



# Bits & Pieces

PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD November 2015

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We've been having a very busy and eventful fall, haven't we! Finishing off the summer with a good AIR booth in August, we swept into September and Laura Fogg's class. I really regret that I couldn't take this class, and the students' class work I saw was amazing! Then we had something a little out of the ordinary with Judy Coates Perez and her fabric manipulation workshop—again yielding some awesome class samples. And I know that we're all working on several things at once. Festival of the Trees items (keep sewing!), Challenge pieces (it's not too soon to start), some of us have squares to make for our "department" of the guild for our anniversary celebration, and I'm sure some of us are also working on Christmas presents. Whew! That's a lot going on. Besides our normal lives, of course. . .

So this little bit may seem like an unimportant item to you, but I want to talk about, yes. . .cleaning our sewing machines! We all know we need to do it, but we don't all do it. Or do it often enough. But after I cleaned my machine a few times, I began to notice how well it performs after the cleaning. The machine runs a lot quieter, and there is no more "thudding," which sometimes starts to happen without my really noticing it. So I try to be faithful and clean it now and then. Actually, starting a new project is a good time to clean it. I take out the needle and discard it. (Buy needles in bulk and they aren't so expensive. Actually, not a large percentage of our sewing budgets, anyway.) I use the brush to dust out fuzz and lint from above the presser foot. I take off the plate and open/remove the bobbin and clean out the fuzz from there, too.

It's amazing how much lint can gather in the innards of a sewing machine! Once it's all clean, a drop or two of oil and it's good to go. Some people recommend different tools for cleaning. I think, as long as you're not damaging it, anything you want to use is probably ok as long as it's gentle. (And as long as it's not a hammer!) I use the little brush that came with my machine, and also some little tiny lint removers. In the past I've used a Q-tip with a drop of oil on it. Man, that really collects the dust! I think there is even a vacuum attachment for cleaning a sewing machine. It's very gratifying to me to see all the dust and lint that I remove from the machine. So take a few minutes and clean your machine. I think you'll like the results. (And no, I'm not going to come around and check to see if you have done it!)

*~Jan Carter*

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## FESTIVAL OF TREES:

Since Judy was absent Francine reported that we could still use some items for the upcoming Festival of Trees. What is needed are Christmas themed items, children's toys and some manly items.

As there is only one more meeting before the Festival of trees, please bring your donations to the next meeting.

Ellen is working on a project using small ring, or jewelry type cardboard boxes. If you have any you are not using please take them to the Dolphin.

*~Laura Hamilton*

## DECORATING AN FOT TREE?

At our last meeting I told the guild that GAC would like us to decorate a three-foot tree for display. There is a prize for the best tree (I don't know how much \$\$), so there is an opportunity for a little more green in our coffers. The trees are sold too, but we would not get the money for that. My phone has not been ringing off the hook with people interested in helping with this. I received another call about this in just the past few days. Apparently, our guild is GAC's largest and most visible organization and they really, really want us to decorate this tree. They provide the tree, and they even provide people to decorate it for us, if we just supply the decorations. They also put some literature about our guild on the table in case anyone viewing the trees is interested in joining the guild.

So how 'bout it, girls. Can anyone else besides me provide some fabric or hand sewn or quilty ornaments? I have some ornaments made, but not enough for a whole tree, even though it is small. It doesn't sound like it will take very much effort to do this. I am even willing to teach someone how to make some ornaments if they are interested in learning. Please call or email me as soon as possible. [JANLC56@mac.com](mailto:JANLC56@mac.com) or 785-1976

~Jan Carter

## 2016 RETREAT

Hello Ladies/Gents, we still have room for a few more to join us at the retreat next year which is from February 8, to the 11th. There are 17 signed up. So we have room for 8 more. The going price is \$150.00 plus the price of your room. As it has been for the past 5 years, it takes place in Healdsburg. For more info or to sign up phone; Jan Carter at 707-785-1976 or email her at [JANLC56@mac.com](mailto:JANLC56@mac.com)

~Laura Hamilton

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The only update we have according to Kalynn is that the caterer for the celebration dinner will be, Leslie Bates.

Technically the deadline has passed, but if you still wish to submit a recipe for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary cookbook please get it to Carole Garcia asap.

~Laura Hamilton

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## 2016 Program Calendar:

- January 15 - Comfort Quilt/QOV Workshop
  - February 19 - Sandra Bruce Lecture: Her topic will be "Material Matrix".
  - March 16 & 17 - Jennifer Sampou Workshop, Titled: Inspired Design and she is a quilter as well as a fabric designer. Price and further info will be forthcoming.
  - March 18 – Jennifer Sampou Lecture
  - April 13 & 14 - April Sproule Workshop
  - April 15 – April Sproule Lecture
  - May 18 & 19 - Yvonne Porcella Workshop
  - May 20 – Yvonne Porcella Lecture
  - June 20 - Comfort/QOV Workshop
  - July - special event
  - August - Art in the Redwoods
  - September 14 & 15 - Sue Rasmussen Workshop
  - September 16 Sue Rasmussen Lecture
  - October 21- SAQA's Trunk show
- Meeting hours will be altered a bit so that we will have enough time to hear the presentation and then break out in small groups with the SAQA presenters to discuss the small quilts. The discussions can be looking at the quilts as they might be juried in a show or a discussion of the design elements of the quilts.
- November 18 - Saved the best for last. The speaker will be our own Chris Smith.
  - December – No meeting. Have a wonderful Holiday. ~ Kalynn Oleson

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## AIR QUILT 2016:

2016 AIR quilt top is finished. Needs to be quilted and bound. Progress will be on hold until after the holidays.

~ Judy Riddle

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**Hospitality:** Our thanks to the hospitality committee (Sandy Hughes and Ann Graf) for setting up the refreshments. Kudos to Pat Connell and Marcia Luchini for providing the goodies.

~Laura Hamilton

## Comfort Quilts:

There was nothing to report but here are some photos of quilts donated to our comfort quilt fund.



Cheryl Faconti made this comfort quilt and has already donated it to an old college roommate who was burned out of her home during the valley fires.



Kalynn Oleson made this from panels and is being given to Comfort quilts

## QUILTS OF VALOR

According to the minutes there are 6 quilts on hand. If you need labels, they can be found at the Dolphin. Some may also be found at the Loft. PLEASE, sign your labels as it means a lot to the ones who receive the quilts you made for them.

~ Laura Hamilton



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After the Middletown fire, kids are slowly making their way back to school as housing is secured. This has been a very traumatic time for all of the children, many of whom lost everything. We've had a request to provide a quilt for every student in grades Kindergarten - 2nd grade.

That's about 400 quilts!



So many of you have expressed your care and concern and asked me to keep you posted for when there was something we could do. I think it would be wonderful if they could be delivered before the holidays. I know that's a push—but I it gives you over a month to finish (or maybe you already have one finished in your stash?) I started mine this weekend! So here's a general guideline so that the quilts are as equal as possible. Quilt size 40"-45" wide x 50"-55" long. We will need both boys and girls quilts, ages 5-8—and some that can be for either. All quilts need to be finished and bound. No label is required, but if you'd like to attach a short, printed (remember the children are K-2) removable note, you may. Please deliver to the store by [November 18](#).

## Show and Tell

Sylvia Edwards exhibited the square she and Joyce made for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary memory quilt. The square represents the Festival of Trees.



Judy Coates Perez showing us a demonstration of her work



## JUDY COATES PEREZ CLASS

### GROUP PHOTO



The class was a lot of fun and since I can't remember everyone's name it is only fair I name no one. I will let you guess. LOL!

~Laura Hamilton

A finished quilt Judy calls "The Eight of Cups"



## TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Beginning balance..... | \$8,010.09 |
| Income.....            | \$1,380.00 |
| Expenses.....          | \$1,869.51 |
| Ending Balance.....    | \$7,520.58 |