



Bits & Pieces

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JUDY RIDDLE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, 2021 is almost over, and I must say good riddance! to another COVID year; although it does look like things are gradually returning to normal. Proof of that was our fun November Guild meeting (in person!) at Gualala Community Center. What a treat it was to actually converse with each other without masks, since everyone was vaccinated. Sandy Hughes and Judy Riddle supplied some Continuing Education with a well-prepared and interesting presentation on how to make a sleeve for our masterpieces that are to be hung; and how to finish a quilt edge using facing, rather than binding.

Next up will be our fun holiday luncheon on December 8 at the Community Center. A delightful lunch prepared by caterer Tanya Radtkey will be followed by a fun game. So wear your holiday finery and arrive at 11:30 for a group photo. Since we didn't have an in-person luncheon last year, this one will be even more special.

And since the holiday season is now upon us, the Winter Wonderland fundraiser is now underway at Gualala Arts. Our Guild has some lovely wares for purchase there. Wait until you see the eye-catching display of all the beautiful things we have made throughout the year. Thanks to Judy Riddle, Sandy Hughes, Cheryl Faconti, and Francie Angwin for getting everything set up for the sale.

I wish you all a joyous holiday time. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our December 8 party!

~Janice Batchelder, Guild President

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 26 – Dec 30–Winter Wonderland
December 1 –deadline to RSVP for Holiday Lunch
December 8 – Holiday Luncheon

2022

January 21 – Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop
February 7-10 – Guild Retreat in Healdsburg
May – Quilt Challenge

HOLIDAY LUNCH 2021

PPQG Holiday Lunch
Wednesday, December 8, 2021
11:30 AM

Gualala Community Center

We invite you to join us for a sit-down lunch at the Gualala Community Center. The Guild will again have lunch prepared by Tanya Radtkey from Black Oak Catering.

Please arrive by 11:30 for a photo opportunity and lunch will be served at 12:00. With the COVID restrictions at GAC, we will have the luncheon at the Gualala Community Center.

The menu will be Vegetable Quiche, Green Salad, Dinner Roll and Chocolate Cake.

After lunch we will draw the name of the lucky winner from those who have donated homemade items for our guild sales. We will be playing Bunco (another dice game) after the drawing. If you intend to participate in the game, please bring 3 fat quarters in Christmas colors, i.e. green, red, white, and blue. NOT Christmas fabrics, but rather Christmas colors.

The Guild will cover the cost of your lunch, however, monetary donations are welcome. Make your checks payable to Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild and give them to Pam Todd, Treasurer.

RSVP is necessary to give us a headcount. **RSVP to judy.ann.riddle@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, December 1**

~ Judy Riddle and Sylvia Evans

FUNDRAISING FUN

2021 Fundraiser Turn in

Twenty-five of our members graciously contributed items for our sales booth at Art in the Redwoods and Winter Wonderland (formerly Festival of Trees). Thank you so much for sharing your wonderful talent.

As promised, a ticket with your name on it was put in the basket for each of your items. The winning ticket will be drawn from the basket at the Holiday Luncheon and that person will receive a machine quilted quilt.



We plan to continue this activity in 2022 with a "different twist". We, again, plan to designate a specific item to be turned in each month. However, the list will not be developed until after Winter Wonderland so that we can review what items sold best. Details will be in the next Newsletter.

~Judy Riddle

WINTER WONDERLAND FUNDRAISING SALE

Winter Wonderland sale will begin Friday, November 26 and continue through Friday, December 30.



2021 Festival of Trees is Winter Wonderland again this year. PPQG was designated their sales area (almost half of the room) in the Gallery at GAC, to sell all of the wonderful items you guild members have made during the past year. All sales will go through GAC, thus no need for the guild to provide staffing for our booth during the entire sale.



We encourage you to visit Winter Wonderland and bring your friends!

*Judy Riddle,
Fundraising Chair*

PPQG TREES

PPQG donated two trees this year for the annual tree auction at GAC. Donors of trees receiving the highest bids will receive a monetary reward from GAC. Our trees were well received. Let's hope there are lots of bids on our trees.



This tree is to recognize the 25th (silver) Anniversary of the Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild and the many "stars" not only in the quilt guild but also in the community. The tree ornaments were made by several members of the Guild using a Scandinavian Folded Star method with folded stars of silver and red fabrics. The top star was made

by Judy Riddle using the American Stars pattern by Poorhouse Quilt Designs. The exquisite quilted tree skirt was made by Mary Hunter, with appliqued tree ornaments and snowflake stitching around the top and bottom edges of the skirt. The final decorating of the tree was done by Sandy Hughes and Judy Riddle.



PPQG was given a second tree to decorate and donate, although you can't see much of the tree in the picture.

This tree was presented by the Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild to emulate the joy of the gift of Friendship. It evokes a bit of whimsy with the flowing silver and white deco mesh, mixed with the serenity of the white owls and the holiday harmony of the poinsettias. A single Snowman top hat and a few gift packages finish off the season with a little tranquility.

This tree was completely decorated by Judy Riddle.

~Judy Riddle

MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year again. I am accepting dues for 2022. Please mail your check made payable to PPQG (plus Angel gift if desired) to: Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445-1489. California members pay \$40. Out of state members pay \$25. Your renewal is due by January 1, 2022. We need and appreciate everyone's support and participation.

~Gail Spencer, Membership Chair

2021 PPQG Challenge Show Theme: Flying Free

Thank you to everyone that contributed their time and skills to the success of our Silver Anniversary Challenge show.

We appreciate everyone that helped get it organized, hung and unhung along with those that entered your beautiful work. You made it happen and it was an excellent show. We had several quilts sell this year – Congratulations!

Next Challenge is May, 2022! Let's have another one of the great shows that our Guild is known for within our community and beyond.

~Sandy Hughes, Chairperson

QUILT CHALLENGE 2022

"Fresh Beginnings: Healing our Earth"

PPQG Quilt Challenge May 2022: GAC has a call to artists show called "Power of Hope" for January. How does this tie in with our Quilt Challenge? In the realm of psychology hope leads to healing. With that in mind, our 2022 Quilt Challenge theme is "Fresh Beginnings: Healing our Earth". Your project will be a way of acknowledging the challenges we face as a people and to promote a collective healing through the art of quilting, with emphasis on healing. Inspiration can come from anywhere or anything affecting the delicate balance of our culture and environment. This past year we've enjoyed some great zoom presentations showcasing modern quilts, scrappy quilts and embellishing quilts using threads among others. We encourage quilters to use their imaginations, get out of their comfort zones by challenging themselves to do something they haven't done before and perhaps experience some healing through the process. There are no material requirements; however, using natural, sustainable materials or upcycling items that are no longer wanted or needed into a project are recommended and encouraged. We hope you are finding inspiration all around you and are beginning the creative process for your 2022 Quilt Challenge project. We're encouraging quilters to submit artist statements with their entries. We'll talk more about artist's statements in the coming months. Feel free to google "Quilters Artist Statements" and keep in mind what your process involves, like inspiration, fabric, pattern selection etc. Basically what is the story behind your quilt? Happy planning.

2022 Challenge Rules

- 1) Make a quilt of your own design and/or pattern/color choice
- 2) Natural Fibers are recommended but not required
- 3) Repurposing/upcycling items that are no longer wanted or needed into a quilt giving those materials new life is encouraged
- 4) No maximum or minimum sizes
- 5) Piecing techniques are the designers' choice

Turn in Entry form by: April 29, 2022

Deliver Artwork: May 11, 2022

Opening Reception: May 13, 2022

Pick up Artwork: June 6, 2022

~Della Zita, Sylvia Evans, 2022 Quilt Challenge Committee

PROGRAM 2022

It is intended that the Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor workshop will take place January 21, 2022. As details are finalized, an email will be sent to you. Please hold the date and plan to join us for a work day.

~Janice Batchelder, Guild President

PPQG WEBSITE

The following is a response to our website forwarded to me by Bonnie Toy. How nice that the PPQG website enjoys such a wide circulation! Do check out the link to stain removal tips. You just never know when you might need that information!

"I wanted to thank the Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild for putting together your collection of quilting resources! As a library media specialist, I've been handed the task of updating our media center's reference guides with the help of some volunteers. We're currently working on our 'Fiber and Textile Arts' series. The quilting resources on your page helped us a bunch, so the staff and I wanted to make sure we thanked you :) And if it's not too much trouble, I was hoping you could include a contribution from my volunteers? They showed me this guide to removing stains that I was very impressed with. We included it on our guide, and I thought you might like to add it to your page as well. This is it...

<https://www.winecellarinnovations.com/custom-wine-cellar/guide-removing-wine-stains>

Can you include a link to it on here, under Fabric & Quilting Supplies?

http://pacificpiecemakers.org/sidebar/other_resources.html

Mrs. Charlene Stagle <https://hamptonpubliclibrary.com/>

~Janice Batchelder, Guild President



Sylvia Keller

Sylvia Keller is one of our most active "behind the scenes" members. For several years, Sylvia has solely produced the many, many stuffed animals for our fundraising sales. She is a treasure and we cannot thank her enough for her efforts.



Not only does Sylvia make the many stuffed animals, but she has been active in making placemats, table runners, quilts and more for our guild. She is a very quiet, humble, special person and not comfortable when attention is drawn to her. However, the guild felt it important to recognize her and wish a most sincere Happy Birthday as she turns 100 years young in December 2022.

Wishing you a Happy Birthday, Sylvia,...any many more!!