



NEWSLETTER EDITORS: JUDY RIDDLE AND

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My sister, bless her heart, gives me her unwanted fabrics and her unfinished quilt projects. It's like Christmas going through the bags. I recently received a bag of fabric with basic instructions for an unfinished project. This was a class that my sister took and decided she would never finish the quilt...after digging my way into it, I realized why. She, of course, had the benefit of taking the class. I'm trying to figure out what to do with the fabrics, how the pieces fits together and the logic for her color selection. Just about the time I thought I had it, I realized the blocks on the outside edges are done differently. After doing MANY, MANY blocks, I put them on my design wall and realized I probably need more blocks---or do I once I build the outside blocks? I also realized I need more fabrics to give me more variance in the design. It's been a humongous challenge, and what a brain-teaser. If you really want to deter Alzheimers, take on someone else's unfinished project. See you on July 24 for our outing to Ft. Ross and/or the Guild meeting in September. Hope you all have a safe and relaxing 4th of July.

~Judy Riddle

QUILT CHALLENGE

Now that we've finished Challenge 2014, our largest and most successful show, it is time to look forward to Challenge 2015. The theme will be "Above and Beyond." You may interpret the theme in any way you choose. The committee would like to also challenge you to go "above and beyond" what you've done in the past. Try something new or different, such as a technique, or a color, or fabric you've never really worked with before.

We have been given the month of April once again. Let's make this challenge even better than 2014. Keep an eye out for more information as we go along. Happy Quilting.

~Barbara Dunsmoor

JUNE WORKSHOP

Attendees at the June 20, 2014 Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor workshop enjoyed a full day of sewing, comradery and an excellent lunch. Several completed Quilts of Valor were turned into Polly for distribution to the VA Hospital, as well as some Comfort Quilts. Shown here is a Quilt of Valor made by Dee Goodrich and a comfort quilt made by Janice Batchelder.



JULY OUTING

Eight quilters are currently signed up for the summer outing to Fort Ross on Thursday, July 24, 2014. Meet at the Visitors Center by 11:30 for lunch. You can bring your own lunch, or Renata has made arrangements for a box lunch which will include a sandwich of chicken, turkey or salami with cheese, some greens, all condiments and a cookie or brownie. Or, it could be a salad. Lunch will be in a bag including plastic utensils, prepared by a local, food-certified food handler at a cost of \$12.00 each. Lunch will be delivered to us at Fort Ross. We pay at that time. Beverages will be provided by the Guild. At 2:00, there will be a 45 minute to one hour presentation about the Fort Ross Compound with question and answer time, after which we can explore at our leisure. Entrance fee to Fort Ross is \$7 per car. Carpooling is encouraged. Please contact Renata as soon as possible if you plan to attend, if you are interested in a box lunch or if you have any dietary restrictions.

~Renata Lopez

Here is a picture of a project worked on last year by Dee Goodrich



(Look at these beautiful bright colors)

RETREAT 2015

While 2015 may seem a long way off, it's not too early to plan for Retreat 2015. Maybe you haven't been to retreat before, and you have some questions about it. Maybe you're not sure how it all works. Maybe you think you won't have any fun!?!?! If you have questions about the retreat, I will be happy to answer them to the best of my ability. Ask me, or ask anyone who has been on the retreat before. (And I can tell you right now, it is a lot of fun!)

The dates for Retreat 2015 are February 2nd through February 5th. In nearby Healdsburg, home of wonderful wineries, restaurants, and a fantastic fabric store. You know, just in case you didn't bring enough fabric and need to buy some more.

Limit of 30 people. Email Jan Carter (janlc56@mac.com) if you are interested in attending.



(Yes, we do have time to do some quilting!)

~Jan Carter

PROGRAM CALENDAR: 2014



September 18: “Voluptuous Applique”, one day workshop by Cara Gulati, 9:30-4:00. You’ll learn to create your own original block design. Learn to design your own blocks with wild curvy seams. Freezer paper, glue and invisible thread are some of our tools. A light box creates transparency. Color gradations can make amazing impact! Check the PPQG website for the materials list. We will have light boxes available.



September 19: Guild Meeting with Lecture by Cara Gulati.

October 10: NOTE THE DATE CHANGE

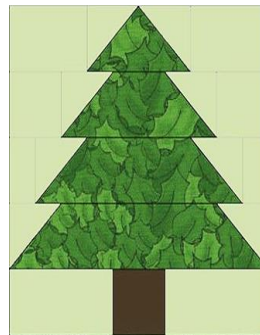
The meeting is a week earlier so that it does not conflict with the Pacific International Quilt Fest in Santa Clara, CA. Our guest speaker will be Marie Strait, Board Chair for the San Jose Quilt and Textile Museum. She will be bringing several quilts from the museum.

November 21: Guest Lecturer will be Jan Soules and her lecture will be “Spectacular Borders: from basics to beyond” Jan has been quilting since 2000. She has never settled on one style of quilting preferring to mix appliqué and pieced blocks, her sense of design and color sense for creating her works. She is a member of the Elk Grove and River City quilt guilds. Her accomplishments include five Best of Show awards and six Best Use of Color awards at local guilds, along with numerous first place and judge’s choice awards. She was the featured artist at the 2011 River City Quilters Guild annual show.

~Kalyynn Oleson ksue57@mcn.org

FESTIVAL OF TREES

2014



The Guild booth at Festival of the Trees is a very important source of income for us. In a typical year membership dues might bring in \$4000, and the FOT effort is just behind that with revenue that has varied recently between \$2500 and \$3000. This income offsets the cost of our invited guest workshops and classes (things such as travel and lodging), and funds many of the extras that make the Guild so special. We rely solely on your donations of hand-made items to stock the booth so please think of us next time you are searching for a project. And, we are still looking for another volunteer.

*Sharon Moreland for the Festival of Trees Committee,
Joyce Gaudet and Sylvia Edwards, Chairs*

QUILT HAPPENINGS

Garden Valley Quilt Group in Citrus Heights is having a luncheon event instead of a quilt show. The event is on Saturday, September 13, 2014. Guest speaker is the incredible Karen K. Stone of Texas. She will be doing two workshops on the two days prior to the luncheon. Thursday, Sept. 11 will be her workshop "Fun with Fusible". On Friday, Sept 12, she will be teaching her "Foundation Piecing" workshop. Saturday, Sept 13, Karen will be giving her lecture, "Wild Women Don't Get the Blues". Lunch will be served. There will be door prizes and raffle baskets. More information and tickets can be ordered on their website:

www.goldenvalleyquiltguild.org.



Well she did it. Lola DeLongoria has left us, no she has not passed away, but has moved back to the East coast so she could be nearer her family and ailing father. So when she was here to pick up her car and one of her dogs we, meaning the Quail Quilters, a Thursday quilt group, took her to brunch at St. Orres. We had a good time reminiscing and wished her well. Lola said she will miss us all at PPQG, and we will miss her. Lola remarked also that she would continue to keep up with us through the newsletter as well as the website. Good Luck, Lola, from PPQG.

~ Laura Hamilton

Diablo Valley Quilters Workshop with Judy Sisneros Now Open to non-Guild Members
August 21, 2014 Thursday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Judy Sisneros: Circle Pizzazz Cost: \$50
Skill level: Confident Beginner/Intermediate
NOTE: This workshop is now open to non-Guild members!

Judy Sisneros says—
“The inspiration for this class began with the “Snake Trail” block – which I have taught for years as “Winding Paths” – a great quilt! I wondered what would happen if I made the block and then recut it... made a little change...and then remade the block. It was wonderful! Plus, with the leftovers you have circles to make a second quilt! Quilt size 36” x 46”including borders.”



Five-piece acrylic template sets with pre-cutting instructions will be available for purchase (\$21.50) by registered attendees at the June and July General Meetings or by contacting Susan Greene (sgrehome@gmail.com or 925 984-9868). See more Circle Pizzazz quilts on Judy's website—http://judysisneros.com/Workshop_-_Circle_Pizzazz.html

Workshops are held at the DVQ Studio, 12919 #1 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon, CA.

To reserve your spot, send a check for \$50 made out to "DVQ" (include your email address and the name for the workshop) to

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QUILT HUMOR

