



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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*Newsletter Editor: Barbara Fast*

**Editor's Note:** Iris Lorenz-Fife has belonged to PPQG for 23 years. I enjoyed learning more about her and hope that you will too. She is our Featured Member for this month.

*Barbara Fast, Editor*



## President's Message:

Greetings! I'd like to begin with our HAM (Happy Active Members) # 6: Know your limitations. Don't allow yourself to over commit to Guild activities or responsibilities. It is better to under commit and over deliver, than to over commit and under deliver. Or worse yet, to over commit and to burn yourself out to meet the commitments, killing the fun factor of the Guild for yourself. These are wise words. I want to thank all of you who have volunteered to head a committee or serve in an office. We cannot function without your support. If at any time you feel that you are in danger of becoming overwhelmed with your commitment, please don't hesitate to let me know, so we can help you out.

We still need someone to step up to be vice president. Think about taking on that role. Thank you to Sylvia and Kalynn for bringing us classes and speakers. This month we had an Eco Printing workshop with Jennie Henderson. The day was perfect, and the class was full and lots of fun. We all came away with a silk scarf and a set of wool coasters. In addition, we learned that we can do this on our own, no special equipment is needed.

Next month is a busy one. In addition to our Second Thursday Sew-in and regular meeting, we will have a booth at Festival of Trees the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving at the Art Center. Kim has been working hard to organize this fundraiser and will need volunteers to help work the booth. If you have any items that you have made for the sale, please remember to bring them to our next meeting or make arrangements to get them to Kim or me. Thank you! Sylvia Evans is planning our Holiday Luncheon in December. I hope that we'll see many of there.

Meanwhile, take care of yourselves and Keep on Quilting!!

*President, Francie Angwin*

## Fundraising Fun 2023



Assorted items



Monica I-Spy quilt

Check out the wonderful fundraising items turned in at our October guild meeting! Thanks to everyone who donated. Our \$20 Loft gift certificate raffle winner was Kathy Mayda. Congratulations Kathy and happy shopping! This is my last push for fundraising items before the Festival of the Trees sale, November 24th and 25th! If you have any items that you made that would make great holiday gifts, please bring them to our next guild meeting, Friday, November 17th. If you can't make it to the meeting, but have something to donate, contact me and I will be happy to arrange a time to meet. If you can spare a couple of hours on Friday or Saturday after Thanksgiving to help with the Festival of the Trees, please consider signing up. You'll have time during your shift to roam around the rest of the booths. At our last meeting, I passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work at our booth. We still have some open spots so I will send out a separate email soon.

Thanks again for all your hard work and time!

*Kim Madson, Fundraising Chairman*

## Mark Your Calendars Program 2023

**Drop-in and Sew**, 11-4 at GAC November 9, 2023.

COME SEW WITH US! Our monthly "Get Together and Sew" will be Thursday, November 9, upstairs at Gualala Arts, 11:00-3:30. Come join the fun! It will be a great opportunity to work on items for Festival of the Trees, and any of your other projects. Of course, lots of time to just visit, laugh, and enjoy each other's company. As usual, it's helpful to know roughly how many will be there, so Scott can set up adequate workspace for us. Please let me know if you'll join us!

*Janice Batchelder, Past President*



Photo Janice Batchelder  
Note the price!

**November 17 – 12:30-3 PM** Monthly meeting at GAC. Social hour 12:30; Business meeting 1 PM  
The program will be a visit from Maryse Friyold, the owner of The Loft.

**November 24-25 – Festival of the Trees** (see Fundraising Fun above)

**December 15** –The Holiday Luncheon will again be held at the Gualala Arts Center and catered by Franny.

*Program Committee: Sylvia Evans/Kalynn Olson*

## Membership

It's getting close to that time... Time to send in your membership renewal for 2024. The dues are still just \$40 (plus Angel Gift, if desired). Please make your check payable to PPQG, and either mail it to me (Gail Spencer) at PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445-1489, or bring it to the November guild meeting. Annual dues are due on or before January 1st. Why not take care of it now, instead of waiting for the rush near the holidays?

Thanks!

*Gail Spencer, Membership Chairman*

## Featured Member

A woman with a colorful past, Iris Lorenz-Fife is our Featured Member this month. She was born and raised in Australia. It was fashionable in that country for young women to travel before marrying, so when she was 20 Iris boarded the ocean liner Patrice to travel to India. On board she met a charming Italian, Gianni Lorenzini, with whom she motorbiked through the Middle East. After a brief stay in Italy, the couple moved to London to work and get married before moving to Canada. They arrived during the worst snow storm in 20 years. They lived in Toronto for two years where Iris worked as a secretary. When the snow became “too much” for a girl from Australia she gave her husband an ultimatum, “I’m going south, you coming?” They first toured Alaska and the mainland US before they settled in Burlingame, California, where it was warm and the eucalyptus trees reminded Iris of home. Next they took a twelve month sabbatical to tour Central and South America by Volkswagen bus. Having frequently camped in Salt Point State Park, in 1995 Iris decided to move to Annapolis where, with Gianni’s help (they are still friends despite being divorced), she built a house. Iris continued her career as a free-lance journalist by writing her fourth book, Financing Your Business, using dictation software, but after that she cut back on her 20 year career as a writer.



Iris learned to sew as a child. Her mother was a dressmaker and Iris learned the fundamentals from her; however, it was her grandmother who inspired her. When Iris was three years of age her grandmother ran a treadle sewing machine while Iris stood between her legs and directed what should be sewn. Of course Gramma couldn’t see where Iris’ fingers were.

In 2000 Iris joined PPQG because of the good lectures at meetings. Gayle Stewart, one of the founders of PPQG, became her mentor as Iris started quilting. Her first challenge piece was named “Twenty thousand years before 2000” and was made with the challenge gold and silver lame`s. Iris likes to make “art quilts.” She is known for the often dramatic design of her pieces, but she says that while she doesn’t like to piece, she loves quilting. She now owns a long-arm quilting machine which is “owner-operated” not run by computer.

Iris has been the PPQG Librarian for many years. She takes well-earned pride in getting the library organized. She says that it is “halfway done.” She hopes to add books featuring art quilts to inspire herself and others.

*Barbara Fast, Editor*

## 2024 AIR Quilt

The 2024 AIR Quilt is on track! We have 18 finished blocks that have been returned. The workmanship is wonderful! If you have a block kit - finish it and turn it in. If there are any that we don't use in this quilt, we'll use them in another guild project. Nothing goes to waste and all your work is appreciated.



A volunteer is needed to chair the next step. Ideally, we need someone with a design wall to set the blocks and sew them together for a borderless quilt. Once this is done, we'll choose the border design as a group. If you're able and interested in helping with this step, please contact Jeri Kennedy ((818)429-2005

Link to plan: [2024 AIR Quilt FAQs](#)

*Jeri Kennedy, 2024 AIR Quilt Chairman*

## 2024 Challenge

The theme for next year's challenge will be “Twenty-four Squares in '24.” 24 squares of any size are to be included in a quilting. Plan ahead! Questions about variations on the theme can be answered at the next meeting.

*2024 Quilt Guild Challenge Committee: Francis Angwin, Sandy Hughes and Janice Batchelder*

## Quilts of Valor Update

There will be a Quilts of Valor/Comfort Quilt workshop on January 19, 2024, from 10-3 at the Gualala Arts Center. Lunch will be provided.

*Sandy Lockhart, Quilts of Valor Chairman*

## Comfort Quilts October

Comfort Quilt News:

October was a busy month for our comfort quilt program. As our Community Outreach Coordinator, Cheryl Faconti teamed up with our Community Grief Support Group to offer quilts to those who are grieving and wished to have one of your lovely quilts. The group appreciated them very much and wish to thank all of you who continue to support our endeavors. We gave away nine quilts this month. Kalynn finished two of the partially done quilts donated by Jeri Taylor when she moved. Thanks Kalynn! Marcia made a fun quilt appropriate for a young adult that was an immediate need. Keep up your wonderful support! We hope to see you all at the Comfort Quilt/ Quilt of Valor workshop on January 19, 2024.

*Marcia Luchini/Della Zita, Comfort Quilt Chairmen*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November birthdays: Molly Buckley, Nov. 11; Connie Seale, Nov. 18;

## October Workshop: Eco printing



Group with Instructor Jennie Henderson



Janice, Francie, Jennie and Sylvia



Francie and Bonnie working on ponchos



Kaelynn's scarf

## October Show and Tell



Sandy Lockhart – Pele`, for her son



Eco-printed scarves from workshop



Bonnie – from workshop



Bonnie - from workshop



Bonnie – Eco-printed poncho

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 Officers and Committees: President – Francis Angwin  
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 Quilts of Valor – Sandy Lockhart  
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 Library – Iris Lorenz-Fife  
 Listserve – Bonnie Toy/Gail Spencer  
 GAC Scholarship – Sandy Hughes/ Francis Angwin  
 2023 AIR Quilt – Sandy Hughes/Marcia Luchini /Della Zita  
 2024 AIR Quilt – Jeri Kennedy

Festival of the Trees – Cheryl Faconti  
 July Picnic – Jan Carter  
 Retreat – Jan Carter  
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