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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Can you believe it? More than a couple of sunny days in a row without ending in rain! The spring flowers are giving us quite a show with so many inspirational colors painting the landscape to inspire us.

By the time you receive this newsletter, it will be the end of April. Wow, it reminds me that we are only three meetings away from Art in the Redwoods.

The month of May brings our Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor workshop, June is our much anticipated workshop with our very own Margreth Barrett followed by a lecture by Joe Cunningham at our regular meeting and July is our fun-filled picnic.

How sewing time does fly!

And, with that time-flying reminder, it occurs to me that you are probably busy working on items for AIR & FOT and I want to thank you in advance. We had a big year last year thanks to all of you but now our inventory is pretty low.

Without your hard work and contributions, we would not have the wonderful items that we sell at Art in the Redwoods and Festival of Trees on behalf of our guild. As our major fundraisers, AIR and FOT are very important for our guild. We very much appreciate each and every item made for our sales and look forward to receiving them.

Just a couple of hints: We are totally out of the ever-popular microwave bowls and people have asked for placemats and "longer" table runners. We have lots of fabric in the fanny basket with so much potential to be turned into masterpieces.

It is exciting to see all of your creativity when items start coming in for show & tell. I look forward to AIR and FOT to see & hear the reactions of other quilters and our community when they come to explore what your skill and imagination have created. I can already hear the oohs and aahs!

~Sandy Hughes, President

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 17 – Workshop: Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor
10:00 – 4:00 with lunch; Guild Mtg at 1:00

June 19 & 20 – Workshop with Margreth Barrett

June 21 -- Guild Mtg: 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture

Sept 18 & 19 – Workshops by Mel Beach

Sept 20 -- Guild Mtg: 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture

Sept 20 – Turn in your Quilt Challenge Registration Form

October 2—Deliver Challenge Artwork to GAC

October 4 – Challenge Opening Reception

October 17—Workshop by Kalynn Oleson

October 18 -- Guild Mtg: 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture

October 28 – Pick up Challenge Artwork at GAC

November 15 -- Guild Mtg: 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture

January 17, 2020-- Workshop: Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor
10:00 – 4:00 with lunch; Guild Mtg at 1:00

February 21, 2020 --Guild Mtg: 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture

March 19, 2020 – Workshop by Barbara Dunsmoor

March 20, 2020 -- Guild Mtg: 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture

April 17, 2020 -- Guild Mtg: 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then Lecture

May 15, 2020 – Workshop: Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor
10:00 – 4:00 with lunch; Guild Mtg at 1:00

June 2020 – Two 2-day workshops with Sue Benner

September 16 & 17, 2020 -- Paper-piecing workshop

September 18, 2020 --

October 14 & 15, 2020 – Workshop with Jennie Henderson

October 16, 2020 -- Guild Mtg: 12:30-1:00 Social time;
1:00 meeting then lecture

May all your ups and
downs in
life be with
needle and
thread.



2019 PROGRAMS

Barbara Dunsmoor and Kalynn Oleson are Program Chairs for the remainder of 2019 and the beginning of 2020.

May 17: (moved from June) Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop 10 AM – 4 PM



June 19 & 20:
9:30 am - 4 pm
Margreth Barrett will do a 2-day workshop on making Landscape quilts \$30 for GA Members; \$40 for Non Members.
Sign up by June 5

June 21 -- guild meeting lecturer will be Joe Cunningham

July and August: No meetings



September 18 & 19:
Mel Beach will do two workshops--Wednesday, September 18, Walking Foot Wow; Thursday, September 19, A Slice of Improv; 9:30 am - 4 pm \$65 for one class, \$125 for both classes for GA Members; \$75 for one class \$140 for both

classes for non members;
Sign up by September 4

September 20: guild meeting lecture will be "Challenge Yourself" by Mel Beach

October 17: Kalynn Oleson will do a workshop on making jackets or vests

October 18: guild meeting lecture by Mary Boyer

November 15: guild meeting lecture by Colleen Pelfry

December: No meeting

January 17, 2020: Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop

February 21, 2020: guild meeting lecture will be a discussion and Q&A with Sue Arnold on her Mini Quilts

March 19, 2020: Barbara Dunsmoor will do a workshop on making Wonky Lon Cabin blocks using muslin foundation

March 20, 2020: guild meeting lecture will be "Quilting is Cheaper than Therapy" by Colleen Granger

April 2020: guild meeting Lecture and Show & Tell by Christine Barnes and Heide Emmett entitled "Kaffe Fassett Extravaganza"

May 15, 2020: Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor workshop (moved from June)

June 2020: Sue Benner, Two 2-day workshops

July and August 2020: No meetings

Sept 16&17, 2020: Paper piecing workshop

October 2020: Fabric dyeing workshop with Jennie Henderson.

ART IN THE REDWOODS

Our big summer fundraiser is nearly here. The Art in the Redwoods Festival, held each August at Gualala Arts, raises more than \$2,000 to fund the next year's lectures and workshops that expand our design and quilting skills, as well as underwriting our philanthropic efforts (Comfort / QOV quilts and Youth Scholarships).

Our best sellers at the summer festival are typically Microwave Bowls, Pot holders, Purse-size Tissue holders, Coaster sets, Sunglass cases, Placemats, Table runners, Aprons, stuffed children's toys and other inexpensive or modestly priced items. But there is always a market for beautiful lap size or children's quilts (and even bed size quilts) which command a higher price, and these are very much needed.

Patterns for most of the smaller items mentioned above are available from Marcie Johnston, who, along with Sylvia Evans and Pam Todd, will be coordinating the booth and our fundraising efforts. All three are listed on the PPQG Roster, so please make contact when you are ready to drop off or coordinate the pickup of your donated items. There is also some batting cut to size and available for microwave bowls.

~Marcie Johnston, Sylvia Evans, Pam Todd

COMFORT QUILT/QUILT OF VALOR WORKSHOP

Friday, May 17, 2019

10:00 AM 'til 4:00 PM

Bring your sewing machine, rotary cutter, cutting mat, rulers and sewing supplies for a fun-filled day of making quilts. Fanny basket will be available. Start a new project, finish an already started project, or assist someone with their project.

Lunch will be provided by the Hospitality Committee.

Lasagna (meat and vegetarian), salad, bread. Dessert provided by those who signed up to bring goodies in May. Della and Mary are open for assistance from anyone willing to set-up and clean-up lunch so they might be able to enjoy the workshop also.

Reimbursement quilt batting has been cut for those turning in completed Comfort Quilts and Quilts of Valor. Comfort Quilts are cut 48" x 60", Quilts of Valor are cut 55" x 65". Please consider these sizes as you prepare your quilts.

A brief Guild meeting will be at 1:00.

~Marcia Luchini, Wendy Hodum, Marcie Johnston

LIBRARY CORNER

"I am at the SAQA convention in San Jose and have a great stack of quilt books that members have been asking for." ~Iris Lorenz-Fife



2019 QUILT CHALLENGE

"One Red Square"

Turn in entry form by September 20, 2019

Deliver artwork on October 2, 2019 (10AM – 2PM)

Opening reception is October 4, 2019 (5PM – 7PM)

Pick up artwork on October 28, 2019 (10AM – 2PM)

Guidelines:

- 1) Only 1, Only Red, Only Square!
- 2) Minimum finished size of One Red Square = 1"
- 3) Maximum size of the One Red Square = none!
- 4) Definition of square: four equal sides and four 90 degree angles; i.e. four right angles.
- 5) Anyone looking at the quilt will easily see the One Red Square.
- 6) There are 7 designated red fabrics from which to choose. **At least one of these fabrics is required to meet this challenge!**
- 7) The color of the chosen red square of fabric may not be altered in any way. Use the right side of the fabric.
- 8) *Nothing shall impede the oneness, redness or squareness of the One Red Square!*

A list of all the fabrics with their contents, width, and price per yard are in the January Newsletter.

Registration forms are now available at the Art Center. Please **READ the Registration form for details**. There is no size limitation, but each entry must include a specific piece of one of the 7 specified fabrics. A square of at least one inch of one of the required fabrics must be easily identifiable on the **FRONT** of the quilt.

~Melissa Finley, Challenge Chair

"It's coming together"

I recently received a box of quilts and fabrics from a virtual friend in Butte County who was an evacuee in the Butte County wildfires, thankfully returning to her home after 2+ weeks of uncertainty, and went right back to quilting. The box included a stack of mismatched 8" squares along with a few duplicates. I pulled squares that might do well for a man or older boy. As the top took form on the wall someone said "...it's coming together...", the only quilt I've ever given a name. It became too large for me to quilt on my home machine so I sent it to Grass Valley (back to Butte County) to a person who could longarm quilt it. I then realized the fabrics and batting/quilting donations represented 5 Counties in Northern California:



27 8" squares from **Butte County** (original donor), 12 8" squares plus backing from **San Francisco County**, 9 8" squares plus a 6" surround border from **Mendocino/Sonoma Counties** (PPQG fanny basket), one full size batting from **Santa Clara County** (Silicon Valley), and pro bono quilting from an anonymous longarm quilter, most likely in **Yolo County**.

This was a real "coming together" quilt and a project I am happy to give credit to those behind the scenes.

I'm sorry that the resulting quilt will not end up at PPQG, but I hope this little story will convey the original intent, and that the quilt will find itself in the hands of a young highschooler or "guy", a Butte County fire victim, who lost all and needs a bit of comfort.

Thank You To All
Pat Connell

APRIL WORKSHOP WITH LIZ BERG



APRIL GUILD MEETING GUEST SPEAKER:

LIZ BERG



APRIL GUILD MEETING SHOW AND TELL



Cheryl Faconti showing an apron she made from a man's shirt



Personal quilt made by Margreth Barrett

Comfort Quilt made by Janice Batchelder



Comfort Quilt #1 made by Pat Connell



"One Red Square" made by Margreth Barrett

Comfort Quilt #2 made by Pat Connell



Sample quilt by Margreth Barrett for her "Landscape" class in June, 2019