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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

Oh wait, it is almost Valentine's Day!



I hope that you all had joyous holidays and have gotten a good start on your New Year's resolutions!

As you all know our January workshop had to be cancelled due to the power outage at the Arts Center. With everything that has and is going on between our last meeting and our next, we better keep a journal. There are going to be some fun adventures shared in February. We all hope that you have the February Guild meeting on your calendar and plan to attend.

First, I am sure the Challenge Committee would like to comment on our 2019 Challenge show. Did everyone get their entries picked up on January 6? Good job quilters!

Then, since we did not get the chance to share our adventures and results from the Festival of Trees at the workshop, we should have a good round of tales from there. Once again we had a very popular booth.

How about our holiday adventures – including Valentine's Day. Our holiday luncheon certainly was a great success! Take a peek at our website for the group picture.

What have we all been doing, including Valentine's Day – any new projects? How is your "A Star is Born" Challenge coming along?

By the time we meet again, everyone will be home from the February Retreat with their humorous adventures and tall quilting tales. Word has it they may even have the 2020 AIR quilt there!

The "Who Am I" game has been carried over from January to February with the same clues so check the newsletter for the clues to refresh your memory to WIN.

See you February 21 for what is sure to be a fun-filled meeting.

~Sandy Hughes, President

Reminder: Our guild could not function without its generous member volunteers giving of their time and energy. However, we still have openings, such as Publicity. If you think you might have an extra 20 minutes per month this year and would like to help make sure our meetings are announced, please consider the Publicity opening. There are a few more too – some admittedly bigger than others. They are listed on the last page of the January Newsletter, please let me know if you would like to help. Thank you.

Happy New Year

2020



COMFORT QUILT/QUILT OF VALOR WORKSHOP

Friday, January 17, 2020

BLACK OUT!

No Power! No heat! No Workshop!
Much to everyone's disappointment, Gualala Art Center was included in the PG&E blackout on January 17. Many arrived at GAC only to be told the Workshop had to be cancelled. Please join us for the next Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor workshop scheduled in May, 2020.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2020

- February 3-6, 2020 – **Quilt Retreat in Healdsburg**
February 21, 2020 -- *Guild Mtg:* 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture
March 18 & 19, 2020 – *Workshop* by Barbara Dunsmoor
March 20, 2020 -- *Guild Mtg:* 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture
April 17, 2020 -- *Guild Mtg:* 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture
April 17, 2020 – **Turn in Quilt Challenge entry form**
April 29, 2020 – **Turn in Quilt Challenge artwork**
May 1, 2020 – **Quilt Challenge Opening Reception**
May 15, 2020 – *Workshop:* Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor
10:00–4:00 with lunch; *Guild Mtg* at 1:00
June 1, 2020 – **Pick up Quilt Challenge Artwork**
June 15 – 18, 2020 – *Two 2-day workshops* with
Sue Benner
June 19, 2020 -- *Guild Mtg:* 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture
September 16 & 17, 2020 -- *Paper-piecing workshop*
with Jeanette Walton
September 18, 2020 -- *Guild Mtg:* 12:30-1:00 Social
time; 1:00 meeting then Trunk Show
October 14 & 15, 2020 – *Workshop* with
Jennie Henderson
October 16, 2020 -- *Guild Mtg:* 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture
November 2020 – *Open*

QUILT RETREAT 2020

Our annual Quilt Guild Retreat is just a few days away now. And we still have **room for one more person!** Here are the dates: We arrive on Monday, February 3 (at about noon), spend three nights, and depart on Thursday, February 6, again, about noon. It is always a lot of fun. Lots of uninterrupted time for sewing, without having to cook or make beds! We have a nice bright workroom, coffee and tea available, our own "Happy Hour," and some catered meals. One fun thing we do is to make blocks for a Quilt of Valor. I choose a block, tell you what fabrics to bring, and provide the instructions at the retreat. These quilts turn out beautifully. If you think you'd like to come, call me (785-1976) or email me (JANLC56@mac.com) and I'll give you the details. Oh, and did I mention that we always play Quilto!?! Lots of fun!

~Jan Carter

2020 QUILT CHALLENGE

"A Star is Born!"



Mark your calendar for the 2020 Challenge?
It is just a few months away!

Turn in Entry Form: **April 17, 2020**
Deliver Artwork: **April 29, 2020**
Opening Reception: **May 1, 2020**
Pick-Up Artwork: **June 1, 2020**

Rules:

There is no size, fabric, color, or design limitations for an exhibit, but, each completed exhibit must have at least one "pieced" star of any size or design on the front of the quilt.

- 1) A minimum of one "pieced" star must be included in the quilt design – the star can be any star design as long as it is pieced and on the front of the quilt.
- 2) No maximum or minimum sizes for either the quilt or the "pieced" star.
- 3) The quilt design does not have to be limited to one star. There can be any number of "pieced" stars making up the quilt design.
- 4) There are no limitations as to how you piece a star as long as it is pieced.
- 5) Fabrics are of the designer's choice.
- 6) Piecing techniques are of the designers choice which means:
 - a. "Pieced" stars can be sewn into the quilt as part of a block or full quilt design, appliqued, glued, fused or otherwise applied to the quilt as long as the star is pieced.

Challenge Committee: Sandy Hughes, Francie Angwin

2020 PROGRAM

February 21: Guild meeting, and our own Sue Arnold will be showing her amazing collection of mini-quilts. Sue has spent years collecting them. They represent some very well-known quilters.

March 18 & 19: Wed: 10 am - 4 pm, Thur: 9:30 am - 4 pm. \$30 for GA members, \$40 non-members. **Sign up Now.**



Barbara Dunsmoor will present a workshop entitled "In the Style of Ursula Kern." Ursula is an internationally known artist from Switzerland. She is largely retired. This class will condense her style of creating quilt tops into two days and give you a new way of looking at "log cabins."

March 20: Guild meeting and lecture by Colleen Granger entitled "Quilting is Cheaper than Therapy"

April 17: Guild meeting and Lecture by Christine Barnes and Heide Emmett entitled "Kaffe Fassett Extravaganza"

May 15: Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor workshop (moved from June)

June 15 – 18: Sue Benner will teach 2 two-day classes: 1)"Fusing the Grid" and 2) "Cut and Collage."

June 19: Guild meeting and Lecture by Sue Benner

July and August: No meetings

Sept 16 & 17: Wed 10 am - 4 pm Thurs 9:30 am - 4 Both projects: \$85 for GAC Members, \$95 for non-members. Additional cost of \$39 for both patterns (payable to Judy Riddle-cash only).

Paper piecing workshop (Judy Neimeyer designs) with Jeanette Walton. See GAC website for details. **You can sign-up now.**



Waterwheel
(Sept 17)



Broken Daisy
Placemats
(Sept 16)



Sept 18: Guild meeting and Trunk show by Jeanette Walton, entitled "Inspiration"

October 14 & 15: Jennie Henderson will reprise her "No-Mess Dyeing Class" with some new ideas and techniques.

October 16: Guild meeting and Lecture by Jennie Henderson

November 2020: Guild meeting followed by "Stations"—Guild members will present ideas and tips they have learned in their years of quilting.

WHO AM I?

"Who Am I" clues for the FEBRUARY meeting:
Here is your **THIRD** opportunity to review the clues. Think about who might fit the clues and be primed to submit your "Who Am I" guess at the February guild meeting.

- (1) I just bought an Innova quilting machine.
- (2) I like taking classes and workshops. The longer the better.
- (3) I don't usually put borders on my quilts.
- (4) I don't need therapy. I quilt!

Be sure to remember these clues so that you will be able to submit your guess at the February Guild meeting for an opportunity to win Sandy's gift bag.

QUILT OF VALOR

The day before Thanksgiving (2019), the following quilters made eleven patients at the Palo Alto Veteran's Hospital very amazed and happy: Dee Goodrich, Connie Seale (3 quilts), Cheryl Harris, Marcella Johnston (3 quilts), Jouce Gaudet, Hannah, Cheryl Faconti. Recipients were all men this time, and each one of them was thrilled and appreciative to be given a quilt of valor made by PPQG.

A very sweet thank you note was received from one recipient of a quilt made by Connie Seale.

~Sandy Lockhart

MEMBERSHIP

Please make welcome new member, Darla Buechner. Her membership application was received through the mail. We hope to meet her at the February Guild meeting.

We are making a final list of who is renewing their membership in PPQG. We need everyone's support. If you have not yet renewed for 2020, or made arrangements, please do so NOW. My address is PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445. Make check (for \$40, unless you live out of state) payable to PPQG. Now is a good time to check whether we have your correct contact information.

~Gail Spencer

2020 AIR QUILT

Since we didn't have a meeting, I thought I'd tell you a little about this year's AIR quilt. Dee Goodrich and I met recently and cut out all the strips for the quilt. The fabric is beautiful—from the Stonehenge line, graduated colors across the fabric. We sewed pieces of the fabric together, then attached the ends to make a circle. Then we cut strips from the fabric, ranging from about 4" wide to less than 1". Everything was very carefully labeled! We will be piecing the strips together at the retreat. I'll try to get a picture of it to show you.

~Jan Carter

FESTIVAL OF TREES 2019

My previous estimation for Festival of the Trees sales was a little off. Our grand total including pre and post sales came to \$3056.18. This was slightly less than last year. I thank everyone who helped set up and take down the booth, all the people who made beautiful items to sell, all the volunteers who helped sell and especially all our shoppers! Thank you.

~Cheryl Faconti

FESTIVAL OF TREES:

COMPETITION TREE BY PPQG

The tree ornaments created by our members were quite spectacular this year, and we're very proud to be a member of such a group of talented fabric artists! The creativity evidenced in all the ornaments is an inspiration to us all. We hope you got to see the tree!

The tree did sell, and while it was sold well below its estimated value, the lady who purchased it for \$100, Harriet Rose, told Kendra she knew it was a steal, and appreciated all the artwork and hard work that went into making all those ornaments. So, our tree went to a very, very appreciative home. Yay!

The tree that won the popularity vote was the tall tree with all the children's toys on it. Kendra said there were a whole lot of vote cards obviously written by small children.

This makes us wonder, what could we make that would appeal to children on our tree next year, maybe, perhaps? Any ideas?

And our tree got lots of votes! It truly was splendid. Thank you everyone again for your artistic contributions to the PPQG tree ornaments this year.

~Melissa Finley & Mary Eberhard, Competition Tree Committee

PPQG COMMITTEES

NEED VOLUNTEER(S)

The **HOSPITALITY** committee would like one more member. If you are interested, contact Mary Eberhard (memaryeberhard@gmail.com) or Della Zita (motherbears57@gmail.com).

Contact President, Sandy Hughes, if you are interested in any of these positions:

PUBLICITY

ART IN THE REDWOODS SALE

FESTIVAL OF TREES SALE