

Bits & Pieces

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JUDY RIDDLE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, didn't we have a fun and productive Comfort Quilts and Quilts of Valor workshop March 18? Our "Sewathon" was a great success, with a number of attendees working on easy, scrappy "Gypsy Jazz" quilts using fabrics from our Fanny Basket. We worked in two teams: one cutting the pieces and the other sewing them together. Others worked on microwave bowls to be sold at Art in the Redwoods and Winter Wonderland. And we also had some workers stuffing cute Funky Friends animals. Whew! We accomplished a lot! I believe there were 19 in attendance, although all those worker bees were moving around so much, it was hard to get an accurate count. Thank you to everyone and a special thanks to the extra helpers who were there for cutting and stuffing.

We were treated to a yummy lunch of Cheryl Faconti's tasty chili and Pam Todd's cornbread, as well as other snacks throughout the day to keep our energy level up. A big THANK YOU to all who kept us nourished. All in all, it was a good day!

We're still in need of some officers for the remainder of this year and especially 2023. Kathy Mayda has graciously agreed to take on the fun job of greeter/name tag drawing person, and Jeanette Schnell will help out with programs. Thank you, Ladies!

Our most pressing need is for someone to be our President, beginning March, 2023, as our current vice president is now unable to take on that job. Without this leadership the Guild is in jeopardy of ceasing operation. Yes, we're all busy. A number of us are caring for elderly family members, and we all have lots of other community and family commitments and travel plans. However, we desperately need more help. Remember that many hands make light work. With everyone pitching in, even doing a small part of a job, we would be able to maintain our viability. I ask you to consider the open positions and lend a helping hand: Greeter

could use a 2nd person; One, or preferably more, members are needed to make the Art in the Redwoods Raffle quilt for 2023; someone to decorate the Guild tree donated for Winter Wonderland; Comfort quilt/Fanny Basket could use one or more people; most importantly, we need a President and Vice President for 2023. Please contact me if you are interested in, or have any questions about any of these positions.

Next month, on Thursday, April 14, we'll have the opportunity to learn how to make a spectacular double wedding ring quilt. (See elsewhere in this newsletter for details.) That's a real "showpiece" pattern which has always been a bit intimidating to me, but Jeri Kennedy will show us how to do it easily and take the anxiety out of the process. Remember that special quilt you promised your daughter/granddaughter/niece/daughter-in-law at that wedding ten years ago? Now is the time to make good on that promise! Lunch will be provided: Darla Buechner will provide her special taco soup.

See you then!

~Janice Batchelder, Guild President

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- April 14** -Workshop:Making a Double Wedding Ring
- April 15** - **Guild mtg with Lecturer**, Jeri Kennedy
- April 29** -- Turn in Quilt Challenge Entry form
- May 11**– Turn in your artwork for Quilt Challenge
- May 13** – Quilt Challenge Reception
- May 20** - **Guild mtg with Lecturer**, Charlotte Tefft
- June 6** – Pick up your Quilt Challenge artwork
- June 20** – Comfort Quilt/QOV workshop; Guild mtg
- July ?** – Guild Picnic
- August 18 opening** – Art in the Redwoods Sale
- September 15** – Workshop, Cheryl Nyland
- September 16-Guild mtg & Lecture**,Cheryl Nyland
- October 21** – **Guild mtg**
- November 18** – **Possible Zoom lecturer & mtg**
- November 25+** – Winter Wonderland Sale
- December ?** – Holiday Lunch

2022 RETREAT

We had fourteen signups. We Zoomed for coffee hour at 10 AM and happy hour at 4 PM each day. We enjoyed sharing our projects. Out of town participants included Sylvia Edwards from Santa Cruz, Lola de Longoria from New Jersey and Trudy Armer from Playa del Rey. Great to see their faces!

~ Jan Carter, Retreat Coordinator

FUNDRAISING FUN

2022 Fundraiser Turn in

March 18 was perfect. Thank you ladies for your beautiful work!



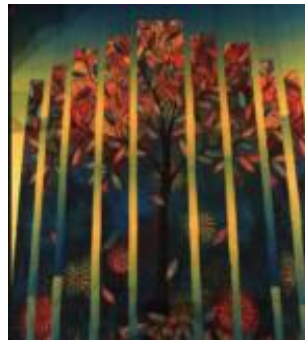
The lucky winner of the Loft's \$20 gift certificate was Francie Angwin. Francie made 12 of the 25 bowls shown. Again, a sincere thank you to Maryse from the Loft for the monthly gift certificates.

The next turn-in will be at the Guild meeting on April 15 – Coaster sets--set of 4 coasters (not sets of 6 or 8 or 10 please) wrapped together with twine or ribbon

- May-- Apron; Any "new" item of your choice
- June -- 1 quilt -- crib size or larger (earns 5 tickets)
- July -- 1 Origami Market bag or 1 tote bag
- August -- To be announced after we evaluate our need.
- September -- 1 quilt -- crib size or larger (earns 5 tickets)
- October-- small Christmas Tree Ornament; Any item or your choice
- November -- Any item of your choice

In addition to the items listed above, we desperately need microwave bowls and stuffed animals. **You will receive a ticket for each bowl and stuffed animal turned in each month.**

~Judy Riddle



QUILT CHALLENGE 2022

“Fresh Beginnings: Healing our Earth”

Date of Exhibit: May 13, 2022 to June 6, 2022
Turn in Entry form by: April 29, 2022
Deliver Artwork: May 11, 2022
Opening Reception: May 13, 2022
Pick up Artwork: June 6, 2022

Exhibit Curators:

Sylvia Evans: sylthesailor@gmail.com

Della Zita: Motherbears57@gmail.com

Theme: “Fresh Beginnings: Healing our Earth”. Inspiration may come from anywhere and anything effecting the delicate balance of our culture and environment. May healing begin one quilt at a time.

May 13th reception 5pm-7pm: Hope for the best, prepare for the worst

We are planning for members to bring homemade appetizers. Two options are being considered for serving; served by a server using tongs or individual servings on napkin, plate, etc buffet style. More info will be presented closer to event. All depends on the virus and how previous Gualala Arts events go.

Guild will also provide packaged appetizers as back up that can be easily used at future meetings if not used at the reception.

Food will be consumed outside along with purchasable drinks provided by Gualala Arts.

Help Needed:

- 1) We will need help with hanging quilts May 11, 12-4
- 2) Appetizers delivered on May 13 before reception
- 3) Docents and food servers during reception
- 4) Clean-up after reception

We are encouraging everyone who enters a quilt to **include an “Artist Statement”**. The Artist Statement should be turned in with your entry form and will be included in a binder for quilt show spectators to see when enjoying the show. The Artist Statement gives more information/background to your quilt that will heighten the enjoyment of the show for the viewers. Please google “Quilters Artist Statements” if you need inspiration or ask your fellow quilters.

~Della Zita, Sylvia Evans, 2022 Quilt Challenge Committee

PROGRAM 2022

April 14, Thursday, from 10AM to 3PM, Gualala Community Center

Double Wedding Ring Class with Jeri Kennedy



The Double Wedding Quilt Pattern is an iconic pattern first published in the US in 1928. It's been a favorite wedding gift and passed from mothers to daughters throughout the years. Aside from the obvious symbolism, it is prized because of the apparent complexity in the design.

The truth is that it's not as difficult as it appears! This class will introduce you to a wonderful method using accurate templates, correct fabric marking and a little patience enabling you to create your own heirloom. Here's what you need to get the most out of this class:

1) Please visit The Loft and sign up for the class. Maryse has the supply list. The class is free to all guild members and open to the community, but we ask that you purchase your background fabric (a minimum of 3-1/2" yards) and any other supplies you might need at The Loft. It's very important that we support our local shop.

2) The class is split into two parts. In the morning, we will cut and mark our fabric for sewing using templates that Jeri will provide. In the afternoon, we will chain-piece the scarps and put enough blocks together that you may finish the top on your own.

3) Plan on spending the entire day with us!

April 15 – Guild meeting with a lecture “A Journey through Mountain Mist” and trunk show presented by Jeri Kennedy. Guild mtg social time from 12:30 – 1:00; Guild meeting starts at 1:00, followed by lecture and trunk show.

Mountain Mist is a very well-known name in quilt batting. You can find it just about anywhere, in cotton or polyester rolled up in plastic or packaged as a pre-made pillow form. It's so common, you might have overlooked the name and the very interesting back story behind the product.

Jeri Kennedy, a new guild member, studies the history of Mountain Mist and the impact of this product on the quilt making community. She has collected all of the known patterns produced by Mountain Mist's marketing department and researched the origins of some of the designs. Jeri's lecture will introduce us to the men who revolutionized the manufacture of quilt batting, the creative team who brought this improved product to market and the marketing scheme that ushered in the prolific quilt making period of the 1930's.

Jeri's presentation will include a trunk show of Mountain Mist patterns, tops and quilts made by the artists of “The Mountain Mist Club”.

May 20 – Guild meeting and lecture by guild member, Charlotte Teft displaying and describing her Character dolls. More details to follow.

This is Kelsie, an adolescent mermaid. No boobs. I believe mermaids go beyond stereotypical sex symbols. All will be included along with Oscar the retired sailor.



June 17 – Guild meeting and Comfort Quilt/QOV Workshop

September 15 – Workshop by Cheryl Nyland
“Whimsical Fabric Faces”



Inspired by her lifelong love of all fabric and her great sense of humor, Cheryl Nyland of Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia, began making whimsical fabric faces two years ago. She began by making silly character images of family and friends just as gifts. She was a hit, and everyone wanted one! After winning 2nd place in a juried art show she began a cottage business of selling and teaching her craft.

We are lucky enough to have her here on September 15 (workshop) and September 16 (lecture) for Whimsical Fabric Faces. Save the dates for a day of fun!

September 16 – Guild meeting and Lecture by Cheryl Nyland

MEMBERSHIP

I'd like to sincerely thank all those who have renewed their membership in Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild for 2022. It's been a rough couple of years, but I think we're coming out in sunshine on the other side.

Now is the time to let me know if any of your contact information has changed in the last year. Bonnie Toy and I will soon be working on the new roster. It looks like we now have 75 members.

Please welcome our newest member Karen Stultz-Miller. Karen was a visitor and a magnificent help at the last two workshops.

~Gail Spencer, Membership Chair

MARCH 18, 2022 COMFORT QUILT & QUILT OF VALOR WORKSHOP



SHOW AND TELL MARCH 18, 2022



Comfort Quilt made by Cheryl Faconti



Comfort Quilt in the making by Kalynn Oleson



Quilt of Valor top made by Lori Holmes and donated for someone to back, quilt and finish



Comfort Quilt by Kalynn Oleson



Personal Quilt made by Dee Goodrich



Comfort Quilt made by Della Zita



Comfort Quilt made by Dee Goodrich

HOSPITALITY SIGN-UP

Listed below are those who signed up to bring sweet treats to a Guild meeting. We look forward to enjoying your delicacies!

April 15 -- Guild meeting

1. [Sandy Hughes](#)
2. [Kathy Mayda](#)

May 20 -- Guild meeting

1. [Janice Batchelder](#)
2. [Judy Riddle](#)