



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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*Newsletter Editor: Barbara Fast*

## Editor's Note:

There is a lot of emphasis on sports right now. The basketball season is ending, and the baseball season is starting. A 16 year old skater just completed six "quads" in one event to earn the National Title. Fortunately, as quilters we can claim to be athletes!

*Barbara Fast, Editor*



## President's Message:

Happy Spring to All! I am sitting here in the sun, though there are 2.5 inches of water in my rain gauge and more on the way. We did enjoy a brief respite from the rains, and again were able to do some yard work last week. My wisteria is starting to pop and the camellias are going crazy!

HAM #10 (Happy Active Member) "Read the emails from Guild leadership and Committee chairmen. Sometimes things come up and the emails help you stay on top of Guild business and changes in activities." Good advice! I know that I try to keep notices at a minimum, but sometimes it is necessary to send out a blast to our membership.

We had a great turnout at our last workshop. Batting and fabric for bowls were cut and marked. Darts were sewn and quite a few bowls finished or taken home to be finished. Lots of camaraderie was evident. Many thanks to all who came to help. I will be bringing bowls to our next Second Thursday Sew-in to work on. Again, I will be happy to help anyone who would like to learn more about the bowl-making process.

Once more, I would like to ask a member to consider taking on the role vice president. I have another year in my presidential term, and it would be great to have the next person ready to go in March 2025.

In the interest of keeping the newsletter to six pages, I will finish up with encouraging you to Keep on Quilting!

*President, Francie Angwin*

## Fundraising Fun 2024

Happy Spring Everyone! We had a fun and successful microwave bowl/tortilla warmer production workshop this month. Thank you to all who participated! From that workshop, we made 21 small bowls and 20 large bowls, plus we prepped several tortilla warmers. I have another 27 pairs of fabric squares for bowls which I will bring to the Thursday Sew-In on 4/11 along with more batting. If anyone would like to help prep these bowls, please come join us. As you can see above, we received lots of wonderful kitchen items at our meeting. Thanks to everyone who donated this month!



Marcia Luchini had the winning ticket for The Loft gift certificate. Congratulations Marcia! For April, we will continue to focus on “kitchen items” for our monthly turn-in. Of course, quilts and stuffed animals are always welcome, and you’ll receive 5 tickets for a quilt and 3 for a stuffed animal. Thanks for your support!

*Kim Madson, Fundraising Chairman*

## Retreat 2024

The PPQG annual retreat will be scheduled sometime in the fall.

*Jan Carter, Retreat Chairman*

## Mark Your Calendars Program 2024

**April 11** Second Thursday get together:

We’ve been on a winter hiatus but will resume our monthly get-togethers on Thursday, April 11; 11-3 upstairs at Gualala Arts. Bring whatever you would like to do. Of course anyone who would like to work on fundraising items (microwave bowls, aprons, etc.) is especially welcome. If you need to sandwich a quilt, Scott will make the tables high enough.

But please let me know if you plan to attend, so he can set up enough tables, etc. for us. See you then.

*Janice Batchelder*

**April 17-18;** Our very own Dee Goodrich will be teaching a two day “One Block Wonder” workshop on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**April 19:** Business meeting 1 PM. Program: Dee Goodrich trunk show.

**May 15th and 16<sup>th</sup>:** On Wednesday and Thursday we will have a two day workshop with Jennifer Sampou where she will present “Octagon Shimmer”.

Hello Quilters!

Our much anticipated Jennifer Sampou workshop is now available for sign ups on the Gualala Arts website! Check out the link below for details and supply list. We will be opening it up to outside guilds in the near future, so early registration is encouraged for this May workshop.

<https://gualalaarts.org/2024/05/octagon-shimmer-quilt-workshop/>

**May 17:** On Friday Jennifer will share her lecture “Light Your Ombre’ Fire”.

She says, “I love color and want to get better at choosing palettes.” Does this sound like you? Let Jennifer improve your color confidence by lighting your ombre’ fire! She gives a spirited talk about the joy of using gradient ombres that make color pairing successful. It’s a full proof technique to harness a thousand colors at your fingertips that include prints, wovens, and solids!

*Sylvia Evans, Program Chairman*



## Membership

Three things to note; First, Bonnie Toy and I will soon be finalizing the annual roster. We need members to ensure we have the correct contact information for them. If there have been no changes since last year, we should be good to go.

Second, please welcome Marcella Johnston back to the guild.

Third, It is with sadness that we relay that Joyce Gaudet's husband, Larry, passed away on March 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send her a note of condolence, her new address is: 300 Fountain Grove Parkway, Santa Rosa 95403.

*Gail Spencer, Membership Chairman*

## Featured Member

Mary Banach grew up in Southern California where she lived with her Polish parents and four siblings until she went to college at Immaculate Heart College in Hollywood. Her most cherished childhood memories include spending summers in Philadelphia with her aunt, Sister Martina, an artist and teacher at Holy Family College. She wishes that she had written down all that she learned from her aunt about art.



Mary's career has been incredibly varied. She calls herself a Clinical Data Educator. Her initial degree was in Special Education of the Visually Impaired. She subsequently went on to get a Master's Degree in Public Health in Infections Diseases at Berkeley where she was recruited to work on diagnostic products for HIV. She spent over 15 years working directly on clinical health trials and for Dr. Tony Fauci at NIH. She returned to Berkeley for a PhD in Math and Science Education. Then she worked on research studies in academia, but she always fell back to insuring quality clinical data and communicating how we learn in the health research area. Currently Mary is volunteering to chair the Drug Information Association's (DIA) Clinical Data Management Community (CDM). She works closely with DIA in both the US and Japan.

Mary has an unusual sewing background. Her maternal grandmother, her sister and her brother ran a women's tailoring business in Los Angeles. She says that her grandmother had "an incredible sense of color and simplicity in her designs." Her uncle went on to own a Lanz Originals factory and Mary enjoyed wearing Lanz clothing that her cousins gave her. She took a sewing class in junior high and she made mostly household items before she learned to quilt.

After living in the Bay Area, Mary and her husband, \_\_\_\_\_, built a vacation home in Gualala in 2003. While vacationing she heard about Judy Riddle's quilting classes which she still attends, and she sometimes attended PPQG meetings. She joined the guild in 2023 and she enjoys volunteering at Art in the Redwoods and other sales. She also uses her skill to keep track of data for PPQG. She says that she is willing to help PPQG in any way that she can.

*Barbara Fast, Editor*

## **Comfort Quilt News**

This month we did not give out any quilts. We received two lovely new quilts from Katherine Gyorfi and Marilyn Alderson.

*Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chairman*

## **2024 AIR Quilt**

The 2024 AIR Quilt is moving rapidly along under Kathy Mayda's stewardship. She is doing the piecing, and the fabric for sashing and binding have been chosen. We should see the results in a few weeks.

*Jeri Kennedy, 2024 AIR Quilt Chairman*

## 2024 Challenge

The deadline to enter your quilts is drawing near. Remember, quilts don't have to be finished until the turn-in date, so you do have a couple more weeks to work. We look forward to the amazing creativity that PPQG members have exhibited in the past. The important dates to keep in mind are:

Entries in by April 24. The process may be done online or on paper.

Deliver your entry on May 8 from 11 am to 2 pm.

Opening of the Challenge is May 10 with the reception from 4-6 pm.

Cheryl Faconti is heading up the refreshments. She asks for finger food, savory or sweet. She could also use some help with replenishing the tables during the show as needed. Please contact her to help.

Pick up entries on June 10 from 11 am to 2 pm.

*2024 Quilt Guild Challenge Committee: Francis Angwin, Sandy Hughes and Janice Batchelder*

## 2025 Challenge

The title of the 2025 Challenge will include the word "local". It is designed to help Maryse keep open our local fabric store, The Loft. Members will include at least some of four pre-selected fabrics in their design. More details to follow.

*2025 Quilt Guild Challenge Chairman Sandy Hughes*



**April birthdays:** April 8, Jan Saufferer; April 15, Linda Wamock; April 16, Joanne Corey, Kelly Colburn; April 19, Lynn Bailey; April 26, Jan Carter;

## February Show and Tell



Janice Batchelder – Comfofrt Quilt



Jan Saufferer – Comfort Quilt



Monica Zarkowski - Quilt made in remembrance of her mother