



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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COMPUTER IMAGING FOR QUILTS



The March meeting features our own Janet Windsor, who is no stranger to the wide-ranging usefulness of the computer as a design tool. In her lecture, "Computer Imaging for Quilts", Janet will offer her audience a window onto a lively process for designing quilts, accessible from your desk computer or laptop. Don't miss this exciting foray into applied technology for quilters! Janet promises to bring high-tech methods down to earth, to enhance and energize quilters at every level.

NEW! NEW! NEW! BAG O' STUFF

This exciting project is an exercise in creativity that is fun and challenging for all people at all levels. Fill a one gallon clear ziploc bag with things from your studio. Do not put your name on the bag. Do put your name in large clear print on a piece of paper and slip it inside the bag so it can be seen without opening the bag. The filled bags are due at the guild meeting in March. Then six months later a finished product is due. Here's how it works:

The *Bag O' Stuff* can include fabrics, threads, yarns, buttons, embellishments, paper, wire, mesh, plastic, partially finished blocks or projects. The only restriction is that the items must fit in a one gallon ziploc bag and must come from your studio, not another room in your home. Bags will be sorted and exchanged at the March meeting. You have until September (six months) to make something out of the stuff in the bag. You can make a wall hanging, a table runner, a three dimensional item. You can glue the items to a shoe box, make a piece of jewelry, cover a book. You can sew, glue gun, staple or put it together in any fashion you can think of. There are no restrictions. A helpful thing to remember that in making art repetition is important. If you have a bunch of leftover triangles from a project including all of them rather than one of them will be helpful. If you have something very special or unusual in your studio include more than one of that item. It helps to give a focal point to the finished project. What you put in your bag will determine what project comes out. Scraps and unusual materials are encouraged.

You will not have to use all or everything that is in the bag. You will have to use a fair sampling of the materials in the bag. 51% of the finished product should be comprised of the items in the bag that you receive. The other 49% can be things that you add to the project.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As your new president, a project I'd like the guild to participate in this year is Quilts of Valor (QOV). These quilts are given to wounded vets of the Iraq War. Guilds all over the country are participating. We will have a workshop the third Friday in June, but many people are beginning now. If you'd like to begin before the workshop, here are the details:

1) quilts are to be lapsize; 2) patriotic quilts are a popular theme, but baseball, football, hockey, NASCAR, and other sports would be welcome. Please remember some of the vets are women, so feminine quilts would work also; 3) The good news is that we only need to make tops and appropriate backs, because batting and thread are donated and longarm quilting will be done by professionals who are donating their time. We will be sending batches of quilts to the QOV organizers several times throughout the year. So let's get going!

—Marilyn

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The March 1st deadline for paying 2007 membership dues has passed. All unpaid dues are now delinquent. Those dropped from the PPQG rolls will be asked to pay a 5 dollar guest fee at guild meetings and will no longer receive the newsletter via the post or email. I'd like to thank those that have renewed their membership this year. We need each and every one of you. Welcome to new members:

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NEW CLASS OFFERED BY GUILD MEMBER SUZAN FRIEDLAND

Abstract Textile Painting will take place on Saturday, May 5 from 9-4; Art Center members \$50, non-members \$60. Materials fee \$20. This is not a guild-sponsored class, but should be of interest to guild members. Registration deadline is April 21. Contact Gualala Art Center for more information.

BLOCK-OF-THE-MONTH IS A MODIFIED DOUBLE IRISH CHAIN

Clean out your stash, swap with your friends, check the fanny basket, and gather as many scraps of red fabrics as you can. No fair going out and buying any; this is use-what-you-already-have time. Then make your blocks. Here's how it works: Get the block-of-the-month instructions from Renata Lopez or Janet Sears. Or pick them up at the March 15 PPQG meeting. Using off-white and red fabrics, make a set of blocks, (one block A and one block B make a set). Bring your blocks to the March or April guild meeting. For every set of blocks you bring, you may put one slip of paper with your name in the basket. At the April meeting, one name will be drawn from the basket. That lucky quilter wins all the blocks and is well on her way to a fabulous quilt. Enter as many sets as you wish. The blocks are easy to make. Just be sure to cut accurately and sew true 1/4 inch seams. The rest is a breeze. Get out your red scraps and have fun!

COMFORT QUILTS

Last year, 2006, we distributed 57 quilts. We made 47 quilts, and 23 quilters gave me more than one. We distributed to Hospice, Ft. Bragg (8) and the rest we gave to our community from Fort Ross to Fort Bragg, including the ambulance service, and the convalescent hospital in Ft. Bragg (6), the other 8 that went to Ft. Bragg were baby quilts given to the nursery via Dee Goodrich, for needy moms. We have batting two types the iron on and Warm and Natural. Call Polly or email and they will be delivered (884-3474, dakin@mcn.org). The stash of Comfort Quilts has grown to 15 thanks to some wonderful quilters, Barbara Dunsmoor, Kalynn Oleson, Diane Cunningham, Jeri Taylor, Paula Osborn, Janet Sears, and Carol Tackett and these were just from our last Guild meeting. All of us consider that this is our most rewarding gift to the community, and an opportunity to try out new skills and techniques at the same time. Suggestions as to where they are needed are welcomed.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

58 people are now receiving the newsletter electronically - we have passed the half-way mark! If you would like to see the newsletter in full color, and save the guild \$10/year, please contact me (bonnie@toyland.org) and I will add you to the list.

FOR SALE

Sewing Machine; White, model 1810, recently cleaned and serviced. In new Universal Hard White Plastic Carrying Case with Handle.\$95.00. Can bring to March meeting or see on your next visit to Fort Bragg!

Contact Margaret Azpeitia-Taylor
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LIBRARY CORNER

The last three books from our 2006 budget have arrived on our shelves. All recent publications, they showcase collections of Art Quilts from around the world, and are wonderfully inspiring.

Creative Quilting: The Journal Quilt Project
Karey Patterson Bresenhan, Ed. This is a compendium of more than 400 8 1/2"x11" quilts, culled from the nearly 6000 QuiltPages made by 918 artists participating in this 5 year project. Each is a story. They are wildly diverse in technique and materials, so this book is FULL of ideas for all of us.

Quilt Visions 2006: The Art Quilt Quilt San Diego. This beautiful book is a catalog of the 43 quilts in this prestigious exhibition at the Oceanside Museum of Art. If you admire artquilts, don't miss it.

Uncommon Threads: Ohio's Art Quilt Revolution
by Gayle A. Pritchard The art quilt movement could not have occurred without Ohio's unparalleled contribution: artists, curators, institutions, organizations. This is a very readable history and includes many of the groundbreaking quilts.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- April 18&19 Free motion quilting with Bonnie Toy
\$25, \$45 & \$70.
May 16&17 Precision Machine Piecing
with Sally Collins
\$95, \$115 and \$140.

Happy Birthday

Marta Emmons	Mar. 3	Joan Rudman	Mar. 16
Karel Metcalf	Mar. 10	Pat Peterson	Mar. 20
Janet Windsor	Mar. 12	Sue Arnold	Mar. 23
Judy Cartleton	Mar. 15	Mary Suhr	Mar. 25
Margaret Azpeitia-Taylor	Mar. 17	Suzy Bates	Mar. 26

GUILD GLIMMERS

Libby Lehman's Mission: Possible: Organize your Stuff and Simplify your Life!

With an abundance of enthusiasm and experience on both sides of "organized", Libby Lehman led us on an armchair tour of quilters' studios, including her own. Tips on storage devices, and where to find them---for everything you could remotely imagine using as a quilter--and systems to fit every personality, were the focus of her presentation. Glimpses into highly developed quilting spaces don't have to be the end of the road for casual or occasional quilters, suggests Lehman. The trick is to identify your own needs, assess your options, and get started.

Libby Lehman's exquisite world-class quilts, small examples "to fondle" and larger ones to admire completed our glimpse into this artist's world. Her talent, skill, and deeply humorous approach to life were evident throughout her program and 2-day workshop, "Creativity for Klutzes". Students reported that they were both instructed and inspired, and eager to try out Libby's techniques. They liked her method of working with each student individually, raising the confidence level of every quilter. That in itself spells success!