

PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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February 2026

*Editor: Judy Riddle*

## *Presidents Message*

Happy New Year!!

May 2026 bring us peace, stability, growth and joy!

As my term serving as co-president of PPQG draws to a close, I am confident that Kathy Mayda will do a wonderful job on her own. It has been a pleasure working with her.

I am so very thankful for all of you who have supported the guild over this last year, making Comfort Quilts, Veteran Honor Quilts, and items for the sales. You have come to classes and meetings, our retreat and luncheons. All of these activities are vital to the continuing health of PPQG.

For the first time, I will not be able to participate in our Retreat. I will truly miss this opportunity to share fellowship with all who are going. Many thanks go out to Jan Carter for all of her work putting this fabulous event together. Have a blast, ladies!!

I do hope that when it comes time to fill committees at our March meeting, that I will see many hands raised to take on the tasks that keep PPQG running. Those who have served on various committees previously, are always glad to help out a new member.

I would, also, encourage each of you to bring a family member, neighbor, or friend to a meeting. There is no charge for visitors to come to a meeting and hear some of our wonderful presenters. Who knows, they may even decide to join us!

Finally, let your creativity fly free! I'm looking forward to seeing all of your entries at our Challenge in May.

Keep on Quilting!!

*Francie Angwin Co-President*

## *Mark Your Calendar*

### 2026

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 -- Vintage Quilt Show**

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 Love Knot**

May 15 - 12:30 social; 1:00 [Guild meeting](#)

**Lecture** by Leonna McCann, "Echoes of My

Ancestors: My Journey with Celtic Quilt Design"

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 14-16 -- 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](#)

**Lecture ?**

November 27 & 28 --Festival of Trees

December ? -- Holiday Lunch No Guild Meeting

## Fundraising Fun

Thank you for the January 2026 donations.



**Jan Carter** made 28 balloon balls –erasing our zero or no balloon balls in inventory. Jan also made 6 table pads – adding to our single table pad in inventory. **Kelly Colburn** made 2 aprons increasing our inventory to 12.

Low inventory items are tortilla warmers, large microwave bowls, tote bags, playing card holders, adult clothing protectors, and, as always, stuffed animals.

We always welcome NEW quilts to the inventory. It was noted at the sale that our potholders are too big. We could use more potholders that are 8-9" in size rather than 10".

Happy quilting!!

*Mary Banach, Fundraiser Chair*

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## Comfort Quilts

Thanks go out to Connie Seale who donated a lovely Comfort Quilt to us at the November meeting. We did not give out any quilts this month. We appreciate all who came to the Comfort Quilt and Veteran's Quilt Workshop in January. Please let me know if you think someone might need a comfort quilt.

*Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chair*

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## Membership

Our thanks to everyone who renewed their membership for 2026. It's not too late if you forgot, but you're running out of time. Anyone not paid by the last day of February may be dropped from the membership. Please don't allow that to happen. We need your continued support. Angel gifts are also very welcome. If you have any questions, please email me. Gail ([88qbs88@gmail.com](mailto:88qbs88@gmail.com))

*Gail Spencer, Membership Chair*

## 2026 Program

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

**Mar 19 – Finish it up Workshop – directed by Jeri Kennedy**

**March 20 – Lecture: Vintage Quilts facilitated by Jeri Kennedy**

**April 17 – Lecture TBA**

**May 13&14 - Celtic Knot Workshop by L. McCann**

**May 15 – Lecture by Leonna McCann, "Echoes of My Ancestors: My Journey with Celtic Quilt Design"**

**June 19 – Comfort Quilt & Veteran Honor Quilt Workshop**

**July - Picnic**

**August 14-16– 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**

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*Sylvia Evans, Program Chair*

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## Quilt Challenge 2026 "Spring in Bloom"

Our Annual Challenge Show is fast approaching!

Remember that our show is a reflection of the creativity of our members and the beauty of this coastal community we love. Please participate! We need lots of colorful quilts to brighten the halls of GAC and inspire others to pick up a needle and experience the joys of quilt making.

Thursday, March 19 from 11:00 – 3:00 is our "Finish it up Workshop". If you need help or advice with your Challenge Quilt please come.

We will demonstrate and help you to:

- measure and sew on your hanging sleeve
- finish your binding
- how to "face" a quilt instead of binding
- design and sew on a label
- create your hanger

If you are an expert in any of the above, volunteer to help! Share your experience with members who may not be as confident as you are. Contact me through my email: [jconardk@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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**

**Keep Stitching!**

*Jeri Kennedy, Challenge Chair*



## Library

January additions to PPQG Library

Laurie Wisbrun. **Mastering the Art of Fabric Printing and Design — Techniques, Tutorials, and Inspiration.** Wisbrun does an excellent job of illustrating her concepts, and adds some profiles of successful designers. A good book for understanding design and composition, plus printing through your own resources and online services.

Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry. **A Life in Color.** This book really delivers a life in color. Fallert-Gentry is a prolific quilter and an imaginative and innovative artist. Over 200 illustrations all referenced to her web-site for more detailed information.

May I suggest that members mark their calendars when they borrow Fallert-Gentry's book and return it to the library within a week. There's not very much text to read and it would be nice to have it available to many of the members at least through spring.

*Iris Lorenz-Fife, PPQG Librarian*

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## Veteran Honor Quilt

Thank you to all who attended the January workshop. Many were working on their Veteran Quilts. Thank you so much!! We are anxious to see the finished quilts added to our inventory.

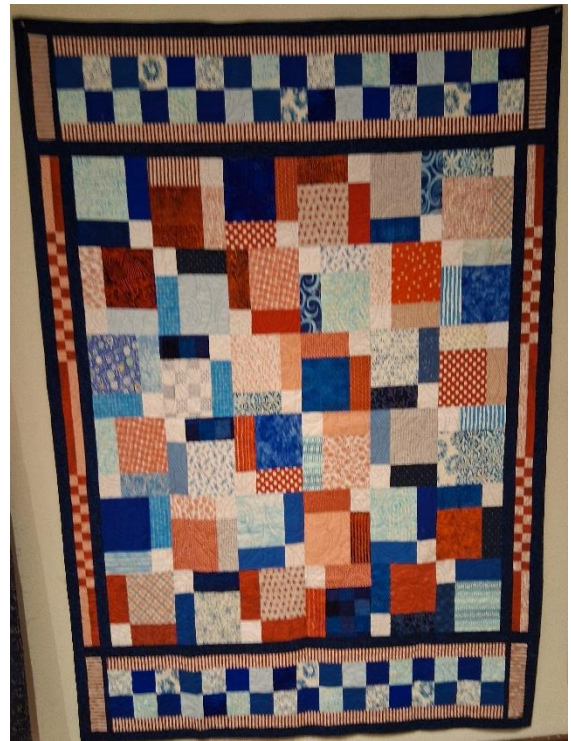
A thank you to our special visitor, Dee Pallesen, from Country Quilts. Dee presented a wonderful lecture on Quilts of Valor. She left some very informational documents describing the Quilt of Valor program. These will be available for your perusal at the Greeter table. Dee also indicated that Country Quilts will be able to contribute Veteran Quilts to help us reach our quota.



Veteran Honor Quilt made by Kathy Mayda



Veteran Honor Quilt made by Judy Riddle's sister, Phyllis McCalla



Second Veteran Honor Quilt made by Judy Riddle's sister, Phyllis McCalla

We received 3 completed quilts this month, one from Kathy Mayda and two from Judy Riddle's sister, Phyllis McCalla. We now have 20 quilts. We need 30 more to reach our goal of 50 quilts for the Veterans Monument dedication.

Keep making those Veteran Quilts!

*Sandy Lockhart, VHQ Chair*

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