



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Threads of Life Quilters to Visit in February

Los Hilos de la Vida (Threads of Life) quilters from Anderson Valley are coming to our next meeting on Friday, February 20. Our neighboring Mendocino County quilters have been making their folkloric story quilts since 2004. Besides being featured artists at the Fort Bragg Memorial Day Quilt Show in 2007, they had a special show of their work at PIQF last fall and were featured in *Quilters Newsletter* magazine. They have had several shows in Mendocino County, in San



Francisco, Moraga, Oakland and Long Beach and their quilts were part of an exhibit at the Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago last summer. Molly Martinez Johnson, coordinator of the program at the Anderson Valley Adult School Even Start Program, will bring quilters, quilts and a film about their work. They are also publishing a book on their work.

They would like to see some of our member's work as well as bringing their quilts to show us, so please bring quilts to share for this special meeting. The program will begin with the visiting quilters promptly at 1:00pm so they can return home when school lets out. Our business meeting will be after the program this month.

President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Mine was delightful, even though we had a foot of snow in Seattle!

It is that time of year again—time for the Nomination Committee to be formed and a new roster of officers and chairpersons put together for next year. I've asked that each quilting group appoint a representative to the committee, so that everyone can be represented. The committee will meet the first week in February.

If you are interested in keeping your current position, would like a new position, or would like to volunteer for a position, please let me know. You can email me at bdusmoor@mcn.org or call me at 785-2877. We will have the new roster for the February guild meeting.

—Barbara Dunsmoor

Exciting Classes to be Offered this Spring



Sign up Now for Curves Another Way!

Rebecca Rohrkaste, an award winning master quilter from Berkeley, CA will be teaching *Curves Another Way* on Thursday, March 19 from 10am–4 pm. Sign up now at Gualala Arts Center. This class is a bargain—\$50 for guild/GA members, \$60 for members of either and \$75 for non-members. Learn a versatile free-hand cutting and sewing technique for quarter circles. No templates and no pins! These blocks sew up quickly and can be combined in any of the Drunkard's Path arrangements. They also combine well with many other free-form cutting and sewing methods you may already know. We will go over many of the setting possibilities in class and work with color and pattern choices. Bring fabrics you'll enjoy working with. You'll have many "ingredients" for a new quilt by the end of the day. Rebecca comes to quilting from a fine arts background and her work is marked by an original sense of color and fine craftsmanship, inspired by unexpected elements in antique and scrap quilts. Her quilt *Full Circle* won Viewer's Choice at Quilt National 2001. She will share her color sense as well as her designing and sewing techniques at her lecture at the March 20 guild meeting.

Intermediate Piecing Class Begins This Month

The intermediate piecing class taught by Mary Austin and Janet Sears begins Thursday, Feb. 26, from 9:30am to 12:30 pm in the Gualala Arts conference room and will cover the following topics:

- Feb. 26 Inset Piecing. Using templates for cutting, sewing inset seams, Attic Windows and Tumbling Blocks
- Mar.5 Continuing Inset Piecing LeMoyné Star (8 Pointed Star)- making seams meet in the middle and making star lie flat
- Mar. 12 Curved Piecing - first the traditional way, then an easier way
- Mar. 26 Foundation piecing on muslin Log Cabin Block and Log Cabin variations
- Apr. 2 Foundation Piecing Using paper Flying Geese pattern
- Apr. 9 Variations using foundation paper piecing Combining techniques in one block Flying Geese circle Star variation, Resources for patterns, instructions, etc

Class members should have a working knowledge of basic piecing skills (rotary cutting, sewing 1/4 inch seams, pressing). Sign up at Gualala Arts any time before February 20. You may sign up for all six sessions; or, as space permits, you may attend one or more single sessions. Supply lists are available at Gualala Arts. Cost: Series for PPQG members, \$60, for GA members, \$80, for non-members \$100; individual classes for PPQG members \$10, for GA members \$15, for non-members \$20. Call or email Mary or Janet if you have questions.

Textile Painting Retreat Offered by Guild Members

Two PPQG members, Sue Friedland and Chris Smith, are teaming up to put on a *Textile Painting with a Spiritual Focus* retreat in Los Cabos, Mexico, March 6-12. Participants will be able to relax and have fun in Baja in beautiful accommodations overlooking the Sea of Cortez. Sue will supply the materials and teach the techniques she's developed for abstract textile painting, and she'll help students find their own voice through modification and extension of these techniques. Students will come away with design capabilities they didn't know they had, plus about three yards of handpainted fabric. There will also be optional meditations, demonstrations of meditative quilting, and advice on how to quilt and finish the painted pieces. For more information, visit www.reapasyousew.com or contact Sue or Chris.

New Classes Announced

Machine Appliqué with Carol Tackett & Marilyn Limbaugh, May 14

This machine appliqué class will focus on edge appliqué, reverse appliqué and soft edge appliqué techniques. A single project will not be completed. Instead, participants will work on various samples of these techniques in class that they can take home for reference. The class is limited in size so we will have time to provide all the help needed. This class is open to anyone interested in appliqué.

Class is from 10:00 am–3:00 pm. Price is \$30 for guild/GA members, \$40 for members of either and \$50 others.

Earth, Wind & Fire Workshop with Rosalie Dace, June 2–4

Rosalie an award-winning quilter from South Africa will present a three-day workshop on June 2, 3 and 4 at Gualala Art Center.

We are very fortunate that Rosalie can come to Gualala on her next trip to the states. Several guild members took one-day workshops from her at PIQF and are anxious to spend more time with her. Save the dates. The workshop will cost \$125 for members of the guild and the GAC and signups will begin soon. Details will follow in the March Newsletter.



Journeys I by Rosalie Dace

Much Accomplished in January Workshop

The first comfort quilt /Quilts of Valor workshop of the year was held Friday, January 16. Thank you to all who participated. Everyone worked so diligently and they definitely earned the lunch that Lola DeLongoria and Joyce Gaudet provided. President Barbara Dunsmoor presided over a short meeting telling us about the upcoming nomination for officers as well as people needed for committees. Show & Tell was a nice highlight.

Library News

We have a new book in the library, *Masters: Art Quilts, Major Works by Leading Artists*. This beautiful book explores the work of 40 innovative art quilters, including several who have visited our guild.

Also it has been suggested that we add DVDs to our library collection. If you have one to donate, or suggest purchasing, please let me know.

—Anna Hines

Happy Birthday

Margie Binker	Feb. 7	Susan Brawner	Feb. 17
Judy Bianchi & Polly Dakin	Feb. 9	Dee Goodrich	Feb. 18
		Kalynn Oleson	Feb. 27

Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of month \$17,241.82

Plus: Monthly deposits per Income

Rami Kim workshop	\$933.75
FOT preview sales	\$469.00
FOT sales	\$2,405.20
FOT presales	\$220.00
Other fundraising	\$118.00
Pin donations.....	\$35.00
Total Income	\$4,180.95

Minus: Monthly checks from Expense

GAC rent	\$206.00
Newsletter postage	\$16.80
Total expenses	\$222.80

Balance at month end \$21,199.97

Urgent Membership News

Membership Chair Gail Spencer would like to thank all members who paid their 2009 dues. For those who have not paid, your dues are now past due. Please mail a check for \$40.00 (or more with Angel Gift) to Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA., 95445. Don't be left out. Your guild needs your support.

We have a new member:

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