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**NEWSLETTER EDITORS: JUDY RIDDLE AND
LAURA HAMILTON**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was great to see everyone at the November Guild meeting. Jan Soules gave us a very interesting lecture on borders. It was also delightful to see all the brilliant items everyone prepared for the Festival of Trees Booth. Thank you to everyone who prepared items, assisted with set-up and with manning the booth during the festival. I believe we had a successful sale. A special "Thank You" to Sylvia Edwards and Joyce Gaudet for the many years they have contributed to this project. Their contributions have made it the success that it is.

It looks like we have another year of exciting events planned, again, thanks to those excellent people who dedicate their time and effort to our Guild. Stay tuned for detailed updates.

Finally, I hope everyone is well and wish you all a happy, safe, and enjoyable holiday.

~Judy Riddle

FESTIVAL OF TREES

2014



Sylvia Edwards, Francie Angwin, Marcia Luchini

FESTIVAL OF TREES

First of all the booth was a success. A lot of things sold. We don't have a total dollar amount yet and won't have one until the New Year. That is because we are still trying to sell our merchandise at other venues. The Coast Highway Art Collective in Point Arena has kindly allowed us to collaborate with them, letting us display and sell our items in their "Holiday Fancies" exhibit. Please take the time to visit and see the scarves, hats, jewelry and the wide array of art made by the members of the collective. Like us, they are all coastal residents. Lots of great holiday gifts. On Thursday December 18, the Gallery will be participating in "Hometown Holidays" in Point Arena, staying open until 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Gualala Arts Center has also allowed us to hang quilts and wall hangings in the Auditorium. There are Christmas themes, children's and even a full sized bed quilt. Well worth a trip by to see them if you haven't already and possibly buy one for a gift. A great big thank you to the Art Center and staff.

There are so many people to thank for helping with the booth that I really don't know where to start, so I'll just plunge right in. Thank you to Iris whose art expertise and hard work (and lattice) made our booth look so great. To Sylvia Edwards, Francie Angwin, Judy Riddle, Sharon Moreland and Julie Verran who worked many hours pricing and re-pricing items and helping Iris set up the booth. To Sylvia Keller (chief elf) and all of you who spent many hours making the beautiful, clever and fun things we had for sale. Last, but definitely not least, to all of you who gave time on the holiday weekend, volunteering as sales people at the booth. It wouldn't work if we didn't have a team of wonderful supportive helpers behind us. I think we have that in PPQG.

As you know Sylvia and I will be stepping down next year. The new FOT Committee has already impressed us with their enthusiasm and new ideas. We hope you will continue to support them as you have supported us.

Gratefully, *~Joyce Gaudet and Sylvia Edwards*
Co-Chairs FOT

JANUARY LUNCHEON

Post Christmas Luncheon to be held again at St. Orres, January 22, 2015. Email Renata if you plan to attend.

**PPQG COLLABORATING WITH
COAST HIGHWAY ART
COLLECTIVE GALLERY**

PPQG members, I am pleased to tell you that your items not sold at the Festival of the Trees are now on display and available for sale at the Gallery in Point Arena at 284 Main Street (the red building next to the bank with a big yellow sun on the front wall). Bring your family and friends and holiday guests to see your adorable hand-made creations that would make great holiday gifts. While you are there, enjoy the art work of the Coast Highway Art Collective. Presently we have a *Holiday Fancies* exhibit with scarves, hats and jewelry that would also make great gifts. Consider treating yourself! There is also a wide array of art made by the members of the collective, all of whom live along the coast. **Shop local!**

The Gallery is open Friday - Sunday, 10-4 PM. We will also be open late on Thursday, December 18, when Point Arena is sponsoring *Hometown Holidays* to give people who work a chance to shop in the evening. Other businesses on Main Street will also be open. On that day the gallery will be open until 7 PM. Refreshments will be served. I hope to see you and your guests at the gallery.

~Barbara Fast

NOVEMBER GUEST LECTURER:

Jan Soules was the Guest Lecturer at the November Guild meeting. Members were enlightened by her lecture entitled "Spectacular Borders: from basics to beyond", as she shared her many exquisite quilts demonstrating different ways to border your quilts. Jan is an accomplished quilter with five Best of Show awards, six Best Use of Color awards, as well as numerous first place and judge's choice awards. She was the featured artist at the River City Quilters Guild in 2011. It was a pleasure to have her as one of our lecturers.

~Judy Riddle



Guest Lecturer, Jan Soules

MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew your membership in PPQG for 2015. Please mail a check, made payable to PPQG, in the amount of \$40.00 (plus Angel Gift, if desired), to me: Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA, 95445. You do not need to put PPQG on the envelope, just on the check. Also, if any of your contact info has changed recently, include a note with your check. Thank you!

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to new member Kathy Kinghorn. Kathy currently resides in PA and will be moving to our area in April.

~Gail Spencer

TREASURER'S REPORT

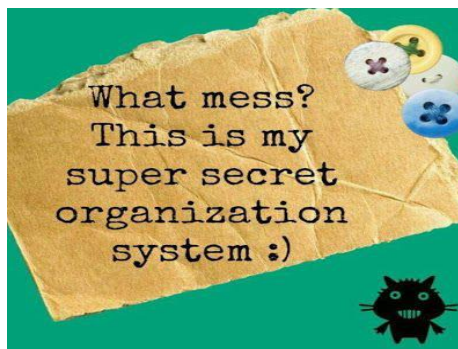
Beginning Balance (Nov).....	\$6,789.76
Deposits.....	1,985.00
Expenses.....	787.97
Ending Balance (Nov).....	\$7,986.79

~Kalynn Oleson

TWENTIETH ANIVERSARY

As you know, 2016 will mark our 20th anniversary as a guild. We are beginning to think about what we can do to celebrate. A couple of months ago, several of you volunteered to be on the planning committee. I want to give everyone an opportunity to sign onto the committee. We can use all the help we can get to make 2016 a magical year. Please email me if you would like to help.

~Barbara Dunsmoor



BAG OF STUFF

Bag of Stuff: In May, 2014, members exchanged bags of fabric, trim, etc, in a blind swap. At the November 2014 Guild meeting, projects were revealed to their owners: Kalynn Oleson and Ellen Soule had each other's bags; Kathryn Weiss had Jan Carter's bag; Jan Carter had Donna Blum's bag; Sylvia Keller had Sandy Hughes' bag; Barbara Dunsmoor had Katherine Weiss' bag; Charlotte Teft had Julie Verran's bag; Laura Hamilton had Barbara Dunsmoor's bag; Sandy Hughes had Laura Hamilton's bag; Barbara Fast had Sylvia Keller's bag; Margie Binker had Charlotte Teft's bag; Donna Blum had Margie Binker's bag; Julie Verran had Barbara Fast's bag. Beautiful completed projects were returned to their original bag owners. All were very excited and pleased with the results they received. Pictures were too numerous to include all of them in the newsletter, however, they will soon be available on the Website. ~*Kalynn Oleson*



Kalynn Oleson and Jan Soule

CHALLENGE SHOW 2015

“ABOVE AND BEYOND”

With Festival of the Trees behind us and Christmas projects nearing completion, we should have more time to think about our next challenge--- Above and Beyond anything we've done before!

Your Challenge 2015 committee is encouraging you to rise above the ordinary and make something really special, perhaps outside your comfort zone, your color preferences, your existing skill set or---you get the picture. We're not after quantity or size records, due to the

sharing of space with the Sea Ranch Chapel 30th Anniversary show, so small = good - which can be a challenge in itself!

While you enjoy the holiday season, take a few minutes here and there to think of ways to express our theme, “Above and Beyond” in fabric, color, shape and dimension----using and extending your own quilting to a new level. Push your edges!

Ever since my first Challenge (1996) as a new quilter, I have enjoyed participating in this very inclusive event. Experienced quilters mentored me, encouraged me, and shared their enthusiasm with me. They taught me tricks that took me beyond my beginners-class level, and helped me gain confidence in my work, however uncomplicated it was. In 2006 during our 10th anniversary Challenge show, my 1996 challenge quilt was exhibited again, along with other quilts from our Challenge history, and---to my surprise--someone wanted to buy it!

So---you never know what will happen when you take on our annual guild Challenge. The person you surprise may be yourself! ~*Paula Osborne*

RETREAT 2015

At this point, Retreat 2015 is just around the corner. To those of you who have already paid in full, thank you, and get ready for retreat! (I'll be sending out the reminder list soon.) To those of you who have paid your deposit, thank you. We need you to be paid in full as soon as you can.

We still have room for a few people to join the retreat. If you haven't gone before, consider doing so. It is a great time of working, creating, eating, and laughing. No beds to make! No bathrooms to be cleaned! No cooking to do! No dishes to do! And you know, I'm sure, that all food eaten at retreat is free of calories!

Details again: Dry Creek Inn Best Western in Healdsburg (800-222-5784 or 707-433-0300). We arrive on February 2 (Monday) and leave on February 5 (Thursday). Hotel rooms need to be reserved now. Now. Really, right now. Regular rooms are \$66.00 per night (what a deal!), with two queen beds. The special rooms are \$118.10 per night with one king bed, fireplace, etc. (also a great deal!)

Lunches are provided, as are two dinners. One night we will be on our own for dinner. A hot breakfast is provided by the hotel.

Typically, people at retreat get a lot of sewing done. And get a lot of inspiration from other people for new projects. And make new friends, or deepen existing friendships. And get

help/feedback with a current project. And have a lot of fun. We have a Happy Hour every evening at 5:00 where we all bring a beverage of choice to share and an hors d'oeuvre. We have snacks available—some healthy and some not so healthy. But remember that there are no calories on food eaten at retreat.

So email me if you are interested in attending Retreat 2015. The fee is \$150.00 to cover our workroom expenses. JANLC56@mac.com.

Oh, did I mention the fun we have when we go to the hot tub in the evenings?

~ Jan Carter

QUILT HAPPENINGS

Quilting Studio space available in downtown Gualala. Kalynn Oleson and Cheryl Faconti are looking for another quilter to share their quilting space. Rent is \$167/month, utilities included. Once a year payment of renter's fire insurance also requested. Plenty of storage space and use of a long arm quilting machine is an added bonus!! Contact Kalynn or Cheryl if interested.

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PROGRAM CALENDAR: 2014

Mark your calendars and watch for notices of registration opening soon. Our limit is 20 students per class.

Jan. 16 - Comfort Quilts/QOV

Feb. 20 - Members Teaching Members*

Mar. 19 - Angie Woolman - Improvisation

Mar. 20 - Angie Woolman - Lecture

Apr. 14 - 16 - Joan Wolfrum - Adventures in Design

Apr. 17 - Joan Wolfrum - Lecture

May 14 - Claire Witherspoon - Scrap Strategies for Traditional and Art Quilters

May 15 - Claire Witherspoon - "Confessions of an Eclectic Quilter"

Jun. 19 - Comfort Quilts/QOV

Jul. 17 - Outing

Aug. - No Meeting

Sept. 15 - 18 - Not yet confirmed

Oct. - 6 - 9 - Not yet confirmed

Nov. 20 - Lynne Pillus - Mechanical Quilts Lecture

***Please contact Chris Smith,**

Chris@ReapAsYouSew.com, with your offer about a skill or technique you'd be willing to demonstrate in a series of 12-minute demos at the February meeting. We'll have various demo tables set up so we can rotate around and learn from each other. Those doing demos will also have time to check out some of the other tables.

~Chris Smith

IN MEMORIAM



Charis Webb

It is with great sorrow that I mention Charis Webb passed away in November. Charis was a delight to be around. She worked on the 2013 Challenge committee and participated in the 2014 Discovery tour, as she quietly shared her talent. She had a phenomenal quilting gift making gorgeous handmade fabrics worked into unique vessels, wall art, apparel, journals, quilts and jewelry. She and her gift will be missed by everyone.

~Judy Riddle