

Bits & Pieces

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JUDY RIDDLE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can see it. Can you? It's that elusive Light at the End of the Tunnel we've all been hearing about. Yes, this has been a challenging year, but, I must admit that I think we quilters have weathered it pretty well! I've thought many times how fortunate I am to have this great hobby to help fill the time when, frankly, there sometimes hasn't been much to do! Quilting, sewing, and knitting are really great pastimes because they can be enjoyed solo, or with friends. What's not to like? Quilters are resourceful and creative, and I think those attributes have served us well. But most importantly, our great Guild has worked together to make this time as bearable as possible. Now we can look forward to being together again. ***So let's all get those vaccinations so we can!***

Looking back, I see the events and projects that so many of our members have helped to "make happen" for all of us. Here they are:

- Great monthly (almost) Zoom Lecturers and meetings throughout the year. (Caroline Ogg, Margreth Barrett, Dee Goodrich).
- Many comfort quilts for our community and fire victims elsewhere (Marcia Luchini, Cheryl Faconti)
- Nine (so far) Quilts of Valor for The Palo Alto Veterans' Hospital (Sandy Lockhart)
- A great and well-planned virtual retreat (Jan Carter)
- Stuffed animals for our EMTs to give to children in need (Sylvia Keller, Cheryl Faconti)
- A very successful Winter Wonderland Fundraiser (Cheryl Faconti, Margreth Barrett) which included our prize-winning tree decorated by Sandy Hughes
- A lovely to-go holiday luncheon (Judy Riddle, Sylvia Evans)
- A great newsletter that just gets better every month (Judy Riddle)
- Upcoming: A successful challenge show this October (Sandy Hughes, Francie Angwin)
- Very successful ongoing monthly themed fundraising projects (Judy Riddle, Sylvia Evans)
- A beautiful quilt still waiting to be raffled off at Art in the Redwoods, maybe this August (Dee Goodrich, Jan Carter, Judy Riddle)

So raise that presser foot, reach around, and give yourself a pat on the back for weathering what has been a very difficult year. And after you've done that, consider becoming more involved in our Guild. It's one of the friendliest and most congenial groups I've ever enjoyed.

~Janice Batchelder, Guild President

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- April 30** --Turn In Coasters, Mug Rugs, Bowls
- May 21** --Comfort Quilt Workshop via Zoom
- May 31** -- Turn in Tablerunners
- June 18** -- Zoom Lecturer to be determined
- August 21-22**-- Possible Art in the Redwoods fundraiser
- September 8-9**--Rescheduled Jeanette Walton workshop on Paper Piecing?
- September 29** --Turn in Quilt for Challenge
- October 1 thru November 7** -- Quilt Challenge Show
- November 8** --Pick-up Quilt from Challenge Show
- November 23 – Dec 31**-- Possible Winter Wonderland
- December 8** -- Holiday Luncheon

PROGRAM 2021

May 21--Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop via Zoom
Join Zoom @ 10:00 to talk about the comfort quilt/quilt of valor you will be working on. Adjourn to sew. Re-connect at 1:00 for Guild meeting via Zoom .

June -- Due to COVID restrictions, Sue Benner Workshops will be postponed to a later date. Caroline is working on scheduling a lecturer via Zoom.

July -- Guild Picnic -- Jan Carter is considering possibilities.

NOTE: Caroline and Margreth continue to search for Zoom presenters. You are encouraged to contact Caroline if you have suggestions for presenters.

~ Caroline Ogg, Margreth Barrett, Dee Goodrich



2021 PPQG Challenge Show October 1– November 7 Theme: Flying Free

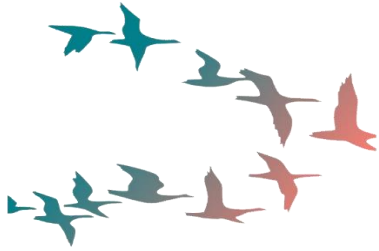


Exhibit Location	Burnett Gallery & Jacob Foyer
Exhibit Date Range	10/01/2021 – 11/07/2021
Members Preview	10/01/2021
Public Reception (Tentative due to COVID)	10/02/2021
Take-In & Hang Exhibit	9/29 – 30/2021
Take Down Exhibit	11/08/2021

I believe we have had enough rules and restrictions over the last many months so I am encouraging you to use your own imagination and do one or all of the following:

- Simply enter the quilt you made for the 2020 "A Star is Born" as your 2021 entry, and/or
- Add some silver to your 2020 "A Star is Born" to celebrate our 25th Anniversary, and/or
- Make a quilt of your own design choice adding silver to celebrate our 25th Anniversary
- Enter the quilt you made for the 2020 "A Star is Born" together with any other quilt design of your choice without silver
- Enter a quilt design of your own choice as your only entry keeping in mind that it cannot be more than 2 years old or ever shown in a GAC Art Exhibit.

In summary, you can enter last year's quilt as your only entry or make one for 2021 or do both. The silver is a suggestion and not a requirement.

Please note: As of this date, due to COVID-19 regulations from state and county – No food or drink will be consumed during opening receptions. "Members Reception" will take place during the first Friday of the exhibit from 4-7 PM and will allow Gualala Arts members a chance to preview our exhibit. The second reception will be open to the public. For group exhibits such as ours, GAC is encouraging artists to take turns acting as docent so that we may interact with our potential patrons while reducing the number of artists in the gallery at one time. I will update you as I receive more information from the Gualala Arts Center staff.

~Sandy Hughes, Challenge Chair

FUNDRAISING FUN



Quilts received for the March turn-in:

April Turn in Coasters & Bowls April 30 12:00-12:30

Gualala, parking lot between the Hotel and Gualala Market – Find Sylvia Evans, or Judy Riddle

It would be helpful if you would contact Sylvia or Judy to let them know you're coming.

Recap of the program:

Each month-- guild members will be challenged to make a particular item to be sold at the fundraiser sales (Art in the Redwoods & Winter Wonderland). Anyone who completes the specified item in that month, will deliver it to Judy Riddle, Sylvia Evans, Sandy Hughes or Janice Batchelder by the end of that month. A ticket with their name on it will be placed "in the basket". Each month will be a different challenge.

Each item you finish will go into the fundraiser sales booth. You are encouraged to make more than one, if possible, and a ticket will be put in the basket for each of the specified items you make in that month, i.e. if the challenge in January is to make a potholder and you make 10 potholders in January, you get 10 tickets. You only get a ticket for the specific item you are asked to make in that month, finish the project by the end of that specific month and turn it in to one of the four designated members.

Your reward? At the PPQG Holiday lunch in December 2021, a name will be drawn from all those tickets people have earned all year. The winner will receive a completed "custom" quilted quilt. Winner does not need to be present at the lunch to win.

Fundraising Fun Projects Schedule for 2021:

(Unless notified otherwise, turn in will be the last day of the month)

April – Set of 4 beverage coasters, wine coasters, or mug rugs, wrapped together with twine or ribbon

BONUS ticket for every 2 microwave bowls

May – 2 Table runners

June – 1 quilt – crib size or larger, any theme (5 tickets)

July – 2 Origami Market Bags OR 2 tote bags

BONUS ticket for every 2 microwave bowls

August – 1 apron, OR 2 "fun" pillowcases, OR 2 microwave bowls

Sept – 1 quilt–crib size or larger, any theme (5 tickets)

October – Christmas tree ornament

OR any item of your choice

November – Any of the above

BONUS ticket for 1 quilt AND/OR 2 microwave bowls

COMFORT QUILTS

The comfort quilt committee gave out six comfort quilts in the last few months. We have received four quilts made from the stash that was given out at the Christmas luncheon and we can't wait to see what will come from the other materials that were given out at that time. In an effort to keep you posted on how we give out comfort quilts please read the following information and the Comfort Quilt Committee job description.

Please remember that everything to do with comfort quilts is kept under utmost confidence. Cheryl and I consult with each other before giving out our quilts. We have to be sensitive to the needs of the people that we are serving and that is why most often the comfort quilts go to LOCAL community members who are in a situational crisis. That is the purpose of our mission.

Many times we call the person who may be presented with a comfort quilt to make sure that they want a comfort quilt, as they may be uncomfortable with their situation and don't want to receive a comfort quilt. This does take sensitivity in reading each individual situation. The spirit of comfort quilts is wonderful, if you just want to make a quilt for a neighbor or friend from your neighborhood, please do that and say it is from you!

If you have already made a comfort quilt that you would like to send to a community member please do not send it and say it is from PPQG unless you call Marcia Luchini or Cheryl Faconti. We keep a record of what we give from PPQG, and have had the unfortunate experience of two quilts being given to the same person, one quilt after the person passed away.

Our ultimate goal is to take care of our LOCAL COMMUNITY members. We have had many historic fires in the last few years, and your beautiful work has brought comfort to many people who have lost everything in the devastating fires from Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. Read the following job description so you understand what the comfort quilt and community outreach committee organize for your community.

Thank you for all you do for our community members. We appreciate you.

~*Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chair*

MOVING SALE AT RAINBOW RESOURCE CO.

Charlene Younker

After 45 years in various locations on the Coast, Rainbow Resource Co. is moving inland to warmer weather in Clearlake. And that means – a BIG SALE-- because I can't (and don't want) to move it all! Come to Albion to scoop up bargains this May before we make the move. 10% to 75% off ALL fabric and trims – I have lots of ½ yard cuts as well as fabric on the bolt! Call 937-0431 or 684-0699 to make an appointment to safely shop.

PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Job Description: Comfort Quilt Committee

General Description: The role of the Comfort Quilt Committee is to promote the making of comfort quilts by guild members. The comfort quilts are donated to local community members in situational crisis. The quilts are given to individuals at the discretion of the committee members (more than 1).

Specific Duties:

1. Privacy is of utmost concern and such personal matters such as who is a recipient shall be held with absolute confidentiality unless permission is given.
2. The committee members will confer with each other and maintain a private record so that there is no duplication of who receives a quilt.
3. When the comfort quilt is received by the guild, the Guild member will receive a similar sized batting as the only reimbursement.*
4. Work with members of other committees (Valor Quilts, FOT, or AIR) to coordinate any workshops. Notify Hospitality Committee if lunch or treats are needed on workshop days.
5. Work with Publicity (or Guild Newsletter editor) to write articles advertising workshops for the Guild Newsletter and local newspaper.
6. The comfort quilt members will work with the Community Outreach Coordinator to provide quilts for neighbors in areas experiencing a natural disaster.
7. Committee members are responsible for making the "fanny basket" materials available at all Guild meetings.
8. Provide an accounting of the number of quilts donated to Community Outreach Coordinator yearly so it can be presented to the Executive Committee.

* Reimbursement for batting is only authorized for Guild approved projects such as Comfort quilts and Valor quilts.

* Revised 11/2019

MEMBERSHIP

2021 Guild membership is now 76 members.

Bonnie Toy and I are working on the 2021 roster and hope to send it out the beginning of May. When you receive the new roster, you should either **save it in a folder on your computer** or **print it out** for your personal use?

~*Gail Spencer, Membership Chair*

SHOW AND TELL



Quilt of Valor made by Connie Seale