



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Editor's Note:

July and August are usually considered to be "summer" and, therefore, time for out-of-school and vacations. Of course, in our area we are more apt to get "summertime" weather in September, even October. However, since we decided not to publish the newsletter in July, I thought it would be interesting to hear how our members used their time this summer. Instead of a single "Featured Member" you will find many of our members featured.

Barbara Fast, Editor

The **BEST**
things in *Life*
are the people
WE LOVE,
the *Places*
we've been,
& the *Memories*
we've made
ALONG THE WAY

President's Message:

As school starts up again, students are reunited with friends they haven't seen all summer. They laugh together and catch up with each other. On a personal note, in August 1974 I arrived in Goettingen, Germany, along with 40-odd other UC students for a year of study abroad. Last weekend, Aug. 17, about 25 of us reunited for a 50th reunion. As we chatted and watched a slide show we recalled warm, funny, often poignant memories. We were all about 20 then and fearless. We hitch-hiked, and used our Eurail passes all around the continent, travelling alone or in small groups. It was a magical time for us. Some have passed. Some were unable to be located. Some declined for various reasons. But, overall, it was a joyous event, and I am so very glad I went. I mention this, because it reminds me of the Guild. We haven't been apart for 50 years, but we have had a two-month hiatus. Covid kept us apart for quite a while, and I feel that we are still recovering from that disruption to our lives. Our July picnic was sparsely attended, though we had a great time. We had no meeting in August. As September approaches, the Autumn Equinox will soon be upon us. I ask all of our members to think about our commitment to PPQG and the fellowship we share. A group of us went to Sisters this summer and I hope they will give us a report of their antics at our September meeting. Kim Madson and Cheryl Faconti headed up a successful sale at AIR. Sylvia Evans has a wonderful workshop scheduled. We shall restart our Second Thursday Sew-ins. All of these are opportunities to catch up and share what we have been up to. All are chances to recommit ourselves to supporting and attending Guild meetings.

Meanwhile, enjoy the warm weather. I know my garden and orchard are. I hope to see you at our next meeting, September 20th. We will meet and greet at 12:30 and start our business meeting at 1:00. Come and bring what you have been working on to share at our Show and Tell. Keep on Quilting!

President, Francie Angwin

Fundraising Fun 2024



As you can see, we had a lot of wonderful items turned in at our July picnic! Katherine Gyorfi was our July raffle winner for the Loft gift certificate. Congratulations Katherine! We also had some beautiful quilts and items donated in August just before we prepared for the AIR Festival and we will have the drawing for the August gift certificate at our September meeting.

AIR Festival: It was a great success despite the wet and drizzly Saturday. Cheryl and I decided to open the booth during the Friday night preview and sold over \$500 in about 2 hours! On Saturday, we sold over \$1,850 and Sunday almost \$1,100. All in all, our total gross sales (before fees & taxes are taken) along with pre-sales for this year was \$3,695. That's compared to last year's gross total & pre-sales of \$2,263. All of our new items – water bottle carriers, seatbelt covers, jar openers, baby crinkle toys were big hits and we sold out of almost all of them. We also sold quite a few beautiful quilts and stuffed animals; and aprons were again a big hit this year. I want to shout out a BIG THANK YOU to our volunteers who helped out as we couldn't have done it without

you... Cheryl, Francie, Jan C, Bonnie C-S, Sylvia, Gail, Sandy H., Chris S., Marcia, Kathy M., Iris, Mary H., Marilyn A., and Mary B.

Thank you to all! Your beautiful and high-quality items made our fundraising sale a success!



Cheryl and Francie setting up
Kim Madson, Fundraising Chairman



PPQG display at Art in the Redwoods

AIR Quilt

The Raffle for the AIR Quilt, shown here, concluded at Art in the Redwoods. Proceeds from the sale will go to the scholarship fund.

Francie Angwin, 2024 AIR Chairman



Mark Your Calendars Program 2024

Sept.12: Second Thursday Sew-in

Our next meeting will be on September 12th, upstairs in the classroom at GAC from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Come for all or part of the time. Get input on a project. Bring your machine, or work on handsewing. Please let me know if you will attend so I can let Scott know how many tables to set up. (707 884-1131 or 684-0296) You can also just drop in! Hope to see you there!

Francie Angwin

September 17- 19: Introduction to Quilting with Your Sewing

Machine, A PPQG Workshop: GAC Tuesday - Thursday,
September 17, 18 & 19 from 10 am - 4 pm

The upcoming “Free Motion Quilting with Pam Nelson” workshop at Gualala Arts is an excellent opportunity for quilting enthusiasts to enhance their skills. This workshop offers a hands-on experience to create beautiful, quilted designs using a regular sewing machine. Class fees are \$120 for Gualala Arts Members; sign up by September 14th at GualalaArts.org or at the Gualala Arts Front Desk. In this class you will learn to enhance your basic machine quilting skills. At the end of the 3-day workshop, you will be able to enhance your quilting with heirloom quilting designs and your own motifs that will stand the test of time. You will also learn how to follow a design for beautiful heirloom feathers.



- Enhance your basic machine quilting skills
- Maximize the use of your sewing machine to create beautiful quilting motifs

- Embolden your creative expression through your quilting designs

Tuesday	September 17 10AM – 4PM	Beginners. I have a sewing machine, now show me how to quilt with it!
Wednesday	September 18 10AM – 4PM	Intermediary: I know how to sandwich, pin and stitch – now what?
Thursday	September 19 10AM – 4PM	Advanced: Design techniques to enhance your quilt top.

Please check with Maryse at The Loft, (707) 884-4424 for supplies. She has prepared her inventory to support this class and will provide kits of pre-cut of 6 – 14” squares of appropriate fabric and batting for you. You must call her ahead and make this request so she can prepare.

September 20: PPQG meeting at GAC; social hour, 12:30; business meeting, 1:00 PM

Presentation by Pam Nelson to follow: Quiltmaker, teacher and protégé to Jill Schumacher. Pam’s extensive knowledge of quilt making is a generational gift, having begun her quilt journey as a child under the watchful eyes of her mother and grandmother. Throughout the early 2000’s, Pam studied extensively with Jill Schumacher, renowned Asilomar machine quilter and educator, taking over for Jill on several extended engagements.

October 17: A one day “**Wonky Log Cabin**” workshop will be presented by our very own Barbara Dunsmoor! Here is a chance to pull out your favorite scraps to share with the group and create a non-traditional log cabin quilt. We will focus on making a lap size 50” x 50” quilt. Hope you can join our group and enjoy getting wonky!

October 18: PPQG meeting at GAC: Social hour 12:30-1. Business meeting at 1.

Our speaker will be Daisy Woodhams of Elk. She was the featured artist at the Ft. Bragg Quilt Show in June. Daisy and a group of quilters, including our very own Dee Goodrich, participated in a project that involved featuring the historical buildings of the town of Mendocino. She shared that she is “More than happy to bring the 6 buildings that I did and to talk about the process of *‘photo to quilt’* along with what went well and not so well.”

November 15: PPQG meeting at GAC: Social hour 12:30-1. Business meeting at 1.

We will welcome the Comptche Quilters! Every year this dedicated group designs and creates a collaborative quilt for the Comptche Fire Fighters Annual Father’s Day BBQ. You may have seen some of their quilts shown at the Mendocino County Fair at Boonville in September. At least four members of the Comptche Quilters plan to join us to present the following: Katy Tahja will talk about the history of Comptche group quilts; Anne Bruhner will talk about methods, design properties, creative liberty, teaching, and decisions to make it all

work; Kathy McCormick and Lisa Carter, both prolific quilters, will show you some of past group quilts.

Sylvia Evans, Program Chairman

What We Did This Summer

Mary Banach: Most of my summer has been spent preparing for the Baltic cruise that my husband, Paul, and I will take in September Baltic Cruise. I have been collecting the names and directions to the fabric stores in the ports we will be visiting.

Annie Bedicheck: I took my three kids to Australia to visit my family in Adelaide. We had a lovely time in the cool of winter.

Jan Carter: I went to Iowa to attend my 50th high school reunion. Out of 33 students, 19 attended. It was so much fun to connect with people, a lot of whom I haven't seen for 50 years!

Kim Madson: We went with our friends on the Skunk Train's Railbikes on the Noyo tour. It was a blast!

Cheryl Faconti: My husband and I went to Highlands Ranch, Colorado to visit our son and his family. (Really, it was to visit the grand kids.)

Andrea Polk: We went to Washington, DC to look after my mom, who's 102.5 years old. The trip on Amtrak took almost twelve days because of the fires in Oregon and Washington State, as well as the rails warping due to extreme heat.

Joyce Gaudet: My great granddaughter Madison (14}, my daughter Nancy, and I drove up to Fort Bragg. We rode the Skunk Train and had a great petrale sole dinner at the harbor. Beautiful sunset views. Stayed overnight and drove home via Hwy 1 and River Rd. Lovely mini vacation.

Gail Spencer: This summer we stayed home and let the grandkids come to us. We've been busy with home improvement projects and landscaping.

Marcia Luchini: We hosted 32 family and friends for a wedding reception at our house for our son, Ryan and his wife Melissa. They were married at Anchor Bay on August 3rd.

Sylvia Evans: Starting a year ago in August, 2023, a group of five PPQG sisters began planning a 2024 trip to the "49th Annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show 2024" and a week of workshops in July! Each of us registered for a week of workshops; fabric and supplies were assembled; and cars and drivers were decided. Leading up to the date we changed our driving route to avoid high temperatures and headed up to the Oregon Coast the first day. The second day took us from Coos Bay east to Sisters, Oregon. We discovered a very scenic drive through lava fields over the range of Sisters Peaks and down into the quaint little town of Sisters. Our week was filled with fascinating workshops every day. Each of us took on cooking one dinner for the group each night. We sat down together to share the joys of our day! There was one very special evening event that shared the history and creations of Freddy Moran. The final Saturday culminated with more than a thousand quilts displayed all over town! What a treat to run into Sandy Hughes and her granddaughter as we wandered through this amazing outdoor display of quilts! The final Sunday

we packed up and said goodbye to Sisters, drove south to Ashland and enjoyed an evening at a local Irish Pub listening to a live traditional Irish jam session of local musicians. What an amazing week!

I hope you enjoyed hearing about the fun that PPQG members had this summer.

Barbara Fast, Editor

July Comfort Quilt News

In July we gave away two comfort quilts. Thank you Katherine Gyorfi for donating a lovely quilt for a young person.

Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Co-Chair

I received these two notes from a friend who was having cancer surgery. She was moved to tears when I gave her the comfort quilt:

“Will you please tell Marilyn (Anderson) how much her wonderful creation of color fusion is bolstering my move into surgery and hopefully removal of cancer. I won’t know until tomorrow if my cardiologist will allow the procedure to move forward on Tuesday- but my lovely quilt will be part of my journey.

With appreciation- “

“I am out of the hospital and at the hotel. The surgery is over, and the prognosis is good. I’m experiencing some pain and have wrapped myself in my wonderful comfort quilt. It makes me smile. We are hoping to drive home tomorrow. Thank you for your support. Cheryl, will you please share this email with Marilyn- and thank her for fun and lively artistry?”

This makes it all worthwhile!

Cheryl Faconti, Comfort Quilt Co-Chair



August Birthdays: Mary Hunter, August 1; Carole Poma, August 29

September Birthdays: Christine Smith, September 1; Sylvia Evans, September 6

