



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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March 2013

## Programs for 2013

March 13th & 14th Christine Barnes will present a 2 day workshop. The Transparency class on March 13 requires NO sewing machine, but one is needed for the March 14th class on Luminosity. Material lists are on the Gualala Arts and PPQG websites. Christine will be our guest lecturer during our meeting on March 15th.

April 18th Thom Atkin will present a one day workshop, "Beading for Quilter's". In addition to the class fee there is a \$25 kit fee. This kit contains all the supplies needed to complete your sampler. Come join us in this class for the basics and then bling up your quilts. Thom will be the guest lecturer during our meeting on the 19th.

May 17th at the regular meeting Linda Schmidt will lecture on "Short Attention Span Quilting" including a trunk show featuring her quilts and wearables.

September 18th and 19th Laura Wasikowski will do a workshop on, "Fast Fusing Fun". Along with the fusing fun, come learn the fight song of Fusing University of Chicago. She will be our guest lecturer on the 20th.

October 11 Yes a Date Change! Why? Because our regular meeting conflicts with PIQF in Santa Clara. Guest lecturer TBA as soon as the contract is signed.

Please call Gualala Arts (884-1138) for class availability and do a Google search on these instructors and lecturers for more insight on their body of work.

## Please Renew Your Membership!

If you have not yet paid your 2013 guild membership dues, they are officially late. Please mail a \$40 check, payable to PPQG to Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, Ca 95445. Do not delay. Those not current by the March 15 guild meeting will be dropped from the roster. We don't want to lose you! If there have been any recent changes to your contact information, please let me know.

Thank you. ~Gail Spencer

## President's Farewell Message

As now, your past president, I want to thank all PPQG members for their support this past year and I know that you will support our guild in the future. We have voted in our new board. To all the members who have said that they will chair committees or help, thank you. Our nomination committee did not have to bend too many arms!! Anyway off to new adventures in quilting with the class this coming month and a great lineup of future classes, lectures, and off site trips. Again thank you for your support and friendship. I really enjoyed my term as president and now I hand it over to Judy Riddle.

~Polly

## Challenge 2013: Celebrate!

The 2013 Challenge show is coming up soon. Friday, April 5 is the opening night of our exhibit, which will show at Gualala Arts Center through April 28. So there is still time to get started on a quilt. The deadline for entries is March 21. Quilts don't need to be finished by that time, just the registration filled out and submitted to Gualala Arts Center. There is no limit on the number of quilts you can enter. Also, the young people in our lives are encouraged to participate. If you have a grandchild who would like to enter a quilt, that will be wonderful.

The theme for the 2013 Challenge is "Celebrate!" Think of all the many things we celebrate throughout our lives, things both large and small. We celebrate birthdays, weddings, graduations, births, holidays, and many other events. There are also the small things that we celebrate, such as passing a driving test, making the perfect cake, completing an arduous task, achieving an exercise goal, parallel parking the car just right. Or even finding a parking place! We can celebrate the incredible beauty of where we live. Find a way to represent that in a quilt, and we will have a great challenge show!



### PPQG Annual Quilt Retreat- February 2013

Twenty-one guild members gathered at the Dry Creek Inn in Healdsburg to enjoy a 4 day Quilting Marathon retreat. The workroom proved to be a creative oasis for all participants. Many members worked on special projects, Quilts of Valor, Comfort Quilts or UFO's that were finally reaching completion.

The weather was perfect and many quilters enjoyed walks in the morning, swimming in the heated pools or lounging in the hot tubs. All the meals were provided in the workroom so everyone could concentrate on their tasks. Besides quilters, we also had a "computer whiz" organizing and storing recipes ( Lisa Swaiman), a "Doll Maker" (Anita Kapland) and "Paper Artist" (Jackie Gardener).

The participants played Quilt Block identification games, won prizes and amazed everyone with the vast amount of knowledge we all share. Many members made small Mason-Jar Pin Cushion containers for the gift exchange and enjoyed the creativity.

The retreat will be held again next year Feb. 3, 2014. (Save the Date!) If you have never attended a PPQG guild retreat you are missing a fun time. We hope you will join us.

### Members in SF Quilt Guild Show

For anyone who's going to be in the Bay Area, check out the SF Quilt Guild Show, Jan 9-10 (Sat, 10-5; Sun, 10-4). Mirka Knaster and Kalynn Olesen will have several pieces in it. More details at <http://www.sfquiltersguild.org/page.php?ID=42>

### Welcome New Members

Naida Mauthe, Ann Illig and Jan Saufferer

### Treasurer's Report

<b>Balance at beginning of Month.....</b>	<b>\$11,689.53</b>
Plus: Monthly deposits per Income Retreat.....	\$50.00
Dues.....	\$1445.00
Angel Donations.....	\$140.00
Fund-raising.....	\$411.50
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$2046.50</b>
Minus: Monthly checks from Expense	
P.Dakin CQ & Hosp.....	\$105.83
GAC Rent.....	\$206.00
Oui Catering Balance of contract.....	\$1000.00
Costeaux Cater.....	\$144.00
The Loft CQ and QOV labels.....	\$35.46
Dry Creek Inn.....	\$1,225.00
<b>Total expenses.....</b>	<b>\$2716.29</b>
<b>Balance at month end.....</b>	<b>\$11,019.78</b>

### News from The Loft

Easter is coming fast and many schools are already having a spring break!

If you need ideas, projects or supplies for "grandchildren" or other visiting young ones, don't forget to stop by The Loft. We have kits and supplies of all kinds - needlepoint, beading, noodle roonies, glues, make a badge, rhinestones, wiggle eyes and a new shipment of Paint -by- number kits, especially for children.

New fabrics include some peanuts gang, crazy cats and "What Cancer Cannot Do" panels. You must check out our quilts and panels we have made with these fabrics. Happy Sewing and "Think Spring"

~Marva