



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

January 2009

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## Holiday Party Extraordinaire

Different, crowded, warm, but fun is how I saw our holiday and end of year party this year. I was late as usual so I walked into a room packed with excited women. Some making signs with their hands while most spoke fervently as they gazed upon a sign pinned to someone else's back. I was quickly told where to put the dessert I brought, then told by our president, Barbara Dunsmoor, to come back to her to get a celebrity pinned to my back. What.... is this about? It was quickly explained as I put my two fat quarters into a basket already full of colorful fabrics. You must guess the name of the celebrity pinned to your back before choosing from all the fat quarters that everyone had been told to bring. Hmm...this was definitely different. I enjoy guessing games and I must tell you it took me a while to figure what illustrious celebrity was pinned to my back. It was James Dean. The basket was quite low by the time I got to choose, but I found the game delightful. I hope everyone enjoyed it as well.



After the game we were all called to the buffet of wonderful soups (New England clam chowder and vegetable), salads and bread. If you were still hungry there was still a whole table filled with desserts of all kinds from a trifle to an almond brittle. I being one who enjoys food immensely had to try almost everything and I must say ladies, I found fault with nothing.

Thanks to everyone who made this wonderful time for all and I can't wait until next year. Special thanks go to those who worked hard to bring this about as well as to the GAC for managing to squeeze us in despite everything else that was going on at the time.

For those who were unable to attend, we missed you, and to everyone in PPQG may your holidays are merry, and your New Year be full of good health with a promise of great things to come.

—Laura Hamilton

## President's Message

I was delighted to see the turn out for our Holiday Luncheon this year. Every one was in a festive mood and enjoyed the wonderful dishes we brought to share with each other.

A special thank you goes out to Marilyn Limbaugh for her delicious vegetable soup, to Joyce Gaudet for the bread and for help in decorating, to Carol Tackett and Janet Windsor for help in decorating, to Lola De Longoria for preparing the coffee and tea, and to everyone who brought salads and desserts. What a terrific way to begin the holiday season.

I also want to send a special Thank You to Sylvia Edwards, who did a masterful job in organizing and overseeing the very successful Festival of the Trees booth. I know she had a great deal of help from a lot of people and they, too, deserve our thanks. We raised over \$3000 and counting. It looks like we will be able to cover the fees and expenses of our speakers again this year.

—Barbara Dunsmoor

## Challenge 2009: It's Easy Being Green

Have you started your Challenge quilt yet? Only three months to go! We'd love to see entries from new members as well as the many talented veterans. Please don't be shy. We were all beginners once. Entry forms, due April 3, can be downloaded on the Gualala Arts website at <http://www.gualalaarts.org/Forms/index.html>. The quilts are to be delivered to Gualala Arts on Wednesday, April 8th, and the opening reception will be on Saturday April 11 from 5–7 pm.

Quilts may be any size up to a maximum of 60 inches (60 x 60 inches or smaller), and each quilter may enter one or two quilts. Group quilts may be entered in addition. Wearables and 3-D objects will be accepted. Quilts may be for sale or not. For quilts not for sale there is a \$10 entry fee.

Gualala Arts has a nice write-up on their website at <http://www.gualalaarts.org/Exhibits/Gallery/2009-04PPQG.html>, or click the link on their Events page.

## Quilts of Valor

The January meeting will be a workshop for Quilts of Valor and Comfort Quilts, with the emphasis on Quilts of Valor. Thanks to all of you who have already completed a Quilt of Valor for our next planned distribution in February of 2009. All of the pieces that have come in so far are beautiful. Unfortunately, we only have about one third of what we had at this time last year. All of you guilty people out there who have not yet completed a QOV, (Whoops...Marilyn does not have her QOV on the design board either), let's get our act together and finish one by the end of February. The hospital units usually have about 25 patients, so last year we were able to provide one quilt for each patient. We would so like to have the 25 quilts we had last year or even more. Once again, the minimum size is 50"x60". The maximum size is 72"x 87". The ideal size is 54"x67". Looking forward to seeing your QOV and mine too.

—Marilyn Limbaugh



QOV pattern designed by TJ Speiser and available on the Quilts of Valor website [www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org)

## Happy Birthday

Patricia Ditzler	Jan. 1	Jo Dillon	Jan. 16
Annie Beckett	Jan. 2	Kathye Hitt	Jan. 20
Carol Erkkila	Jan. 7	Marilyn Limbaugh	Jan. 21
Carol Drucker &		Sandi Brearcliffe	Jan. 26
Diane Cunningham	Jan. 10	Gloria Frost	Jan. 29

## Register Now for 2009 Programs

The Pacific Piecemakers are looking forward to a great year of quilting in 2009. The year starts with the Comfort Quilts/ Quilts of Valor meeting on Friday, January 16 from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Art Center. Spend a day sewing with your guild members.

On Friday, February 20, bring a favorite quilt (small is better) to share with the Anderson Valley quilters. Mary Johnson Martinez will bring quilters with her, show us their *Threads of Life* or *Hilos de La Vida* quilts, their new film and Molly will provide translation for the quilters. You will enjoy hearing their stories and seeing their wonderful story quilts.

Sign up for Rebecca Rohrkaste's *Circles Another Way* workshop on Thursday, March 19. You'll learn several different ways of creating your own variation of free-cutting circles and how to set them in a quilt. Rebecca is a master of color. If you're expert at freehand circles, come learn her secrets of combining color in quilts. The workshop is only \$40 for the day, a lower rate than last year. I've always learned something new from every instructor in every workshop I've taken over many years of workshops. Do join us for the fun.

—Sue Arnold



Detail of a quilt by Rebecca Rohrkaste who will teach a workshop in March.

## It's Time to Renew Your Membership

It's that time of year again! Your 2009 dues are Thank you to all who have paid their 2009 membership dues. The Angel Gifts are much appreciated, as well. Please include with your checks any changes in email address, phone numbers or mailing information. If you haven't yet paid your dues, please do so now. Mail your check made payable to PPQG for \$40 (or more) to Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445. Thank you!

We have a new member: Joanne Corey, PO Box 703 Gualala, CA 95445 wenjocorey@yahoo.com bday May 2

## Treasurer's Report

**Balance at beginning of month ..... \$18,988.75**

**Plus:** Monthly deposits per Income

Threadbar workshop ..... \$281.25

Total Income ..... \$281.25

**Minus:** Monthly checks from Expense

GAC rent ..... \$206.00

Newsletter postage ..... \$26.90

Comfort quilts ..... \$19.20

Rami Kim class/lecture/travel ..... \$1,776.08

Total expenses ..... \$2,028.18

**Balance at month end ..... \$17,241.82**