

PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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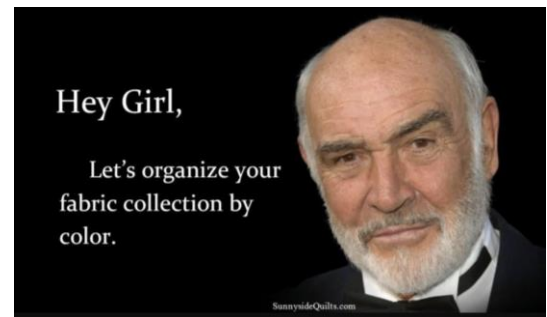
## Editor's Note:

As the new editor of the Newsletter, I ask for your understanding. I have had lots of experience writing and editing documents, but I have not worked in the newsletter format before. It will take me awhile to work up to the standard established by Judy Riddle. Thank you, Judy for your many years of service to the guild.

In the newsletter I would like to feature new members and those who are contributing significantly to the functioning of the guild. I would also like to introduce a little humor. If you have news that you would like to share, please contact me.

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## President's Message:

Wasn't it great to all get together again and have things back to normal at Gualala Arts January 20 for our Comfort Quilts/Quilts of Valor workshop? It was just like "old times," and without masks we were able to gather together inside to enjoy our lunch, just like we used to. The lunch was yummy: Nacho Casserole with all the condiments provided by our hardworking Hospitality Committee: Cheryl Faconti, Kim Madson, and Kathy Mayda; and with great desserts from Andrea Polk. A big THANK YOU to all those ladies.

We have lots of good things happening in 2023. Our Programs Committee (Sylvia Evans and Kalynn Oleson) has been hard at work lining up workshops, lectures and classes. Please join us!

And now, my New Year's message to you:

May your bobbin never run out one inch from the end of the seam.

May your rotary cutter never stray to where it shouldn't, especially to your fingertip.

May there always be an adequate amount left on the bolt when you didn't get enough of that special fabric.

May you never arrive at a workshop with all your well-organized supplies and find you left your sewing machine cord at home.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our first monthly Drop-In-And-Sew gathering on February 9, 11-4, upstairs at Gualala Arts.

*~Janice Batchelder, Guild President*

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## Fundraising Fun

Happy New Year Everyone! I've taken over the Fundraiser role from Judy. She's a hard act to follow, but I promise I'll do my best! First off, thank you to everyone who made beautiful items for our fundraising events last year. Thanks to your hard work and skills, we had another successful year! In November/December we grossed \$4,648.00 in sales at the Festival of Trees/Winter Wonderland events. Fantastic job everyone!!

We will follow the same fundraising procedure this year as we did last year:

A particular item will be requested each month to be turned in at a Guild meeting. For months when there is no Guild meeting, you will be notified of a designated time and location for turn-in. Each month your name will be put in for a drawing of a \$20 gift certificate from the Loft. **The first turn-in for pot holder sets will be at the February 17 Guild meeting.** We need about 60 pot holders, preferably in sets of two. Size and hang loops are optional. Remember that pot holders need one layer of "InsulBright" sandwiched between two layers of batting. The Guild has 8 ½" square pieces of InsulBright. Contact me at [Kimmadson61@gmail.com](mailto:Kimmadson61@gmail.com) to pick some up for your pot holders if needed.

We need 12" microwave bowls and tortilla wraps. Both of these were hot items last year and we sold them all! Stuffed animals were also a hot item and we only have 4 left, so you can turn them in in *any month* and receive 3 raffle tickets per animal. The Guild has purchased some Funky Friends patterns that you can check out if you like; see Sandy Hughes for more details. Aprons also sold well. Quilts are appreciated any month and you'll receive 5 raffle tickets/quilt.

### Monthly items requested:

February -- set of 2 pot holders

March -- 4 placemats (preferably with matching napkins)

April-- 12" microwave bowls and tortilla warmers

May—apron or any "new" item of your choice

June -- 1 quilt, crib size or larger (earns 5 tickets)

July -- set of 4 coasters wrapped together with twine or ribbon

August -- to be announced after we evaluate our need.

September -- 1 quilt, crib size or larger (earns 5 tickets). Christmas quilts needed!

October-- small Christmas tree ornament or any item of your choice

November -- any item of your choice.

Let me know if you have any ideas for "new" items or other suggestions.

~Kim Madson, Fundraising Chairman

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## Mark Your Calendars Program 2023

*Program Committee: Sylvia Evans/Kalynn Olson*

**January 20** – Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop: A dozen members participated in a workshop to create comfort quilts and quilts of valor. A Guild meeting was held after lunch. Minutes of the meeting will be sent to the membership.

**February 9** – Drop-In-And-Sew gathering, 11-4, Upstairs Gualala Arts Center

**February 17** -- Guild meeting & guest Lecturer Karen Bolan from Santa Rosa.

Karen 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!



## 2023 Quilt Challenge “Don’t Be a Goose”



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.

*2023 Quilt Challenge Committee~Jan Carter, Melissa Finley*

**November 25 & 26** – Festival of the Trees

**December 15** – Holiday Luncheon

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### Membership

**Dues:** Gail Spencer reminds us that annual dues of \$40 (\$25 for out of state members) are now due. Additional angel gifts are most welcome. A check payable to PPQG can be mailed to Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala 95445

**New Member:** Kim Madson is one of the newest members of the Guild. After retiring in 2018 she and her husband moved to this area where she particularly enjoys hiking and walking the bluff trails. She learned to sew as a child and she remembers admiring quilts that she saw at state fairs, so she was inspired to take a beginners’ quilting class at the library taught by Judy Riddle. Judy encouraged her to join the guild which she did in August. When she heard the call for new leadership at PPQG she agreed to become the Fundraising Chairman. In the photo she displays placemats made by Kathryn Gyorfi.



**Drop In and Sew:** To encourage members to get to know each other, there will be an optional group meeting on the second Thursday of the month from 11- 4, upstairs at the Gualala Arts Center. Members may bring their own sewing projects or they can work on the fundraising project of the month.

**Sad News:** Iris Lorenz-Fife reported that Bev Sloan, a former member, has died. She will be remembered by some of the original members of the guild.

**Charlene Younger** reports that she has moved her fabric shop from Albion to 4990 Blue Jay Avenue in Clearlake. “I have many fabrics on SALE and lots of BARGAINS.” Members are welcome to shop by request. Please call (707) 684-0699 to make an appointment.

### Continuing Education

**Applique Classes:** Jeri Kennedy facilitates two classes in which she introduces basic applique skills using historic mountain mist patterns from the 1930s. One group meets at The Loft on the third Wednesday and another on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11. Because of the size of the room, classes are limited to five people. The Wednesday class is full, but there is room for 1 or 2 more in the Tuesday class. If interested, call Maryse at The Loft; she is creating a waiting list. A \$10 fee per meeting goes to the shop. A club style format is used where members meet monthly and work at their own pace.

**Quilting Classes:** Judy Riddle continues to teach quilting classes at the library in Point Arena. A beginners’ class is held Tuesday mornings from 10-1; she assists intermediate students with their projects in the afternoon from 2-5 and in the evening from 6-9. Anyone interested in participating in these classes should contact Judy ahead of time. (707) 684-6470

## Quilts of Valor Update

Sandy Lockhart reports that she has created a new contact at the Palo Alto Veteran's Hospital. "Harold Rucker is the manager of The Defender's Lodge, a place on the hospital campus where veterans can come and stay while they are receiving care at the hospital. It is quite a beautiful place. Harold is happy to receive our Quilts of Valor. On January 12 I gave him five quilts made by Chris Smith, Dee Goodrich, Connie Seale and 2 collaborative quilts, one with a generic PPQG label and the other by Lori, Judy and Sandy. I was assured that the quilts would be thoughtfully distributed."

*Sandy Lockhart, Quilts of Valor Chairman*

## Comfort Quilts Update

The recent workshop was well attended. Several members helped to cut five inch blocks from fabric given to the guild by Joyce Gaudet to make "I Spy" quilts. Three comfort quilts have been handed out in the past five weeks. Thanks to all for your generous time and effort for this good cause.

*Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chairman*

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## November 2023 Show and Tell

Editor Note:  
Since there were 15 pieces submitted this time, I am only showing one from each contributor.



Monica Zarkowski  
Comfort Quilt



Janice Batchelder  
Comfort Quilts



Cheryl Faconti  
Quilt of Valor



Dee Goodrich  
Comfort Quilt



Gail Spencer/Marcella  
Johnston  
Comfort Quilts



Sandy Klein  
Comfort Quilt



Marcia Luchini  
Comfort Quilt