



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this, we're just finishing with Festival of Trees, and I hear that we did a good amount of business. I always hate missing FOT, but I enjoy being in San Francisco with my kids for the holiday. That's my trade-off.

I want to thank everyone who worked on FOT. First of all, the organizers: Francie, Sharon and Judy. Obviously, we could not have an FOT booth if it weren't for these people who offer to work on the project. Thanks, also to everyone who made items to sell at the booth. Thank you to the people who worked at the booth on Friday and Saturday, selling all of our quality merchandise to appreciative buyers. I heard that we sold quite a few quilts, and a lot of other items. When we all work together, good things can happen.

And thank you, Marcia Lucini and Joyce Gaudet for working with me on our new project this year, the small decorated Christmas tree. It turned out to be fun to work on it. I had thought I might have to do it on my own. But more hands and more heads came up with much better ideas than I would have had on my own! ~ Jan Carter

Volunteering

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

I'm sure you've all heard this anecdote/poem. Let's think about it for a moment. "Anybody" could have

done the important job. (Subtext: it didn't take the smartest, most talented, best organized person to do it--just Anybody.) "Everybody" was sure that "Somebody" would do it. In the end, "Nobody" did the job. I'm afraid this might be happening in our guild right now, but I don't like to see it. And I also don't like to see just a few people taking on many, many different roles, because no one else will help.

The people who are officers and committee chairs are the "same old ones" who do the jobs over and over. They do that because no new people are stepping up to the jobs. It's really not a fair situation. An organization cannot survive like that. An organization with only a few of the people doing the bulk of the work cannot sustain itself. The few people who are working will become burned out and tired and will stop doing the job. If no one steps up, the job simply will not get done.

That is what we are facing right now with the Program Committee. The situation has been "hinted" at before. We've been told at more than a few meetings that we literally will not have any programs, speakers, or classes in 2017 unless "Somebody" does the job. There have been suggestions that a couple people together can do the job as a team. No response. You may remember that it has also been "hinted" that our treasurer has been doing her job for many, many years and could use a little relief. The situation has been demonstrated by one president giving officers/committee chairs different hats to symbolize the many jobs each one does. Another president showed this by giving each volunteering person a wooden rose for each job they do. We saw some people receive many hats and many roses!

Things cannot continue in this way. I want to emphasize that Now Is The Time to step up and take on a new job. Don't be afraid! I know that sometimes I've thought I couldn't do a certain job that was asked of me, but when I went ahead and tackled it, I found I could do it. I found it was easier than I thought, and that there were people available to help me when I had questions. It stretched me and made me more confident.

I don't want to do any more pleading to get volunteers for jobs. We have a wonderful guild full of very good, talented, and capable people. Be "Somebody" and take on a new job. You can call me at 785-1976 to offer your services, or with any questions. "Operators are standing by to take your calls!" ~Jan Carter

PPQG's TREE AT FESTIVAL OF TREES

This year GAC asked special Interest groups and businesses throughout the area to decorate a tree for FESTIVAL OF TREES. GAC provided the trees. Each representative would decorate their tree which would be on display. Our tree was named "A Stitch in Time". Visitors could purchase the decorated tree by bidding on the tree. The group who had the tree with the highest bid would receive a monetary award from GAC. You could also vote for "your favorite tree". Again the group with the tree getting the most votes would receive a monetary award from GAC.



As mentioned before, decorations for PPQG's tree were made by Jan Carter, Joyce Gaudet and Marcia Luchini. Marcia received the tree from GAC and did the final decorating. The tree looked GREAT! I don't know the final results, but many voted for our tree and I believe the last bid on our tree was \$165. Stay tuned for a confirmation of the final results.
~Judy Riddle

FUND RAISING: FESTIVAL OF TREES

**START YOUR ENGINES....
GET READY... GET SET... SEW.....!!!**

We had a great sale, we sold about \$4000+ at Festival of Trees! We'll see what the final revenue equals after GAC pays the sales tax, deducts the cost for credit card sales and their 20%. We probably sold 25 quilts total, 19 were sold on Friday alone. We'd hang a quilt, someone would buy it, we'd take it down, put up another quilt and someone wanted to buy it. We did that all day Friday. Saturday sales were much slower and people seemed to be more conservative in their purchases, but the bottom line was wonderful. We sold almost all of the potholders, and have very few hot/cold bowls left (mostly the small ones). We talked to two ladies who were interested in the Guild and may be visiting one of our meetings next year. We had a special request for an I-spy

quilt. We sold all of the I-spy quilts by the time she arrived at the sale. One "entertaining" fella came in specifically to buy 4 quilts. He wanted them about the same size and he was particularly thrilled with the I-spy quilts. The "chicken" quilt that Pat Connell made and showed at the guild meeting sold within the first 20 minutes. We were constantly moving things around because our tables and the walls were looking bare. Several people came to our booth in particular to shop because, they said, "you always have such great stuff". It is tiring, but fun at the same time, especially to see people so pleased with what they are buying. Sharon, Francie and I will be doing an inventory on Monday so we know exactly what remains. Then we will re-group and send out requests for items for next year.



Thank you to all who made items for the booth, especially Pat Connell for making 10+ quilts, and to those who assisted in our sales booth: Don and Laura Hamilton, Sandy Hughes, Marcia Luchini, Kathy Kinghorn, Pam Todd, Julie Verran, Barbara Dunsmoor, Carole Garcia, Cheryl Harris, Cheryl Faconti, Marianne Rittenhouse, Joanne Corey, Molly Buckley, Linda Warnock, Gail Spencer, Francie Angwin and Sharon Moreland. A special Thank You to Francie, Sharon M. Sandy Hughes, Marcia and Torrey Luchini and Larry Riddle for set up and take down, and to Francie and Joe Angwin for the display racks and display accessories. WE HAD A GREAT SALE!! GET READY FOR NEXT YEAR!



~Judy Riddle

2016 RETREAT

WE HAVE ROOM FOR MORE!!!

Seventeen have signed up. If you have questions or doubts, please call OR EMAIL Jan Carter: 785-1976 JANLC56@mac.com.

Reminder:

- (1) Retreat dates are Monday, February 8 through Thursday, February 11, 2016
- (2) Please send full payment to Kalynn (\$150 payable to PPQG). Simply mail a check to Kalynn at 35501 S. Hwy 1, Unit 54, Gualala.
- (3) Make your room reservation at The Dry Creek Inn in Healdsburg. Make sure you mention you are part of PPQG to get the special room rate.

~Jan Carter

“Helpful Hint”

Here’s a “helpful hint” that someone suggested I put in the Newsletter. I read it somewhere. I save the little dessicant packets that sometimes come in vitamin and pill bottles. I put them in my containers that hold my pins. Anything that might help prevent rust in this environment is worth a try!

~Jan Carter

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome new member Mary Banach. Mary joined the Guild at the November meeting.

Membership renewal is due on or before January 1, 2016. With next year being our 20th Anniversary, there is no better time to be a supporter of Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild. Please mail your check, payable to PPQG, for \$40 (or more, if you would like to include an Angel Gift), to:

Gail Spencer
P. O. Box 1489
Gualala, CA 95445

TREASURER’S REPORT

Beginning Balance.....	\$7520.58
Income.....	3582.50
Expenses.....	2373.14
Balance.....	\$8729.94

CHALLENGE 2016

“Reflect on the Past and Stitch to the Future”

The dates have been finalized. Mark your calendars with these DATES:

Take-in: Monday, May 2, Noon till 3:00 PM

Hanging: Tuesday, May 3

Reception: Wednesday, May 4, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Celebration Dinner will be the evening of May 14 (exact time to be determined)

YES, the Challenge Reception and the Celebration Dinner are different dates.

Remember, here is the criteria for the Challenge:

- 1. 20” x 20” is the minimum size.
- 2. There must be 20 of something in your quilt; such as buttons, beads, quilt blocks, fabrics, etc.
- 3. Take something from the past and transform it into something for the future.

We hope to see some beautiful quilts for this upcoming big event, so stitch your hearts out.

P.S. Remember all those UFO’s, maybe you could bring them out, re-work them and stitch them into a new, re-designed, finished quilt.

~Laura, Kalynn, Judy
2016 Challenge Committee

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Challenge opening: WEDNESDAY, May 4, 2016.

Celebration Dinner: SATURDAY, May 14 at GAC.

Kalynn Oleson and her committee have selected Leslie Bates as the caterer.

Carole Garcia has collected 270 recipes. Final decisions are being made for the cover and final set-up of the Cookbook. Books will be available Spring 2016 and will sell for \$15.

The Memory Quilt is making progress. If you have contact information for past members, (phone, email, mailing address) please email it to Judy Riddle so that invitations can be sent to them.

A slide show will be prepared to run at the Point Arena Theatre to announce our 20th Anniversary and the Quilt Challenge.

~Barbara Dunsmoor

VERY IMPORTANT

Still in need of a Program Chair or 2 Co-chairs for the 2017 year. Trust me this cannot be done on the fly or make it up as you go. Programs need to be set and contracts mailed no later than August 2016 (and that's late). Why? Because you have to look at the availability of the lecturers and instructors. Sometimes a call out to the surrounding guilds glean another gig for your presenter and the transportation costs can be shared. The prices of the workshops need to be worked up and the projected income from those classes forwarded to the treasurer for the GAC budget that needs to be submitted in September. I will see Scott and set the dates for 2017. I will include at least one 3 day event. Why do this now? Because it is so much easier to be gracious and give up a date than to beg for one more. Add to this I'm still on the right side of the dirt and can assist you in the planning, pricing, contracting and the ways of GAC.

No Program Chair(s) = No Program.
Sounds decidedly dull to me. ~Kalyrn Oleson

PROGRAM CALENDAR 2015

Lynne Pullis gave a wonderful lecture at the November 20 Guild meeting entitled "My Journey to Mechanical Quilts", showing her style of quilting techniques and a history of how she started and developed her method.



PROGRAM CALENDAR: 2016

Once again the early deadlines to sign up for classes is in accord with our updated contract.

Waiting for last minute sign up is not the norm any more. Honestly, it will cost the guild to cancel after the deadline date indicated. If you are interested in a class and want it, sign up immediately and put it on your calendar.

Here is the tentative 2016 program. Prices are not established yet.

Preliminary 2016 Program Calendar:

January 15 - Comfort Quilt/QOV Workshop
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at GAC. Lunch is provided by PPQG Hospitality Committee.

- February 19 - Sandra Bruce Lecture
 - March 16 & 17 - Jennifer Sampou Workshop
 - 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 - Chris Smith Lecture
 - December – No meeting. Have a wonderful Holiday.

There may be some minor changes or adjustments to the schedule.

~Kalyrn Oleson

QUILT HAPPENINGS:

Quilting Exhibit at the 45th Annual KPFA Winter Crafts Fair - Dec. 19 & 20, 2015!

This year there will be a new quilting exhibit about "Conversations in Fiber"; also learn about quilting and view a rare collection of phenomenal quilts by Bay Area quilters. The quilters will be present to discuss their work and answer questions about their inspiration and technique. For more information, contact Karin Conn at (415)707-9797 karin@connpr.com

PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL AWARDS



Kalynn Oleson
Third Place Ribbon
Wearable Art:
Vest, Jacket, Coat
Category



Judy Riddle
Flower Fairies
Honorable Mention Ribbon
Traditional Category

QUILT HUMOR



Everyone **have** a
safe and **Happy**
Holiday!