



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Editor's Note: There was no PPQG meeting in August due to Art in the Redwoods. As a result, there is no "Show and Tell" to share, so this edition of the newsletter will be short. Activities will pick up in September, so be sure to note the information about the upcoming Sarah Goer workshop.

Barbara Fast, Editor

I might not buy
anymore fabric.

I might win the
lottery.

Same odds.



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Fundraising Fun 2023



"Check out all the wonderful donations I received for the August Turn-In! Sandy Hughes was our winner for The Loft gift certificate this month. Congratulations Sandy!"

ART IN THE REDWOODS FUNDRAISING SALE

We had a fairly successful sale this year, given the damp weekend and lack of attendance compared to pre-Covid years. We grossed \$2025 (before fees and taxes are taken) along with \$118 in pre-sales. Our big sellers this year were aprons, microwave bowls and tortilla warmers, and Funky Friends stuffed animals. Just a few of our quilts, potholders and placemats sold this time, but that leaves more for the Festival of Trees! A big thank you to Cheryl, Francie and her husband, Joe, my husband, Pete and son, Nick, who helped us get set up AND to our wonderful booth volunteers, Cheryl, Sylvia, Monica, Mary H, Janice, Marcia, Bonnie C, Kalynn, Iris, Gail, Francie, and Mary B, AND to all of you who donated your beautiful items for us to sell! Great job! Well, on to our next fundraising event...the FESTIVAL OF TREES! Here's our wish list... we need more of our big sellers:-

- cross-back aprons (I found a pattern on Amazon which I'm happy to share),
- microwave bowls (large and small, but mostly large ones),
- tortilla warmers
- Funky Friends (the Guild has a binder of patterns)
- Christmas-themed quilts, table runners and ornaments We also came up with some additional gift ideas: tooth fairy pillows, boo-boo bunnies
- microware rice-filled heating pads, jar openers, and 10" long protectors that go between your stacked pots and pans (Marcia has a great picture of them.)
- If you have any other gift ideas, please share them!

Upcoming Turn-In Items:

- September - 1 quilt, crib size or larger (earns 5 tickets). Christmas quilts needed!
- October - small Christmas tree ornament or any item or your choice (see our wish list above)
- November - any item of your choice (see our wish list above).

Thanks again for your support!"

Kim Madson, Fundraising Chairman

Mark Your Calendars Program 2023

Drop in and Sew, 11-4 at GAC. COME SEW WITH US!

There will be **no Drop-in-and-Sew meeting in September** because it would conflict with the Sarah Goer workshop. Please plan to join us for the meeting on October 12.

Janice Batchelder, Past President

September 13 and September 14 – Workshops (2) with Sarah Goer

1. **"Planned Improv: Scrappy Squares,"** Wednesday, September 13th, from 9:30-4:00.



Description: This scrap friendly workshop is a great opportunity to explore improv piecing. We'll follow a set of guidelines involving measurement and specific cutting rules to create the puzzle pieces students will use to design and create their own unique improv slab. Students will leave with their first finished improv slab (approximately 18" x 20"), which can become a finished mini quilt or built upon for a larger project. Quilting ideas will be discussed.

NOTIONS AND TOOLS:

Sewing machine

1/4-inch presser foot

Neutral thread

Scissors or snips

Rotary cutter

Cutting mat

Acrylic cutting rulers (I prefer a 6-1/2" x 6-1/2" and a 12-1/2" x 12-1/2".)

Small Design Wall

Straight pins (optional)

Pencil

Graph paper (print attached page, if needed)

FABRIC:

• Feature fabrics: coordinating scraps in a variety of sizes, the largest of which is about 10" square. These can be in one color, or a variety of colors (see notes below). Equivalent to 1/2-1 yard.

• Scraps or yardage to use for the background. More larger pieces are helpful. Equivalent to 1/2-1 yard. It is important that there is high contrast between your pile of feature fabrics and your pile of background fabrics. Ideas for choosing fabric:

Feature:

- Single color family (solids, blenders, prints, or a mix)
- Two colors next to each other on the color wheel (ex. blue and green)
- A single fabric line (layer cake friendly)
- 2-3 bold prints and coordinating solids and/or blenders
- 1/2 yard of a single neutral or solid
- Variety of neutrals (ex: low volume prints, whites, whites/off-whites, light greys, or blacks)
- A contrasting color from the opposite side of the color wheel
- Consider using your bold color as the background and use neutrals for your feature fabrics

2. The Thursday, September 14th workshop will be ***Building an Improv Toolbox*** from 9:30-4:00. Description: In this fast-paced workshop, Sarah will teach a wide variety of improvisational piecing techniques. Discover how fun and easy it is to create these improv elements for use in your existing quilt projects, or as the start of a new project. Each prompt will be introduced and demonstrated; then time will be allowed for making one or more units with each technique.

NOTIONS AND TOOLS: (Same as workshop 1)

FABRIC:

• For a small quilt (approx. wall hanging) select 6 fat quarter. If you would like to make a larger quilt (baby/ lap/etc.) choose larger cuts of fabric or 10-12 coordinating fat quarters. For a large project, you may prefer to have yardage of a coordinating fabric to use throughout your project.

- Choose a variety of values (dark, med-dark, med-light, light) for a dynamic composition.
- Layer cakes or jelly rolls can be utilized.
- No precutting is necessary.

For more information go to sarahgoerquilts.com

Quilters who are GAC members are invited to take either workshop for \$60 each or both of them for \$100. For non- members the fees are \$80 each or \$150 for both.

September 15 – 12:30-3 PM Monthly meeting at GAC. Social hour 12:30; Business meeting 1 PM followed by program to be announced.

December 15 –The Holiday Luncheon will again be held at the Gualala Arts Center and catered by Franny.

Program Committee: Sylvia Evans/Kalynn Olson

Sept. 5-16 – Sierra Quilt Guild show *Quilts and Threads*

The Sierra Quilt Guild asked us to include this announcement in the newsletter. More information can be obtained at sierraquiltguild.com.



Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show 2023



“On the road again with my wonderful travel companion, Kevin and I set out for Sisters, Oregon to experience the 48th Annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show! The event is designed to “celebrate the art, skill, and heritage of quilting and fiber arts.” It is scheduled the second Saturday of July every year. The week leading up to the show is full of classes and lectures featuring many inspiring artists. This is all orchestrated by Stitchin’ Post, the local quilters shop operated by Jean Wells and her enthusiastic crew. This year the classes and ticketed events were posted in January. This year’s theme was “Hidden Stories”, which conjures up a plethora of reasons why we love to quilt.

When I asked my husband if he would be my buddy on this Sisters adventure, I got his usual positive response, “Sure, what a great opportunity!” I signed up early for notifications, and when the registration came available in January, I jumped on it! I took a class on Thursday and Friday, and Kevin and I attended “funraising” events in the evenings with wonderful presenters and trunk shows. Lots to see and do! All of the classes were located at the local high school with easy access, excellent lunches easily ordered before class, a giant commons to mingle with fellow quilters, and an on-site shop with supplies related to the many classes. The evening events were held in the main auditorium off the commons. We were in “Quilters Heaven”!

In preparation for the actual day of the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show, a multitude of volunteers participated in an amazing logistical plan to get all 1,100 quilts hung by 7:30 AM on Saturday! The volunteers were many locals and interested supporters, including the local fire department. Quilts were hung everywhere! High and low on the outside of shops, restaurants, between trees and every imaginable space. What a sight to see! Kevin and I traversed every block of the little town of Sisters, taking in the designs, color choices, skilled artistry and creativity from all over the USA and abroad. We met many delightful groups of friends exploring and sharing this quilting paradise together. If you are interested in finding out more about this unique experience please don't hesitate to contact me. We have a group already planning another trip in 2024!"

If you are interested in 2024 information, go to www.stitchinpost.com.
Sylvia Evans, Program Committee

2023 AIR Quilt

After a successful raffle, the AIR Quilt for 2023 was given to local artist Carol Chell who won the raffle. Carol is also an artist and one of her watercolors won third place in the Water Media category. She is shown here with Kim Madson, and Sus Susalla, Executive Director of the Gualala Arts Center where Art in the Redwoods took place.



Sandy Hughes/Marcia Luchini/Della Zita 2023 AIR Quilt Committee

2024 AIR Quilt

Hi, everyone, the 2024 Art in the Redwoods Raffle Quilt (AIR - Quilt) is off to a great start. I have already received five beautiful blocks.

Link to plan: [2024 AIR Quilt FAQs](#)
Jeri Kennedy, 2024 AIR Quilt Chairman



2024 Challenge

The theme for next year's challenge will be "Twenty-four Squares in '24." 24 squares of any size are to be included in a quilting. Plan ahead!

2024 Quilt Guild Challenge Committee: Francis Angwin, Sandy Hughes and Janice Batchelder

Quilts of Valor Update

Sandy Lockhart has reported on her trip to Palo Alto to deliver Quilts of Valor. "I delivered seven quilts of valor to the Veterans' Hospital, Defenders' Lodge. They were made by Sandy H, Dee (2), Kathy, Janice, Catherine and myself. One quilt was distributed to a community member, a veteran who was affected by the Camp LeJune water contamination. He loves his quilt and he thanks the entire guild. This was another example for me to see how the gift of a quilt of valor affects our veterans in a very positive way."

Sandy Lockhart, Quilts of Valor Chairman



September birthdays: Christine Smith, Sept. 1; Sylvia Evans, Sept. 6;

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