



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Editor's Note:

I welcome new articles for the newsletter. Again, this month I will feature a member, our President, Francie Angwin. Also, Jeri Kennedy will share the history of the Double Wedding Ring Quilt.

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President's Message:

One of our members found a quilt manifesto/handbook and sent it to me. We tried to get permission to print it in our newsletter, but never heard back from the author. So our member restated the points made and called it **How to be a HAM**, Happy Active Member. I plan to share one point in each of my messages in the newsletter.

Attend Meetings. Attending meetings gives you an opportunity to meet other members of the guild, learn about the guild activities, find out about volunteer opportunities, get inspiration from guest speakers, and make friends. We had 15 members at our April meeting. I know many folks take the opportunity to travel at this time of year, and several had other things going on in their lives. We had a very interesting speaker, Karen Boland, who shared a unique approach to quilting. Coming from an engineering background, she applied those principles to constructing her quilts. It was certainly food for thought for me. I hope that we will see more members at our May meeting.

Our challenge show is drawing near. Be sure to get your entry forms in. I know I have to submit mine, and still finish up my two entries. I have managed to work a "Goose" element into my quilts. More details about the challenge appear later in the newsletter.

In closing, we are so lucky to have PPQG as a venue for meeting others, sharing ideas, making friends, and learning new skills. Take care, and keep on quilting!

Francis Angwin, President PPQG



History of Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild

I enjoyed researching the history of the Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild. I will save what I have learned so it is not so hard to find the next time someone asks and I will add to it as more information becomes available.

I apologize to Anita Kaplan because I misquoted the name of the book in which two of her art quilts are featured. The book is *500 Art Quilts*. There is a copy in the library.

This is a photo of one of her art quilts featured in the book.



Joyce Gaudet sent me a photo showing her with Marguerite Biaggi and Janet Sears working on a community quilt that they helped to restore. The restored quilt now hangs in the museum area of the Point Arena Light Station



Fundraising Fun

At the April Drop-in-and-Sew get together members worked on creating large microwave bowls and tortilla warmers. Both have been popular fundraising items in past sales.

Every month the member who turns in the most fundraising projects for that month will receive a gift certificate to the Loft. At the April meeting Francie Angwin received the gift certificate. She was pleased because she needs some more supplies for her challenge entry.



Future fundraising projects:

May - apron or any "new" item of your choice

June - 1 quilt, crib size or larger (earns 5 tickets)

July - set of 4 coasters wrapped together with twine or ribbon

August - to be announced after we evaluate our need.

September - 1 quilt, crib size or larger (earns 5 tickets). Christmas quilts needed!

October - small Christmas tree ornament or any item or your choice

November - any item of your choice.

Let me know if you have any ideas for "new" items or other suggestions.

~Kim Madson, Fundraising Chairman

Mark Your Calendars Program 2023

Program Committee: Sylvia Evans/Kalynn Olson

May 10 – 2023 Challenge entries to be delivered to GAC 11-2 PM

May 12 – Quilt Guild Challenge 2023 reception at Gualala Arts Center 5-7 PM

May 17-18 – Sandra Bruce workshop (see Workshops below)

May 19 – Guild meeting – GAC 12:30 social, 1 PM meeting, Lecture by Sandra Bruce:
Material Matrix and the Paths Taken

December 15 –The Holiday Luncheon will again be held at the Gualala Arts Center and catered by Frannie.

Workshops:

May 17-18 – The Program Committee is excited to bring **Sandra Bruce** to Gualala Arts to teach a two-day workshop called “*Material Matrix*” on **May 17 & 18!** We encourage you to sign up for this wonderful opportunity to learn Sandra’s creative strategies! In order to bring these quality presenters to our guild and coastal community we need everyone’s support. To register and obtain a supply list please click on the following link. To easily track registrations, please let Sylvia know once you have registered. We welcome any questions you might have.



<https://gualalaarts.org/2023/05/material-matrix>

Sandra explains: “My technique, "Material Matrix", is inspired by the painter, Chuck Close. It involves using a gridded photograph and interpreting each 2-inch square into fabric, using piecing to achieve the effect.

June 16 – Comfort Quilt and Quilt of Valor workshop at GAC, 10 to approx. 3 PM. This will replace the usual meeting, but a business meeting will take place during the workshop.

June 22 – Jeri Kennedy will facilitate a workshop for those who need additional help on their Double Wedding Ring quilts. Contact her for information: Jeri (818) 429-2005

June 24-25 – The Fort Bragg Quilt Walk will take place at Dana Gray Elementary School in Fort Bragg. PPQG may want to submit an entry.

[Submission Form](#)

2024 Quilt Challenge “24 Squares in ‘24”

The theme for next year’s challenge will be “Twenty-four Squares in ‘24.” 24 squares of any size are to be included in a quilting. Plan ahead!

2024 Quilt Guild Challenge Committee: Jeri Kennedy

Membership

Members who knew her will be sad to hear that **Jinx McCombs** has died. Also, recent information informs us that **Katy Horn** has also died. Katy was a member from 2006 until she moved in 2021. Both members will be missed.

Roster: The new version of the roster is done. Make sure that your contact is correct. Please send any changes to Gail Spencer (88gbs88@gmail.com or PO Box 1489, Gualala 95445). Gail reports that these changes to the roster have already come in: “The changes that come to mind are Iris Lorenz-Fife’s phone number, now 707-415-9739; Monica Zarkowski’s phone number should be 707-884-1893. Trudy Armer’s phone number is 310-720-4886, and Trudy’s zip code is 90094.” Also, Gail’s email is 88gbs88@gmail.com. If you have her old Yahoo address you should remove it. Bonnie has already indicated that she will send an updated roster soon.

Featured Member: Our Featured Member this month is Francie Angwin, our President.

My mother always made clothes for us as children. My poor brother often had a shirt that matched my sister’s and my dresses. As soon as she felt it was safe, she began to teach me to sew. I sewed most of my garments from high school through my teaching career. I made my first quilt in high school. It started out as a patchwork skirt, popular in the 70’s, but ended up as a quilt. Each square was a scrap from a garment either my mother or I had made for me. I knew nothing about ¼” seams or quilting. I tied it, as my grandmother had always done. I made a few other quilts over the years, appliqués, patchwork, others of my own design, still unaware of the “rules.” My twin sons, and most family members have at least one quilt that I made for them.



I grew up in the SF Bay Area, graduated from Cal, and came up to the coast in fall of 1977. I joined the guild sometime in the 2000’s, but rarely came to meetings as I was still working, teaching math at Point Arena High for 37 years. I retired in 2014, and that was when I was finally able to participate in Guild activities. What a world that opened up to me.

Coming to meetings, taking classes, attending retreats, etc. has been a huge part of my retired life. Holding offices has allowed me to give back. I have been fundraising co-chair and chair several times, co-secretary, co-chair of Program, co-chair of Comfort Quilts, and now President. In each of these capacities, I have had the chance to work with different people and have learned so much about PPQG and our community at large. I have also served as our representative to, and chair of the Gualala Arts Youth Scholarship Committee.

I still have so very much to learn. I am in awe of the work of our members. Their creativity and skills are amazing. Their patience and generosity in sharing knowledge is truly a gift. I look forward to continuing as member of the Guild, and growing as a quilter.

Francie Angwin, President PPQG

Continuing Education

Double Wedding Ring Quilts:

As quilters, we are often challenged to keep and share the stories of quilts. Many of us were introduced to the Double Wedding Ring quilt, as I was, by a beloved grandmother. With the slow opening of a hope chest and the parting of tissue paper she followed with the story of how the quilt was gifted to her by her mother.

“The Double Wedding Ring” is often thought to be an old American pattern that crossed the prairies in the 1800’s with covered wagons and big dreams. However, while this is a lovely tale, the inspiration for the design of the “Double Wedding Ring” dates as far back as the 4th century when interlocking rings adorned Roman cups. The concept of double wedding bands symbolizing love and commitment is attributed to 15th century “Gimmel Rings”, two rings each worn by a man and a woman until the day of their wedding when the rings were intertwined and worn by the bride. While the inspiration for the pattern may be attributed to ancient Europe, the quilt pattern is strictly American.



The Double Wedding Ring Quilt Pattern dates to 1928 when it first appeared in Capper’s Weekly, a periodical. Throughout the 1930’s women found scraps of fabric and cut old clothing to make this cheerful quilt. Unlike utilitarian quilts made for the home, the “Double Wedding Ring” was from inception intended as a gift. The intricacy of the pattern and the arched piecing was difficult and, for those who were not talented with a needle and thread, a daunting challenge. Each quilt was made with patience and love and often remained unused as it passed from generation to generation until the story and sometimes the quilt were lost to time. Today we are blessed with wonderful tools, templates, patterns and on-line advice, the likes of which our quilting ancestors could only dream!

Jeri Kennedy

Quilts of Valor Update

Jan Carter proposed a **collaborative Quilt of Valor** to be made using a “block-in-a-block” design. She asked all members to make two 6 ½’ square blocks using only red, white and blue fabric. By the first month enough squares had been made and given to Jan that she can now complete the quilt. Jan said, “You quilters are awesome! ... This will make a great Quilt of Valor.” Thanks to all who participated.”



Sandy Lockhart informed us that Quilts of Valor do not always have to be red, white and blue. The colors of the Marine Corps are black and gold, and they can be used for a QOV.

-Sandy Lockhart, Quilts of Valor Chairman

Comfort Quilt News

This month we did not give out any comfort quilts. We are still in need of quilts that would be appropriate for men or teens. Our Comfort Quilt and Quilt of Valor workshop is coming up on **Friday, June 16**. We hope to see you there.

-Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chairman



May birthdays: Joanne Corey, May 2; Charlene Yonker, May 4; Linda Brodie, May 11; Joyce Gaudet, May 17; Bette Covington, May 19; Karen Laux, May 24

April Show and Tell



Dee Goodrich Comfort Quilt



Janice Batchelder 3 comfort quilts... Wow!



Barbara daughter-in-law
Dolores Yost quilt



Barbara Fast and Dolores
indigo quilt top



March green blocks
project quilt

Officers and Committees: President – Francis Angwin
First Past President – Janice Batchelder
Comfort Quilt & Fanny Basket – Marcia Luchini/Della Zita
Quilts of Valor – Sandy Lockhart
Hospitality Kathy Mayda/Kim Madson
Library – Iris Lorenz-Fife
Listserve – Bonnie Toy/Gail Spencer
GAC Scholarship – Sandy Huges/ Francis Angwin
AIR Quilt – Sandy Hughes/Marcia Luchini /Della Zita

Festival of the Trees – Cheryl Faconti
July Picnic – Jan Carter
Retreat – Jan Carter
PPQG Photographer = Andrea Polk
Website – Lynn Bailey
Art in the Redwoods – Kim Madson/Cheryl Faconti
Newsletter – Barbara Fast
Challenge 2023 – Jan Carter/Melissa Finley
Challenge 2024 – Jeri Kennedy