



# Bits & Pieces

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JUDY RIDDLE

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the perks (I guess it's a perk) of my job is to pick up the Guild's mail at Gualala Arts. Recently Gail had been in to collect dues checks and contacted me to tell me the box was packed full. That's weird as we only get mail occasionally. I went in and discovered a wonderful surprise for our Guild, but not so much for a fabric shop that went out of business. As the owner was closing up shop, she cut up her fabric and sent a coordinating assortment to us.



It appears these are full 1/2 yards. I will be bringing them to our Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor workshop in January and are available to anyone willing to make a comfort quilt from the material.....I think several someone's could do this! Needless to say, I fired off a thank you note to the store owner in Costa Mesa to thank her for the generous donation, and told her how we would be using the fabric.

Looking forward to seeing you in January and hope you enjoyed your holidays with loved ones. My husband and I went to Colorado to see the cutest grandbaby in the world for his first Christmas. Our daughter was able to join us so the whole family was together for the first time since she started working!

~Cheryl Faconti



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 19, 2018 – Comfort Quilt/QOV Workshop

February 5-8, 2018 – PPQG Retreat

February 16, 2018 – Lecture by Lisa McKissick "Tooltime"

March 14, 15, 2018 -- Workshops by Barbara Dunsmoor and Jan Carter

March 16, 2018 – Lecture by Sandy Hughes

"Going to Houston International Quilt Show"

October 1, 2018 – Quilt Challenge



## Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lunch provided by the Hospitality Committee

Guild meeting at 1:00

Bring your sewing machine, sewing tools and

Comfort Quilt/ Quilt of Valor projects



## MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewals for 2018 are due January 1, 2018. Don't delay. Make check payable to PPQG, for \$40 (or more, with Angel Gift) and mail to me: Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA, 95445. If any of your contact information has changed, since the last roster came out, include the new info with your check. Thank you to those who have already paid their dues, and to those who have included Angel Gifts.

Please welcome our newest member, Lynne Pillus.

~Gail Spencer

# RETREAT 2018

Sign-ups for the retreat are over. We have filled our room. I will start a wait list, just in case you're still interested. Often there are cancellations at the very last minute. I had to do that one year, as I got sick just before retreat. Thank you to those of you who have signed up, and let me know if any of you would like to be put on the wait list.  
~Jan Carter

## 2018 PROGRAMS

(Abbreviated---more details forthcoming)

- **January 19** – Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor workshop
- **February 16** – Guild Meeting. Lecture by Lisa McKissick, "Tooltime"
- **March 14, 15** – Workshops by Barbara Dunsmoor – "Painting on Fabric & Overstitching" and Jan Carter – "English Paper Piecing"
- **March 16** – Guild Meeting. Lecture by Sandy Hughes, "Going to the Houston International Quilt Show"
- **April 18, 19** – Workshop by Jenny Lyon (limit 20), "Introduction to Fearless Free Motion and Start with a Square"
- **April 20** – Guild Meeting. Lecture by Jenny Lyon
- **May 16, 17** – Workshop by Diane Miller, "Down Under Wannabes (Paper Piecing Plus)"
- **May 18** – Guild Meeting. Trunk Show by Diane Miller
- **June 15** – Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor workshop
- **July** – Guild Picnic
- **August** – No meeting
- **September 18-20** – Workshop with Lynn Koolish, "Fabric Dyeing and Improvisational Quilts"
- **September 21** – Guild Meeting. Lecture by Lynn Koolish "Alternate Surfaces to Paint, Stitch, and Embellish"
- **October 18** – Festival of Trees Workshop
- **October 19** – Guild Meeting. Lecture by Lisa Norton and Lora Smak, "How a Quilter is Pieced"
- **November 16** – Guild Meeting. Lecture: Featherweights on Parade
- **December** – No meeting. Happy Holidays!!  
~ Marcia Luchini and Francie Angwin

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## SALE AT THE LOFT

Save 25% on all Christmas related merchandise and 15% on all other items. Sale will end Dec 31st.

# LIBRARY

Over the years, PPQG's library has greatly benefited from friends, quilters, members, who have moved away. Their inevitable activity of cleaning out their quilting books has grown our library to well over 700 volumes, often old and sometimes new.

Your librarians are now processing the quilting library of one of our most talented members, and a friend who will be missed by many. Jo Dillon always maintained that she was a quilter, and NOT an artist. But I (Iris) always looked at her work and felt she greatly underestimated herself and her talents. Looking through the books she has given to the library I see the seeds of her creativity and marvel at how she interpreted her inspiration into beautiful quilts.

Because poor health (Bob's) has taken its toll on the Dillons over the past few years many current, newer, members will not know Jo's work. (I wish we could have a mini exhibition of Jo's quilts before she actually leaves the area.)

Nevertheless, when Gualala Arts reopens access to the upstairs library we will be able to add Jo's contributions – many of them contemporary books; and your time spent perusing the new additions will be well rewarded. (You can identify new additions by their smaller, bright green, labels.)

Gualala Arts anticipates that all aspects of the facility will be back to normal, and accessible, by January 21. If you need to access the PPQG library before then, and you find it blocked off, please check with the front desk.

From your librarians – *Iris Lorenz-Fife, Cheryl Harris, and Melissa Finley*

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## Quilting Essentials

From *Design* to *Color* and *Beyond*

by Heather Thomas,  
Quilting Expert and Textile Artist  
DVD course facilitated by Judy Riddle  
In the Community Room  
Coast Community Library, Point Arena  
Thursdays, February 1 through May 10  
2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

*Quilting is actually a challenging and rewarding art that can produce amazing works and spark creativity. Discover the possibilities of an underestimated art form while building a toolkit of valuable skills.*

The course is free. Thirty minute (more or less) presentations followed by questions and discussion. February lectures will cover an introduction to block basics, settings, sashing, borders and designing your own unique quilts.

March lectures will delve into color: understanding the color wheel; value, hue, texture; interaction of colors and principles of design; color contrast and beyond.

Hope to see you there.

~Judy Riddle