



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Bits & Pieces

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Presidents Message

It's time for us to thin out our personal quilting resource books to consider donating some of them to October's Book Sale at the Art Center. Iris is pulling books from our library and preparing for a profitable sale on October 17th. This money will go back into the library fund to purchase a few new books.

All of you who picked up fundraising kits, please complete them in a timely manner and turn them in at the October meeting or arrange to meet up with Mary, Kim, or Cheryl to do so.

Things seem to run smoothly when we all work together. Thanks so much to Judy and Jan and others who stepped up to help with the September meeting. Having a VP on our new board makes our complicated lives easier. Francie and I really appreciate your efforts. THANKS!

Kathy Mayda, Co-President

Mark Your Calendar

2025

October 9 – 11:00 to 3:00 - Sew in at GAC
October 15-16–Lorraine Woodruff-Long Workshop
October 17– 12:30 social; 1:00 Guild Meeting
October 17 – Book sale
November 13 – 11:00 to 3:00 - Sew in at GAC
November 21– 12:30 social; 1:00 Guild meeting
November 28-29 – Festival of Trees sale
December 4 – Holiday Lunch at Miramar in Gualala

2026

January 21 – 10:00 – 3:00 – Workshop for
Comfort Quilts & Veteran Honor Quilts
February 2-5– Guild Retreat

September Workshop with Margreth Barrett



Library

The book sale is happening!

Bring your smiling face, tote bags to carry your books and "lots" of cash to the Guild meeting
October 17, Gualala Art Center **Upstairs**.

You may still have an opportunity to pull any books from your personal stash and donate them to the upcoming PPQG library book sale. Your books could become good earners for PPQG library income. The sale is being held to pass on books no longer needed in the library (especially duplicates) and raise money for more new books. Contact me for a time and place for you to donate your books.

I will need volunteers to help prepare for the sale. Library books will need to be culled from the inventory, tags removed and books categorized. I plan to be at GAC on Tuesday (October 14), Wednesday (October 15) and Thursday (October 16) to prepare the books. Email me to coordinate your time to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to get a first look at what's included in the sale!

Similarly, you can recommend new books for the library by email iris.lorenzlife42@gmail.com

Iris Lorenz-Fife — your Librarian

Fundraising Fun September 2025

As we get ready for the Festival of Trees, we had a very successful Thursday Sew-In with marvelous kits that had EVERYTHING you needed to make the items. Kits were put together by Kim Madson with help from Sylvia E. and Bonnie C-S. Thank you, ladies! We had 11 kits of jar openers, 10 kits of crinkle toys, and 10 kits of seatbelt covers. We only have two kits left (a crinkle toy kit and a jar opener kit). Thank you to all who came and either picked up a kit(s), stayed and made their items at our Sew-In, or checked out kits at our Guild meeting. It takes a village to make enough of these popular items, and we appreciate your help! For our Thursday Sew-In on October 9, we'll have kits to make adorable popcorn bags and chicken pin cushions. Please come by on Thursday, October 9 from 11am – 3 pm and check out some kits, or sit and sew.

At our September Turn-In, we received 20 seatbelt covers from Andrea, 4 seatbelt covers and 4 potholders from Sandy L, 6 crinkle toys from Marcia, 3 seatbelt covers from Judy, 4 crinkle toys and 6 potholder sets from Mary, 5 crinkle toys, 7 microwave bowls, 1 Petunia Pig, and 3 fabric balloon balls from Kim.



Susanne Scholz was our August raffle ticket winner for the \$25 gift certificate to The Loft and I (Mary) won for September. You still have two more chances to win a gift certificate this year!

As a reminder, **Festival of Trees (FOT)** is Friday, November 28 and Saturday, November 29. We will be asking for volunteers to help at our booth. If you're free, please consider signing up for a shift or two. We will pass around a volunteer sign-up sheet at our October meeting and will send out an email request afterwards if we still have openings.

Our FOT wish list – we need aprons (cross-back or tie), coasters, placemats (only 1 set in our inventory), potholders, stuffed animals and ornaments (they are a big FOT seller and we only have 19).

In addition, we're always open to new gift ideas that we could sell at our booth! Our next Turn-In will be at our Guild meeting on Friday, October 17.

Thanks for your support! Happy quilting!!

Mary Banach, Fundraising Chairperson

2025 Art in the Redwoods Update

We received a check from Gualala Arts for the net proceeds from the sales at our booth. Our 2025 AIR net total was \$3,499.47 including presales. Last year's AIR net total was \$3,038.44, **GREAT JOB EVERYONE!** *Kim Madson, Treasurer*

Holiday Lunch

You are invited to the PPQG annual Holiday Lunch. We are preparing a homemade dessert and a gift made especially for you. Join us at:

Miramar Mexican Grill
39080 Shoreline HWY 1, Gualala
Thursday, December 4
Arrive by 11:30 for a group picture

Make your selection from one of the three menu items.

- (1) **2 enchiladas** with your choice of meat (chicken, ground beef, shredded beef) served with rice and beans
- (2) **Pollo Taco Salad** Fried flour tortilla bowl with marinated grilled chicken breast, black beans, lettuce, cubed avocado, salsa fresca and cotija cheese. You could also select this item as vegetarian, i.e. no chicken.
- (3) **Fish and Chips** Fresh and local lin cod battered and served with tartar sauce, lemon, fries or salad

Notify Judy via email with your selection judy.ann.ridde@gmail.com

Cost is \$30 per plate

Sign-up, menu selection and payment by cash or check (payable to Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild) is due by Friday, November 21.

We will be circulating a signup sheet and collecting payment at the October & November Guild meetings.

Contact Sandy sandyh52@icloud.com or Judy judy.ann.riddle@gmail.com with any questions.

Sandy Hughes, Luncheon Chair

Veteran Honor Quilt

Veteran Honor Quilt, formerly called Quilts of Valor. With the plan to present a quilt to veterans at the Veteran Monument dedication, there was concern about soliciting help for our Quilts of Valor since we are not “officially” part of the Quilts of Valor program. After discussion and agreement by those at the September Guild meeting, we have officially changed the name of our Veteran support program from Quilts of Valor to Veteran Honor Quilt (VHQ). Six Veteran Honor Quilts were turned in at the September guild meeting.

Three of those six were made at the June workshop,



plus one made by Kathy Mayda



and two made together by Marilyn Alderson and Judy Riddle.



With the seven Veteran Honor Quilts we already have, plus 6 received in September, our total is now at 13. Thus, we only need 37 more to reach our goal of 50 for the Veteran Monument dedication.

We will have Comfort Quilt/Veteran Honor Quilt workshops in January and June of 2026. Please join us at that time to make more quilts. We are in desperate need of patriotic fabrics, i.e. red, white and blue for the fanny basket in order to prepare VHQ kits for these workshops. Please consider donating, and ask your friends for donations. I also encourage you to individually make one, or more Veteran Honor Quilt to help us reach our goal.

Sandy Lockhart, VHQ Chair

2025 Program

September Speaker, Doug Smith



September Show and Tell

Quilt
made by
Jan
Carter
for her
daughter



Jan Carter's
project from
Margreth's
workshop.



October 15 & 16 – Workshop by Lorraine Woodruff-Long: Ever wondered how to 'reimagine' clothing to use in quilts? Not sure how or where to start? This workshop will help you take the leap to turn repurposed clothing into memorable quilts and help you exercise your improvisational creative muscles! In this workshop you'll learn how to 'debone' a shirt or other sewn garment to garner fabric – and pieces large and small - for your quilt. We'll discuss improv concepts such as making choices as you go, embracing imperfection, and taking small steps to get started. With guided exploration, we focus on the enjoyment of the process and the satisfaction of creating something unique!

Guild meeting, October 17 – Book sale upstairs
after the business meeting.

Sylvia Evans, Program Chair



Project by Charlene Younker

Comfort Quilts

We gave away one comfort quilt this month. We lovingly received another comfort quilt from Janice Batchelder, our "Queen of Comfort Quilts." I would like to thank her for her many quilt donations over the years that I have been doing this job. She has cheered so many people with her lovely quilts.

Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chair

Quilt Challenge 2026 "Spring in Bloom"

I hope you are all stitching away!

Kendra has our Challenge Show up on the GAC website.

<https://qualalaarts.org/2026/05/2026-challenge-show/>

Printed entry forms are also available at GAC.

Dates to remember:

April 28, 2026 -- Registration form due

May 6, 2026 -- 11:00 – 1:00 --Drop off Artwork

May 8, 2026, 4:00-6:00 PM--Opening Reception

June 8, 2026, Noon – 2:00 – Art Pickup

For members who cannot physically shop at The Loft, Jan Carter has graciously offered to do the shopping for you. You only need to contact her. She will make the trek up the stairs and send photos, recommendations – or whatever is required. This is a great idea and very generous. Thank you to Jan!

The Board has given me a budget for prizes and we have a suggestion that we provide a gift card, rather than a physical prize. The plan is: The First prize will be \$100 Visa Card and a Gift Basket (I have the basket). We will have ribbons – Viewer's Choice, First, Second and Third place.

Remember that March 19 is our FINISH THAT CHALLENGE QUILT WORKSHOP. I would like Volunteers to teach straight edge binding and another to teach bias binding. I also need a volunteer to teach how to make and attach the Sleeve.

Please email or call me if you are an expert and able to help with demonstrating these techniques.

Jeri Kennedy, Challenge Chair

Membership

We are delighted that former longtime member Connie Seale has rejoined the guild. Please welcome Connie.

Gail Spencer, Membership Chair

2026 Retreat

SAVE THE DATE-----February 2-5, 2026

The date for our next guild retreat is **February 2-5, 2026**. That is a Monday through a Thursday. We will again be at Oxford Suites in Rohnert Park. I have done no other planning as yet, except for getting our place reserved. We will be having fewer meals catered by Oxford Suites, since most of the negative comments I received had to do with food. I think we were all somewhat disappointed by that. We'll work out something different for most of our meals. We cannot have a restaurant deliver food to us at the hotel without paying the hotel a catering fee. Looking forward to seeing lots of friends there. If you haven't attended a retreat, please consider coming this time. We have a lot of fun! A price for participation will be determined, and I will let you know when you should start making your hotel room reservations. As always, let me know if you have any questions.

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Jan Carter, Retreat Chair



Barbara Dunsmoor, October 2; Francie Angwin, October 10
Heather Hackett, October 13; Iris Lorenz-Fife, October 16
Cheryl Faconti, October 17; Carole Garcia, October 18
Kate Barrett, October 20; Mary Banach, October 30

Quilt Show

Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild

October 4 and 5, 2025

Saturday 10-5 & Sunday 10-4

Lewis Hall, Lake County Fairgrounds

401 Martin Street, Lakeport

*Over 150 Quilts *Food Café *Free Parking *Silent Auction *Door Prizes *Vendors *Theme Baskets *Country Store *Demonstrations *Opportunity Quilt

Drawing

Featured Artist, Kim Darnell, Longarm Quilting Services and Owner of Darn Cute Quilts and Fabrics

Adult Admission \$10; Under 12 free with Adult

www.LLQG.org

Special Note: Charlene Younker will have a booth at this show selling her trims, ribbons, fabrics and special items.

In Loving Memory of



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Teffi-Blumenihal

October 18, 1947 - March 10, 2025

Please join us as we celebrate her life.

Dress Code: Color

When: October 23, 2025 at 5 PM

Where: Willits Centre for the Arts
71 E. Commercial Street Willits, CA 95490

Please let us know if you are attending:
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