

PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Weren't we all busy and productive at our comfort quilts/quilts of valor workshop on June 17? Those machines were humming all over the room and it looked like quite a bit of progress was being made on those important charity quilts. Thanks to all who attended and put in so much effort to help with this community service.

A big THANK YOU to our hospitality committee, Sylvia Evans and Cheryl Faconti, for planning our lunch: great sandwiches from Anchor Bay Store (what a good idea!) and to Jeanette Schnell, Leslie Juricek, and Sandy Lockhart for yummy sweet treats to keep our energy level up.

We're making progress filling our open volunteer positions for the remainder of this year and hopefully 2023. Jeanette Schnell and Sylvia Evans have generously volunteered to be our program committee and Kathy Mayda will join the hospitality committee. Thank you SO much, ladies.

A number of us have availed ourselves of a great opportunity to learn how to make the iconic double wedding ring quilt. It's definitely a step out of our comfort zones, but the results will be spectacular! Jeri Kennedy has shared her expertise (and patience) during two workshops. Thank you so much, Jeri.

Unfortunately, we are still in need for someone to step up to the plate to be our President and Vice President. Unless those positions are filled, we can't guarantee that our Guild can continue to exist. We will also need someone to head up the Art in the Redwoods and Winter Wonderland sales, and help plan our 2023 Christmas luncheon.

We hope to see a big crowd at our July 15 picnic at Gualala Arts. We'll enjoy a salad lunch and a rousing game of Quilto under the redwoods. We have some great workshops and programs planned for this fall. Please join us! Until then, happy summer and happy sewing

~Janice Batchelder, Guild President

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- July 15 – Guild Picnic
- August 18 opening – Art in the Redwoods
- August 20 & 21 – Art in the Redwoods Sales
- September 15 – Workshop, Cheryl Nyland
- September 16-Guild mtg & Lecture, Cheryl Nyland
- October 21 – Guild mtg
- November 18 – Guild mtg
- November 25+ – Winter Wonderland Sale
- December 1? – Holiday Lunch

COMFORT QUILTS

Comfort Quilt workshop on Friday, June 20.



We gave out four Comfort Quilts in June. Thank you to all those that came to work on Comfort Quilts and Quilts of Valor last week. There are a few special ladies that I personally call my Comfort Quilt Queens. They have all worked so hard this year to provide the guild with more than one or two Comfort Quilts! Thank you to Janice Batchelder, Cheryl Faconti, Kalynn Oleson, Marilyn Alderson, and Kathy Mayda. I appreciate all of you so much!

~Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chair

PPQG SUMMER PICNIC

The PPQG summer picnic will be **July 15**, the day of our July meeting. We will meet at the Gualala Arts Center picnic area at 12:00. Salad greens and dressing will be provided. Please bring a topping to share with everyone. Ice water will be provided, or you may bring another drink if you wish. Cookies from Two Fish will again be provided. Also, please bring your own bowl/plate, eating utensils, drinking glass, napkin, and remember a serving spoon for your salad topping. We will be playing QUILTO so be sure to bring four fat quarters, and buttons to cover the playing cards.

~Jan Carter, Picnic Chairperson

FUNDRAISING FUN

2022 Fundraiser Turn in

As mentioned at the June Guild meeting, we could use more of the following items to sell at Art in the Redwoods: pot holders (in sets of two), quilts, and placemats (preferably with napkins). So that I have time to tag everything and add items to the inventory list, please bring anything you have finished to turn in at the picnic on July 15 and on August 12 to the Gualala Market parking lot.

June turn-in items for drawing tickets was for quilts, stuffed animals or bowls. I received quilts from Dee, Marcia and Della (3), along with bowls from Marcia and a stuffed animal (a cat) from Carole Poma.

The winning ticket recipient for the \$20 gift certificate at the Loft was Carole Poma. A most sincere thank you again to Maryse at The Loft for donating these gift certificates!

The next turn-in will be at the Guild Picnic on July 15 -- 1 Origami Market bag or 1 tote bag, stuffed animals, and bowls will qualify for tickets. I am unable to stay for the picnic. However, I will arrive around 1:30 to collect any items you would like to turn in. Please bring your donations to the GAC picnic area by 1:30. I will not be able to stay very long.

August – Any item of your choice qualifies for a ticket. Meet me in the parking lot between the Gualala Hotel and Gualala Market on **Friday, August 12** from noon until 12:30 to turn in your items for August.

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

~Judy Riddle, Fundraiser Chair

ART IN THE REDWOODS

AUGUST 18 - 21, 2022

It is anticipated that Art in the Redwoods will proceed as it did in 2021. Vendors will be outside where masks will be optional. Masks will be required inside the building. As many activities as possible will be outside.

Remember, you can enter your quilts in the Art in the Redwoods art show where quilts will be judged with other art items and you will have an opportunity to receive 1st, 2nd, 3rd place ribbons in the "Quilts" category. PPQG sponsors ribbons awarded in the Quilt category.

As in past years, our Fundraising sales booth will be open all day Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21. The 2022 AIR quilt will be on display in our booth and we will be selling raffle tickets for the quilt.

I will be sending out a request for volunteers to help in the booth: probably two people each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. As was done last year, tickets will need to be pre-purchased in order to enter GAC. I apologize that it will be necessary for you to purchase a ticket to volunteer in the booth. An email will be forthcoming as I receive more details from GAC.

~Judy Riddle, Fundraising Chair

2023 QUILT CHALLENGE

"Don't Be a Goose"

The 2023 Quilt Challenge theme will be "Don't Be a Goose!" Any size quilt will be accepted, as long as it contains a goose of some sort. A pieced goose, appliquéd goose, goose print fabric, flying geese blocks, etc.

The Challenge will be held in May of 2023, specific dates are not known yet.

~Jan Carter, Melissa Finley
2023 Quilt Challenge Committee

PROGRAM 2022

July 15 – Guild Picnic at the GAC picnic area. Noon

August – No meeting. Art in the Redwoods fundraiser sale

September 15 – **Workshop** by Cheryl Nyland “Whimsical Fabric Faces”
Gualala Arts Center 10AM – 3PM
Watch your email for details to enroll in the workshop through the Art Center.



Here are some examples of work done by students taking Cheryl Nyland’s class



In this class you will learn how to put together a “Whimsical” face for a pillow, wall hanging or framed art.

We will learn how to use fabric scraps or selvage edges, to make hair, eyes, nose and mouth. You will also learn how to use thread to enhance the face. Works well with Kaffe Fassett fabric collection as flowers for hair or with whimsical accents. No art experience needed.

Materials needed for fabric face class

1 yard of steam a seam lite2
20X20 background fabric (I like to use black and white fabric) or something with only two colors.
20X20 batting can Frankenstein to make a 20X20 piece.
20X20 piece to use as quilt backing (anything works if you are making a pillow, it won’t show.)
¼ to ½ yard Fabric of choice for hair (I love Kaffe fabrics for hair.)
20X24 fabric for pillow backing
1X20 Velcro for pillow closure.
Scraps of fabric for eyes, nose, mouth and eyebrows.
Small to Med sharp scissors (I love my medium Karen Buckley ones)
Scissors to cut paper.
45 MM rotary cutter.
Pencil, tweezers, safety pins, and many colors of threads for face details.
Sewing machine with free motion foot.
Cheryl will provide face fabrics and a glue stick for each participant in the class.

Inspired by her lifelong love of all fabric and her great sense of humor, Cheryl Nylund 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

October 21—Share your most and least favorite quilting tools

November 18 – To be determined

JUNE MICROWAVE BOWL WORKDAY

Eight guild members met at the Gualala Community Center on Thursday, June 17, to concentrate on making microwave bowls.



All batting and fabric squares were previously cut allowing dedicated time for marking and sewing. Thank you to Tori Watson, Gail Spencer, Janice Batchelder, Kalynn Oleson, Kathy Mayda, Jan Carter, and Jeri Kennedy for working diligently toward our goal of finishing 110 bowls. We finished 18 (thank you Jeri for taking some home to do the final topstitching). We have 15 more bowls ready for the final stitching. And, thank you to Tori Watson and Kathy Mayda who took MANY pieces home to sew "x's" and darts. It was a very productive day, but we still have lots to do! **Another workday is scheduled for Thursday, July 7, from 10AM until 3PM at the Gualala Community Center.** Email me if you might be interested in joining us.

JUNE SHOW AND TELL



Comfort Quilt completed by Janice Batchelder

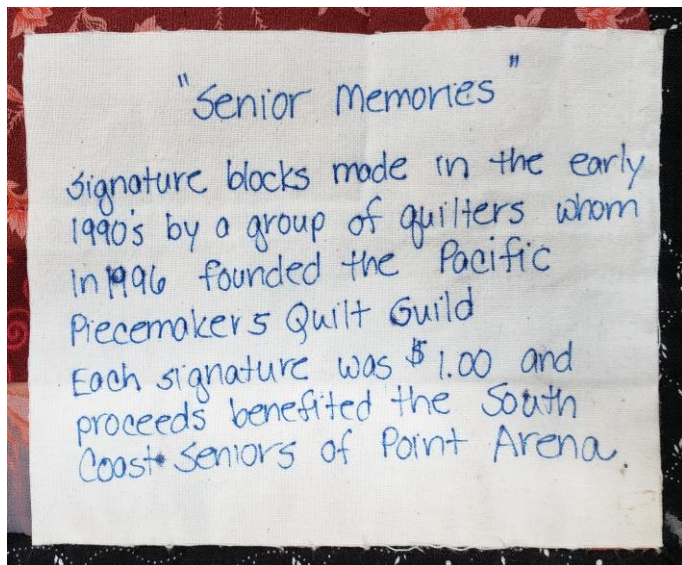


Comfort quilt made by Cheryl Faconti



Quilt made by Kalynn Oleson for a friend

Judy Riddle shared this quilt at Show and Tell. The quilt was brought into the Library and offered to the new Librarian. It is now hanging at the back of the library. Note the label that was on the back of the quilt. Next time you visit the Point Arena library, look closely at the signatures on the quilt. Unfortunately, they are not visible in this photo.



Announcements:

Francie Angwin, Scholarship Chair, will give us a report in the July Newsletter of the 2022 Scholarship recipients. This is a distribution of funds received from raffle ticket sales of the Art in the Redwoods quilt made by PPQG.

Judy Riddle is retiring from PPQG. I plan to spend more time travelling, learning custom machine quilting and developing a skill in machine embroidery. I will fulfill my committee obligations and continue in the guild until the end of December 2022. If you have an interest in volunteering for any of the positions I currently hold, please let me now and I can assist you with a transition: Continuing Education; Art in the Redwoods and Winter Wonderland Fundraising; Holiday Luncheon, Newsletter.

What Makes a Quilt So Special?

By Debbie Anderson Searles

Surely, when the final stitch is entered and the needle laid to rest, only a quilter can know the feeling of pride soaring within her soul. She has the contentment of knowing that a long, hard journey has come to an end. She has conquered a challenge, and through her own patience and endurance, has created a loving work of art. It may well live on long after she has finished her walk upon this earth.

Perhaps what makes a quilt so special, is that pride a quilter knows – that deep in her heart she knows – some distant future generation might gaze upon her quilt, or touch its fragile threads, and still feel the love and care that she has sewn in every stitch.