixed Berry Shortcake (gluten free option available)
- Coffee and tea

The doors will open at 6:30 PM and dinner will be served at 6:45. Thank you to Kalynn Oleson and her committee for all their hard work!

Cookbook: Carole Garcia reports that we have sold about 215 cookbooks to date. We have paid for the printing and all sales are now going to the guild as a fundraiser. Cookbooks are for sale at GAC, The Loft, Attractions Salon, Accents by the Sea, Four-eyed Frog, and Two Fish. The books will be offered for sale at our challenge opening and the dinner. Remember that the cookbook makes a special and inexpensive gift. Great job, Carole! Joyce Gaudet is encouraging us to bring goodies from the cookbook to the opening.

Publicity: If you attend the movie at Arena Theater during May, you will see our ad for the challenge. It contains pictures of some of our quilts from last year's challenge. Thanks to Glenn Funk for the pictures, and to Barbara Pratt for putting the power point together for us.

One last thing: I cannot thank the Celebration Committee enough for their ideas, commitment and hard work. This has been the easiest committee I have ever worked with. I did little but direct traffic. So when you see the following people, please give them a big Thank You. A hug wouldn't hurt.

- Judy Riddle
- Laura Hamilton
- Cariole Garcia
- Pam Todd
- Janice Batchelder
- Sandy Hughes
- Kalynn Oleson
- Polly Dakin
- Sue Lease

See you at the Challenge Opening and Celebration Dinner!
~Barbara Dunsmoor

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance.....	\$ 13,731.41
Income.....	783.00
Expenses.....	5,179.00
Balance.....	\$ 9,334.43

~Kalynn Oleson

FUND RAISING: ART IN THE REDWOODS FESTIVAL OF TREES

Thank you to those who completed items and gave them to us at the April guild meeting. We need many more items to have a sufficient sale in August and November. There are only two more guild meetings for you to turn in items before Art in the Redwoods in August. Remember, income from these sales pay for our workshops as well as other guild expenses. We are not able to cover all guild expenses from membership dues only. Thanks for your help. ~Judy Riddle

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome new member April Sproule. Yes, she was our Workshop instructor and lecturer in March. Also welcome back Denise Suzuki. ~Gail Spencer



"I see you found my scraps.
Nice piecing, by the way."

PROGRAM CALENDAR: 2016

Here's what's is coming up next!

May 18 & 19 - Youngmin Lee - Bojagi workshop

May 20 - Youngmin Lee - Bojagi lecture

Korean-born artist Youngmin Lee holds a master's degree in fashion design and a bachelor's degree in clothing and textiles. She has presented numerous workshops, classes and demonstrations around the Bay Area on Korean arts and crafts.

Bojagi (Wrapping Cloths) is perhaps the most unique form of Korean textile art. It is also strikingly contemporary: the designs and colors of Bojagi remind one of the works of some modern abstract artists. Indeed, the Bojagi can be described as a true form of abstract expressionism. Bojagi are Korean textiles which are pieced together from small scraps of cloth. Look at her website for more details.

This technique is mostly hand sewing. Sewing machines will not be needed. The workshop will be held upstairs in the gallery/library room. A full class of 20 would still have enough individual workroom. The GAC office is now ready to accept your sign up.

June 20 - Comfort Quilt/QOV Workshop

July 28 - Picnic at GAC

August - Art in the Redwoods

September 14&15- Sue Rasmussen Workshop on free-motion quilting.

September 16- Sue Rasmussen Lecture

October 21- SAQA's Trunk show

November 18 - Chris Smith Lecture

December - No meeting. Have a wonderful Holiday. ~Kalynn Oleson

JULY OUTING

The date for our annual summer outing has been confirmed. We have reserved the new GAC picnic grounds for July 28. The grounds are in the process of being graded and is expect to be completed before July 28. If not, we may have to move some tables and chairs, we'll keep an eye on it. Details to follow!

~Renata Lopez

NEWS FROM THE LOFT

If you haven't already heard about Row by Row, (commonly referred to as rxr) you will be able to experience it starting June 21st at The Loft. RXR is a national (and beyond) program which has been happening for more than three years in over 2,000 quilt shops. Check it out on Google or Facebook – "Row by Row". There is so much information that I can't get it all in here. Remember – The Loft is on Facebook as well, and FB is still the best place to keep up to date with your local Quilt Shop. I have also posted the latest fabrics which have arrived for backing and/or fill-ins.

We are excited to be a part of this program this year. I have already developed our "row" and the personalized "Lofty Quilting" license plates are here. Come on in and we will tell you all about it -- BUT we can't reveal ALL until June 21st, nor can we give/sell patterns or kits until then.

Remember, all will be revealed first on Facebook on June 21, 2016. Once again, thank you for supporting your local quilt shop – we wouldn't be here without you!

~Marva Jacobs

WANT COOKIES??

Cookies at the Guild meeting are provided by you. If you haven't brought cookies to a guild meeting in the past 6 months or more, it's probably your turn. The Hospitality Committee is responsible for set up and put away of the coffee and refreshments delivered by guild members. They have had to fill-in and bring goodies when there are no sign-ups or when someone signs up and doesn't bring anything. It's OK if you buy goodies. They do not need to be homemade. Please contact the Hospitality Committee and sign up to bring cookies for a future meeting. Two to three people for each meeting is preferred.

Additionally, with Ann Graf leaving the area, the Hospitality Committee also needs a third person to fill her slot. **Someone please volunteer to help on this committee.** Contact Sandy Hughes and/or Marcia Luchini. NOTE: there are no guild meetings in July, August and December.

~Anonymous



APRIL GUILD MEETING

April Sproule showing some of her quilts from April 15 Guild meeting



April Sproule samples of stenciling on clothes



SAMPLES OF CLASS PROJECTS

Gail Spencer



Sylvia Edwards



Lori Holmes



Kalynn Oleson



Carole Garcia



APRIL SHOW & TELL

Comfort Quilt by Sylvia Keller



Comfort Quilt by Marcia Luchini



Personal quilt by Kathy Kinghorn



Special gift quilt by Cheryl Faconti

