



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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*Editor: Judy Riddle*

## *Presidents Message*

First of all, I would like to thank Judy Riddle for organizing our participation in the Fourth of July Parade in Point Arena. I was unable to attend, but saw several pictures of our fabulous float. The sewing machines in the bed of Jesse Garcia's truck were great. Thanks to all who walked and rode to represent our Guild.

Thanks also go out to Jan Carter for organizing our July picnic. As usual, we had a variety of tasty toppings for our salads. Our rousing and somewhat rowdy game of Quilto, resulted in some odd looks from visitors to the Art Center.

In the next weeks leading up to Art in the Redwoods, please note that there are still items that need to be restocked for our sale. I'm sure that Mary Banach will have more details in her report in this newsletter. Keep in mind that the proceeds from our sales are important to fund our workshops and other activities.

Meanwhile, the somewhat gloomy days have made it easy for me to stay inside and sew. I'm making a lot of microwave bowls. When I'm done with that, I really need to clean out and reorganize my studio. Hope you are all well and sewing!!

Francie Angwin, Co-President

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## *Mark Your Calendar*

August 9 – NOON – 1PM Turn-in for AIR

August 14 – **NO SEW IN this month**

August 15–17 – Art in the Redwoods sale

September 11 – 11:00 to 3:00 Sew in at GAC

September 17-18 –Workshop with Margreth Barrett

September 19 – 12:30 social; 1:00 Guild meeting

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

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

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## *Parade in Point Arena*

You have no idea how wonderful it was to participate in the Point Arena Independence Day Parade. Not knowing how long it would take to decorate our Chariot, we arrived at the Point Arena High School at 9AM. Sandy Hughes, Kim Madson, Pete Madson, my granddaughter, Ashley, and I began decorating the truck and were joined by Mary Banach, Jan Carter, Kathy Mayda and her daughter, Julia and grand-daughter, Lilly. We dawned our quilts about 11AM. It was cold and overcast. We were thrilled to wrap ourselves in those quilts.

Kim Madson, Kathy Mayda, Mary Banach, Sandy Hughes, Jan Carter, Judy Riddle, Ashley (Judy's Granddaughter), Lilly (Kathy's grand-daughter), Julia (Kathy's daughter). Andrea Polk joined us later.



We were #19 in the parade. We started the walk from the high school to Main Street. Pete found the horn on the truck..... ARUUGAH! ARUUGAH!



We heard shouts from the bystanders— BEAUTIFUL QUILTS!! NICE TRUCK!! Even before we reached Main Street, we began handing out our PPQG information cards and people enthusiastically accepted them, along with the pencils that were given to the youngsters. ARUUGAH!! ARUUGAH!!



What enthusiasm! We ran out of cards! After a slow walk and lots of excitement, we reached the bottom of the hill. We loaded into the back of the truck. Pete turned the truck around and drove back up the hill to the High School. The parade had ended but not until Pete got in many

more ARRUGAH! ARUUGAH! Sounds from the horn and cheers from those still walking the main street. We had such fun being a kid again!!



Than you to Sandy, Jan, Mary and Paul, Kathy, Julia, Lilly, Ashley, Andrea, Kim and Pete who helped with the decorating and who also walked that hill. Thank you to Pete for driving the truck and making it so much fun with the horn ARUUGAH, ARUUGAH!!

Thank you to Sandy for ordering the PPQG cards and pencils to hand out and for purchasing the wonderful decorations. Thank you to Kim and Pete for coordinating the delivery of the truck to and from Point Arena.

And A HUGE thank you to Carole and Jess Garcia for sharing their truck with us. As we were un-decorating the truck at the high school, a man passed me and again said "GREAT TRUCK!" I thanked him and said "we borrowed it". Then he said "AND YOU'RE GIVING IT BACK?!"

*Judy Riddle, Coordinator*

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## *Quilts of Valor*

We are in collection mode: collection of as many Quilts of Valor as we can! With the end of July, we can challenge ourselves to get to the 20 quilt mark by the end of 2025!?! We have 9 finished, with another 4 close to being completed. We want to be ready for the Veteran's Memorial dedication in 2026.

Thanks to those who marched in the July Point Arena parade. You looked GREAT marching down Main Street. An absolutely lovely presentation of our Guild.

*Sandy Lockhart, QOV Chair*



## July Picnic



Front Table: Iris Lorenz-Fife, Sandy Lockhart, Bonne Coffey-Smith, Sandy Hughes, Jan Carter, Sylvia Evans, Marcia Luchini, Francie Angwin; Back Table: Kathy Mayda, Cheryl Faconti, Mary Banach, Helen Banach, Gail Spencer, Janice Batchelder.

PPQG summer picnic was July 11, at the Gualala Art Center Picnic area. Greens, cookies, bread and ice water were provided by the Guild, while participants shared toppings for the salads. Lunch was followed by some exciting rounds of Quilto! Fun was had by all!!

*Jan Carter, Picnic Chair*

### Show and Tell at the Picnic



Quilt made by Marcia Luchini



Labyrinth Quilt  
made by Jan  
Carter



Quilt made by Jan Carter

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## Fundraising Fun July 2025

Thank you for all your donations at the picnic. Sylvia Evans friend, Cindy Haener, won the gift certificate. Cindy is a long-distance PPQG member, who donated items for our sale.

### Important Dates and times:

**August Turn-In:** Saturday, Aug 9, Noon – 1PM, in the parking lot behind the Gualala Hotel. If you can't make this time and have items to turn in, please contact me to arrange another time for us to meet. Anyone donating items in August will be entered in our September raffle for a gift certificate to The Loft.

**AIR Festival:** Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17, 10 am to 4 pm.

Our booth will be in the same place, just outside the entrance to the Gualala Arts Center building.

**Wish list** - Our inventory is still low on several items - pot holders, microwave bowls (10" and 12"); tortilla warmers, aprons, coasters, and Funky Friend stuffed animals. If you have time before our August turn-In to make any of these items, it will be greatly appreciated and will help our fundraising efforts and benefit our Guild! Happy quilting!

*Mary Banach, Fundraising Chairperson*

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## Quilt Challenge 2026

Hello Fellow Piecemakers!  
2026 Challenge Show! Theme is "Spring in Bloom"

### Mark your Calendar:

- Thursday, **MARCH 19, 2026**, we will host a **"HOW TO FINISH YOUR QUILT"** workshop. We will review the construction of the hanging sleeve and "How to Bind" and label your quilt.
- Wednesday, **May 6, 2026** (time to be announced closer to the date).

Your quilt(s) is due at the Gualala Arts Center on Wednesday, May 6. The time of turn in will be announced.

1. The quilt(s) must be properly prepared with a 4" hanging sleeve
  2. Appropriate quilt rod for hanging must accompany the quilt
  3. There is a label sewn on the back of the quilt with your name/name of the quilt/ date/and location where the quilt was made
- Friday, **May 8, 2026**
    1. Show Opens with preview and evening reception
    2. Please consider volunteering to help with hospitality and bringing a tasty treat to this event
  - May 9, 2026 through June 7, 2026**  
SHOW IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
  - June 8, 2026** Quilt Show Take Down –  
Pick up your quilt after 2PM at The GAC

**The registration form for this show is not yet available, but here are the rules that you should be mindful of as you begin your creative journey.**

- Your finished quilt may be of any design, any size, but should reflect the theme of "Spring in Bloom".
- You must use one or more of floral themed fabrics purchased from The Loft.
  1. Minimum purchase of fabric from The Loft is ½ yd. However, you do not need to use all of ½ yd of that fabric in your quilt. You may choose any amount for your design, but it must be present on the front of your quilt.
  2. When you purchase your fabric, Maryse at The Loft will cut a small swatch of the fabric, attach it to your name and enter you in a drawing for a fabulous prize!
  3. One entry per quilter
- The fabric purchase receipts will be collected from The Loft on May 9, 2026 and the drawing will occur at the reception.

The 2026 Challenge will also include an opportunity for the community to vote on Viewer's Choice

**More details will come to you when we are closer to the show date.**

*Jeri Kennedy, Challenge Chair*

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## Membership

It's a good time to grow our membership. Bring a friend to a meeting, or get more involved yourself. Our guild is only as good as we make it.

*Gail Spencer, Membership Chair*

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## Library

### BOOKS BEING ADDED TO THE PPQG LIBRARY

Thompkins, Rosie Lee  
A Retrospective

Miller, Margaret J.  
Easy Pieces  
Creative Color Play with Two Simple Quilt Blocks

Sassaman, Jane A.  
The Quilted Garden  
Design & Make Nature-Inspired Quilts

Matthews, Kathleen  
Stitched Textiles: Landscapes

Hislop, Amanda  
Stitched Textiles: Seascapes

Seilman, Martha  
Abstract & Geometric  
Art Quilts International - SAQA

Redfern, Stephanie  
Stitched Textiles: Nature

*Iris Lorenz-Fife, PPQG Librarian*

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