



Bits & Pieces

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JUDY RIDDLE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From outgoing President: Jan Carter

Someone recently asked me, "What do you like about quilting?" It wasn't asked in a challenging or negative manner; it was just someone who wanted to know more about me. It took me a minute to think about it, because I've never actually verbalized this to anyone. I said that I like the colors and textures of fabric, and the challenge of making a pleasing quilt. But since then I've come to the realization that one of the most important things I like about quilting is the people. The other quilters! Not that we are all BFFs (best friends forever), but for the most part, I really like quilters. And I also realized that though it's nice to have this shared passion, that's not the main reason I like quilters. Most of the quilters I know are people that I enjoy being around, even when we're not quilting. They are people I find interesting partly because of their varied backgrounds. There are nurses, teachers, police officers, scientists, doctors, office workers, etc, all of whom became quilters. There are quilters from California, Minnesota, New York, Texas, and from England, Germany, Japan, and Australia. So it's not just one specific kind of person who becomes a quilter. But the one shared trait among almost every single quilter is kindness. Almost every quilter I know is thoughtful, kind, and generous.

As I look back on the last two years I can say with certainty that I've enjoyed the job. And most of the reason is that I've been working with you kind, thoughtful, generous people. Who just happen to all love fabric and quilting! Thank you for the privilege of working with you. You have all made my job relatively easy. I've enjoyed my time and have been very proud to be president of our guild. My new motto:

**Measure Twice. Cut once.
Curse. Repeat.**

~Jan Carter

From Incoming President: Cheryl Faconti

As the incoming Guild president, I thought I'd take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. After our retirement in 2004, my husband, Pete, and I moved to the coast. I've done embroidery since early childhood, and had learned to use a sewing machine by the time I was 10, sewing most of my own clothes. Once I started working, however, I sewed only to hem my pants and to make my children's Halloween costumes.

My interest in quilting came from our daughter's college graduation. She brought home a box full of T-shirts and I had the brilliant idea to make a quilt out of them for her. I took a beginning quilting class at Gualala Arts, and was hooked. My first quilt was a sampler from that first class, and it is used by the family dog, (much to the horror of my instructors). I then tackled the T-shirt quilt (a never again project, though I did finish it and it is beautiful). I now concentrate my quilting efforts on traditional quilts, using non-traditional fabrics, like batiks. I bring all my quilts home for hand finishing. During this process, they are cat tested and approved by our kitty.

As a result of my interest in quilting, I discovered that my grandmother was a quilter and I have one of hers and a second top she made and need to complete.

I find the Guild a welcoming place, and want to give something back to our community. I hope you'll take a moment to reflect on what you can do for your Guild and let me know if you can help in any way.

Since I was unable to share my first grandbaby's quilt at a meeting, I'll share in the newsletter.



~Cheryl Faconti

RETREAT

Those who attended the 2017 Retreat in Healdsburg, February 6-9



Front: Laura Hamilton, Michelle Reid, Jan Carter, Trudy Armer, Francie Angwin, Mary Eberhard; Second Row: Carole Garcia, Dasha Drab, Sylvia Edwards, Kalynn Oleson; Next row: Cheryl Harris, Sue Arnold, Joyce Gaudet, Elaine Reed, Jeri Taylor, Barbara Dunsmoor; Far back (peeking through): Pam Todd, Lola DeLongoria, Gail Spencer, Margreth Barrett, Marcia Luchini, Dee Goodrich.

We returned from our PPQG retreat on a rainy day, when we were uncertain about how the roads were going to be as we drove home. But we all made it safe and sound, energized by the stimulation of three days of quilting, quilting, and more quilting. There were 22 of us in all. We enjoyed lunches from Costeaux Bakery (think salads, small sandwiches, fruit bowl, and brownies/lemon bars). Two dinners were served by KR Catering (one night was braised chicken over polenta and one night was salmon with snap peas and yellow peppers). YUM!!!

While most of us worked on our own projects, or on things for the guild to sell at our fund raisers, one group worked on the Art in the Redwoods quilt.



They had a complex pattern, so it worked out well that they could sew on it with each other.

We also worked on blocks for another Quilt of Valor. This year the blocks were large half-square triangles.



There were squares of fabric and squares of Insulbrite to use for making pot holders.

Some people made small cord holders with snap closures.



Another option that some people liked were the marble mazes, made out of fabric to keep young fingers busy.

We played Quilto again and won some nice prizes.



It was pretty rainy while we were there, so there were fewer times for walks, but the hot tub was enclosed, and it was a good place to soak our sore quilting muscles!



Additional pictures will be posted on the Website.
~Jan Carter

2017 QUILT CHALLENGE

“INSPIRED BY.....”

Members are challenged to choose something, i.e. a photograph, a piece of art, etc. and quilt their own interpretation.

Entry forms are available at Gualala Arts Center or on the GAC website. Look under Events; Scroll down to “Inspired By...”; click on registration form, turn in completed form to GAC.

Please include a photograph or depiction of your inspiration with each entry on a card no larger than 5” x 7”.

Remember to bring your hang rod (dowel or slat that measures 1” smaller than the width of the quilt) when you deliver your quilt.

Members will be asked to bring hors d’oeuvres to the opening reception.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

March 24: TURN IN ENTRY FORM
 April 5 (10AM-2PM): DELIVER QUILTS
 April 7 (5PM-7PM): OPENING RECEPTION
 May 1 (10AM-3PM): PICK UP QUILTS

~Kalynn Oleson & Barbara Dunsmoor

MEMBERSHIP

March 1 is the deadline to renew your membership. Membership will be ceased if dues are not paid by this deadline. If you are unsure your membership has been paid, contact Gail.

The new guild roster will be coming out, soon. Please make sure that the contact info we have for you is current, and accurate.

Please welcome new member Jacky Agnew.
 ~Gail Spencer

TREASURER’S REPORT

Beginning Balance.....	\$16,210.37
Income.....	1,557.00
Expenses.....	1,453.25
Balance.....	\$16,314.12

~Kalynn Oleson

2017 PROGRAMS

Gualala Arts Center is now ready to accept registration for the March and April workshops. Sign up in person at Gualala Arts Center or over the phone. Please see details of each workshop as well as a supply list on the GAC Website.



March 15 & 16 – Kalynn Oleson, Workshop: How to make jackets from sweatshirts.

GAC & PPQG membership - \$45
 GAC or PPQG membership -- \$50
 Nonmember - \$55

March 17 – Grant Robinson, Lecture: “Industrial Applications for Sewing”



April 19 & 20 – Margie Binker, Workshop: “Fiddling with Fabric” (folded fabric flowers)

GAC & PPQG membership - \$85
 GAC or PPQG membership -- \$90
 Nonmember - \$105

April 21 – Margie Binker, Lecture: “Traveling Trick Show”

May 17 & 18 – Lynn Pullis, Workshop: “Color Doesn’t Matter”

May 19 – Lynn Pullis, Trunk Show

June 16 – Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop
 ~Marcia Luchini

FUND RAISING:

ART IN THE REDWOODS AND FESTIVAL OF TREES

A Chairperson and committee members are still needed. If you are the least bit interested, please contact Cheryl Faconti. Note: no fundraising = very limited workshops and lecturers and/or increase in membership dues.

Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild
Officers, Committees & Ongoing Projects
March 2017 – March 2018

President: Cheryl Faconti
Vice President: Sandy Hughes
Secretary: Francie Angwin and Jan Carter
Treasurer: Pam Todd
Membership: Gail Spencer

AIR Quilt 2017: Barbara Dunsmoor, Carole Garcia, Kalynn Oleson, Sylvia Edwards, Dee Goodrich
AIR Quilt 2018: **Need Volunteers**

Challenge 2017: Barbara Dunsmoor, Kalynn Oleson, Cheryl Harris
Challenge 2018: Cheryl Harris, Carole Garcia
Comfort Quilt and Fanny Basket: Polly Dakin, Joyce Gaudet
Community Outreach Coordinator: Cheryl Harris
Continuing Education: Kalynn Oleson, Jan Carter

Fund Raising: Art in the Redwoods: **Need Chairperson and more committee members;**
Committee: Jan Saufferer, Sharon Moreland
Festival of Trees: **Need Chairperson and more committee members;**
Committee: Sharon Moreland

GAC Scholarship Committee: Sandy Hughes, Francie Angwin

Hospitality: Margreth Barrett, Joanne Angerame, Polly Dakin

Library: Iris Lorenz-Fife
Listserve: Bonnie Toy

Name Tag Raffle and Greeter: Carole Garcia, Janice Batchelder
Newsletter: Viki Seed

Photographer: Mary Eberhard, Jan Carter
Program 2017: Francie Angwin, Marcia Luchini
Program 2018: Francie Angwin, Marcia Luchini
Publicity: Sandy Hughes

Quilts of Valor: Sandy Lockhart, Lori Holmes

Retreat: Jan Carter, Pam Todd, Trudy Armer

Special Events – Holiday Luncheon: Renata Lopez
Special Events – July Outing: Janice Batchelder, Linda Warnock, Carole Garcia

Website: Lynn Bailey

FEBRUARY GUILD MEETING

LECTURE BY IRIS LORENZ-FIFE



SHOW AND TELL



Quilt by Polly Dakin for her Cabin



Comfort Quilt by Kalynn Oleson



Quilt (front) by new member Melissa Finley



Quilt of Valor by Janice Batchelder



Quilt (back) by new member Melissa Finley



Quilt of Valor by Sylvia Keller



Finished baby quilt by Kathy Kinghorn