



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Editor: Judy Riddle

A sincere thank you to Barbara Fast for serving as editor of the PPQG Newsletter. We wish her well in her new home and hope to see her at guild events in the future.

Presidents Message

Happy Summer! It is hard to believe that 2025 is half way through. June saw the end of another successful quilt challenge show. Thanks to all of you that participated and congratulations to those who were fortunate enough to sell their entries. Our QOV workshop last Friday was productive using a team approach with kits that Judy Riddle graciously put together. We are encouraging more members to continue sewing patriotic quilts to be presented to veterans at the memorial dedication next year at the Lighthouse. The guild has three events planned for July. Check for dates and times for the Point Arena parade, Thursday Sew-In, and the annual picnic at GAC.

To keep our budget healthy we still depend on sales from our fundraising projects at Art in the Redwoods and Festival of Trees. Please help us by contributing something. Bring a friend or prospective new member to the picnic! I hope to see you all there.

Happy sewing! *Kathy Mayda Co-President*



Melissa Finley July 1; Jeri Kennedy, July 23;
Jindra Goodman, July 31;

Mark Your Calendar

July 6 – noon – Parade in Point Arena
July 10 – 11:00 to 3:00 - Sew In at GAC
July 11 – Noon - Guild Picnic at GAC picnic area
August 15–17 – Art in the Redwoods sale
September 11 – 11:00 to 3:00 Sew in at GAC
September 17-18 –Workshop with Margreth Barrett
September 19 – 12:30 social; 1:00 Guild meeting
October 9 – 11:00 to 3:00 - Sew in at GAC
October 15-16–Lorraine Woodruff-Long Workshop
October 17– 12:30 social; 1:00 Guild Meeting
November 13 – 11:00 to 3:00 - Sew in at GAC
November 21– 12:30 social; 1:00 Guild meeting
November 28-29 – Festival of Trees sale
December 4 – Holiday Lunch at Miramar in Gualala

Parade in Point Arena

PPQG will be part of the Independence Day Parade on July 6 in Point Arena. We will meet at the Point Arena High School at 9AM to decorate the truck. If you would like to join us, wear your quilt and meet us at 11AM when we take our place in line at and walk down Main Street in Point Arena wearing our QOV quilts and handing out PPQG information cards to the crowd.

Judy Riddle, Coordinator

July Picnic

PPQG picnic is July 11, 12:00 at the Gualala Art Center Picnic area. Greens, cookies, bread and ice water will be provided. Please bring a topping and maybe a couple of people could bring a dressing. Bring your own dinnerware - plate, fork, knife, and spoon.

Jan Carter, July Picnic Chair

Comfort Quilt News

We have been building back up our comfort quilt stash. Thanks go out to Marilyn Alderson, Judy Riddle, and Jan Carter who donated quilts this month for their beautiful work. We didn't give out any quilts in June.

Thanks again to Judy Riddle who cut out all the quilt pieces we used for the yearly Comfort and Quilts of Valor workshops.

Marcia will be gone until July 8. In her absence, please call Cheryl Faconti if you have an immediate comfort quilt need.

Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chair

June QOV Workshop



Look at this spread! Cakes, cookies, sandwiches, green salad, potato salad, chili, corn bread.....Oh my!!!! Hospitality committee, Sandy Hughes and Kim Madson outdid themselves providing this outstanding lunch for the Quilt of Valor Workshop. What a wonderful reward for the hard working quilters who spent their time putting together Quilts of Valor.

Fourteen members met at GAC to complete Quilts of Valor at the June Workshop. Three groups of 3 to 4 people worked as a team sewing together QOV kits prepared by Judy Riddle. Fabric for all three kits, including backing, was taken from the fanny basket. Thank you to those who donate usable fabric. Three members worked independently on their own Quilts of Valor. Three quilt tops were completed and are out to be quilted! A picture of the completed trio will be forthcoming.

A friendly competitive race ensued to complete the pre-cut quilt tops with the winning team receiving a special gift bag of items from our friendly quilt shop, The Loft. Thank you, Maryse! And thank you to those who attended the workshop and worked on quilts of valor.



As an added note, below are 7 members holding 7 Quilts of Valor currently in our "completed" stash ready to go to veterans. Note: quilters holding the quilts are not holding their own quilts. Sandy Lockhart, Quilt of Valor Chair, is loaning these quilt to us for the Point Arena Independence Day parade on July 6.



Wonderful work!

We hope to present Quilts of Valor to veterans when the Veterans Monument is dedicated. Proposed completion date for the Monument is November 2026. We will need a lot more Quilts of Valor!

Program



September 17-18:

Our own Margreth Barrett will be teaching us her landscape techniques in a two day workshop this September. You may have seen her latest award-winning entry in our PPQG Challenge.

October 15-16:

Lorraine Woodruff-Long guided a group of PPQG quilters through our Gualala Community Center Pay'n'Take clothing shop the Saturday following her most recent May Workshop and Trunk Show. She shared her strategies for selecting shirts to coordinate in preparation for her "Seven Shirts makes a Quilt" workshop coming this October. Stay tuned for more details.

Sylvia Evans, Program Chairman

Quilt Challenge 2026

Hello Fellow Piecemakers!

I'm very excited to Chair the 2026 Challenge Show! I hope that we have selected a challenge theme "Spring in Bloom" that will inspire your creative spirit and provide the right incentive for you to actively participate!

Mark your Calendar:

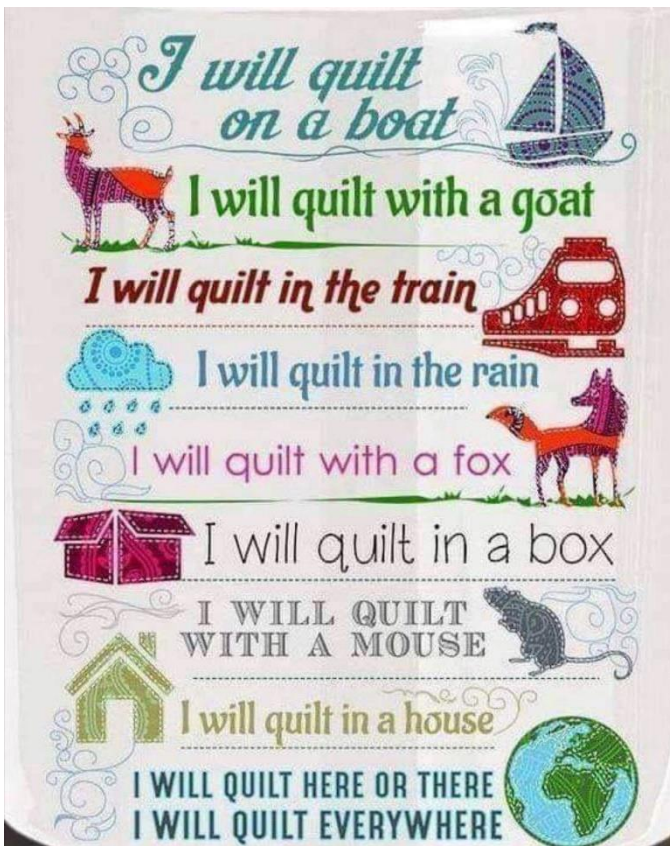
- Thursday, **MARCH 19, 2026**, we will host a **"HOW TO FINISH YOUR QUILT"** workshop. We will review the construction of the hanging sleeve and "How to Bind" and label your quilt.
- Wednesday, **May 6, 2026** (time to be announced closer to the date).
Your quilt(s) is due at the Gualala Arts Center on Wednesday, May 6. The time of turn in will be announced.
 - The quilt(s) must be properly prepared with a 4" hanging sleeve
 - Appropriate quilt rod for hanging must accompany the quilt
 - There is a label sewn on the back of the quilt with your name/name of the quilt/ date/and location where the quilt was made
- Friday, **May 8, 2026**
 - Show Opens with preview and evening reception
 - Please consider volunteering to help with hospitality and bringing a tasty treat to this event
- May 9, 2026 through June 7, 2026**
 - SHOW IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- June 8, 2026** Quilt Show Take Down –
 - Pick up your quilt after 2PM at The GAC

The registration form for this show is not yet available, but here are the rules that you should be mindful of as you begin your creative journey.

- Your finished quilt may be of any design, any size, but should reflect the theme of "Spring in Bloom".
- You must use one or more of floral themed fabrics purchased from The Loft.
 - Minimum purchase of fabric from The Loft is ½ yd. However, you do not need to use all of ½ yd of that fabric in your quilt. You may choose any amount for your design, but it must be present on the front of your quilt.
 - When you purchase your fabric, Maryse at The Loft will cut a small swatch of the fabric, attach it to your name and enter you in a drawing for a fabulous prize!
 - One entry per quilter
- The fabric purchase receipts will be collected from The Loft on May 9, 2026 and the drawing will occur at the reception.
- The 2026 Challenge will also include an opportunity for the community to vote on Viewer's Choice.

More details will come to you when we are closer the show date.

Jeri Kennedy, Challenge Chair



Fundraising Fun June 2025

Welcome to June and busy, busy, busy preparations for Art in the Redwoods.

Thank you for all your donations. Again, we received a splendid stuffed animal assortment: 2 “Georgie the Goodluck Elephant” from Kim Madson; 2 “Tilly the Tortoises” and 1 “Sue the Squirrel” from Judy Riddle; a springtime flowered jacket from Kalynn Oleson;. 3 Japanese Rice Bags from Iris Lorenz-Fife that she made in Bonnie’s class. We received 4 quilts: and Einstein quilt from Marcia Luchini, a cowgirl quilt from Jeri Kennedy, an I-spy quilt from Marilyn Alderson and a children’s quilt from Marilyn Alderson/Judy Riddle. Marcia Luchini, Marilyn Alderson, Gail Spencer and Francie Angwin made seatbelt covers, and Francie Agwin also made aprons, potholders, microwave bowls, coasters, mug rugs, bookmarks, and a new item, journal markers.



Kim, Cheryl and I have been reviewing and labeling the inventory. Additionally, we would like for you to attach a simple label to your quilts. As an example, attached is a picture of a label from one of Sandy Hughes’ quilts. Our customers always have lots of questions about the quilts – particularly who made it.



Jar openers, seatbelt covers, microwave bowls, tortilla warmers, and of course, potholders are upper most on our wish list.

An email will be forthcoming asking for volunteers to work in our sales booth at Art in the Redwoods. Please consider assisting us.

Happy quilting!!

Mary Banach, Fundraising Chairperson