



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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## Editor's Note:

I'm sorry that the newsletter will be delivered a little late this month. I just returned from a visit to Colorado, and it took some time for me to catch up.

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*Photo courtesy of Jan Carter*

## President's Message:

Our Challenge Show is up at the Gualala Arts Center. It may not be the greatest number of quilts we have shown, but they are certainly of high quality. I am amazed at all of the creative, different ways "Don't Be A Goose" was interpreted. Our opening was at the same time as the Architectural Tour's Wine Auction. That event brought many people through our show, and they were impressed with our efforts. We, also, were able to sell quite a few AIR Quilt raffle tickets.

As I said before, I will be sharing a piece from "How to be a HAM" (Happy Active Member) each month. This month our entry is "Attend the bi-yearly Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor workshops. Make a commitment to make one comfort quilt, and/or one Quilt of Valor each year. These activities are one of our community service activities, and a great opportunity to practice quilting skills. This is so timely, as next month is our workshop. We will be meeting from 10 Am until 3 PM on Friday, June 16, at the Arts Center. Hospitality will provide a lunch. It's a wonderful opportunity to sew together, trade tips, and get input from other members. The results are quilts that we can share with our community. I hope we will have a great turnout.

Our last meeting was very intimate, as we had only 8 members present. It seems that May is a popular month for travel. In addition, we had quite a few members who were ill. I want to wish those who were ailing improved health. We definitely missed you all. The speaker, Sandra Bruce, shared a wonderful slide show documenting her evolution as an artist and quilter, and showed many of her beautiful, spectacular quilts in a trunk show.

Finally, take good care of yourselves, and I hope to see you all in June. Keep on quilting!!

*Francie Angwin, President PPQG*

## History of Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild

**Piecing Together the History of Comfort Quilts:** Our guild has been giving out comfort quilts for at least the last 20 years. Janet Sears started the program because she recognized a need for women and children who were the victims of domestic violence. The Highway Patrol officers were given those quilts to carry in their cars in the event the need arose. The primary goal of the Comfort Quilt program has been to support the local community by giving comfort with a quilt. For years Polly Dakin and Joyce Gaudet were instrumental in continuing this program. After the terrorist attack on 9-11, our guild sent 11 red, white and blue quilts to the survivors and families of the attack. During that time it was decided that it would be a good idea to start creating quilts to have on hand for local community members and to be prepared for future neighboring disasters. Most of our quilts go to community members who are experiencing tragic events in their lives. Sometimes it may be because of a death in the family, a serious illness or injury, or a bad accident. It's estimated we give out 20 quilts on average per year locally, but at times we have also given them to neighboring quilt groups who are collecting quilts to distribute to their community members, as happened in the Lake County fire, the Santa Rosa fire and the Paradise fire. We keep track of who has received a Comfort Quilt to avoid duplication and we often ask ahead to make sure the intended recipient would like a Comfort Quilt. All recipients' names and contact information are kept confidential. We often tell people that the Comfort Quilt they're being given is intended as a "comforting hug that can be wrapped around them." Quilts distributed as Comfort Quilts are made by individual guild members with fabrics and materials they either purchase on their own or from fabric that has been donated and made available to them in the Fanny Basket. All donations are essentially recycled and greatly appreciated. If you see a need for a Comfort Quilt, please contact Marcia Luchini or Cheryl Faconti.

*Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chairman*

**Historical Perspective of Quilts of Valor:** Many quilt guilds nationally donate quilts to veterans. The Pacific Piecemakers' Quilt Guild has done so for many years. Polly Dakin, one of the original members of the guild, established a working relationship with the Polytrauma Unit of the Veteran's Hospital in Palo Alto. Approximately fifteen quilts a year have been created by individual members and donated to veterans. Presently Quilts of Valor are donated to veterans who need surgery at the hospital and who stay at the Defenders' Lodge. Harold Rucker, the contact, will happily take quilts that Sandy Lockhart takes to him. She does not get to meet the veterans, but Harold assures her that they are very well received.

Recently the guild has approved the idea of presenting a QOV to any appropriate veteran in our community. "Appropriate" means that a veteran has never previously received a quilt from PPQG. If anyone knows of a veteran who deserves a QOV Sandy should be contacted.

*Sandy Lockhart, Quilts of Valor Chairman*

## Fundraising Fun

At the May meeting raffle drawing, Monica Zarkowski won a gift certificate for her contribution of an unusual "I Spy" quilt. The fundraising projects for June are a quilt (crib size or larger) for five raffle tickets. Stuffed animals are welcome any time.

Future fundraising projects:

June - 1 quilt, crib size or larger (earns 5 tickets)

July - set of 4 coasters wrapped together with twine or ribbon

August - to be announced after we evaluate our need.  
September - 1 quilt, crib size or larger (earns 5 tickets). Christmas quilts needed!  
October - small Christmas tree ornament or any item or your choice  
November - any item of your choice.  
Let me know if you have any ideas for "new" items or other suggestions.

*~Kim Madson, Fundraising Chairman*

## Mark Your Calendars Program 2023

*Program Committee: Sylvia Evans/Kalynn Olson*

**June 8** – Drop in and Sew, 11-4 at GAC

**June 16** – Comfort Quilt and Quilt of Valor workshop at GAC, 10 to approx. 3 PM. This will replace the usual meeting, but a business meeting will take place during the workshop.

**July 21** – Annual Picnic in the Grove at GAC; details to follow

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

### Workshops:

**June 22** – Jeri Kennedy will facilitate a workshop for those who need additional help on their Double Wedding Ring quilts. Contact her for information: Jeri (818) 429-2005

**June 24-25** – The Fort Bragg Quilt Walk will take place at Dana Gray Elementary School in Fort Bragg. PPQG may want to submit an entry.

[Submission Form](#)

## 2023 AIR Quilt

The beautiful AIR quilt is finished and it is now hanging in the foyer at the Gualala Arts Center. Raffle tickets are on sale. Proceeds from the sale of the quilt go to the PPQG scholarship fund.

## 2024 AIR Quilt

Hi Everyone,

Attached is the plan for the 2024 Art in the Redwoods Raffle Quilt (AIR - Quilt). Kits with patterns and fabric are available on Tuesday, May 30 at The Loft. To be clear, there is no charge to members for these kits. PPQG has paid for the fabric - we just need you to make a block - or two! Link to plan: [2024 AIR Quilt FAQs](#)

Thank you, Maryse, for allowing The Loft to be our home base on this project! I look forward to seeing all of the beautiful blocks! Thanks — Jeri Kennedy

*Jerry 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!

*2024 Quilt Guild Challenge Committee: Jeri Kennedy*

## Membership

We are saddened to hear that Jinx McComb has died. Her obituary was in the recent ICO. She spent many hours as a volunteer at the library in Point Arena, and she loved her garden. Her advice for others is quoted as, "Notice the flowers blooming around you, speak out for individual dignity, pet a good dog, eat a piece of chocolate, get lost in a book, and practice kindness, patience and outrageous generosity."

*Gail Spencer, Membership Chairman*

**Featured Member:** Our Featured Member this month is Kathy Mayda

Kathy Mayda is the PPQG Welcome Lady. She is the first person you see when you come in to a quilt guild meeting. If you are wearing a name tag she gives you a raffle ticket for the drawing during the meeting. If you are the lucky winner from the raffle you get to choose a prize from a basket that Kathy maintains. Kathy is also on the Hospitality Committee, so she brings goodies to be enjoyed during the social hour or during workshops.

Kathy moved to the coast in 2020 after retiring from a career as a Special Ed teacher for deaf and hard of hearing middle and high school children in Sacramento. She started quilting in 1998 after taking a class. Kathy joined the River City Quilters Guild which had 500 members. The RCQG made quilts for five different children's hospitals. She has made large quilts for all members of her family, but she is now interested in smaller quilts.

Kathy says, "I have never met a quilter I didn't like." That's a good quote for a Welcome Lady!

*Barbara Fast, Editor*

## Continuing Education

At the May meeting Sandra Bruce gave an interesting lecture about her quilting journey. She is known for creating images which very accurately replicate a photo by piecing together tiny pieces of fabric. When quilting an image she often uses a black bobbin so the outline of the image is visible on the back as well as the front.

Three tips:

- To create a finished raw edge she sometimes runs a buttonhole stitch three times, each a little larger than the last.
- There is a company called *Spoonflower* which will create fabric from a design sent to them by a quilter.
- When replicating a photo, she prints the original photo on the label



Sandra Bruce  
Image of her son

Sandra Bruce web page is <https://sandrabruce.podia.com>.

*Barbara Fast, Editor*

## Quilts of Valor Update

Jan Carter reports that she has pieced the “Block in a Block” quilt of valor from the blocks donated by many of the members. She said, “You quilters are awesome! This will make a great Quilt of Valor. Thanks to all who participated.”



Sandy Lockhart has reported that she will deliver Quilts of Valor to Palo Alto in late August. Any new QOV should be given to her before then.

*-Sandy Lockhart, Quilts of Valor Chairman*

## Comfort Quilt News

We continue to need quilts for men and teens. We will have our Comfort Quilt Workshop on Friday, June 16, from 10 to 3. The Hospitality committee will be contacting you all shortly to get a head count for lunch. Please bring all you need to make a quilt including your cutting board. We have some “I spy” squares that could be made into quilts and we still have fabric to cut for that, donated by Joyce Gaudet.

*-Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chairman*



**June birthdays:** Ellen Soule, June 3; Bonnie Coffey-Smith, June 4; Leslie Juricek, June 7; Paula Osborne, June 9; Trudy Armer, June 10; Barbara Fast, June 10; Gail Spencer, June 13; ML Haynes, June 26; Jeri Taylor, June 30

## May Show and Tell



Monica – I Spy Quilt



Francie – Apron



Sandy Lockhart - Potholder



Jan – Memory Quilt  
Her Father's Shirts

## 2023 Challenge Entries



Francis Angwin – The Schoolmarm



Cheryl Faconti



Sandy Hughes – Grey Goose with a Twist



Monica Zarkowski – Stars in My Garden



Gail Spencer – Cats & Mice at Play



Sandy Lockhart – Flying North



Jan Carter – Della's Quilt



Iris Lorenz-Fife



Barbara Fast – Mother Goose

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 Officers and Committees: President – Francis Angwin  
 First Past President – Janice Batchelder  
 Comfort Quilt & Fanny Basket – Marcia Luchini/Della Zita  
 Quilts of Valor – Sandy Lockhart  
 Hospitality Kathy Mayda/Kim Madson/Monica Zarkowsky  
 Library – Iris Lorenz-Fife  
 Listserve – Bonnie Toy/Gail Spencer  
 GAC Scholarship – Sandy Hughes/ Francis Angwin  
 2023 AIR Quilt – Sandy Hughes/Marcia Luchini /Della Zita  
 2024 AIR Quilt – Jeri Kennedy

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 July Picnic – Jan Carter  
 Retreat – Jan Carter  
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 Art in the Redwoods – Kim Madson/Cheryl Faconti  
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 Challenge 2023 – Jan Carter/Melissa Finley  
 Challenge 2024 – Jeri Kennedy