



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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## MARGARET AZPEITIA TAYLOR—ROYAL BEAUTY

If you have questions about calligraphy, crazy quilting, embroidery, threads and ribbons, or being a deputy sheriff, Margaret Azpeitia Taylor has answers. (That's right—Deputy Sheriff!) Our very own PPQG member, Margaret has more honors and awards than one might expect to find on our little stretch of coast, and her address on "Nameless Lane" in Ft. Bragg belies her recognition in the distinguished world of Needlework. Royal Needlework, that is. After teaching embroidery techniques for 6 years, Margaret enrolled in the Royal School of Needlework in 2002, and graduated with distinction in the Embroidery Art program. While her designs appear in national magazines, Margaret enjoys sharing her love of the art with students, helping others learn new skills.



On November 16, Ms. Taylor will speak to us of her experience at the Royal School of Needlework, where she honed her already considerable skills as embroidery specialist, educator and designer. This artist has earned her place among the best in varied media, if her active teaching schedule is any indication. Margaret's credits are extensive and impressive, and her enthusiasm is contagious. Our program at Gualala Art Center will follow snacks and social time at 12:30pm, and our business meeting at 1:00pm Friday, November 16. Bring a friend!

## HOLIDAY FOYER QUILTS

If you have any quilts that we can display in the foyer at the Art Center for the Holiday Season, please let Janet Windsor (785-9521) know. We need bright, festive quilts. There is an opening for these quilts on November 10. We will be hanging them on November 9. If you can help us with the hanging, please let Janet Windsor know also.

## BEGINNING QUILTING WORKSHOP

Do you have a friend or neighbor who might be interested in learning to quilt? Tell her about the beginning piecing class taught by Mary Austin and Janet Sears which will meet on Thursday mornings, February 21–March 27. She can sign up at Gualala Arts.



## FESTIVAL OF THE TREES

We still need lots of things for the Festival of the Trees. We could use pot holders, place mats and napkins, ornaments, etc. Actually we can use anything that you would be gracious enough to contribute. Please bring the items to Marilyn Limbaugh at the south end of Sea Ranch, Carol Tackett or Janet Windsor at the north end of Sea Ranch. You can also leave items at the Dolphin in a bag marked with our names and notify us that you have done so. Marilyn 785-3814, Janet 785-9521, and Carol at 785-1024.

## PRESIDENTS' BLOCKS

Lynne Atkins and Carol Tackett have asked for their blocks to be completed by the December luncheon. You may contact them for more information. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the presidents quilts.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you read this note, I am having a great time sailing the high seas on a ship. I will be swimming with the dolphins too. I can hardly wait to see those beautiful creatures up close and personal. It takes my breath away to think of it. So now for some business:

### Festival of the Trees

Its coming along great. We have some really beautiful items, but we always need more. I am hand quilting a cute cat wall hanging as I cruise along. I have some other stuff going at home. Please continue to help us. Remember, we will also need some help to man our booth, so if you will be around at Thanksgiving please plan to sign up for a time to work.

### Quilts of Valor

Janet Windsor is making some labels for the QOV. If you wish to use one of those labels, you may or you can make your own. They are available at The Dolphin. I have been asked about what to say on the labels. I think that is up to the quilt maker and is a personal matter, but I think it would be very nice if each of us could put a little more than just our name. Janet's labels will have a place to write something if you wish to. Please bring your finished or unfinished quilts to the November meeting and we will have a grand Show and Tell!

### Comfort Quilts.

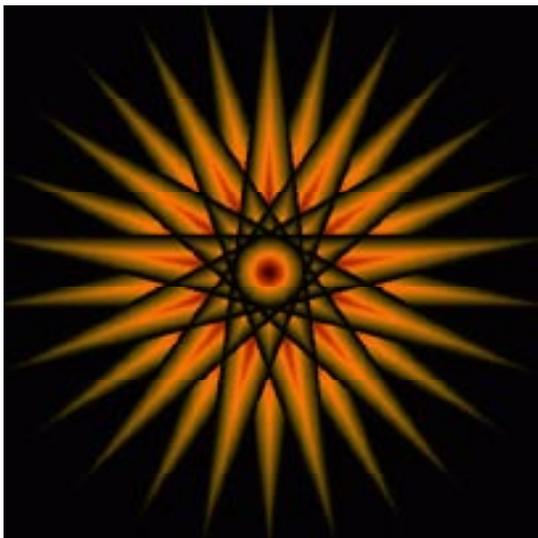
Thank you for working on the Comfort quilts. You all supply us with so many outstanding quilts. Remember, Polly has some labels for those quilts if you wish to use them.

—Marilyn Limbaugh

## COMFORT QUILT WORKSHOP

A healthy passel of patchwork piecers worked up a storm all day Friday, October 19, creating bundles of colorful warmth for holiday distribution up and down our coast. There was a great luncheon with Lola DeLongoria, and Joyce Gaudet being the hostesses, and providing sweets for the morning. Local charities need our help, and every comforting quilt we make finds a new home in our greater community. PPQG's Comfort Quilt Workshops, and quilters working at home as well provide handmade quilts for recipients of all ages, victims of accident, illness, or abuse. Their message is simple: someone cares about you.

Polly Dakin, Comfort Quilts chair reports that two more quilts to our community this past week, both for women, so we are low on the feminine themes. So, If you haven't contributed to this ongoing effort lately, please try to make a simple quilt before December. Fabrics and batting are available free of charge in our PPQG closet upstairs at Gualala Arts, or you can use your own scraps or surplus fabric. It's a great way to clean out your stash so you can buy the latest new fabrics without guilt! If you could do only one guild project this year, make it a Comfort Quilt. It's undoubtedly "the best thing we do".



## KUDOS TO OUR MEMBERS

We are beginning a new section to salute our members who have had their work recognized on a national or international level. Please let the editor know if your work has received this recognition.

At the Pacific International Quilt Festival in October in Santa Clara Anita Kaplan had two pieces *Graffiti I, Red* and *Graffiti II, Sun & Sea* as part of the show *Over the Edge* by the California Fiber Artists. And Mary Austin's *Japanese Sea Life* was part of the *All the World's a Quilt* competition. Congratulations!

Anna Grossnickle Hines' quilts will be featured in a special invitational exhibit at A Quilters' Gathering, a well known show in Nashua, New Hampshire, November 8–11. "Poetic Visions—Picture Book Quilts" will include the quilts from Anna's three published quilt-illustrated books.

Anna will present a Saturday afternoon lecture, *From Pencil and Paint to Fabric and Thread: My Journey as an Illustrator*, and be on hand for daily Gallery Talks at the exhibit. Well done, Anna!

## CHALLENGE NEWS

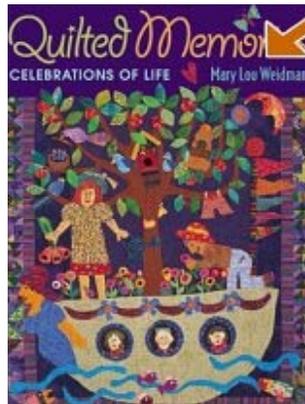
March will be here before we know it, and before that comes the February 22nd deadline for submitting quilts for our 2008 Challenge, "I Found it in the Library". Remember, you can interpret this theme as narrowly or broadly as you wish, finding a specific book in the PPQG library, your own library, or the public library. Any book, or perhaps your inspiration won't be a book at all, but some other library "find". For more specific information, particularly for those interested in applying for the Ultimate Guild Challenge within the challenge, please see the webpage or contact one of the committee members. Let's have another great show!

### Happy Birthday

Anita Kaplan	Nov. 3	Ann Graf	Nov. 20
Julie Verran	Nov. 4	Katy Horn	Nov. 25
Molly Buckley	Nov. 11	Mary Smith	Nov. 28
Connie Seale	Nov. 18		

## PPQG LIBRARY NOTES

Thanks to another generous donation—unfortunately I didn't write myself a note and now can't remember from whom—we are adding three more books to the collection;



*Hawaiian Quilting*, and *Menehune Quilts the Hawaiian Way*, both by Elizabeth Root, and *Quilted Memories: Celebrations of Life* by Mary Lou Weidman.

As I announced at the October meeting, we have money in the budget for more books, but we're not going to spend it unless people have specific books they would like us to add. Please continue making use of the wonderful books that are there, and let us know if there are gaps. We still have two boxes full of donated books which we need to dispose of so we'll be holding another silent auction at the November meeting. Pick up a bargain for your own library!

—Anna Hines

## IT'S TIME FOR RENEWAL

It's time to think about renewing your annual dues. Beat the holiday rush! Checks in the amount of \$40 can be made payable to PPQG and mailed to: Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445. If you have changed your address, email address or phone number, please include an updated form with your check. Don't forget you can be a guild angel and include a little extra on your check to help with our wonderful projects and programs.

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