



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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MAY 2008

QUILT STUDIO TOUR PLANNED FOR MAY MEETING

The PPQG's first ever quilt studio tour will be held on May 16th, from around 2pm to 4pm, following the monthly guild meeting. Here's your chance to see how other guild members have set up their quilting studios and to pick up a few ideas for your own quilting space.

Guild members Mary Austin, Barbara Dunsmoor, Iris Lorenz Fife, Janet Sears, Carol Tackett, and Janet Windsor have kindly offered to open their homes (and stash closets) for the tour. Some of the studios are dedicated solely to quilting while others have been designed for multi-purpose use.



Janet Sears in her studio .

Maps showing the location of studios on the tour will be distributed at the business meeting at Gualala Arts Center, Members will be encouraged to carpool to make parking easier at the homes you will be visiting. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Mueller at laurie@mcn.org.

COMFORT QUILT WORKSHOP

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Comfort Quilt SEW-IN on June 20. It's a great way to start your Quilt of Valor, for this year we will be combining the Comfort Quilt workshop and Quilts of Valor. Also this workshop time might be a good time to start on your project for Festival of the Trees. Keeping the spirit of giving alive throughout the year is our goal, and Comfort Quilts are our way of doing that. PPQG's fabled lunch-ladies, Laura and Lola are already planning a scrumptious spread for us—always a "don't miss" event. Remember that batting is provided, and piles of fabrics are free for you to choose and use. Our workshop will run from 10am to 4pm, with a guild business meeting at 1pm. And remember, if you can't attend the workshop, you can still participate—and we hope you will—by making your quilt at home.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance at beginning of month \$20,570.68

Plus: Monthly deposits per Income

Library Sales \$63.00

Dues \$200.00

Workshop fees Earned \$637.50

Total Income \$900.50

Minus: Monthly checks from Expense

GAC rent..... \$206.00

Sue Brenner/wksp/lct/trvl \$2,351.20

Janet Sear workshop Fee..... \$200.00

Mary Austin workshop fee..... \$200.00

Bev Sloane Newsletter exp \$41.00

Polly Dakin Comfort Qlt..... \$42.90

Marilyn Alderich/Lib purch \$23.54

Anna Hines/library purch..... \$65.90

Total \$3,130.54

Balance at month end \$18,340.64

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems to me that this has been a particularly good period for Pacific Piecemakers. In the past few weeks, we have had a terrific challenge show, which garnered a great deal of praise from many who had the chance to see it. We enjoyed a wonderful class and lecture by Sue Benner, a renowned artist and teacher—and a special person, as well. We have added three new members this month.

I am writing this on Earth Day and I find it interesting that during her class and lecture, Sue gave us another way to recycle. She often uses vintage clothing to make her quilts. Most of our foremothers did not have access to new fabrics and most early quilts were made of recycled clothing. What goes around comes around, so they say. Perhaps this is one small way for quilters to contribute to protecting the environment.

Next month, we will have our first ever studio tour, organized by Laurie Mueller. We will meet at 12:30 for social time, have our usual business meeting and adjourn for the tour. Remember that we will be upstairs for the meeting. Laurie will explain the logistics of the tour at that time. I want to thank everyone who has agreed to open her studio for the tour. I hope we all take advantage of this opportunity.

Please remember that we always need more Comfort Quilts and Quilts of Valor. Hint: If you keep the receipts from the fabric, thread and batting you might purchase for these quilts, I believe you can deduct them from your taxes as a donation. The same is true for your expenses for the items you make for Festival of the Trees. More importantly, you will be helping others with your talent and creativity.

—Barbara Dunsmoor

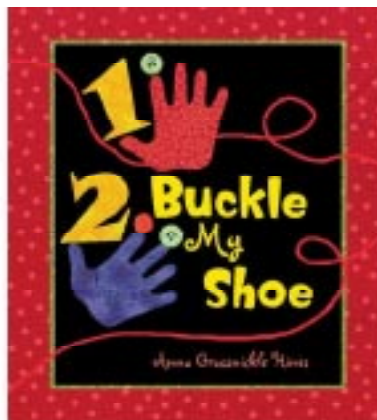
KUDOS TO OUR MEMBERS



Photo by Margaret Azpeitia-Taylor for MAPA 2008©

Margaret Azpeitia-Taylor's *Point Cabrillo Lighthouse* won a first place ribbon in the open category, large format of the Arts for Parks Show and is in the color catalog for the show. There were 48 prize-winning entries, all of which will travel for six months through the country. It will be on exhibit as part of the Arts For The Parks Show at the Dolphin. Saturday, June 7, 5–7pm—opening reception.

The exhibit is on display through July 2, 2008.



1, 2 Buckle My Shoe is Anna Hines new book which began with our guild's challenge *A Perfect Ten*. Of course, Anna's darling quilts are the illustrations for this charming book.

It will be released this month. The Four-Eyed Frog has ordered copies. Make sure to order a copy for that favorite child in your life and one for yourself.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Please welcome new members:

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Sue Benner helps Elizabeth Langdon with her composition

not having taken her class. Then when she had us hold up some beautiful silk pieces of fabric that she hand dyed, I was almost crying. However, Carol Tackett brought me back into good humor by attempting to stuff one of Sue's silk pieces into her vest. Sue had explained that they weren't for sale. Nice try though Carol!

—Laura Hamilton

GUILD GLIMMERS

Great fun! That is how Barbara Dunsmoor described Sue Benner's workshop given April 16 & 17 at the GAC, before doing a quick show & tell from the students that attended the class. Amazing works, ladies! The diversity in their individual styles from collages to landscapes gave us an idea what to expect from Sue's lecture/slide show and we were not disappointed.

Spacey Odyssey as Sue titled her lecture was delightfully warm, funny, informative, but not long and drawn out. Boring is not how I would describe any of Sue Benner's work. Some of her collages were depicted from her background in micro-biology which I found fascinating. I especially enjoyed her renditions of Van Gogh's still life *Sunflowers*. Even more interesting was the way she took a photo of a marsh in Wisconsin, where they vacation, and turned it into a beautiful fused art quilt.

By the time Sue Benner completed her lecture and answered questions I was really kicking myself, in the you know where, for

PPQG LIBRARY NOTES

The library has six new titles this month:

Susan Delaney, MD., *RX FOR QUILTERS: Stitcher-friendly Advice for Everybody*,

Sue Dove, *PAINTING WITH STITCHES: Creating Freestyle Embroidery by Hand*,

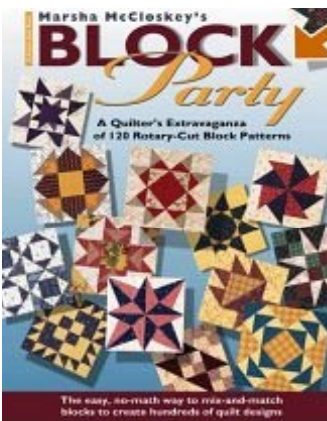
Karen D. Boutte, *DELIGHTFUL DIVA DESIGNS: Wonderful Whimsical Wearables*,

Iris Lee, *FABRIC ETCHING: Creating Surface Texture & Design Using Fiber Etch*

Vivien Prideaux, *A HANDBOOK OF INDIGO DYEING*,

Marsha McCloskey, *BLOCK PARTY:*

A Quilter's Extravaganza of 120 Rotary-Cut Block Patterns



At the April meeting we collected \$78 from the silent auction of donated books. Thanks to the donators and the purchasers.

—Anna Hines

ODDS AND ENDS

New guild member Mirka Knaster recommends checking out this used fabric, sewing supplies and crafters shop: Legacy, 781 Gravenstein Ave, Sebastopol, 823-7520

Pam Wilson spotted a great article in *The Wall Street Journal* about the efforts Paducah is making to attract quilters to move there. Check it out online at <http://online.wsj.com> or read a copy in our library. There are three copies on top of the PPQG bookcase. Thanks, Pam and Mirka.

Happy Birthday

Charlene Younker	May 4
Linda Brodie & Mirka Knaster	May 11
Joyce Gaudet & Leanne Liston	May 17
Nancy Nelson & Patty Wolfe	May 18
Bette Covington	May 19
Donna Auguste	May 30
Sylvia Edwards & Priscilla Dwyer	May 31