

Bits & Pieces

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JUDY RIDDLE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I know all of us are pretty guilty of being packrats, certainly with fabric; but how about some of the other sewing accessories and tools we accumulate?

I have lots of treasures which I really can't part with, either for sentimental or practical reasons. My mother's 1947 Singer machine is one. I think it would sew through stainless steel, but have I used it recently? It takes up too much space in our smallish house, but I just can't let it go. I keep telling myself I may need to hem some jeans someday but that doesn't seem to be happening. It has a few little quirks that make it a pain to use, too. But still it remains in a closet, even though we sure could use that space for something else.

I have had this sewing box since around 1969-1970, but you can probably tell its age by its color scheme. Watch



for me on Antiques Roadshow! I think I got it before I was married and it's held up very well. I notice the cord handles are hardly frayed. The little tray is supposed to hold spools of

thread and it did for a while, but now it seems the tall, skinny spools (like Gutermann) and some of the other newer brands; and of course larger spools don't fit on the little posts. So the spools that are there are all very old and will probably never be used except for basting.

Maybe we could have a special Show and Tell (and some laughs) with our treasures at one of our meetings? And how about those sewing gadgets that seemed to be such a good idea when purchased and that now we look at and say, "What was I thinking?"

But what I like best about that vintage sewing box is that I bought it with Green Stamps! How about that?

~Janice Batchelder

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- March 31** – Turn In Baby Quilt
- April 16** – Zoom lecture by Susie Monday
- April 30** – Turn In Coasters, Mug Rugs, Bowls
- May 21**--Comfort Quilt Workshop?
- June 14-18**--Rescheduled Sue Benner workshops?
- August** – Possible Art in the Redwoods fundraiser
- September 8-9**--Rescheduled Jeanette Walton workshop on Paper Piecing?
- September 29** –Turn in Quilt for Challenge
- October 1 thru November 7** – Quilt Challenge Show
- November 8** –Pick-up Quilt from Challenge
- November** – Possible Festival of Trees/Winter Wonderland fundraiser
- December 8** – Holiday Luncheon

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Thank you to Cheryl Faconti, our Community Outreach Coordinator, who was asked by ambulance drivers if we had any stuffed animals they might have. When they go out on a call, they could give a stuffed animal to any small children involved. Cheryl gave them some left over stuffed animals from Winter Wonderland. Also, a big thank you to Sylvia Keller, our resident stuffed animal maker for all her work.

As you can see, they are in their new home. A huge hit with the EMTs. Thanks a bunch.



2021 PPQG Challenge Show

October 1– November 7

Theme: Flying Free

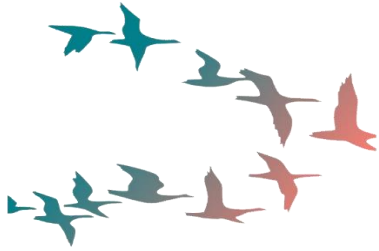


Exhibit Location	Burnett Gallery & Jacob Foyer
Exhibit Date Range	10/01/2021 – 11/07/2021
Members Preview	10/01/2021
Public Reception (Tentative due to COVID)	10/02/2021
Take-In & Hang Exhibit	9/29 – 30/2021
Take Down Exhibit	11/08/2021

I believe we have had enough rules and restrictions over the last many months so I am encouraging you to use your own imagination and do one or all of the following:

- Simply enter the quilt you made for the 2020 "A Star is Born" as your 2021 entry, and/or
- Add some silver to your 2020 "A Star is Born" to celebrate our 25th Anniversary, and/or
- Make a quilt of your own design choice adding silver celebrating our 25th
- Enter the quilt you made for the 2020 "A Star is Born" together with any other quilt design of your choice without silver
- Enter a quilt design of your own choice as your only entry keeping in mind that it cannot be more than 2 years old or ever shown in a GAC Art Exhibit.

In summary, you can enter last year's quilt as your only entry or make one for 2021 or do both. The silver is a suggestion and not a requirement.

Please note: As of the date of this email, due to COVID-19 regulations from state and county – No food or drink will be consumed during opening receptions. "Members Reception" will take place during the first Friday of the exhibit from 4-7 PM and will allow Gualala Arts members a chance to preview our exhibit. The second reception will be open to the public. For group exhibits such as ours, GAC is encouraging artists to take turns acting as docent so that we may interact with our potential patrons while reducing the number of artists in the gallery at one time.

I will update you as I receive more information from the Gualala Arts Center staff.

~Sandy Hughes, Challenge Chair

NEW PROGRAM – RENAMED.....

FUNDRAISING FUN

Turn in your March Baby Quilts – March 31
12:00-12:30

Gualala, parking lot between the Hotel and Gualala Market – Find Sylvia Evans (tan Lexus SUV) or Judy Riddle (green Honda CRV)

It would be helpful if you would contact Sylvia or Judy to let them know you're coming.

Recap of the program:

Each month--beginning January 2021-- guild members will be challenged to make a particular item to be sold at the fundraiser sales (AIR /FOT). Anyone who completes the specified item in that month, will deliver it to Judy Riddle, Sylvia Evans, Sandy Hughes or Janice Batchelder by the end of that month. A ticket with their name on it will be placed "in the basket". Each month will be a different challenge.

Each item you finish will go into the fundraiser booths (AIR & FOT). You are encouraged to make more than one, if possible, and a ticket will be put in the basket for each of the specified items you make in that month, i.e. if the challenge in January is to make a potholder and you make 10 potholders in January, you get 10 tickets. You only get a ticket for the specific item you are asked to make in that month, finish the project by the end of that specific month and turn it in to one of the four designated members.

Your reward? At the PPQG Holiday lunch in December 2021, a name will be drawn from all those tickets people have earned all year. The winner will receive a completed "custom" quilted quilt. Winner does not need to be present at the lunch to win.



February turn-in – 16 sets of Placemats (many with coordinating napkins)! Great job!

Fundraising Fun Projects Schedule for 2021:

(Unless notified otherwise, turn in will be the last day of the month)

March – 1 baby quilt (earns 5 tickets)

April – Set of 4 beverage coasters, wine coasters, or mug rugs, wrapped together with twine or ribbon

BONUS ticket for every 2 microwave bowls

May – 2 Table runners

June – 1 quilt – crib size or larger, any theme (5 tickets)

July – 2 Origami Market Bags OR 2 tote bags

BONUS ticket for every 2 microwave bowls

August – 1 apron, OR 2 "fun" pillowcases, OR 2 microwave bowls

Sept. –1 quilt–crib size or larger, any theme (5 tickets)

October – Christmas tree ornament

OR any item of your choice

November – Any of the above

BONUS ticket for 1 quilt AND/OR 2 microwave bowls

If you have an idea for a project that could be completed in a month, please contact Judy Riddle, Sylvia Evans, Sandy Hughes or Janice Batchelder.

PROGRAM 2021

MEMBERSHIP

April 16 – Zoom lecture by Susie Monday Digital Beyond Photos

Many quilters have seen the amazing digital reproductions of photos created by art quilters around the world. But with the use of an iPad, computer or other tablet (even a phone) quilt artists can move beyond photographic reproduction into artistic filters, drawing and painting and amazing patterns. This one-hour lecture includes a live introduction, a 20 minute prerecorded video/slide show of examples and apps, and a 20 minute live demonstration of apps shared from my iPad screen, followed by 10 minutes or so of Q&A.

May – Possible Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop via Zoom

June – Sue Benner Workshops may be rescheduled. Depends on COVID restrictions. More info forthcoming.

July – Guild Picnic – Jan Carter considering possibilities.

NOTE: Caroline and Margreth continue to search for Zoom presenters. You are encouraged to contact Caroline if you have suggestions for presenters.

~ Caroline Ogg, Margreth Barrett, Dee Goodrich

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Are your quilt blocks “different” sizes when they should be the “same” size? TIP: **Cut accurate, straight, and consistent; Sew accurate, straight, and consistent.** Make sure your two fabrics stay matched through the entire seam, i.e. the bottom fabric doesn’t slip a bit. Pin if necessary to make sure both fabrics “end” together and one is not “slightly” longer than the other when you reach the end of the seam. Square up EVERY block to the SAME size before sewing blocks into rows. Pressing every seam flat is also “extremely” helpful.

~Judy Riddle, Sandy Hughes

thinking about a new sewing project actually working on a new sewing project

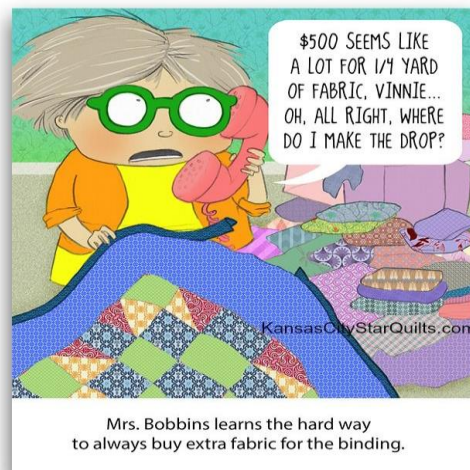


Thank you to all who have renewed their membership for 2021. For those few who have not yet done so, send a \$40 check payable to PPQG to Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445.

Bonnie Toy and I are working on the 2021 roster and hope to send it out the beginning of April. When you receive the new roster, you should either **save it in a folder on your computer** or **print it out** for your personal use?

Please welcome Laurel Young (longtime volunteer at The Loft) who was a past member and is rejoining PPQG. PPQG expresses our sincere condolences to Greth Barrett for the loss of her husband (PO Box 327, The Sea Ranch, Ca 95497) and to Charlotte Tefft whose son passed away (PO Box 17, Laytonville, Ca 95454). Addresses are provided if you would like to send a card. NOTE: Permission was granted by both to release their address.

~Gail Spencer, Membership Chair



Mrs. Bobbins learns the hard way to always buy extra fabric for the binding.

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ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Changes to the Guild Committees:

- (1) Darla Beuchner has agreed to be a **Guild Photographer.**
- (2) **Fundraising Committee** for Art in the Redwoods AND Festival of Trees –Judy Riddle (chair), Darla Beuchner, Cheryl Faconti, Marcia Luchini, Sandy Hughes, Sylvia Evans
- (3) Still need someone to be Chairperson for the **Guild Christmas Tree**

PPQG received a letter from Sutter Medical Center Foundation about a quilt auction to benefit their breast cancer center in Sacramento. The letter is dated Aug. 25, 2020. The auction has been rescheduled for Oct. 4-Nov. 6, 2021. They are soliciting quilts for it. They list quilt stores in the Sacramento area and one in Berkeley where the quilts can be dropped off. The website for information is suttermedicalcenter.org/quiltauction.