



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Bits & Pieces

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July 2012

Two great workshops to end our year and bring you fun, laughter and new ideas. Come Play!

Come Play with Me!

Dianne Hire will be with us for her 2-day workshop "Come Play with Me". September 19th and 20th, 2012, 10AM - 4PM. Her Lecture will be on Friday during our regular meeting.

There's a little child in you waiting to come out to play...sometimes we forget that play is good for us. This time we will be playing with fabric, freeing your creativity with liberating games at your sewing machine and on your design wall. Janet Windsor's endorsement heard at our June meeting is that "Dianne is a very good teacher, has a great sense of humor and she's funny". Her book "Come Play with Me" is in our library or Kalynn Oleson has a copy she is willing to lend.

Dianne is a nationally know instructor and author. We are sharing her with a quilt guild in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

So far there are only 3 places filled. Your program co-chair needs to sign up also, so that's 4. Playing with fabric can even be kept within the square. Come join us for some fun.



Purses by Design

October 18th, 2012- Pamela Day and Roseanne Lauters come to our guild with their 1 day workshop "Purses By Design" and lecture and trunk show on Friday October 19th, 2012. This class is just in time for a project to be finished in time for Festival of Trees.

They teach their two most popular purse designs, the soft gathered "Bohemian and the structured "New Yorker". There are patterns and kits for both purse designs. The New Yorker pattern is \$10 and Bohemian is \$9. Kits for both purses are \$25 and include the following:

New Yorker-Pattern, PbD stabilizer, magnetic snap, purse feet and bottom (purses have feet?)

Bohemian-pattern grommets and setting tool, cording for the handle and batting/interfacing.

Pam and Roseanne request that participants cut out their fabric and lining including the pocket(s) so that all start together.

Carol and I heard their short presentation last year at NCQC and we knew these ladies would be a hit.



Korbel Cellars Outing in July

Remember the Guild outing on Wednesday, July 25 to Korbel Winery. We have a tour of the garden at 1 pm, so plan to arrive around 11:30 for lunch from their gourmet deli, or you can bring your own lunch. Please let Cheryl Faconti (785-2403 or cher1053@yahoo.com) or Renata Lopez (rntlopez1@gmail.com) know if you will be attending, and if you are available to drive others.

Comfort Quilt / Quilts of Valor Workshop

Thank you so much to the 19 quilters who showed up for the Comfort Quilt/ Quilts of Valor workshop on Friday, June 15th. Some came prepared to sew and others came to help with anything that was needed.

We all had a great time and the lunch provided by Sylvia Keller was wonderful. It will be worth your while to come next year if she will make her Macaroni salad again.

We had a very productive day and I came home with 8 new quilts for distribution and a lot more were well on the way to being finished. Marilyn gave a great talk about the distribution of the Quilts of Valor down in Palo Alto.

I have already had a request for a quilt and one of the ones donated last Friday was chosen. As someone once said, "This is one of the best things we do." Thank you all again for your participation.

~Joyce Gaudet

Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of May..... \$10,002.67
Plus: Monthly deposits per Income
Angel Donation.....\$40.00
Total Income\$40.00
Minus: Monthly checks from Expense
GAC rent.....\$206.00
A. Schwabe Workshop.....\$1,000.00
A. Schwabe Lecture.....\$250.00
A. Schwabe Room.....\$170.94
K.Oleson Airport 4 Alison.....\$66.00
A. Schwabe Airfare.....\$330.00
Total expenses..... \$2,022.94
Balance at month end..... \$8,019.73



Quilts of Valor Delivery

Making Quilts of Valor has been a passion of mine for the last five years, but never did I experience the true rewards of that passion until this year. I was privileged to go with Marilyn Limbaugh, Polly Dakin, and Jan Carter to the Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto where we delivered this year's crop of quilts to the wounded veterans who are there.

I cannot imagine a more moving, heart-warming, and at the same time, shattering experience. There were veterans of all ages, but the majority were young men – men who have sacrificed their youth and their bodies for their country and the principles for which it stands.

Marilyn, who (with Carol Tackett) has fronted this movement since its inception, was supremely well organized. We took a total of thirty quilts which we arrayed around their all-purpose room. Marilyn gave a brief statement about Quilts of Valor, and about the difference between a quilt and a blanket. She handed out some information about QOV's and about our Guild, including a map which showed just where Gualala is.

The patients were then invited to choose a quilt. Some were ambulatory and could get to them on their own; others were in wheelchairs. Some needed help in choosing; others knew just what they wanted. It became clear that the trauma they had experienced was not just physical, but left many of them with mental and emotional scars, as well. Some were simply incapable of understanding the concept at all.

I was moved to tears when one young man kept thanking me for what we had done. Finally I had to remind him that we owed the thanks to him. Many of the patients were still undergoing medical procedures or therapy. We left the quilts on display with the staff (wonderful, warm, caring) promising to make sure everyone would have a chance to choose. Any leftover quilts will be held for new arrivals.

Ladies, MAKE A QUILT OF VALOR! They bring at least a moment of joy into lives of those who have very little about which to be joyous. This year's thirty quilts was a record; let's break it for next year!

~Jeri Taylor

Photo left: Barbara Dunsmoore brought her completed President's Quilt for Show and Tell at the June 15 Comfort Quilt all day workshop.

What Do People "DO" at the Retreat?

If you have not been to a Pacific Piece Makers Quilt Guild Retreat you have missed a fun event. We have many new members and some older members who have asked me, "What on earth do you do for 3 days?" The answers are as varied as the 25 women who attend our annual retreat. We have so many creative members in our guild; I think they look at the retreat as a way to have a block of time to work on one or several of their creative endeavors.

Not everyone is working on a quilt project. We have had our paper artist, Jackie Gardener amaze us with her paper creations.



Last year Marilyn Limbaugh worked on handmade wool dolls for her grandchildren.



Notes from The Loft

Time is flying and it is never too late to think about Festival of Trees. The Loft has numerous kits, patterns, and books loaded with ideas. Cute little stockings of felt - just right for the "money" gift or little projects just for the holidays and "gifting" can be found in many of the newly arrived sewing books.

Last month I attended a textile trade show and was happy to find cotton knits, rayons and costume fabric. Many bolts have already arrived and the seamstress' of the area are thrilled. It is so hard to find apparel fabric on the market and I am thrilled to have found these fabrics.

New quilter Lisa Swaiman, use her time to experiment with different blocks and quilting designs. These later became beautiful placemats. These small projects enable new quilters to learn and practice, piecing, borders, sandwiching, and binding techniques.



Gail Spencer's Quilts of Valor. Many members choose to work on our Community Comfort Quilts or Quilts of Valor for our injured soldiers.



Whatever you choose to do, you will have fun being with friends new and old. The total cost of the retreat is \$150.00. This includes your three day workroom space, your breakfasts, lunches and two dinners . If you have not already signed up, be sure to get your name and email to DBum@mcn.org . Space is limited and reservations and deposits are taken on a first come first serve basis. Don't miss out on this fun retreat to beautiful Healdsburg.

~Donna Blum

Notes continued...

"Boulder" and ruffles (in the yarn department) are back - for those knitters out there. Wonderful new baby DK yarn just arrived as well. I don't know what I love more - Fabric or Yarn!!!

Enjoy our beautiful coast weather - never a dull moment around here! And remember, knitter's, crafter's and/or quilter's are never bored.

~Marva Jacobs