



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Bits & Pieces

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May 2013

Program Calendar

May 17th: Linda Schmidt is a textile artist, a quilter for over 20 years, a designer and the Secretary for the City of Dublin. She has 4 part-time paying jobs, 3 children, one husband and she's likes nothing better that to talk to people about quilting and wearable art. This Wonder Woman will be our guest speaker on May 17th. Her lecture is entitled "Short Attention Span Quilting" and her trunk show will include 20 or so quilts and pieces of wearable art. She will also be making a return trip to Gualala and leading a 2 day wearable art workshop next year.

June 21st is our Comfort Quilt and Quilt of Valor workshop. Begin your current projects and your sewing machine and stitch away with us from 10AM to 4PM in the auditorium.

July is our Special Event month organized by Renata Lopez.

August we have no meeting and I hope you have ideas for your art work for the Art in the Redwoods show. Remember this is a non-juried show. Look to the Gualala Arts website for a download form for this annual show.

September 18th & 19th is a 2 day workshop with Laura Wasilowsky, direct form Chicago. Fast fusing fun and the Fusing University's fight song

October's meeting date has been changed to the second Friday, October 11th. Our normal 3rd Friday conflicted with the dates for PIQF which several members attend. Our speaker will be Pam Rocco. Her monthly article in the Quilter's Newsletter, "Words to Quilt By" is the last words in each issue. She's from Santa Cruz, a prolific quilter for over 40 years. Her specialty is ethnic, loud and peculiar fabrics. Grab an issue of Quilter's Newsletter and read her last word.

November is a work in progress at this moment.

December we are dark and will plan an event after the holidays.

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2014!! Mark you 2014 calendars for Rosalie Dace! May 5-8 will be a 4 day workshop with a lecture on May 9th. Yes, Virginia, the meeting date will be changed to the May 9th to coincide with Rosalie's availability.

~Kalyynn Oleson

President's Message

My inspiration for y'all (I'm in Texas for a couple of weeks and can't get away from the y'all!) this month is to encourage you to explore new quilting techniques or ideas. I took the "beading" class from Thom Atkins last week and it opened my mind to all kinds of ideas for things that I could do from what I learned. It was a wonderful class and I believe all those who attended the class, learned something from it. Those of you who are new quilters, I would encourage you to try any technique you find available to you. You "experienced" quilters, I would encourage to "try something new". Every quilt-related class that I took made an impact; I either loved it, hated it and would never do it again, or came away with at least one technique that I could use another time. It amazes me the classes that are available at quilt stores, retreats, quilt shows, on line, electronically, or from one other. What a great opportunity for us!

The Comfort Quilt/ Quilt of Valor workshop is scheduled in June, which is a great time to see what members are working on, and to learn from each other. September is the next scheduled workshop and I encourage you to sign up and learn a new technique, or, possibly reinforce what you have previously learned.

As we are planning for future workshops, please let me know of any techniques you would like to learn or of any wonderful instructors you would like us to invite to our guild either for a lecture or for a workshop.

Have a great quilting month learning new things!

~Judy Riddle

Get Ready for the 2014 PPQG Challenge

"We stitch the music, we quilt the songs" will be the theme for the 2014 PPQG Challenge Exhibition of Quilts, and fifty percent of the challenge.

We want every member to choose a favorite song or musical composition --popular or classical, show tune or folk tune, spiritual or jazz classic --whatever appeals. Decide on your own theme song and make a quilt that illustrates your choice using traditional blocks or an art quilt approach.

To take part in the second part of our Challenge -- we challenge you to use your skills, techniques, and know how to portray light, wind, or water in your quilt. Not just a picture of water, but the feel of water; not just an illustration of light, but a sense of light coming through or playing off the surface of your fabric.

For several years the challenge themes have been generic to encourage everyone to get involved... now that you all realize you don't have to be a Name Quilter to participate we are giving you a theme to actually interpret, and (for those of you who want to play) an additional challenge to your ability to produce something special.

I'll have more details to tell when our dates are confirmed and you have each had a chance to decide on your short list of music pieces.

But I can tell you now that because this is a double challenge (do just the theme or the theme and the technical challenge) this year's committee members are ready and willing to help with any pesky "how do I do this" questions. And if we don't have the answers we will find someone who does.

To sing your song, and quilt your music.

*~Iris Lorenz-Fife -- 2014 Challenge chair
at irisilk@wildblue.net*

Hospitality

Many thanks to Sharon Stinson and Julie Verran for bringing the treats to the April meeting.

~Sue Miller

Member News

Chris Smith's quilt "Dualism Deconstructed"-- previously shown at Art in the Office at the Sea Ranch Association, a North Coast Artists Guild Show at GAC 2012, and Images 2011 in Lowell, Massachusetts -- has been juried into the Sacred Threads exhibit to be held in metropolitan Washington, DC, July 10-28, 2013. This biennial exhibition was established to provide a safe venue for quilters who see their work as a connection to the sacred and/or as an expression of their spiritual journey, which Chris certainly does, so this

venue thrills her! This is one of her process pieces with a story, representing her attempt to integrate her life between the big family house in the Bay Area and the Sea Ranch home that calls to her soul.



Congratulations, Chris!

Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of Month.....	\$10,953.76
Plus: Monthly deposits per Income	
Dues.....	\$545.00
Angel Donations.....	\$50.00
Total Income	\$595.00
Minus: Monthly checks from Expense	
Travel and meals.....	\$471.98
Lecture.....	\$450.00
GAC Rent.....	\$206.00
Workshop Fees.....	\$1,076.4
Challenge Show Publicity.....	\$87.38
Retreat Refunds due to illness.....	\$450.00
Total expenses.....	\$2,741.76
Balance at month end.....	\$8,807.00

Quilt Retreat Profiles: Dee Goodrich

A longtime guild member, Dee represents the northern most geographical membership boundary of our guild. She lives in Ft. Bragg and also belongs to the "Ocean Wave Quilters" up there. She is an award winning quilter with many honors and ribbons to her name. Dee has been attending the PPQG quilt retreats for 10 years.

When I asked her why she attends each year, this is what she had to share:

"I have been to EVERY retreat since the Mosconi Center in Tomales Bay. I love getting together with friends to quilt to our heart's content without any day to day distractions. This retreat is my idea of Quilter's Heaven."



Working on a "Quilt of Valor"

Dee's 2013 Challenge Quilt



Save the next Guild Retreat date on your calendar for 2014. Feb. 3-6.

Contact Donna Blum DBlum@mcn.org if you have any questions.

News from The Loft

Quilts of Vaolr deadline is coming up and I've decided to offer a 20% DISCOUNT on anything you use for this purpose - be it for this year or next. We have been making these quilts for a few years now and I believe it is time for an incentive - to keep them going.

Latest fabric to arrive is the whimsical Loralie "Creative Ladies", more cats with attitude, Snoopy and all the trimmings to create a loveable quilt and a fun bear panel. There is also a Red Monkey set of fabrics - as well as a new batch of brown/red socks to make that silly stuffed monkey.

Please do not hesitate to let us know what you are interested in - after all - we are "Your Local Quilt Shop" and many quilt groups from out of the area have made it their "destination stop" - makes my heart go pitter-patter.

Keep on sewing and crafting -

~Marva