

# Bits & Pieces

NEWSLETTER EDITORS: JUDY RIDDLE AND  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My, we are a busy guild, aren't we!!! We've just had a great retreat at Healdsburg (aka Quiltville, California). We have new members joining our ranks (woot-woot!!!). We are looking forward to celebrating our TWENTIETH anniversary as a guild (really? 20 already?!). And we have a challenge coming up right around the corner (keep sewing!). We are all busily working on our challenge quilts, working on anniversary preparations, anticipating our new cookbook coming out, and sewing things to sell at Art in the Redwoods, and Festival of Trees. In addition, we are still, of course, making Comfort Quilts and Quilts of Valor (some seen at the last meeting). And we have several exciting workshops and speakers on tap for 2016. Whew! Makes me tired even to think of it!

I like to say that all this keeps us active and young at heart! What's your opinion?

Now, keep on sewing. Don't let those sewing machines cool down.

And as I also like to say, "Some days I amaze myself. Other days I put the laundry in the oven."  
~Jan Carter

## 2016 RETREAT

Twenty-five members of our quilt guild went on retreat in early February to beautiful downtown Healdsburg. I think I can safely say that we all had a good time. Retreat is such a unique experience of total immersion in sewing. Add in good food, no dishes to wash or beds to make, and being with friends, and that makes it all the better!



**Back Row:** Deb Scheffel, Margie Binker, Pam Todd, Marcia Luchini, Renata Lopez, Gail Spencer, Jeri Taylor, Greth Barrett; **Middle Row:** Laura Hamilton, Barbara Dunsmoor, Joyce Gaudet, Lola DeLongoria, Dee Goodrich, Trudy Armer, Cheryl Faconti, Kalynn Oleson, Sandy Hughes, Jan Carter, Elaine Reed, Sandy Lockhart; **Front Row:** Michelle Reid, Carole Garcia, Francie Angwin, Paula Osborne, Dasha Drab  
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We played some wicked games of QUILTO, won a few prizes, and enjoyed our happy hours immensely! Especially with the live music of guitarist Deb Scheffel, and ukulele player Sandy Lockhart (thanks, ladies!).

Lots and lots of quilt tops were sewn, quilts quilted, ideas exchanged, and blocks sewn.

Harmony Susalla stopped by for a visit and brought fat quarters of her beautiful fabrics for everyone. What a nice treat!



Here is a photo of some, not all, of our disappearing 4-patch blocks, which will be put together for a Quilt of Valor.

Think about joining us next year if you can. I will be setting the dates for the 2017 retreat soon, and will let you know those dates.

~Jan Carter

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### CELEBRATION

I can't believe it is almost March and our Challenge/Celebration is just over two months away! The Challenge is progressing apace, thanks to Laura Hamilton. The cookbook is published, here, and waiting for the final touches, thanks to Carol Garcia. We had an addressing party at my home and the invitations to the dinner will be going out in a couple of weeks. Kalynn Oleson has done a great job organizing the dinner. In fact, everyone on the Celebration Committee has been wonderful. Thank you all!

And wait till you see the Memory Quilt!! It is beautiful. Thank you Judy Riddle and all the members who contributed a block.

We are hoping that many past members will attend, some from out of town. So, I am asking anyone who has a guest room and is willing to house a former member or two to contact me. My email address is [bdunsmoor@mcn.org](mailto:bdunsmoor@mcn.org). I'm putting together a list and will match you up. If you have already promised your guest room to a friend, please let me know, so we won't bother you. I'll need the information by April 1. Thanks for considering this.

So, remember—the opening of our Challenge is WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 and our dinner is SATURDAY, MAY 14. Hope to see you all there.

~Barbara Dunsmoor

### QUILTS OF VALOR

It is reminder time for the Quilt of Valor.....it was truly a wonderful feeling last year delivering Quilts of Valor to the Veterans at the VA Hospital in Palo Alto. We would like to deliver them in early May or June of this year and to do so we need your contributions in the way of a Quilt of Valor and a presentation bag. The presentation bag should be big enough to easily hold the quilt you have created and possibly some personal items of the Veteran.

Keep in mind that our Veterans are both men and women. To date we have collected 10 fabulous Quilts of Valor and would like to have more than 17 to take. It would be nice if enough are donated to be able to visit more than one department of the Veterans' hospital. Thank you again for all your wonderful creations.

~Sandy Lockhart and Lori Holmes

## CHALLENGE 2016

### "Reflect on the Past and Stitch to the Future"

Mark your calendars

Quilt Take-in: **Monday, May 2**, Noon till 3:00 PM

Quilt Hanging: **Tuesday, May 3**

Reception: **Wednesday, May 4**, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Celebration Dinner: **Saturday May 14**, 6:30 PM

**YES, the Challenge Reception and the Celebration Dinner are on different dates.**

Criteria for the Challenge:

1. 20" x 20" is the minimum size. AND
2. There must be 20 of something in your quilt; such as buttons, beads, quilt blocks, fabrics, etc. AND
3. Take something from the past and transform it into something for the future.

We hope to see some beautiful quilts for this upcoming big event, so stitch your hearts out.

**Entry forms are now available at the Gualala Art Center and the GAC website.**

~Laura Hamilton, Kalynn Oleson, Judy Riddle  
2016 Challenge Committee

### COMFORT QUILTS

A great big thank you to everyone who attended the January workshop. It resulted in 7 finished quilts so far. We have already given away 4 of those.

We have some new members in the guild so Polly and I thought we should inform them and others in the guild what comfort quilts were all about. "Comfort Quilts" began as a program to provide quilts for children who were removed from abusive situations – hopefully providing them with "comfort". It has evolved into a program that gives quilts to community members in need. The community covers roughly from Ft. Ross to Pt. Arena. The quilts go to people who are ill, have lost a loved one, or who have suffered a catastrophic circumstance such as a house fire. They are also given to children and to the elderly through Project Santa and, a few quilts go to supplement "Warm Welcome" at Memdocino Coast District Hospital. Through Dee Goodrich, we donate baby quilts to assist the Ft. Bragg guild in their policy of sending every baby born at the District Hospital home with a new quilt.

A few years ago one of our members said "It's the best thing we do". We tend to agree. So keep up the good work and perhaps now you have a better idea of where the quilts you make are going.

Hope to see all of you at the next Comfort Quilt Workshop scheduled in June.

Sincerely

~Joyce Gaudet and Polly Dakin

# PROGRAM CALENDAR: 2016

I had two or so years of being either a Program Chair or Co-Chair. The hardest part of the job is getting people to sign up and do it early. PPQG has a restructured contract that looks more professional than it has ever been, thanks to Chris Smith. It mirrors the SAQA contract but is geared to PPQG advantage. The newer contract version sets earlier cancellation dates, which means that after a certain drop dead date PPQG may be liable for some charges if we have to cancel after that DDD (drop dead date). If you want a Workshop, then sign up, mark your calendar, and let the family know you've reserved that date.

Francie Angwin and Marcia Luchini are Program Co-Chairs for 2017.

They are working now for a lineup of workshops tailored for you. They will be looking for your support.

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**There are only 5 signed up for Jennifer Sampou's workshop!**

(minimum enrollment for a class to "go" is 12)

**March 16 & 17 – Inspired Designs with Jennifer Sampou -- Workshop**

**March 18 – Jennifer Sampou Lecture**

You've seen and read the recent emails and color examples sent out by Sandy Hughes. I chose this workshop because it seemed to be a pathway to blend some traditional and more modern aspects of quilting...hoping for a little something for everyone. Even in her emails and her blog Jennifer Sampou's passion for fabric and color comes across the electrons. I am ready for this class.

Material list is on our website. Find your photo and/or picture of your favorite painting (master or not).

**April 13 & 14 - April Sproule Workshop**

**April 15 – April Sproule Lecture**

Both days of April Sproule classes address the art of Stenciling on fabric and on garments (Upcycling).

Each class is a stand-alone so they are priced individually and as a combination. They are \$65 each class or both for \$100. Price points are stepped for levels of membership in PPQG and/or GAC. There is a materials list, look on our website.

Here's a suggestion for the clothing class if you do not have a piece of your clothing that you want to use, go to Good Buy Clothes or Pay 'n Take and look for a plain blouse/shirt or jacket that might need sprucing up.

One, these will not cost you something near and dear to you from your closet and/or your wallet. Two, the side effect of this purchase is that you help these charitable groups. Feels good all the way around.

**May 18 & 19 - Youngmin Lee - Bojagi class**

**May 20 – Youngmin Lee - Bojagi lecture**

Korean-born artist Youngmin Lee holds a master's degree in fashion design and a bachelor's degree in clothing and textiles. She has presented numerous workshops, classes, and demonstrations on Korean arts and crafts around the Bay Area. Recently she has demonstrated her Bojagi and Maedub in Asian Art Museum in San Francisco as a part of Asia Alive Program. She also has participated in Oakland Museum's Lunar New Year celebration with her Bojagi and Maedub artworks.

Look at her website for more details.

GAC is not set up right now to handle sign ups but price point will start at \$49.

**June 20 – Comfort Quilt/QOV Workshop**

**July - special event**

**August - Art in the Redwoods**

**September 14&15- Sue Rasmussen Workshop**

**September 16- Sue Rasmussen Lecture**

**October 21- SAQA's Trunk show**

Meeting hours will be altered a bit so that we will have enough time to hear the presentation and then break out in small groups with the SAQA presenters to discuss the small quilts. The discussions can be looking at the quilts as they might be juried in a show or a discussion of the design elements of the quilts.

**November 18 - Chris Smith Lecture**

**December – No meeting.** Have a wonderful Holiday.  
~Kalyann Oleson

**FUND RAISING:  
ART IN THE REDWOODS  
FESTIVAL OF TREES**

I know at this time, you feel bombarded with requests for a Quilt for the Challenge, a Quilt of Valor, a Comfort Quilt, buying and selling cookbooks, sign-ups for Workshops, and shortly you will be asked for hors d'oeuvre donations for the Challenge, but I only ask that you keep an eye out for some "wonderful" item you might sew that could be included in the PPQG booth at Art in the Redwoods and Festival of Trees. If you'd like some ideas or some patterns, I can help with that!!! Set these items aside until after all the Challenge events, and then sew like crazy! Thanks again for your excellent support.

*~Judy Riddle*

**MEMBERSHIP**

Welcome two new members Deb Scheffel and Kelly Jensen. Also welcome returning member Gayle Stewart.

Membership is holding at 96 members.

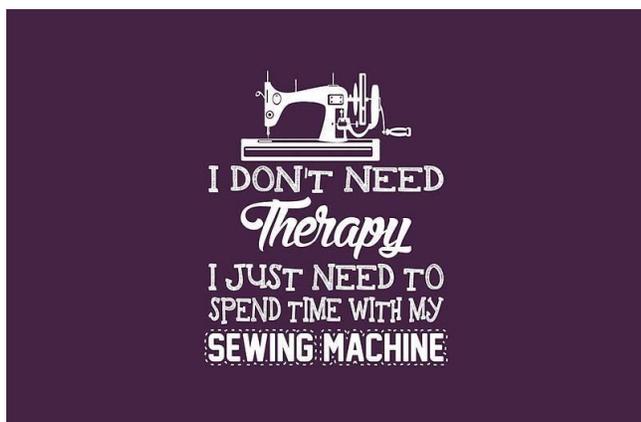
*~Gail Spencer*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balance.....	\$ 12,989.54
Income.....	3,569.84
Expenses.....	2,756.39
Balance.....	\$ 13,802.99

*~Kalynn Oleson*

**QUILT HUMOR**

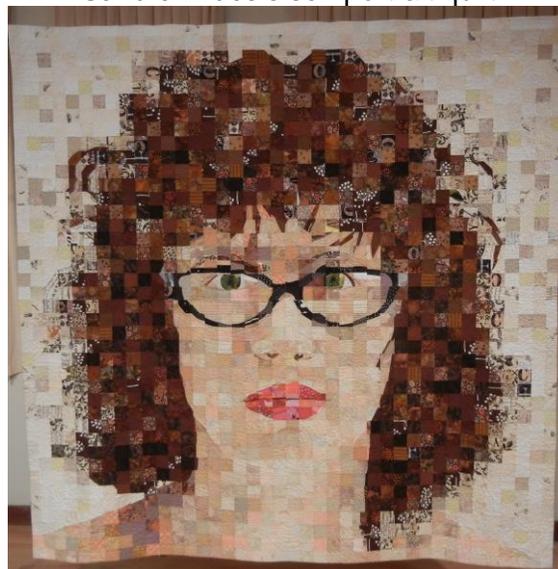


**FEBRUARY GUILD MEETING  
AND SHOW & TELL**



Guest Lecturer  
Sandra Bruce

Sandra Bruce's self-portrait quilt



Additional work by Sandra Bruce





Barbara Dunsmoor  
Pinwheels  
Quilt of Valor



Mary Eberhard – her first Comfort Quilt

Cheryl Faconti – Quilt of Valor



Greth Barrett -- Quilt made from a denim maternity dress and tablecloths from her mother and her aunt



Cheryl Faconti –Comfort Quilt started from blocks donated to the Fanny Basket



Dee Goodrich – Comfort Quilt



Joyce Gaudet – Hand quilted Quilt of Valor



Paula Osborne --  
Floral quilt top completed at Retreat

