

#### PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

www.pacificpiecemakers.org

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## Membership News

The 2009 annual roster is coming out soon. Please be sure we have your correct mailing address, email address and phone number.

Since our member directory is on our website, any information on it is public domain. In this day of identity theft, the Executive Committee has decided to remove birthdays from the directory. The annual roster sent to members is private and will have birthdays on it.

### Pon't Forget the Challenge Show Next Week

It's Easy Being Green show is April 11–May 3. Drop off for your challenge pieces is Wednesday, April 8 at Gualala Arts Center. The opening is from 5–7 pm on Saturday, April 11. Don't forget to bring an hors d'ouerve to share. The whole community looks forward to this opening to see our creativity and enjoy our food. See you there!

# Threads of Life Quilters Thrilled with Ponations

Los hilos de la vida quilters want to thank the Pacific Piecemakers quilt guild from the bottom of our hearts. Your donations of money to purchase the five beautiful new Janome Sewing machines and the bags of beautiful fabric will make an amazing difference to our program. Many students have left the room really frustrated because our machines were not running or were being used by other students. We really appreciated visiting with Judy Castleton, Sue Arnold, Barbara Dunsmoor and Janet Windsor and appreciate the lessons we learned about our new machines. We really want to keep our shiny new machines nice and peppy for many years, so your expertise will help us meet these goals. Over \$1100 was raised to purchase five new machines, needles, free-motion feet and bobbins for this group. The outpouring of generosity was heartwarming and all the women cried when they saw the donations emerging from the cars. Another trip to Boonville



Janet Windsor, Angeles,
Kristi, Magnolia and Barbara
Dunsmoor learn the new
machines.

Angeles, Magnolia, Barbara

■ Dunsmoor, Judy Castleton and
Molly Martinez

will be made the end of April, so if you have any rulers, scissors, trims, fabrics, etc. that you would like to donate, please bring them to the April meeting. Tax receipts are available for those who donated. Please contact Janet Windsor, if you need one.



#### President's Message

When Barbara Dunsmoor asked me to be her vice president, without hesitation I answered, "No, no, no, no, no.....no!" I've always been a better brave than chief, would rather be a worker than the one who has to direct things. Later, though, I got to thinking that maybe it would be good for me, maybe this would be a good time in my life to take on a challenge, and see what happens. So I told her yes, I would be happy to serve as her vice president. Now, I am really glad about that decision. I am so proud to be associated with our Guild, and am delighted at the opportunity to serve as an officer. We are an incredible collection of talented women, and together we do some really great things. We take classes and expand our skills. We teach others to expand their knowledge. We give to the community. We push ourselves to be ever more creative and we produce beautiful objects of art and comfort.

With all of you as fellow guild members, I look forward to a year of expanding my horizons, of learning new quilting techniques, of sharing with each other, and having a lot of fun.

-Jan Carter

#### Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of month ......\$24672.65 Plus: Monthly deposits per Income

Dues paid in 2009 ......\$1,130.00 Retreat income 2009 ......\$4.75

 Total Income
 \$1,134.75

 Minus: Monthly checks from Expense

 Retreat expenses
 \$159.75

 Newsletter postage
 \$20.16

 Iron replacement
 \$26.99

 Library purchase
 \$40.00

 Molly Martinez
 \$400.00

 GAC rent
 \$206.00

 Newsletter printing
 \$20.00

 Total expenses
 \$872.90

 Balance at month end
 \$24,934.50

Happy Birthday

Frances Buentjen Jan Carter Nancy Epanchin Ruth Hayflick Marva Jacobs Linda Warnock

#### Classes News from the Program Committee

Machine Applique, May 14,

10:00 am-3:00pm Gualala Art Center.

Instructors: Carol Tackett and Marilyn Limbaugh. Price is \$30 for guild/GA members,, \$40 for members of either and \$50 others.

This machine appliqué class will focus on edge appliqué, reverse appliqué and soft edge appliqué techniques. A single project will not be completed. Instead, participants will work on various samples of these techniques in class that they can take home for reference. The class is limited in size so we will have time to provide all the help needed. This class is open to anyone interested in appliqué.

Earth, Wind & Fire Workshop with Rosalie Dace This workshop is full, but a waiting list is being taken. To be placed on the list, call Gualala Arts.

#### Kudos to Our Members

Harmony Susalla and her Harmony Art Company which designs and manufactures organic cotton fabric has been in the news this month. They were featured in the April special issue "Going Green Made Easy" of *Metropolitan Home* in the editor's pick section and in Treasure Chest section of *The Quilt Show* with Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson episode 405 "Quilting in the Green." An interview with Harmony is in the recently released book by Betz White *Sewing Green*. Harmony will also be a featured speaker at this year's SDA (Surface Design Association) Textile conference in Kansas City in late May. Way to go, Harmony!

Kudos also to Anita Kaplan for her fine show in March at the gallery at the Sea Ranch Lodge. Beautiful work, Anita!

#### Mary Austin to Speak in May

Everyone should have a passion, and Mary Austin certainly has one (at least). Ever since her first trip to Japan, she has been hooked on Japanese antique country indigo textiles (aizome). In her presentation on May 15, she will describe and share textiles both familiar and arcane (shibori, kasuri, katazome, tsutsugaki, fukasa, and tsugigahana). Since her last lecture to the guild, she has continued to accumulate some wonderful and unusual fabrics from her contacts in Japan and other sources.