

Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild
Meeting Minutes
1/17/2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by President Francie Angwin. There were 18 members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Jan Carter moved and Cheryl Faconti seconded that we approve the minutes as printed. The motion carried.

Membership: Gail Spencer

We currently have about 62-64 members. Annual dues of \$40.00 are due now.

Treasurer: Janice Batchelder

Janice didn't have our exact balance from the bank, but she mentioned that she had happily deposited a check recently for over \$4000.00 from Festival of Trees.

Program: Sylvia Evans, Kalynn Oleson

In their absence, Bonnie Coffey-Smith gave the Programs report. In February after our meeting Bonnie will explain the Japanese rice bag project that she will be teaching. She will give an overview and materials list. On March 20 Bonnie will teach Part 1 of the Japanese rice bag project. We will partially construct the bag, then have the opportunity to do hand work and embellishing at home. April 17 will be the final class where the bag construction will be completed.

May 15 will be an improv mosaic quilt class taught by Lorraine Woodruff-Long. quiltinginthefog.com. Lorraine will give a lecture at our May 16 meeting. On Saturday, May 17, Lorraine will accompany any of us who want to go to Pay N Take to talk about how she chooses clothing for repurposing into quilts. (No charge for the Saturday event.)

2025 Challenge: Sandy Hughes, Francie Angwin

The theme is "Love Our Local Quilt Shop." Registration forms are due by April 25, 2025. Drop off artwork on May 7. Show opens on Friday, May 9 from 4-6 PM. Pick up artwork on Monday June 9 from 12 noon to 2:00 pm. Gualala Arts has changed their policy and are now charging a registration fee of \$10 if the item is for sale, and \$20 if the item is not for sale. Quilts must have one or more of the challenge fabrics visible on the front of the entry. You must also bring a receipt from The Loft, showing a minimum purchase of 1/2 yard of at least one of the fabrics to be eligible for the prize drawing. Be sure to print your name on the receipt. The challenge fabrics are "Thatch" in the color ways of Plum, Turquoise, Royal, and Heather.

Second Thursday Sew-In: Janice Batchelder.

Five people were present at the January sew-in. The next one will be February 13 at 11:00. These are casual sewing times at Gualala Arts Center. Bring whatever you'd like to work on yourself, or just drop by to visit. Please let Janice know if you are going to attend on February 13 so she can have the right number of tables set up.

Comfort Quilts: Marcia Luchini, Cheryl Faconti

Thanks to everyone for being present for for the Comfort Quilt Workshop today. Prizes will be given to the "team" which finishes their quilt top first.

Quilts of Valor: Sandy Lockhart

Sandy received one QOV today and her current count is seven quilts.

2024 Fundraising: Kim Madson, Cheryl Faconti

We netted about \$4,300.00 from our Festival of Trees sale. Our total fundraising amount earned for 2024 is \$7,829. Now inventory is low and we need more donations of items to sell. Stuffed animals sell well and we now have none. They are made from the Funky Friends pattern, and those patterns can be borrowed from Sandy Hughes. A new product was shown which is a microwave popcorn bag, simply a fabric bag in which dry uncooked popcorn is placed, then put in the microwave to cook.

2025 Fundraising: Kim Madson, Cheryl Faconti

A third person is needed for this team. Contact Kim or Cheryl or Francie with any questions.

2025 AIR Quilt: Bonnie Coffey-Smith, Sylvia Evans, Sandy Lockhart, Jan Carter

The quilt top construction is going well and may be finished by the end of January.

(Later note: All 100 blocks are now constructed, and are in the process of being squared up, then will be sewn together.)

Community Outreach: Cheryl Faconti

The southern California fires were discussed. At this point they do not need quilts, but monetary donations. Later we would like to send twin size quilts.

Newsletter: Barbara Fast

Articles and photos are due by January 25.

Library: Iris Lorenz-Fife

No report.

2025 Retreat: Jan Carter

The retreat is coming up very soon—February 3-8 at the Oxford Suites Hotel in Rohnert Park. Nineteen people are signed up and there is still room for more. Check with Jan if you have any questions about retreat.

Hospitality: Kathy Mayda

Thank you to Kathy for the wonderful chili lunch she provided. Thanks also to Kim Madson, Marcia, and Judy Riddle for today's treats.

New Business:

Maryse gives a discount to guild members at The Loft. Because of rising credit card fees, the discount will be 10% when using cash or check, and 5% when using a credit card.

Sandy Hughes told us that American Quilt Society (AQS) wants guilds to sign up with them. A discussion followed. Sandy will forward the email to members, and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Sandy Lockhart has an 8 foot hand quilting frame to give away. Contact her if you are interested.

New Officers:

We need a new President, Vice President, and Treasurer for the guild. See Francie if you have any questions, or if you would like to fill any of these roles.

2025 Challenge:

A volunteer (or two) is needed for this job.

Sewing Machine/Table:

A Janome sewing machine and a Horn table have been donated to the guild. They were purchased in 2001. Someone wants to buy this for \$400.00. Sandy Hughes moved and Christine Smith seconded that we sell this sewing machine and table. The motion carried.

Name Tag Drawing;

The name tag drawing was won by Francie Angwin.

Show and Tell:

Bonnie Coffey-Smith showed a circles quilt hat she made for a comfort quilt, and a table runner she made for the guild to sell. Janice Batchelder showed an I Spy quilt she made.

Kathy Mayda won the participation price for today, an Oliso iron.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.