



# Bits & Pieces

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JUDY RIDDLE

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone enjoyed Art in the Redwoods. I wish I had been there but I heard our booth did well. Evidently, at the preview, several people wanted a very special "elephant" quilt. Glad to hear our items were so desired.

I'm writing this from Colorado, loving every minute with my 7 month old grandson, also known as "the cutest baby in the world".

Reminder that you are invited to attend the Executive Board meeting scheduled before our next regular meeting, 11:00AM on Friday, September 15 at Gualala Arts Center. We will be discussing bylaw changes and updating and reviewing job descriptions. Bring your lunch. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

*~Cheryl Faconti*

## ART IN THE REDWOODS

### Brisk Sales at Art in the Redwoods PPQG Booth



Carole Garcia, Pam Todd, Sandy Hughes

Thanks to the generous donations of quilted items by our members, more than \$2,500 in sales were made over the 3-day Art in the

Redwoods Festival at the Gualala Arts Center last month.

As in the past, the top selling item was quilts – a total of 18 were sold, including two bed-sized ones, and 16 others ranging from crib to lap quilt size. Other top sellers included 14 microwave bowl holders, 10 stuffed animals (courtesy of Sylvia Keller), 6 Humpty-Dumpty toys, 8 pincushions, 8 potholders, and 8 table runners, two of which had matching hot pads/potholders.



In addition, our Guild's "Labyrinth" raffle quilt was a big hit. Many thanks to Barbara Dunsmoor, Sylvia Edwards, Carole Garcia, Dee Goodrich, Kalynn Oleson, and Cheryl Faconti who created that amazing quilt with machine quilting by Sharon Malikowski. While the final total raised for art scholarships and Art Camp depends on the number of pre-sold tickets at the Arts Center, our booth alone sold \$780 worth of tickets during the festival.

More than 20 guild volunteers took turns setting up, staffing the booth, and returning unsold items to the storage bins upstairs. The money raised will support our programs and guest teachers for the coming year. Many thanks to all who made the event successful!

*~Pam Todd & Jan Saufferer*

Art in the Redwoods Prize Winners  
in the “**Quilt**” category



“Fairy Ring” by Margreth Barrett  
**First Place**

And

**Environmental Award sponsored by:  
Redwood Coast Land Conservancy**



“Daliah” by Sandy Hughes  
**Second Place**



“Music! Music! Music!” by Barbara Dunsmoor  
**Third Place**

Art in the Redwoods Prize Winners  
in the “**Fiber & Textiles**” category

First Place: “Obata’s Yosemite” by Mary Banach  
Second Place: “Go With the Flow Redux” – Vest  
by Kalynn Oleson

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## 2017 PROGRAMS

**September 13 & 14** will be our final workshop offering, with Phyllis McCalla teaching about curves in “Rings”. Thank you to everyone who responded to our plea and enrolled quickly. The Rings class reached the maximum enrollment of 12, however you can be added to a wait list. Please check the PPQG or GAC websites for details about the class and the supply list.

**September 15 Guild meeting** will be a trunk show by Phyllis McCalla showing her award-winning quilts.

**October 11 & 12** will be a workshop similar to the Comfort Quilt workshop. This will be an opportunity to make items for the Festival of Trees (FOT) sale.

**October 13 Guild meeting** will be Ariana Strozzi of Casari Ranch, just south of Point Arena. She will be talking about using wool in quilts.

**November 17 Guild meeting** will be our final speaker for the year, Sherry Werum. She will be speaking about quilts inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright and Art Deco influences.

~Francie Angwin and Marcia Luchini



# FESTIVAL OF TREES

**November 24 and 25**

It may still be August, but I could swear that Christmas is in the air! I know I heard silver bells on the beach the other day. I may have even seen a snowflake or two! This is reminding me that we need to be creating the ornaments for our tree for Festival of Trees. Some of our Piecemaker elves have begun creating the ornaments that will again make our tree the best and most beautiful. One of our most talented elves, Katherine Gyorfí has created a most wonderful tree topper (pictured below).

As usual, Katherine has created something very special. One of our past president elves, Judy Riddle, has agreed to create a tree skirt. Knowing Judy and the quality of her work, it will be a beautiful enhancement to our tree.



**BUT WE NEED MANY MORE ORNAMENTS.**

There are a few requirements: 1) The ornaments should be no bigger than three inches (the tree will be relatively small and narrow); 2) The colors we have chosen are blue, silver and white, with a bit of glitter or glam, if possible; 3) Garland won't fit on these trees (instead, we are using battery operated string lights that look like small crystal balls); and 4) we need them as soon as you can make them.

I will be away for the month of October, so I hope to have everything in hand before I go. I know FOT isn't until Thanksgiving weekend, but we don't want to leave it till the last minute. Make as many ornaments as you like. We will put as many on the tree as it can handle and still look beautiful. If there are more than we can use, we will sell them at our booth or return them to you. Let us know which you prefer when you turn in your ornaments.

You can get them to me at the September guild meeting, leave them at the Dolphin or drop them at my home. Call me, if the latter is what you wish to do (785-2877), so I'll be sure to be home. I've asked Cheryl Faconti to collect any you may bring to the October guild meeting.

I have great faith in you. We have been challenged to repeat our double win last year. Let's do it!

~Barbara Dunsmoor

## Festival of Trees Sales Booth

Remember also that we need items for the PPQG sales booth at Festival of Trees. Mentioned above in the report of sales at Art in the Redwoods, Pam indicates the item that sold most was quilts. I would encourage you to make more quilts for the November sale. Festival of Trees is where we sell items people consider for gifts. I-spy quilts and children's quilts are big sellers, as well as lap quilts. Our supply of pot-holders is also low, please make more pot-holders. Any other items you think may be good sellers would be gratefully appreciated. A more detailed request will be forthcoming when I return in September.

~Cheryl Harris



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*September 13 & 14 – "Rings" Workshop*

*September 15 -- Guild meeting*

*October 11 & 12 – Festival of Trees Workshop*

*October 13 – Guild meeting*

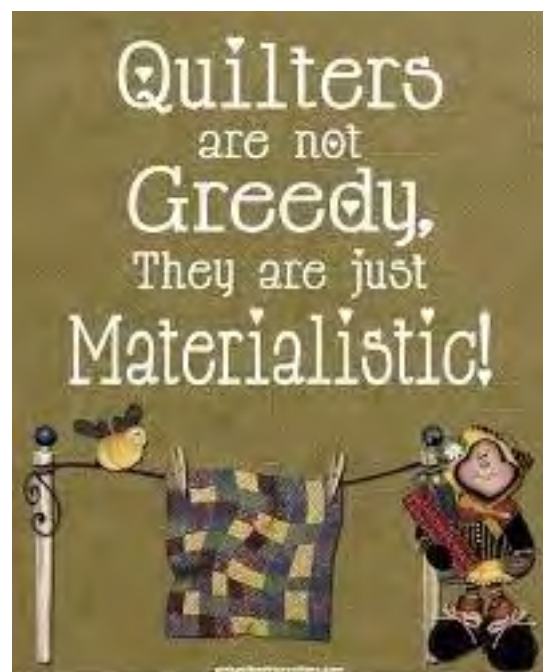
*November 17 – Guild meeting*

*November 24 & 25 – Festival of Trees Sale*

*December – No meeting. Happy Holidays!*

*January 19, 2018 – Comfort Quilt/QOV Workshop*

*February 5-8, 2018 – PPQG Retreat*





## RETREAT 2018

**February 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>.** Those are the dates to be in Healdsburg for the 2018 PPQG Retreat.



You can sign up by sending a check to Pam Todd. The amount to pay is \$170.00, the same as last year. Make checks payable to Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild. If you want to pay only part of it now, you can do that, too. You would need to pay \$50.00 now to hold your space at the retreat, and then pay the remaining \$120.00 any time prior to **February 5, 2018.**

We will again be meeting at the Dry Creek Inn Best Western in Healdsburg. After you have given your check to Pam, call the Inn directly to reserve your room. The prices have gone up a little this year. For a standard room with two queen beds, the rate is \$89.00 per night (still a great rate, especially if you are sharing a room). For a larger room with one king size bed the rate is \$129.00 per night. Dry Creek Inn can be reached at 707-433-0300.

The next thing to do is to start planning for all the sewing you will do and all the fun you will have! If you have any question at all, please call me at 707-785-1976 or email me at [JANLC56@mac.com](mailto:JANLC56@mac.com). If you haven't been to our retreat before and are wondering what it is all about, give me a call. It's always a lot of fun at our quilt retreat.

~Jan Carter

## SPECIAL NEWS ITEMS

### #1

Excerpt from August Issue of Sonoma Gazette:

*"Our community has a wonderful quilting group, Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild, if you ever want to learn more. This group of folks is very active offering comfort quilts to the sick and those needing some hometown comfort as well as classes and simple days of getting together. I was thrilled to join them a few weeks back. Everyone brings their own sewing machines, and projects. They share and offer ideas to each other. Thank you Joyce Gaudet for inviting me. For more info visit [gualalaarts.org/interest-groups/pacific-piecemakers-quilt-guild-ppqg/](http://gualalaarts.org/interest-groups/pacific-piecemakers-quilt-guild-ppqg/)"*

My friend Robin Wellman wrote this in her column "North Coast Winds" in the August issue of the Sonoma Gazette. Some of you know Robin. She recently retired from Ft. Ross. She came to our June workshop to observe and to help out.

I knew nothing about this and happened to discover the article when I picked up the Gazette to look at while I waited for a doctor's appointment. Thanks Robin for the kind words and the free publicity. ~Joyce Gaudet

### #2

Great news, ladies! Sew and Sew, the quilt shop in Fort Bragg, has been sold. The new owners opened August 15, did some rearranging and have great plans for the future. We need to support them---as well as Marva at The Loft---so they will stay open. ~Barbara Dunsmoor

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