



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Katherine Gyorfi folds and stitches in Rami Kim's workshop Fabulous Folded Flowers.

Origami Flowers in Abundance

Rami Kim “wowed” the Guild at the November meeting. All the little tucks and folds in her beautiful silk creations were simply stunning. Rami uses fabric folding techniques, similar to origami, to add dimensional elements on quilts and garments.

Coming from a background in molecular endocrinology, Rami took an abrupt turn about 15 years ago, when she decided working with fabric was more fun than working in a laboratory. With two teenage daughters, it is amazing that Rami is able to produce so much fabric art. She and her husband and daughters live in the Sacramento area.

The portion of the program when Rami displayed her garments was a special treat for everyone, especially the lucky ones who got to model the clothes! Using mainly silk fabrics for her garments, Rami creates beautiful designs and patterns in the clothes she makes.

Prior to her lecture, Rami taught a two-day class in flower folding to a group of eager students. A very good teacher, Rami was both challenging and helpful, and made the class very enjoyable.

It's Time to Renew Your Membership

It's that time of year again! Your 2009 dues are payable January 1st. I will be accepting your checks for \$40 (plus the much-needed Angel Gifts, thanks) at the annual Holiday luncheon on December 12th. Please support your guild. Angel Gifts may be tax deductible. If you can't pay your dues in person, mail a check payable to PPQG to Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala CA 95445. Do it now, while you are thinking about it.

Holiday Luncheon

We will meet on Friday, December 12th for our annual holiday luncheon. It will be in the Lobby of the Art Center at 12:30 PM. Please bring two fat quarters (please make sure they are attached to each other.) We will serve clam chowder and a vegetarian vegetable soup. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring dessert. If your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a salad Please join us for fun and good food, before the holiday rush.

Retreat News

For those who have signed up for the retreat, the deadline for your deposit checks is fast approaching. Please send a check for \$101 made out to PPQG to Jeri Taylor, P.O. Box 300, The Sea Ranch, CA, 95497. Anita says, “Make my job easier and avoid my haranguing emails. Send out the check today! Thanks to more than half of you who have done this already.”

President's Message

Several members spent a truly enjoyable two days in Rami Kim's Fabric Origami class, learning new ways of folding fabric and embellishing both quilts and clothing. During these two days, there were moments of complete quiet (believe it or not!), joking good humor, and perhaps occasionally a little frustration. It made me think about a quote I had read in a novel entitled *A Single Thread* by Marie Bostwick. She writes, "No matter how untutored or timid she may be, when it comes to quilting, everyone is an artist. Expertly, or innocently, or inadvertently, the quilter cannot help but reveal something true." This seems to me to be one of the finest definitions of a quilter that I have ever read. I hope I remember this when the creative process is on vacation.

On a more practical note, the bylaws were presented to the membership and were accepted unanimously by those present at the October meeting. A new position was created by these bylaws—Special Programs Chair. I have asked Sylvia Edwards to fill this position until the next elections and she has agreed to do it.

Thank you, Sylvia!

The committee will meet after the holidays to organize Policies and Procedures. I hope to have them ready for your approval in February.

A special thank you to everyone who has contributed a comfort quilt or quilt of valor this year. I hope that during the holidays, we reflect on how lucky we are and how good it feels to help someone in need of comfort.

—Barbara Dunsmoor

Intermediate Quilting to be Offered in Spring

There has been a change in the classes in "Continuing Education". Instead of the Beginning Quilting class, there will be, at the request of many quilters, an Intermediate Piecing class offered with six sessions on Feb. 26, March 5 and 12 (then skip the week of March 19) meet again on March 26 and April 2 and 9 for the total of 6 sessions. Quilters may sign up for all 6 classes or drop in on any one. The sessions will include angled piecing to construct 8-pointed stars and baby blocks with emphasis on the importance of value; Log Cabin blocks with discussion of the numerous opportunities for settings; assembly-line piecing; curved piecing and foundation piecing. Lots to learn with the techniques necessary to complete almost any block you could mention. Join Mary Austin and Jan Sears for the fun. The classes will be on Thursdays in the Conference Room at Gualala Arts from 9:30 to 12:30 and will be limited to 12 people. Some of the classes will be demonstrations with homework assignment

Quilts of Valor

The January meeting will be a workshop for Quilts of Valor and Comfort Quilts, with the emphasis on Quilts of Valor, Our quilts will be delivered to disabled veterans at the end of February. Don't forget the size required is: minimum 50 x 60 inches and maximum 72 x 87 inches. Don't forget to include a presentation bag for your Quilt of Valor.

Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of month \$19,072.30

Plus: Monthly deposits per Income

Threadbar workshop \$281.25

Total Income \$281.25

Minus: Monthly checks from Expense

Bonnie Toy class \$300.00

Comfort quilts \$64.80

Total expenses \$364.80

Balance at month end \$18,988.75

Happy Birthday

Barbara McNulty	Dec. 2	Sylvia Keller	Dec. 10
Peggy Smith	Dec. 3	Carol Tackett	Dec. 14
Monica Zarkowski	Dec. 5	Mary Austin	Dec. 18
Lola De Longoria &		Theresa Kohlmeister	Dec. 21
Katherine Gyorf	Dec. 8	Donna Blum	Dec. 24

Exciting 2009 Programs

Mark your 2009 calendars now for the upcoming speakers, workshops and guild-taught classes for next year. We have a great schedule confirmed and you won't want to miss any of the events. Start off the new year right by making working on either a Comfort Quilt or a Quilt of Valor for a serviceman.

2009 PPQG Program Schedule

- January 16 Comfort Quilts and Quilts of Valor
- February 20 Speaker Molly Martinez and quilters from Anderson Valley will bring their *Threads of Life* or *Hilos de La Vida* quilts to show us. PPQG members will bring our quilts to show them.
- Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 12, 26, April 2, 9
Intermediate Quilting Class with Mary Austin and Janet Sears
- March 19 *Circles Another Way*—Workshop with Rebecca Rohrkaste
- March 20 *A Quilter in Love with Color*—Speaker Rebecca Rohrkaste
- April 17 *Off the Wall: Mixed Media Cloth Sculpture*—Speaker Susan Else
- May 15 *Textiles of Japan*—Speaker Mary Austin
- June 19 Comfort Quilts and Quilts of Valor
- July 24 Picnic
- Sept. 17 *The Value of Value*—Workshop with Cathryn Zeleny
- Sept. 18 *Where Do I Get My Ideas?* —Speaker Cathryn Zeleny
- October 21,22 Hand Applique Class with Gail Sims
- October 23 *Funny Story Quilts* —Speaker Ellen Edith
- November 19 *Seascapes*—Workshop with Marjan Kluepfel
- November 20 Speaker Marjan Kluepfel
- December 11 Holiday Luncheon

Challenge 2009: It's Easy Being Green

Climate change. Global warming. Disappearing rainforests. Melting ice-caps. Carbon footprint reduction. Renewable energy. Alternative energy. Energy independence. Energy conservation. Plug-in cars. Solar. Wind. Waves. Fuel-cells. Technology. Nature. Clean air. Clean water. Reduce, reuse, recycle, rot. The words and ideas are in the news every day. Going green is an important challenge for each of us, our country, and the world community. Hopefully, Pacific Piecemakers will find "going green" with our quilts a fun and engaging challenge as well.

Festival of Trees

Thanks to everyone who made such beautiful items for Festival of the Trees. It has been inspiring to see the craftsmanship and design sense that has gone into these items. Thanks to everyone who worked at the Festival and squished in behind the tables and shared our love of our chosen art with Art Center visitors. A special thank you to Carol Tackett and Claire McPherson for sharing their experience and their strong backs on behalf of GAC and our guild. In the unlikely event that a few items don't sell, they will make an appearance at the December luncheon at very friendly prices so don't despair if you didn't get all your shopping done.

