



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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## Sign Up Now for Two Exciting Art Quilt Classes with Liz Berg

Nationally known art quilter Liz Berg will join us in September to teach two powerhouse classes. Sign up now at Gualala Arts office or online at <http://www.gualalaarts.org/Groups/Workshops.html>

### **An Introduction to the Elements & Principles of Design,**

Wednesday, Sept 15: Students will learn the basic principles and elements of design and how to put it all together for an original, individual art piece. Students leave with a number of ideas for new quilts. This is a nonsewing class



**Color: How to Make an “Oh, Wow!” Quilt,** Thursday, September 16: an all day workshop packed full of information about color. Students work on color wheels, learn to understand and use the color wheel and play with different palettes. Students will learn how to utilize the color wheel to make dynamic quilts: traditional, contemporary or art. Students leave with a variety of mock-ups for color combinations. This is a nonsewing class.

## President's Message

This month is our Comfort/Quilt Of Valor workshop on June 18th. I want to encourage you to come and participate if at all possible. I'm sure you've all seen Mirka's article in the ICO a few weeks ago and I hope you were impressed both by the article and by our contribution to the community.

Comfort Quilts was the brain child of Janet Sears. There was a need for the Sheriff cars to have something to give to children being removed from abusive or bad home situations. Janet thought quilts were the answer and her decision was right and the program mushroomed. So many have been given to the local community for so many diverse reasons and there seems to have been a rise in the number of requests lately.

Someone once said (referring to Comfort Quilts), “It is the BEST thing we do”. I agree and now with Quilts Of Valor we have 2 best things.

I know this is a bit repetitive as there will be an announcement about the workshop, but I have worked with Polly Dakin on the Comfort Quilt committee for quite a few years now and it is very close to my heart. Come - join us for a day of friendship, fun, free lunch and it will do your heart good. See you there, Friday, June 18th 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Be a part of “The best things we do.

—Joyce Gaudet

## 2011 Challenge Dates Announced

Carol Tackett and Kaylynn Oleson announced the Challenge date at the last meeting and will be reminding you of this date at various times throughout the coming year. The 2011 PPQG Quilt Challenge *Rhapsody in Hue* will open 4/1/11. (No joke!) and will be up until 5/1/11. Remember this is the 50th Anniversary for GAC and Carol and Kaylynn would like to see 50 quilts. A quilt a year, that's all that is asked.

There are no size restrictions and no specific "challenge" fabric. You are not limited to one quilt. Your challenge entry might be clothing construction or a 3-dimensional form. The only limitation is your imagination. There are some wonderful imaginations out there that we have not seen before, now it's your chance to show us what you can do. There will be entry forms in print and they will be on the GAC website. Their availability will be announced at a later date. Save the dates 4/1/11 to 5/1/11. Start your rhapsodizing now!

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## An Invitation from Moonlight Quilters Wine Country Quilts 2010

June 5–6

The annual quilt show of three Santa Rosa quilt guilds, over 400 quilts will be displayed. There will be a featured quilter, a boutique with hand-crafted quilts and other items, and quilt related vendors. Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa. Time: 10 a.m.– 5 p.m. Phone Number: (707) 838.9564

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## Mark Your Calendar for Summer PPQG Events

**June 18th**

Comfort Quilts and Quilts of Valor Workshop  
10:00–3:00  
Regular Monthly meeting  
1:00–3:00

**July 23**

Picnic at Gualala Arts  
noon

**August**

No Meeting

## Quilts of Valor Presented

Twenty-five beautiful Quilts of Valor were presented to wounded vets at the Palo Alto Veterans' Hospital on May 18 by Carol Tackett and Marilyn Limbaugh.

Here is the list of this year's QOV quilters

Ruth Hayflick  
Joyce Gaudet  
Gail Spencer  
Connie Seal  
Jo Dillon  
Jan Carter  
Barbara Dunsmoor  
Anita Kaplan  
Dee Goodrich  
Donna Blum  
Betty Covington  
Iris Lorenz-Fife  
Ellen Soule

These quilters made 2 quilts each:

Carol Tackett  
Marilyn Limbaugh  
Sylvia Keller

And Jeri Taylor made 6 quilts

Thanks to all of you.



*Barbara Tiffany, speaker at May's meeting shows off one of her quilts which demonstrates her border and binding techniques.*

## Gift Bags for Children

A hospital can be a scary place for sick children. That's why UCSF Children's Hospital tries to create a welcoming and home-like environment for children who are admitted to the hospital. At the April PPQG meeting, Michael Towne, Manager of Child Life Services at UCSF, asked the members if they would be willing to make fabric drawstring bags which will be given to children when they are admitted to the hospital. The bags will contain toys and play activities as well as information about the hospital. The response to this request has been tremendous. At the May meeting 238 bags were donated. This is an ongoing need. Instructions for making the bags will be available on the PPQG web site. For additional information please contact Barbara Fast (btfast@msn.com).



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## Instructions for Creating Fabric Drawstring Bags for UCSF

Thank you for being willing to make fabric drawstring bags for the UCSF Children's Hospital. These bags will be used to create gift packages for children who are admitted to the hospital.

**Guide:** From 2 1/4 yards of cotton material (42-45" wide), you could create 12 bags, 4 each of 3 different sizes (14" finished, 11" finished and 8" finished). The material can be any color, but the print should be child appropriate. The smallest bags are for infants; middle size for school-age children; largest size for teens.

**Cutting the material:** Cut a standard width (42-45") of cotton into 4 pieces along the length of the material. This will give you four strips each of which is 10 1/2" to 11 1/4" wide. For 14" finished bags, cut strips 32" long. For 11" finished bags, cut strips 26" long. For 8" finished bags, cut strips 20" long.

**Sewing:** Fold the strips in half lengthwise with

the right sides together. Create 1/2" seams on both sides. For the 14" finished bags, stop at 3" from the top; leave a 1" gap in the seam, then seam the remaining 12" on each side. Open the seams at the top. Turn the top 2" to the inside; turn 1/4" under and stitch around the bag at the 1 3/4" from the top line (just below the opening). Stitch around the bag again at 3/4" from top. This will leave a 3/4" cuff at the top and a 1" pocket to create the drawstring. Turn the bag right side out.

**Creating the drawstring:** Cut two pieces of 1/4" ribbon each 25" long. Using a safety pin attached to one end, run a ribbon through the opening on one side of the bag and around the bag until it comes out at the same side. Make sure the ribbon lies flat in the pocket. Remove the safety pin and tie the two ends together. Trim the ends at an angle. Repeat from the other side of the bag with the second ribbon. For 11" finished bags: Cut strips 26" long. Sew seams to 3" from the top, leave a 1" gap; then seam remaining 9" to the bottom and continue top as above. For 8" finished bags: Cut strips 20" long. Sew seams to 3" from the top, leave a 1" gap; then seam remaining 6" to the bottom and continue top as above



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