



# Bits & Pieces

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JUDY RIDDLE

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all enjoyed our November program as much as I did. Gwen Weedon shared with us fifty amazing and spectacular quilts of all sizes. Gwen convinced me to make one of my (many) new year's resolutions to not be such a coward when mixing colors, patterns, and fabrics. I realize I fret way too much about what "goes with" what. Now, to be much more courageous and daring!

The samples made by participants at Gwen's November 17 workshop were very impressive, too. Lots of ocean waves!

Many thanks to our creative and hard-working Program Committee, Sylvia and Kalynn, for a great two days.

We are still in need of members to help our Guild next year, beginning in March. Please consider taking on one or more of these jobs: vice president, co-secretary, hospitality committee (2), monthly fundraising (organizing and encouraging donations of member-made items to be sold), Art in the Redwoods chair (August), Festival of Trees chair (November), publicity, fanny basket helper, Remember that if everyone does a job, either large or small, we'll have a successful year.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our festive and special holiday luncheon on December 1.

Let's celebrate ourselves!

*~Janice Batchelder, Guild President*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**NOTE: Guild meetings social time 12:15 - 1:00;  
Guild business meeting at 1:00 until about 2:00;  
Lecturer presentation about 2:00 until 3:00**

2023

- January 20** – Comfort Quilt/QOV Workshop
- February 17** – Guild mtg & Lecture by Karen Bolan
- April 28** – Challenge entry deadline
- May 10 & 11** – Challenge Take-In & Hanging
- June 5** – Challenge Take Down & pick-up

## FESTIVAL OF TREES

Gualala Arts returned to the two-day Festival of Trees sale. We set up items in our usual corner



location in the Gallery. We shared the room with the silent auction items. As an added bonus, we were able

to display quilts on the walls all around the room this year.

Thank you to Darla Beuchner, Kim Madson, Cheryl Faconti, and Sandy Hughes for helping with set up and with sales each day. Also, thank you to Kathy Mayda and her wonderful family (daughter, daughter-in-law and granddaughters) who helped set up the booth and coordinate the displays.



Our booth sales came to a little over \$3,100. We

also have a little over \$350 in pre- and post-sales. This is down a little from last year. However, I believe we could have had more sales if we'd had more items to offer. Our biggest sellers were again microwave bowls, potholders and stuffed animals. At the end of the two days, we'd sold 59 microwave bowls and had 135 left. Two new items were requested but our small supply sold out early. These were Cheryl Faconti's tortilla warmers and

larger sized microwave bowls. We may want to put some consideration into making a larger quantity of these two items for 2023. We sold 11 of our 49 sets of potholders. This left us with 38 sets remaining, most of which were plain fabrics with binding. I would propose making potholders in bright colors, and/or of a pieced-together quilt block design, or an interesting panel block. Red also seemed to be the color of choice this year. We could have sold more stuffed animals, if we'd had the inventory. We had 30 animals and sold 20 of them. That doesn't include the 20+ that Sandy sold as pre-sales. We had 34 quilts and sold 7. We had 9 placemat sets and sold 4. Again, the bright colors seemed to be the choice. Additionally, we have 5 aprons left, 5 tote bags and 17 coaster sets. We also had no Christmas quilts or placemat sets for the customers to choose from. As the new year begins, I would encourage everyone to make potholders, lap size quilts, stuffed animals, larger bowls, placemat sets, and/or other new unique items, and in bright colors. Our remaining inventory will continue to be available at the Art Center to be sold throughout the month of December. I expect our inventory to be VERY low at the beginning of 2023, thus needing your creativity before the first fundraising sale in August. Kim Madson will be taking over as Fundraising Chair with the help of Cheryl Faconti and Jeri Kennedy. Watch for Kim's emails. Share your ideas with the new committee and most importantly please share your wonderful talent as quilters with the local community. Thank you all for your hard work!

~Judy Riddle, Fundraising Chair

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## FUNDRAISER FUN

### 2022 Fundraiser Turn in

November turn in was mostly tree ornaments from Kathy Mayda, Kim Madson and Francie Angwin, Kim Madson was the winner of the \$20 gift card at the loft. Again, a big thank you to Maryse at The Loft for donating these gift certificates all year! Beginning in 2023, Kim Madson will be doing the Fundraiser turn-in each month. Watch for her notices. Keep making those wonderful items for our sales! The fundraising supports our workshops and lecturers, as well as other guild expenses that our membership fees are not enough to fund.

~Judy Riddle, Fundraising Chair

## Holiday Luncheon

December 1, 2022

Seventeen delighted in the 2022 holiday lunch.



Front Row: Francie Angwin, Andrea Polk, Janice Batchelder, Mary Banach, Kathy Mayda, Judy Riddle; Second Row, Marcia Luchini, Cheryl Faconti, Monica Zarkowski, Bonnie Coffey-Smith, Sylvia Evans, Barbara Fast; Top Row: Maria Rodriguez, Sandy Lockhart, Gail Spencer, Kim Madson; not pictured, Charlotte Tefft

It was a beautiful day. We enjoyed an excellent lunch prepared and served by Franny from "Franny's Cup & Saucer". Lunch began with a tasty salad of Blood Oranges, Burrata and Pistachio Salad with Sumac; followed by a welcoming main course of Gnocchi Gratin with Pumpkin, Sage & Gorgonzola; and finally a mouth-watering dessert of Pear, Pomegranate & Cranberry Pavlova with Saffron Crème Auglaize.

After lunch, we played a lively game of "Left, Right, Center" with MONEY. Each participant brought three \$1 bills which eventually went into the "center" pot until the last person with any money became the winner of the "center" pot. This year's winner was Kim Madson, who said she was "going shopping at the Loft".

Everyone went home with a tree made by Judy Riddle from fabrics purchased while visiting Missouri Star Quilt Company. Guests were also given a gift from the guild "greeter" basket wrapped with fabric from the fanny basket. The "greeter" basket will be replenished with new items for the New Year. Everyone was encouraged to add to their fanny basket wrapping fabric and make an item for the 2023 fundraising inventory.



Thank you to everyone who attended, thank you to Franny for the excellent lunch and to Sylvia for coordinating everything

~Judy Riddle, Holiday Lunch



# PROGRAM 2023

**January 20** – Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop. 10AM until 4PM. Gualala Art Center. Lunch provided by the Hospitality Committee.

**February 17** -- Guild mtg & guest Lecturer Karen Bolan from Santa Rosa. She will share her presentation “Collaboration is Fun”. We will learn tips for successfully designing, managing, and participating in collaborative quilting projects. Karen will include a gallery of over 25 stunning collaborative quilts!

~*Sylvia Evans & Kalynn Oleson*  
Program Committee

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## 2023 QUILT CHALLENGE

### ‘Don’t Be a Goose’



Prairie  
Point  
Geese

The 2023 Quilt Challenge theme will be “Don’t Be a Goose!” Any size quilt will be accepted, as long as it contains a goose of some sort. A pieced goose, appliquéd goose, goose print fabric, flying geese blocks, etc.

Deadline to submit entry form is April 28, 2023

Deliver your completed entry on May 10, 2023

Hanging the exhibit will be May 11, 2023

Take Down and Pick up your entry on June 5, 2023.

~*Jan Carter, Melissa Finley*

2023 Quilt Challenge Committee

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## MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year again. I am accepting dues for 2023. 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, 2023. We need and appreciate everyone's support and participation.

~*Gail Spencer, Membership Chair*

## NOVEMBER SHOW AND TELL



Two quilts made by Monica Zarkowski



Large quilt made by Melissa Finley