



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Presidents Message

Greetings!

The days are getting shorter and the nights longer. I notice the season change in the temperature of the water as it gets increasingly colder. Moving into the holidays, I hope you and your families are warm and healthy.

We had an unexpected treat at our last Guild meeting. Two long-time members attended, whom I had never before had the pleasure of meeting. Connie Seale and the notorious and indispensable Bonnie Toy! Bonnie was no longer a name attached to an email roster, but a living, breathing human. Thank you so very much for all of the work that you put into that roster, with Gail, every year. It was so lovely to meet them, though I didn't get much time to talk with them.

By the time you are reading this, Festival of Trees will have come and gone. Many thanks go out to those who made items for the sale, and worked our booth. Thank you also, to Mary, Kim and Cheryl for heading up this vital committee that funds our activities.

December 4th is our holiday luncheon. This year we will gather at the Miramar Restaurant at 11:30 for a picture, and share a meal at 12:00. It is always a fun time and I hope to see many of you there.

As we move into 2026, I hope that those of you who are not already on a committee will consider stepping up to help out. As my Nana used to say, "many hands make light work." Watch your email for updates on our 2026 Retreat. It will be here before we know it.

Take care. Keep on Quilting!!

Co-President, Francie Angwin

Holiday Lunch

Miramar Mexican Grill
39080 Shoreline HWY 1, Gualala
Thursday, December 4

Arrive by 11:30 for a group picture

We have 19 signed up for the lunch. Menu selections have been made and payment received. Thank you. Looking forward to a friendly get together and an enjoyable lunch.

Contact Sandy sandyh52@icloud.com or

Judy judy.ann.riddle@gmail.com with any questions.

Sandy Hughes, Luncheon Chair

Mark Your Calendar

2025

December 4 – 11:30 -Holiday Lunch at Miramar
in Gualala

2026

January 8 --11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC

January 16 – 10:00 – 3:00 – **Workshop** for
Comfort Quilts & Veteran Honor Quilts;
1:00 **Guild meeting**

February 2-5– Guild Retreat

February 12 - 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC

February 20 --12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**

Lecture "Underground Railroad Quilts"

March 12 -- 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC

March 19 – 11:00 – 3:00 **Workshop – "Finish it up"**

March 20 -12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**

Lecture - ?

April 9 --11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC

April 17 - 12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**

Lecture ?

April 28 – **Challenge registration form due**

May 6 --11:00 –1:00—**Turn in Challenge Artwork**

May 8--4:00-6:00PM—**Challenge Opening Reception**

May 14 -11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC

May 13&14 – **Workshop –Celtic Knot**

May 15 - 12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**

Lecture by Leonna McCann

June 8 - Noon – 2:00 –**Pick up Challenge Artwork**

June 11 - 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC
 June 19 - 10:00 – 3:00 – **Workshop** for
 Comfort Quilts & Veteran Honor Quilts
 1:00 **Guild meeting**
 July 9 - 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC
 July ? -- 12:00 – 2:00 -Guild Picnic
 August 13 - 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC
 August – No guild meeting
 August – Art in the Redwoods
 September 10 - 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC
 September 16 & 17 – **Workshop – Cranes over
 Hiroshima** by Dana Jones
 September 18 --12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**
Lecture by Dana Jones
 October 8 - 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC
 October 15 -- **Workshop – Solar dyeing**
 October 16 -- 12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**
Lecture by Charlene Younker
 November 12 - 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC
 November 20 -- 12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**
 December ? – Holiday Lunch No Guild Meeting

Festival of Trees 2025

In the beginning.....



Funky Friends Stuffed Animals; Potholders, Tortilla Warmers...



Quilts, Table runners, Tote bags, Towel Boas, Ornaments.....



*Aprons, Adult Cloths Protectors, Placemat Sets, Bookmarks, Journal Pen Holders, Jar Openers, Fabric Balls.....
 (Pictures courtesy of Kim Madson)*

Quick summary of sales:

Friday = \$3,124; Saturday = \$1,957

Total = \$5,081

+ Presales of \$738 = grand total of \$5,819

Those working the booth were VERY busy all day, both days. Many items sold out. Mary will provide an inventory summary and a detailed report in next month's Newsletter. Great job to everyone who made items for the sale. We are going to need to replenish our inventory. And a BIG thank you to Kim Madson, Cheryl Faconti and Mary Banach for the work they put into this project. Well done!

Judy Riddle, Vice President

Fundraising Fun November 2025

Thanks for the great output of items for the Festival of Trees (FOT).

A variety of potholders from Jan Carter, Sandy Lockhart, and Mary Banach came in filling our inventory/display for FOT. Jar openers made from Kim's kits came in from Kim and Sylvia. Kim's kits for pin cushion chickens were completed by Kim, Judy, and Sylvia. Bags were another favorite this month with Susanne's Myola Bags and Mary's Rice Bags made from the quilt pieces using men's shirt class.



One new item from Judy: Balloon Fabric Balls were made by Judy and Kim for FOT and ready to go. Sandy H brought back an old favorite: Eye Soothers, as well as a new item: Playing Card Holders.

Kim and Sandy H were outstanding in the production of stuffed animals. Kim and Judy also added to our apron inventory with their kitchen boas. Kim and Sandy H also gave us new quilts. Sandy H won the raffle.

Thanks for your support! Happy quilting!!

Mary Banach, Fundraising Chairperson

Veteran Honor Quilt

We started with SEVEN; SIX were received in September; TWO more were received in October. And an additional TWO were received in November. We only need 33 more to reach our goal of 50!

Please join us for the first 2026 workshop on January 16. Judy is preparing more quilt kits for the January workshop. One option is using the 3" squares donated by Susanne Sholtz to make a red, white, and blue disappearing 4-patch block and mixing these blocks with plain white blocks. You can also choose to make a quilt pattern of your own choice.

We have prepared a letter from PPQG to be sent to surrounding quilt guilds asking for if they could possibly donate a Veteran quilt or fabrics to help us reach our goal. These letters will go out in January. Several members indicated at the November guild meeting that they have Veteran quilts either in progress or in their project planning for 2026. Thank you.

Sandy Lockhart, VHQ Chair

2026 Retreat

I hope many of you are planning on attending the retreat in February. Dates are **February 2-5** at the Oxford Suites Hotel in Rohnert Park. Room rates are \$130.00 per night and rooms can be shared. You need to call the hotel directly to reserve a room, and be sure to tell them you are part of the quilt retreat. Their number is 707-800-4064. I will soon have the dollar amount that will be paid to the guild for the retreat. It will be somewhere around \$300.00, but I won't know till I finalize the catering with the hotel. This is higher than the amount we paid last year, and we will be getting fewer meals catered this year. But the difference is that we had a one-time "grant" from the guild last year to help underwrite the cost.

If you are thinking about having your machine serviced at Village Sewing before the retreat, we are told the wait time is about one month. Check with them before you give up your machine. You can also call local guild member Paul Cupich, who can also service most machines (415-444-6002).

If you have any questions at all about the retreat, just call me at 707-785-1976 or email me at janlc56@mac.com
Quilt on,

Jan Carter, Retreat Chair

2025 Program

(Note changes from last month's report)

January 16 - Comfort Quilt, Veteran Honor Quilt Workshop

February 20 - Lecture by Helen Banach, "Underground Railroad Quilts"

Mar 19 - Finish it up Workshop - directed by Jeri Kennedy

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.

We need volunteers to:

- 1) Demonstrate how to bind a quilt and lend a hand to those in need.
- 2) Demonstrate how to measure and make a hanging sleeve.
- 3) Demonstrate how to create a great label

Note: you need not have your quilt complete to take advantage of this workshop. Come with a small quilt sandwich (a 24X24" top, batting and backing basted together) and make your own SAMPLE to take home. Your instructors will have handouts as well.

March 20 - Lecture TBA

April 17 - Lecture TBA

May 13&14 - Celtic Knot Workshop by L. McCann
May 15 - Lecture by Leonna McCann

June 19 - Comfort Quilt & Veteran Honor Quilt Workshop

July - Picnic

August - Art in the Redwoods Sale

September 16&17- Cranes over Hiroshima Workshop by Dana Jones

September 18 - Lecture by Dana Jones

October 15 - Solar Dye Workshop by C. Younker
October 16 - Lecture by Charlene Younker

November - Lecture TBD

Sylvia Evans, Program Chair

Quilt Challenge 2026

"Spring in Bloom"

Hello Quilters!

Entry forms are available on line and at GAC with the specific details of the challenge. Here is a quick summary:

You need only purchase ½ yd of floral themed or "botanical" fabric from The Loft. The fabric must be present on the front of your quilt.

You may choose to use the same fabric in all the quilts that you enter, or you can choose different challenge themed fabrics as long as you have purchased the minimum ½ yd from The Loft.

Maryse, at the loft is keeping track of the sales and one raffle ticket for each participant will be entered into the drawing for the fabulous prizes!

Please contact me if you are unsettled about anything. jconardk@sbcglobal.net

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 --Pickup Artwork

Jeri Kennedy, Challenge Chair

Comfort Quilts

I guess no news is good news! We didn't give away any comfort quilts this month. We will meet for the Comfort Quilt and Veteran Honor Quilt workshop on January 16. I would like to focus these next two workshops on Veteran Honor Quilts, so that we have enough quilts for the dedication of The Veterans Monument in Point Arena. Bring what you have to work on and let's start looking for more red, white and blue Americana to prepare for this future event. Thanks for all you do for our community.

Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chair

Membership

I am now accepting dues for next year. Thank you to those who have renewed their membership for 2026. Please mail a check **made payable to PPQG** for \$40, plus Angel Gift if desired, to me: Gail Spencer, PO BOX 1489, Gualala, CA 95445. I will also accept dues (cash or check) at the December 4th Holiday Luncheon. Renewals are due **by** January 1st, and the grace period ends on the date of the February guild meeting (February 20). Please email me if you do not plan to renew.

Thank you. Gail Spencer, Membership Chair

Library

Now in the PPQG Library. Filed under SAQA for author's name.

Musical — Catalog of exhibition

Beyond the Mirror — Catalog of exhibition

Connections — catalog of exhibition

Primal Forces: Earth — catalog of exhibition

Iris Lorenz-Fife, Librarian

October Show and Tell



Jan Carter's finished project from October workshop



Sylvia Evans' project from October workshop



Bonnie Coffey-Smith's finished project from October workshop

October Show and Tell (CONTINUED)



Christmas quilt made by Sandy Hughes



2026 Art in the Redwoods Quit top made
by Kelly Colburn



Veterans Honor Quilt pieced by Marilyn Alderson
and quilted by Judy Riddle