



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Editor's Note:

February is the month for expressing appreciation and love for the important relationships in our lives. I think that we all need a lot of love right now!



President's Message January 2025

Happy New Year! The flurry of the holidays is over, and the new year is upon us. I've been enjoying our clear, but cold, weather, though another round of rain would be welcome.

It was wonderful to see so many at our Comfort Quilt workshop. Marcia divided us into teams and gave us kits to work on. At least one top was completed at the meeting, with others well on their way. Many thanks to Judy Riddle who put the kits together for us and stayed to cheer us on.

I'm looking forward to our first Retreat since 2020. Jan Carter has been working hard to find a new location for us and line up all of the bits and pieces necessary for a successful experience. It is such a unifying experience for those able to attend.

I hope you are making good progress on your entries for the Challenge in May. I have one completed top and all of the blocks ready to assemble for a second. Both will be comfort quilts after the show ends. You can find all of the details for entering in the newsletter, minutes, or on the Gualala Arts Website.

Regarding the fire victims in Southern California, some have said we need to send quilts that way. We have it on good authority that donations of quilts are not in order at this time. The folks don't have a place to take them, and the best help is monetary. In a few months, quilts will be very welcome and one of our members is looking into how we can facilitate their distribution.

Meanwhile, take good care and keep on quilting!

Francis Angwin, President

Fundraising Fun 2024

Happy New Year Quilters! We received a check for \$4,342.37 from GAC for our Festival of Trees net sales. Thanks to everyone who donated their beautiful items and volunteered their time to make 2024 a successful fundraising year! These proceeds help fund our workshops, guest speakers, the AIR quilt, comfort quilt batting, and annual events such as our holiday luncheon and retreat, so it's an important part of what we do collectively. At our January meeting, I asked that we each strive to donate one item a month to help build up our inventory again. We plan to work on at least one fundraising item at our monthly Thursday Sew-In, so please join us and learn how to make something new (or an oldie, but goodie), and you'll get credit for whatever we end up making, and you will be entered into the month's raffle for a \$20 gift certificate to The Loft.

In February, Sandy Hughes will show you how to make fabric microwave popcorn bags, and we'll also be making seat belt covers. As a reminder, here are items that we're in need of: aprons, coasters, potholders, microwave bowls (medium & large), placemats, Funky Friends stuffed animals, baby quilts, kitchen towel boas, seatbelt holders, chicken pin cushions, eye soothers (masks), and crinkle toys for babies. Some other ideas: adult bibs, fiddle quilts, hanging plastic bag holders, dorm quilts (simple, twin size to sell at the AIR event), and glass cases. Thanks again for your support!

Kim Madson, Fundraising Chairman

Membership

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership for 2025. We still have many who have not yet taken care of this. If you have not yet paid, please make a check payable to PPQG for \$40, plus Angel Gift if desired, and mail it to me: Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445. If you received an email reminder from me on or after January 20th, that means we have not received your check.

Sadly, I was told by her daughter that Renata Lopez died peacefully in January. Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Renata Twamley, 120 Elgin Court, Vallejo, CA 94591.

Gail Spencer, Membership Chairman

Mark Your Calendars Program 2025

February 13 MONTHLY SEW-IN

For a fun day, plan on joining us for our monthly Get-Together-and-Sew event Thursday, February 13, 11-3, upstairs at Gualala Arts Center. We will work on microwave popcorn bags to be sold at Art in the Redwoods and Festival of Trees. This is a fun and easy project and sure to be a best seller. Just put 1/2 cup of unpopped corn inside, microwave for a few minutes and then serve in the same attractive bag which can be laundered. OR, work on your own project if you like. We'll set up an ironing board, but bring your own sewing machine, other supplies, and a snack for lunch.

Please let me know if you will attend so we can have the right number of tables set up.

Janice Batchelder janicebatch1@gmail.com

February 21: PPQG meeting. Social 12:30. Business meeting 1 PM. To follow: Bonnie Coffey-Smith will preview her workshop to create "Rice Bags" that she will teach in March and April in a two-part series workshop. This will be divided into two parts to accommodate time to embellish your creation with sashiko or other creative design work in the time between workshops.

Rice Bag Workshop by Bonnie Coffey-Smith:

Cost: Free for PPQG members and friends

Registration: Sign up on February 21 or email to coffeysmithb@gmail.com

What is a Japanese Rice Bag? Komebukuro, a patchwork drawstring bag used in Japan to carry rice or beans to temples or shrines during festivals as an offering. Japanese Rice Bags were often made of repurposed indigo fabric with sashiko or boro hand stitching. Today, Rice bags are often used as purses, totes, or storage for art and craft projects. There are many on-line examples and patterns.

Description: Two-day workshop for making a square lined fabric bag. There are four pieced panels and one bottom for the outside of the bag. There are five squares for the lining. Bags may vary in size, but each finished panel should be the same size. Example: 9"x9", 10"x10" depending on how large you want to make your bag. The month between the two workshop dates, participants will have time to embellish their panels with decorative stitching, lace, buttons, photos or other notions. No purchased pattern is required.

Day One, **Thursday, March 20**, we will be piecing the four outside panels.

Day Two, **Thursday, April 17**, we will be constructing the lining and the bag.

March 21: Friday, PPQG meeting. Social 12:30. Business meeting 1 PM.

April 18: Friday, PPQG meeting. Social 12:30. Business meeting 1 PM.



May 14 & 15: Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30-4, Lorraine Woodruff-Long will teach a two day "Improv Mosaic

May 16: PPQG meeting; Social 12:30; Business meeting 1 PM followed by a lecture and Trunk Show by Lorraine.

Saturday, May 17. Lorraine will go with those who are interested on a shopping trip to PayNTake Clothing. She will give us tips on selecting used clothing for a quilt project she has created. Stay tuned for more details...

Sylvia Evans, Program Chairman

January Comfort Quilt News

We had a fun comfort quilt workshop January 17 th, with teams and prizes for the first team with a quilt top done. The group from team 1 were the winners. Congratulations, Christine, Francie, Sandy Lockhart and Janice Carter. Thanks, too, for everyone who showed up and especially for those of you who continued to finish the tops. We should have four new comfort quilts to show off by the next workshop. Thanks go out also for our wonderful hospitality group that provided a chili and cornbread lunch.



We did not give out any quilts this month. Thank you Bonnie Coffey-Smith and Janice Batchelder for the comfort quilts you made for us this month.

Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chairman

January Show and Tell



Bonnie Coffey-Smith
From Fanny Basket



Janice Batchelder
I Spy Quilt



Bonnie Coffey-Smith
Comfort Quilt



Sandy Hughes
Popcorn bag



February Birthdays: Sandy Hughes, Feb. 10; Dee Goodrich, Feb. 18; Maryse Frivold, Feb. 26;
Kalynn Oleson, Feb. 27