



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Left to right Top:
*Beginning Quilting,
Quilt Fusion, Free-
motion Machine
Quilting; Bottom:
Open Thread Bar,
Fabric Folded Origami
Flowers, Hand
Appliqué.*

2008—AN EXCITING YEAR FOR CLASSES

We have some exciting classes planned for this year. For a complete description of each class check the website. All classes meet from 10-4 at Gualala Art Center unless otherwise noted and all are available for registration at Gualala Arts now. You can pay with a credit card, check or cash and you can pick up your supply list when you register. Sign up soon as some are almost filled. The numbers after the class are the cost to you if you are a member of both GAC and PPQG/a member of either one/ or a member of neither. So you can see you will definitely save money by joining both Gualala Arts and our guild. Please note the date changes for Rami Kim and Gail Sims.

February 21, 28, March 8, 15, 22, 29 (meets 9–noon)	Beginning Quilting with Janet Sears and Mary Austin	\$90/100/110
April 16 & 17	Quilt Fusion: Renegade Construction with Sue Benner	\$140/155/175
June 18 & 19	Free-motion Machine Quilting with Bonnie Toy	\$50/65/75
September 19 (meets 9–noon)	Open Thread Bar with Superior Threads' Cindy Needham	\$20/25/30
October 22 & 23	Hand Appliqué with Gail Sims	\$50/65/75/
November 19 & 20	Fabric Folded Origami Flowers with Rami Kim	\$120/135/150

GUILD GLIMMERS

One could almost hear a faint “Ho ho ho” upstairs at Gualala Arts on December 14, and almost see the flitting visions of spectral elves hovering here and there. Some thirty-five people gathered to celebrate the season, garbed in festive attire and bearing gifts of food and fabric!

As always, the lunch was magnificent! It’s a mystery, but a wonderful one, how quilters also turn out to be such fine chefs! An abundance of appetizers, entrees, salads and desserts made the tables groan and the diners renew their oaths of moderation – afterward! Laura Hamilton then introduced the annual game, in which she called out various items one might have in one’s purse or on one’s person; those who qualified got to take a trip to the fat quarter table and choose the one that caught her eye. One person, who shall be nameless, was a big winner, and just let it be said that this person takes a lot of grief from her friends about her huge purse! That day, vindication was hers!

Many, many thanks to Laura, and to Lola DeLongoria, for putting together a terrific luncheon – ladies, you rock! And thanks, too, to Anita Kaplan for her behind-the-scenes help. It was a perfect way to celebrate the season and the camaraderie that PPQG provides for us all!

IT’S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

It’s that time again. Your 2008 PPQG \$40 membership dues are DUE NOW. Make your check payable to PPQG and mail to Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445. If any of your personal information, such as phone, mailing or email address has changed, include the update. While you’re at it, please add a generous amount as an “Angel Gift”. Your guild needs your support.

Please welcome Leanne Liston back to the guild. Her contact information: 7777 Washington Ave., Sebastopol, CA 95472
bday May 17, leanneliston@earthlink.net, 823-9565

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I have made contact with the Palo Alto Vet Hospital . We will be taking the QOV down there in January. The contact person I talked with said it would be better to bring them down in January, as much is going on in December. She is very excited about the quilts. The date for our journey will be set after Christmas. If any of you would like to go down with us please let me know and I will let you know the date. Thank you to all who made a QOV.

Barbara Dunsmoor has asked me to chair the QOV project for next year. I encourage you all to help with the project my making another quilt.

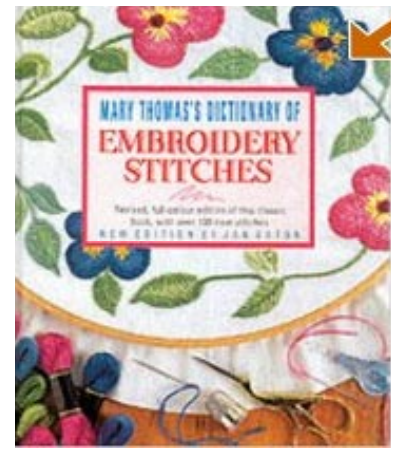
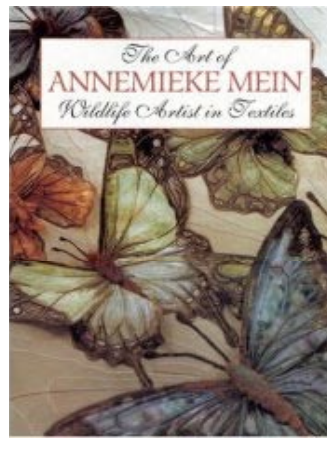
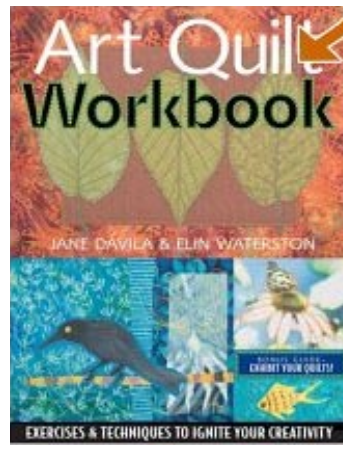
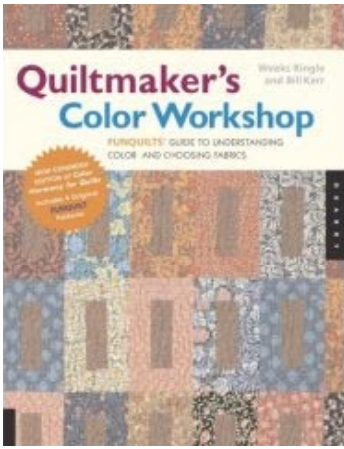
Thanks to Laura Hamilton, we all had a great time at the Christmas Luncheon again this year. The food was wonderful and the game lots of fun but be sure to ask Jeri Taylor what she had in her purse. Some of us sure learned a lesson by not bringing our purses.

Happy New Year!

—Marilyn Limbaugh

CHALLENGE NEWS

Are you working on your Challenge quilt? Entry forms, due February 22, are available online, [<http://www.gualalaarts.org/Forms/2008-03PPQG.pdf>], at the Gualala Art Center, or at our next PPQG meeting. Quilts are to be delivered on March 5th. All other details are on the forms. Along with the entry forms our chairman, Anna Hines will need, also by February 22 if possible, a scan of the book (if any) that inspired your quilt. Scans, which can be emailed to her as jpg files, should be at least 200 dpi and 6 inches wide(1200 pixels). If you cannot provide a scan, she will need access to the book so that she can do the scanning. Please bring books to either the January or February meeting if possible, or contact Anna to make arrangements. For those using a pattern from a book for a quilt you would like to sell, please remember to get permission from the designer or publisher. We’re looking forward to seeing all those wonderful quilts and opening another great show on March 8th. Have fun!



PPQG LIBRARY NOTES

Along with the Annemieke Mein and Mary Thomas books introduced in the last newsletter, two more have been added to the library. *Art Quilt Workbook: Exercises & Techniques to Ignite Your Creativity*, by Jane Davila and Elin Waterston, and *Quiltmaker's Color Workshop: Funquilts' Guide to Understanding Color and Choosing Fabrics*, by Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr, both offer theory, design ideas, and techniques that might be helpful in getting that Challenge quilt project going.

—Anna Hines

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

We hope your holidays were fun and exciting. Our luncheon last month was great and we wish to thank all those elves who made it work. We are sending special thanks to Anita Kaplan for giving us such great advice from the previous holiday luncheons she has hosted. What really made it special too was the food and the people with whom we shared it. Thank you!

This month of January of the new year 2008, hospitality will be providing lunch at this month's meeting which is our comfort quilt making day, so please come.

—Laura Hamilton
Lola DeLongoria
Joyce Gaudet
Hospitality Committee

Happy Birthday

Pat Ditzler	Jan. 1	Kathye Hitt	Jan. 20
Annie Beckett	Jan. 2	Marilyn Limbaugh	Jan. 21
Carole Erkkila	Jan. 7	Sandi Brearcliffe	Jan. 26
Diane Cunningham & Carol Drucker	Jan. 10	Gloria Frost	Jan. 29

COMFORT QUILT WORKSHOP

January's meeting will bring comfort to many worthy recipients, if you attend our workshop on January 18 at Gualala Art Center and help replenish our stash of beautiful, colorful, warm and welcoming quilts. This project is a no-brainer: every quilt finds a home, and every quilt is appreciated far beyond the efforts we put into making them. It's a win-win for everyone! You simply can't put a value on caring, and Comfort Quilts send a strong message of care and compassion. Keeping the spirit of giving alive throughout the year is our goal, and Comfort Quilts are our way of doing that. PPQG's fabled lunch-ladies, Laura and Lola are already planning a scrumptious spread for us, including one of Laura's incredible soups—always a "don't miss" event. Remember that batting is provided, and piles of fabrics are free for you to choose and use. The guild has been given a box of large pieces that will be out for the workshop. Our workshop will run from 10am to 3pm, with a guild business meeting at 1pm. And remember, if you can't attend the workshop, you can still participate—and we hope you will—by making your quilt at home.

Polly Dakin, Comfort Quilts chair reports that we have given out 6 quilts since November, and are now short on feminine ones, both Polly and Joyce Gaudet keep the stash of quilts, so, if anyone has a need please contact them.