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CREATIVITY FOR KLUTZES OFFERED IN FEBRUARY

Are you stuck in a creative rut? Learn how to turn it into a groove. After some simple and fun exercises, students will create a small quilt top using a variety of techniques. Sign up fast for our February 14 & 15 workshop. *Creativity for Klutzes* will be presented by world-class quilter Libby Lehman. This should be an exciting and fun class. Check out Libby's web-site at www.libbylehman.us/ and call Gualala Arts today to sign up and pay for the class. The fee is \$130 if a member in BOTH the guild and Gualala Arts and \$150 if a member in EITHER the guild or Gualala Arts.

CALL FOR COMFORT QUILTS

Since we will be unable to hold a Comfort Quilt workshop in February and the stash is down to 7 quilts, more comfort quilts are needed. We ended the year with a 6 comfort quilt donation to the Fort Bragg area, via Dee Goodrich. So we need to replenish our supply. Spend a rainy day making a warm, fuzzy for someone in need. Call Polly Dakin if you need batting and bring your finished comfort quilts to our January or February meeting and show them off before you donate them. Get sewing!

HOLIDAY PARTY RAISES A BUNDLE FOR GUILD

Thanks to the generous donations of our members the Kiss Your Fabric Goodbye Fabric Swap at the Guild holiday party was very successful. We gave ourselves a generous gift as the guild netted \$163. Thank you to all the fabric adopting members who went away with new/old treasures.

RETREAT NEWS

Twenty-nine quilters are scheduled to retreat at Vichy Springs Resort in Ukiah from January 29 through February 1. All who have signed up will receive an email shortly with reminders on what to bring. Start thinking about the projects you intend to work on and be sure your sewing machine is in top notch condition. Many have signed up for the trip extension to the Buddhist School. There is still time to join the group for this event. Contact Anita, anita@anitakaplan.com for a reservation.

Happy Birthday

Pat Ditzler	Jan 1	Carol Drucker	Jan 10
Annie Beckett	Jan 2	Kathye Hitt	Jan 20
Gerda Randolph	Jan 2	Marilyn Limbaugh	Jan 21
Carole Erkkila	Jan 7	Gloria Frost	Jan 29
Diane Cunningham	Jan 10		

LESLIE REGO—INSPIRATION FOR A NEW YEAR!

A woman of many talents, Idaho artist Leslie Rego brings her *Love Affair with Guatemala* to our guild on January 19. Her stunning quilts illustrate the *Pageantry of Pattern and Color* that characterizes her work, and the influence of her adopted country. Artist, figure skater, ice dancer, lecturer, teacher, wife and mother, Leslie is also bi-lingual and bi-cultural, by choice. No wonder her approach to her art is unique. One look at Leslie's quilts, their color, depth, and complexity prompts one to ask, "How did she do that?!"—which is in fact the title of an article featuring Leslie Rego's work in *Quilting Quarterly* of spring, 2006. From whimsical to mystical, her amazing quilts will take us all on a fascinating journey to the heart of this unusual artist. Many of her quilts are in private and corporate collections, or traveling with special exhibitions in the USA and abroad. Check out Leslie's website, www.leslierego.com, for a glimpse of her spectacular collection, and the many publications which have featured her work. Our meeting begins at 12:30pm January 19 with social time, followed by the business meeting and program at 1:00pm., all at Gualala Art Center.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!!!! It is time for us to clear the eggnog, jingle bells and wrapping paper fog out of our heads and focus on the coming year. We have some wonderful workshops in 2007. You can register for them at Gualala Arts Center. We have a new challenge titled "Flights of Imagination" coming in June with a new twist this year....a required fabric!!!! Take time to think about the wonderful past year and the exciting new year ahead!!!

—Carol

PROGRAM REGISTRATION PROCESS CHANGES

PPQG is doing business a little differently in 2007 as far as workshops are concerned. There are two major changes in how we will conduct the workshops for 2007.

First is that all registration will be handled by Gualala Arts. You can call anytime during office hours and sign up for a posted class and use a credit card for payment if you prefer.

The second major change, after much discussion between PPQG members and the Art Center is the rate structure. There will be a three-tiered fee structure. The lowest fee is if you belong to both PPQG and GAC, then the mid level fee is if you belong to either one of these organizations, and the third fee is if you are a non-member and belong to neither GAC nor PPQG. We have contracted with GAC to manage these workshops. The Schedule for 2007 speakers and workshops has been set for most of the year. Oct-Nov are still being worked on. Bonnie has posted all to the PPQG web-site and the Gualala Art Center has a list as well. GAC will do the advertising for the workshops in Sketches, etc. As in the past, workshops must fill up to our minimum student requirements a month before the scheduled time or we will be required to cancel. Below is the workshop schedule for January-May:

February	Creativity for Klutzes with Libby Lehman—\$130, \$150 & \$175
February-March	Beginning Quilting with Janet Sears & Mary Austin 6 Thursdays—\$80
April	Free motion quilting with Bonnie Toy—\$25, \$45 & \$70.
May	Precision Machine Piecing with Sally Collins—\$95, \$115 and \$140.

BEGINNING QUILTING CLASS

6 Thursdays starting February 22—\$80; 9:30– 12:20
in the Conference Room at Gualala Arts.

This class is for beginner quilters with no previous experience. The class size will be small so that each may receive lots of individual attention. Basic quilting skills will be taught. Students will make ten different quilt blocks while learning cutting and piecing. A supply list will be given on enrollment. It is the instructors' goal to present alternate ways of cutting and piecing so that the student can select the one with which they are most comfortable. Color selection and use is emphasized. The students will have enough blocks for a quilt top at the end of the course. Mary Austin and Janet Sears are experienced quilters who love quilting and teaching. Call Gualala Arts to register.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Kathy Vedder has a new email address:
kathy_vedder@comcast.net

Please welcome a new member to the guild:
Marta Emmons
PO Box 1515
Gualala, CA 95445
mne@iinet.com

We've had a great response to the appeal for 2007 dues, but there are still some renewals missing. Please take a moment to mail your check for \$40 made payable to PPQG to Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445 or bring it to the January guild meeting. And don't forget you can include a little extra to help support the guild. Thank you!

ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION OF NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is an important way of communicating with all of our members, but as our membership numbers have grown and postage has increased it is a significant expense. Many of you have indicated that you are happy to receive an electronic copy only—thus saving the guild the cost of printing and mailing a paper copy each month. Please make sure that we have your current email address so that you will receive the newsletter as well as all other electronic guild communication. You can see what address we have for you by checking out the online guild roster at <http://www.pacificpiecemakers.org/roster.htm> If you do not see your name there, or if the email address shown is incorrect, please contact Bonnie Toy (bonnie@toyland.org) so that she can update our records. An email in January will give you the option to not receive a paper copy of the newsletter. If you do not respond to that email, you will continue to receive a paper copy. So make sure we have your correct email address and watch for that communication.