



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Farewell to Anita Kaplan: One of PPQG's Founders

We have the sad task of bidding farewell to one of our most influential members – Anita Kaplan. Anita and Steve have sold their home and will relocate to Lausanne, Switzerland and ultimately, Portland, Oregon.

Simply put, without Anita, there would have been no Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild. In the beginning there was no Guild, just a bunch of informal quilt groups, which met weekly but had no larger purpose. In 1996, after visiting a quilt guild in Florida, Anita conceived the idea of uniting those disparate groups under the umbrella of a north coast guild. She and Gail Stewart met, combined their considerable organizational skills, and formed PPQG. From humble beginnings, it has grown to the sizeable and vibrant entity that it is today.

Anita has always been an integral part of the Guild. She was its first newsletter editor, and the only one for six years. She then became chairman of Programs, and ultimately took on the task of Special Events Coordinator. In that role, she has organized six heavenly retreats for guild members.

Those of you who have seen her quilts can attest to her artistry. Many others have taken notice, as well. Her quilts have hung in over twenty separate venues throughout the country and in Europe. Her awards would require another page to list!

But perhaps her impact has been felt most strongly by those she has mentored. At the last retreat, when each attendee was asked how they came to be quilters, every other person said, “Anita got me into quilting!” She has taught many classes for the Guild, and has always been unstintingly generous in her willingness to offer sewing help and emotional support to those who have hit a wall.

It is impossible to overstate her contributions to this Guild. There will be a big vacuum here when she goes, one it’s difficult to imagine ever being filled. Goodbye, Anita, thank you for all you have given, and please remember us as you embark on this new chapter of your life.

~Jeri Taylor

Marion Coleman to Lecture at April 20th Meeting

Memory, family stories, cultural change and a world filled with color serve as inspiration for San Francisco Bay Area artist/counselor, Marion Coleman. For over thirty years she worked in youth and family services and now she combines this experience with her art to create work that explores memory, social change and community.

Coleman’s work has been exhibited in the United States and internationally. She has numerous private commissions and has completed public art commissions for Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center, Castro Valley Library and Richmond, CA Civic Center. She will begin a new commission for a pocket park in the Bayview Hunters Point community of San Francisco that will be completed in 2012. She was also a semi-finalist for the Bayview Library renovation.



President's Message

Greetings from Brazil, I have left the March meeting in the good hands of Joyce Gaudet, and I am visiting Brazil with my son until the 2nd of April. I am feeling oh so guilty for not making my first meeting as your president, but again so happy to make this trip with my son. I am hoping that those that have been working on their challenge quilts are almost done, and that some of you have offered to help Jan Carter with the posters and the finger foods. I am often astounded at the amount of talent in our guild, actually in our whole community the wealth of talent and people willing to take on challenges amazes me. Traveling does open the eyes doesn't it.

Thanks to you all for having some patience with me, I will be back.

~Polly Dakin

Challenge Show Time: West Coast Spender, is Here!

Thanks to everyone who submitted an entry for our Challenge Show. We have between 50 and 60 entries! Yippee! This is going to be a great show. I can't wait to see it.

Now to the nitty-gritty. Quilts need to be brought to GAC on Wednesday, April 4 between 10:00 am and noon. DO NOT forget to bring a hanging dowel for your quilt.

The opening night reception is on Friday, April 6 from 5 to 7 pm. Please bring finger foods. Barbara Dunsmoor has asked that food be on nice presentation plates (no paper plates). Please do not set your food out on the tables when you arrive. Take it back to the kitchen so that Barbara and her helpers can replenish the tables as needed.

I look forward to a really good show. I'm always so curious with our challenge shows to see how everyone interpreted the theme. Really, I cannot thank you enough for all your hard work, and for all the entries we've received.

~Jan Carter

Kudos to PPQG Members!

Mirka Knaster had two pieces in the East Bay Heritage Quilters' show "Voices in Cloth 2012," at Craneway Pavilion in Richmond March 17th and 18th.

Mirka reports, "I was delighted to see so many people I know from the coast (e.g., members Sue Arnold, Carla Basom, and Harmony Susalla stopped by), Santa Rosa area, and the Bay Area. The venue was fabulous, with extremely high ceilings, lots of natural light pouring in through floor to ceiling windows that looked out across SF Bay and to all the bridges. Great range of creativity. Good vendors. It was an exhilarating weekend down there."

Watch for a website link from Bonnie to peek at some of the quilts in the show.



Charlotte Tefft reports that the Grace Hudson Museum's current exhibit "Out of the Comfort Zone" is a juried show of forty plus art quilts.

"The walls are shouting talent and delighting the eyes of the audience. One must see them to grasp what the term "out of the box" really means. It is also my pleasure to have a piece on the wall with a "Honorable Mention" for "Postal Reaction". (above)

The dates are March 2nd till July 29.....well worth a trip to Ukiah."

Congratulations, Ladies!

Notes from The Loft

I have been asked by several members of the guild to post to the newsletter with regards to what is new or may be of interest to the group. I will strive to make this a monthly endeavor if it helps in your ability to find the latest and greatest fabric, tool or information for your quilting and knitting "projects".

First of all, I want all of you to know that we offer a 15% discount (off sale price) on some special ordered items, such as Wonder Under, Interfacings and Stabilizers, and Muslins . Talk to Marva for more information.

Right now we have Mary Ellen's unscented 16oz Best Press on sale for \$7.50. NEW Laurel Burch totes are in, as well as her latest fabric "Flying Colors". These items move out quickly so don't hesitate to stop by regularly. There are new arrivals of yarn, fabric, and art every week.

Did you know we are on Facebook? Nicole and I try to keep it updated and interesting - it has proven to be a lot of fun - especially with our out of town "regulars!"

The Loft opens every Saturday at 9am for the "Breakfast Club" wherein we are available to assist anyone in the area of sewing, quilting, knitting, crocheting and general needle work. It has proven to be quite valuable and a lot of fun for everyone.

We truly appreciate your support and we are always looking for new ideas, product and your input is always welcomed.

~Marva Jacobs, Owner

Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of February. \$12,040.78

Plus: Monthly deposits per Income

Dues\$800.00

Angel Donation:\$125.00

Library Sales.....\$22.00

Total Income \$947.00

Minus: Monthly checks from Expense

Dry Creek Inn-Retreat.....\$1075.00

Trinks \$65.00

Carol Larson Lecture\$300.00

Carol Larson Travel\$75.00

Total expenses..... \$1515.00

Balance at month end.....\$11,472.78

Message from Terry Waldron

Gail Spencer received the following message in an email from Terry Waldron who was with us for a March workshop and lecture.

I LOVED my time with you all. My trip back was just fine... just a little bumpy on the way up and the way down! My quilts were right underneath me in the hold of the plane, and we all landed happily!

You do live in God's country. It is soooooo beautiful there where you all live that I'm still telling my husband about it that we may take a little vacation up north this summer when the weather isn't cold.

~ Terry Waldron

