



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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## *Presidents Message*

Hats off to all of the members who contributed to our fundraising efforts for Art in the Redwoods a few weeks ago. This annual event involves so many hours of work and organization. Kim Madsen, Cheryl Faconti, and Mary Banach deserve credit as do Francie Angwin, Sandy Hughes and Judy Riddle. The beautiful AIR quilt made by Bonnie Coffey-Smith, Jan Carter, Sylvia Evans, and Sandy Lockhart sold lots of raffle tickets to benefit the scholarship fund at GAC.

Now I ask your help in sewing quilts of valor for the dedication to veterans at the lighthouse scheduled for November 2026. If you haven't made a red, white and blue quilt yet, please consider doing so as we need a lot more to reach our goal of 50. Team up with a friend and make it a collaborative project.

The Festival of Trees in November will be here before we know it! Stay healthy and keep on sewing!

*Kathy Mayda, Co-President*

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## *Mark Your Calendar*

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  
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  
February 2-5, 2026 – Guild Retreat

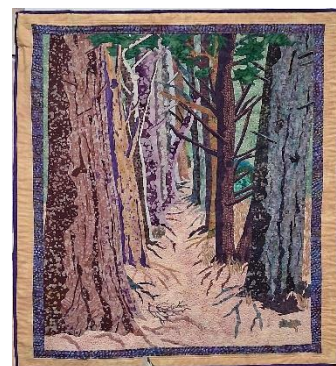
## *Art in The Redwoods*

Ribbon winners in the "Quilt" category



**First Place**  
by Bonnie Coffey- Smith

**Second Place**  
By Magreth Barrett



**Third Place**  
by Marcia Luchini

## Fundraising Fun August 2025

A big thank you for all your donations and help with our booth and the raffle at Art in the Redwoods.

We received lots of items at the August Turn-In. Than you to Kim and Cheryl for pricing and labeling the many items. Donated items included: Cheryl – 1 baby quilt; Francie -12 medium microwave bowls, 3 potholders sets, 11 journal pen holders, 15 lanyard pen holders and 4 coaster sets; Marilyn Alderson -2 I-Spy quilts; Judy -1 Georgie Good Luck Elephant, 7 Egghead Chick's (with an added pocket for the tooth fairy or gift card) and ten-10" Balloon Balls; Sandy Lockhart - 12 single potholders; Susanne Scholz - 9 medium and 4 large microwave bowls; Carole Garcia - 4 potholder sets and 3 coasters sets; Bonnie Coffey-Smith - 4 coaster sets and 3 Japanese Rice Bags; Kelly Colburn - 4 reversible tie aprons, and a tote bag, Sandy Hughes – 1 Dilby Duck, 1 Harmony Highland Cow, and 1 Kip Keepsake Puppy. Thanks to all of you!

The next turn-in will be at the guild meeting at GAC on September 19. Happy quilting!!

*Mary Banach, Fundraising Chairperson*

**AIR Festival:** We had beautiful weather and another successful year at the AIR!

A special thanks to Cheryl, Mary, and her husband, Paul, Francie and her husband, Joe, my husband,



Pete for the booth set-up and take-down. Judy, Sandy Hughes, Kelly, Jan, Jindra, Gail, Susanne, Bonnie Coffey-Smith, Kathy

Mayda, and Sylvia Edwards for volunteering their time at our booth. It takes a team to set up, take down and run our booth and we couldn't have done it without you!



We sold \$3,762 this year.....\$325 more than last year! Friday's Champagne Preview was a

big success as we sold close to \$1,100 in 3 hours! Saturday was our busiest and best sales day. I will report our net proceeds at next month's meeting after we receive our check (with taxes, fees and commission deducted) from Gualala Arts.

We sold 9 quilts, 5 of which were I-Spy! Besides quilts, our hottest items were tie and cross-back



aprons (we sold 16 of 31); we sold 10 of 22 Funky Friends, 3 of 7 rice bags, 6 of 15 seatbelt covers, 5 of

6 placemat sets and 20 of 41 jar openers.



Some new items were hits too: Judy's 10 balloon balls sold out and Francie's lanyard and journal pen holders were popular. We sold several coasters, potholder sets, tortilla warmers and microwave bowls. These items didn't sell as well this year at AIR, but they may do better during FOT as holiday gift items. Thank you to everyone who donated their beautiful, quality made items!

**Festival of Trees (FOT):** Now we turn our focus on FOT which is the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. Because we did so well at AIR, we need to build up our inventory for FOT, as it is always our biggest source of fundraising. We're asking everyone to do a last push during these next few months to help us beef up our inventory. Here are some items we need: tie and cross-back aprons, potholders, coasters, placemat sets, Funky Friends, and children's quilts. We also have several miscellaneous items that sold well last year at FOT that we currently have none or a short supply of: ornaments, chicken pincushions, seatbelt covers, kitchen towel boas, water bottle totes, eye soothers, crinkle toys, and jar openers. If you have any other great gift items that you think would sell, please share them at our meetings. We love to hear new ideas! We are thinking of having some small workshops for some of the easier items to make during the Second Thursday Sew In's in September and October. More details to come!

*Kim Madson, Fundraising Team Member*

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## 2025 AIR quilt "Pacific Glow"



Quilt made by Jan Carter, Bonnie Coffey-Smith, Sylvia Evans and Sandy Lockhart; Quilted by Judy Riddle

**AIR Quilt Raffle** –we sold \$725 in raffle tickets at the AIR festival! Sus reported they made \$1,400 total on this year's raffle. Thanks again to Bonnie Coffey-Smith, Jan Carter, Sylvia Evans and Judy Riddle for producing such an amazing quilt this year!

**Local supporter named Midori held the winning raffle ticket.** Midori is familiar with Jennifer Sampoo fabrics and was thrilled to win the quilt.

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## Quilts of Valor

With the need for items for our Festival of Trees sale, please also consider making Quilts of Valor. We are hoping to reach our mark of 20 quilts by the end of 2025!!! We should be close once quilts are turned in at the September meeting. The goal is to be ready for the Veteran's Memorial dedication in 2026. Thank you for keeping Veterans in your thoughts.

Sandy Lockhart, QOV Chair

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## Holiday Lunch

Hey there, Quilters! A quick reminder to save **December 4** on your calendar for the annual PPQG Holiday Luncheon at Miramar. We will have three delicious meal choices and a special homemade dessert. We also have a special gift for all who attend the lunch!

Cost is \$30 and includes a non-alcoholic beverage.

Sandy Hughes, Luncheon Chair

## 2025 Program

**September 17 & 18: Workshop.** Our very own Margreth Barrett will be sharing her award winning techniques in a two day "Landscape Quilting" workshop. Please refer to my previous email for details, or go to the Gualala Arts website to sign up. Space is still available, but limited.

**Guild meeting, September 19 - Speaker** will be Doug Smith, a Gualala textile artist that entered in the Art in the Redwoods exhibit. Doug makes ice dyed fabrics, upholstered works of art, a variety of creative projects and recently his "Repurposed Patriarchy". You may have seen his woven piece in the AIR exhibit using repurposed silk ties. He is one of the local artists on the Studio Discovery Tour.

Doug will be focusing of the concept of repurposing, which will be a nice lead into the 2 day workshop in October.

**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!

Five guild members walked through Gualala Community Center Pay-n-Take Clothing Dept. with Lorraine in May. She guided us in selecting colors and fabric that spoke to each of us. We were very successful in finding shirts to repurpose for this project!

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

Sylvia Evans, Program Chair

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## Membership

Please welcome new member **Loretta Zweig** from Santa Rosa. Loretta spoke to a few of us at the Art in the Redwoods festival and was encouraged to join the Guild. She not only joined the guild, but also enrolled in Margreth's September workshop.

Gail Spencer, Membership Chair

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## Library

Do you hesitate to lend your quilting books because they may not be returned? If you take a photograph of your favorite/recent books and send them to my email address chances are you'll soon be able to refer your friends to the PPQG library? My email address is: [iris.lorenzfife42@gmail.com](mailto:iris.lorenzfife42@gmail.com)

While you are deciding which of your books should be in the PPQG library, pull out any books you just don't use any more and donate them to the upcoming PPQG library book sale. Set them aside to bring to the September meeting and they can 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.

Similarly, you can recommend new books for the library by emailing me [iris.lorenzfife42@gmail.com](mailto:iris.lorenzfife42@gmail.com)

**The book sale is set for October**, and, you can weigh in on our pricing policy. It's not yet set in stone and your ideas are welcome. We propose that \$10 a person attending October's meeting would entitle that person to leave with A=up to ten books; or B=as many books as she likes. Thrifty member can choose just two or three books to add to their library or give as gifts; thriftier members can spread the quilting buzz through ten or more of their not yet quilting friends. What a deal!

Watch for more news from the library next month . . . we'll be wanting volunteers to help with the sale and get a first look at what's included.

*Iris Lorenz-Fife — your Librarian*

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## Quilt Challenge 2026 "Spring In Bloom"

Happy September, Challenge Quilters!

I'm hoping you are all settling in on your design for your 2026 Challenge Quilt and have visited the Loft for floral inspiration!

**March 19, 2026 is the "FINISH OUR QUILT WORKSHOP"** That's the best date to keep in mind. Think about how long it takes you to make a quilt and work backwards from this date. You have 6-7 months to create your masterpiece! Let's get stitching!

*Jeri Kennedy, Challenge Chair*

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## Personal Shopper Service

Since our 2026 Challenge involves buying fabric at the Loft, I would like to offer my services as Personal Shopper to anyone who finds it difficult to get to the Loft. Whether it's because of the steps, or if you live out of town, I would be happy to find fabric for you and deliver/mail it to you free of charge. Maybe we can FaceTime while I'm in the store. Or maybe I can be given some direction (like blue batiks) and I can take photos to send to you. I'm serious about doing this, because I would hate for anyone to not participate in the Challenge because they can't get to the Loft. So call me at 707-785-1976 or email me at [JANLC56@mac.com](mailto:JANLC56@mac.com). I'd love to do your fabric shopping for you!

Jan Carter

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## 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 been before 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*

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Christine Smith, September 1  
Sylvia Evans - September 6