



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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*Newsletter Editor: Barbara Fast*

## Editor's Note:

This has been an interesting year for me as Editor of the PPQG newsletter. I have learned a lot about the functioning of the guild and about many members of the guild. I hope that you have enjoyed the "Featured Member" section of the newsletters.

I have also benefited from several workshops that I have taken. In the "Show and Tell" section you can see one result of the "Whimsical Faces" and the "Free Motion Quilting" workshops in which I participated. I created images of my children, then I quilted them and am making pillows from the finished products.

*Barbara Fast, Editor*

## President's Message:

Hello Fellow PPQG'ers,

HAM #7 (Happy Active Members) "Be nice to the volunteers. They are guild members, too. Give a smile, encouraging word and helping hand when you can. Especially at the meetings, workshops, and special events." This HAM is especially appropriate this month. November has been a very busy time for our Guild. We are just coming off of Festival of Trees and I want to give a huge shout out to Kim Madson and Cheryl Faconti for all of their hard work. I'll leave it to Kim to tell you just how successful the sale was. I also want to recognize all of the folks who volunteered to make items for the sale, and man our booth. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. The remnants of FOT will now be on sale at the Dolphin during December. Check with Kim for items that may need replenishing if you have a spare moment to make anything else.

It was good to see some more faces at our last meeting. Maryse gave us a lovely talk on the realities of owning a Quilt/Craft shop. We are so very lucky to have her store in our community. We don't have a meeting in December, but something much better. On our usual meeting date we will be having our Holiday Luncheon at the Arts Center. Sylvia Evans is in charge, and will be giving further details in the newspaper. Lastly, I would like to thank all of you who have supported the Guild. We are slowly growing again. In fact, two different people who bought items at our booth at FOT expressed interest and intentions to join us!

Sending Warm Holiday Greetings to All,  
*President, Francie Angwin*



## Fundraising Fun 2023

Happy Holidays everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. At our November meeting, it felt like Christmas! Check out some of the many donated items I received. Thank you to all who donated this month! Cheryl Faconti was our November raffle winner for the Loft gift certificate. Congratulations Cheryl! Since we have our holiday luncheon instead of our regular meeting next month, we won't have a December raffle. Anything donated to me in December will be entered into our January raffle. We had a fantastic turnout at the Festival of Trees and we sold a lot of items including 13 quilts, 60+ microwave bowls, 16 Funky Friends (only 4 left!), 15 aprons plus much more. On our first day we sold more products than during the entire Art in the Redwoods! We couldn't have done this without all your efforts to make such beautiful items for us to sell at these fundraisers. Thank you so much! I want to also say a special thank you to our FOT volunteers: Cheryl Faconti, Francie Angwin, Sylvia Evans, Monica Zarkowski, Marcia Luchini, Sandy Hughes, Kathy Mayda, Janet Loxley (Cheryl's friend), and Gail Spencer. It was a fun 2 days!



We are now preparing to be December's "Featured Artist" at the Dolphin Gallery (12/2 - 12/31). Our opening is on Saturday, 12/2, from 2pm – 4pm. Come join us if you can! Please share with your friends and invite them to come check us out! We are in desperate need of small microwave bowls and Funky Friend stuffed animals. If you have any time to spare this December and want to make a few of these items or have anything else ready for us to sell, please contact me and I'll be happy to arrange a time to pick them up. Remember, you'll be entered into our January raffle for anything I receive in December! Also, in January I'll share the totals of how much we made during the FOT and at the Dolphin Gallery.

*Kim Madson, Fundraising Chairman*

## Mark Your Calendars Program 2023

**Drop-in and Sew, 11-4 at GAC:** There will be no meeting in December due to the Holiday Luncheon on December 15.

*Janice Batchelder, Past President*

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

- \* Winter Farmer's Market Salad with Pomegranate
- \* Wild Mushroom Lasagna
- \* Lemon Tart with Blood Orange-Berry Compote  
& Crème Fraiche Ice Cream
- \* Iced Tea, Coffee & Tea

We will begin our event by marking the occasion with a group photo at 11:30! Following the lunch we will enjoy a gift exchange and a lively game of "Left, Right, Center." Everyone will need to bring:

- \* A wrapped gift that should include a fun quilting notion of a value of about \$10.
- \* Three one dollar bills to play our game

*Sylvia Evans, Program Chair*

## Membership

It's time to send in your membership renewal for 2024. The dues are still just \$40 (plus Angel Gift, if desired). Please make your check payable to PPQG, and either mail it to me (Gail Spencer) at PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445-1489, or bring it to the Holiday Luncheon on December 15th. Annual dues are due on or before January 1st. Why not take care of it now, instead of waiting for the rush near the holidays? Thanks!

*Gail Spencer, Membership Chairman*

## Featured Member – Marcia Luchini

Marcia Luchini has a very interesting past. She grew up living in a very small town in rural Washington state. Although she went to Catholic schools and lived by her family's conservative values, she says that she and her siblings were "free range children." Marcia learned how to sew from her older sisters and that allowed her to entertain herself by making clothes for her dolls out of whatever scraps of fabric she could find. Later she made her own clothes until she went to college at Washington State University. There she met and fell in love with a classmate who was already in ROTC and destined for a career as a military officer. They married before they graduated and his first military assignment was to Okinawa, Japan. That introduced Marcia to a totally new culture and way of life. It also gave the couple an opportunity to travel to other countries. Everywhere she went Marcia looked for new fabric. In fact, she describes herself as a "fabriholic" because she so enjoys different types of fabric with unusual color and texture.



Marcia graduated from college with a degree in art education and she became an art teacher, both while they were stationed in other countries and since in the United States. Her last position was as a high school art teacher in Folsom, California. While she was living there as a single mother with two children she met John Lucihni who lived next door. In typical "rom-com" fashion, initially they were "friends" but that developed into romance. After they married Marcia enjoyed learning how to cook from her Italian mother-in-law. Her parents-in-law owned a property in Mendonoma which they bought in 1963. She and John often vacationed there. Then, when his parents died, they inherited the property and built their home in 2006 but did not move here until 2014. Marcia joined PPQG even before she moved here. She has served in many leadership positions at the guild. For the last seven years she has been the Chairman of the Comfort Quilt project. She also helped Judy Riddle and Francie Angwin to start quilting classes at the library in Point Arena. Presently Marcia acts as Judy's assistant when she is here or the teacher when Judy is away. They have already taught so many beginners to quilt that now they concentrate on intermediate or advanced students.

Besides quilting, Marcia's passion is oil painting. She has taken "plein aire" classes for the last 10 years. She loves the challenge of manipulating paint, but she is beginning to tire of standing outside in the rain or hot sun. This month Marcia and John will take her older daughter and family to Hawaii, a trip that has been cancelled three times due to her daughter's illness. Marcia especially looks forward to sharing the fun with her two grandsons, 11 and 13.

Aloha!

*Barbara Fast, Editor*

## 2024 AIR Quilt

The 2024 AIR Quilt is on track! Enough blocks have been created. A volunteer is now needed to chair the next step. Ideally, we need someone with a design wall to set the blocks and sew them together for a borderless quilt. Once this is done, we'll choose the border design as a group. If you're able and interested in helping with this step, please contact Jeri Kennedy ((818)429-2005  
*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! Questions about variations on the theme can be answered at the next meeting.

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

## 2025 Challenge

At the November meeting, Sandy Hughes volunteered to organize the 2025 Challenge using three coordinated fabrics from the Loft. Members can use any design as long as they incorporate at least one of three fabrics in the design. Sandy will provide more information in the future.

*2025 Quilt Guild Challenge Chairman Sandy Hughes*

## Quilts of Valor Update

Looking forward to January, there will be a Quilts of Valor/Comfort Quilt workshop on January 19, 2024, from 10-3 at the Gualala Arts Center. Maryse has given us some very nice pieces of precut fabric as well as some large pieces that would be appropriate for a Quilt of Valor. Anyone interested in looking at these fabrics, please call Sandy Lockhart (707 884-9108) to make a selection.

*Sandy Lockhart, Quilts of Valor Chairman*

## Comfort Quilts October

November Comfort Quilt News:

Three quilts were given out this month, all to the same family that had a tragic event in their lives. We were thankful to have quilts for the youngsters that needed them. Thanks to all who continue to donate to our local cause.

The Next Comfort Quilt / Quilt of Valor Workshop will be January 19, 2024, from 10am to 3 pm. More information will be available in December.

*Marcia Luchini/Della Zita, Comfort Quilt Chairmen*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**December birthdays:** Cindy Haener, Dec. 5; Monica Zarkowski, Dec. 5; Katherine Gyorfi, Dec. 8; Lola DeLongoria, Dec. 8; Sylvia Keller, Dec. 10; Margreth Barrett, Dec. 11; Janice Batchelder, Dec. 13; Kim Madson, Dec. 20; Marcia Luchini, Dec. 21

## November Show and Tell



Cheryl – for FOT



Barbara – image of her son



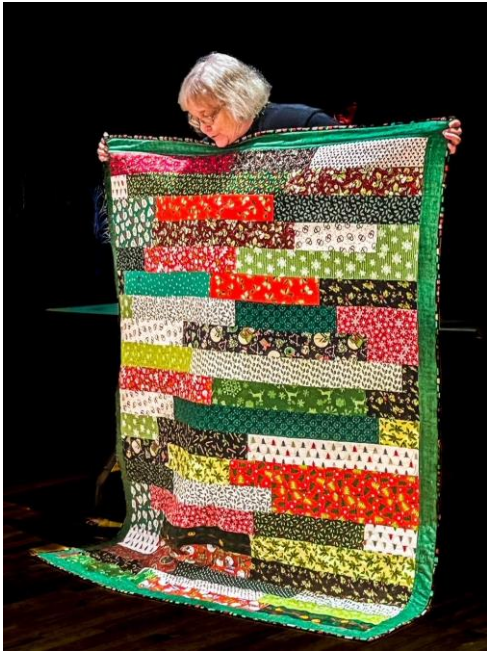
Francie – doll (or dog) quilts



Iris – from a workshop



Sandy Hughes – Blue Onion



Francie – Christmas quilt



Jan – Completed collaborative quilt



Della – PPQG Christmas Tree for FOT