



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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February 2014

Program Calendar: 2014

January 30, February 13 & 27, March 6

Intermediate Quilting Class with Jan and Kalynn.

Conference room at GAC 9:30 AM - 4 PM.

Class 1 January 30 Attic Windows—inset piecing

Class 2 February 13 LeMoyné Star

Class 3 February 27 Drunkard's Path—curved piecing

Class 4 March 6 Paper Piecing/Foundation piecing

February 19-20, 2014.

Applique the Easy Way with Judy Riddle. Materials list is on the PPQG website. If you want to take this class, please, sign up NOW!

March 12-13, 2014 (This class the meeting are a week earlier than usual, due to GAC request.)

Charis Webb and Kalynn Oleson will show you how to make fabric vessels 2 ways. Many saw Charis' show at the Dolphin several months ago and Kalynn brought her latest vessel to the luncheon. Easy way to use up scraps of threads, yarns and fabric. There is a \$5 materials fee for this class. Sign up at the Gualala Arts Office or call 884-1138.

April 16th & 17th, 2014

Sweatshirt to Jacket with Kalynn Oleson. By your request, Kalynn will show you how to take apart a sweatshirt, add fabric, trims, and fabric manipulations and reassemble it as a very classy jacket. No fitting required. Kalynn will have sweatshirts available to those enrolled in the class at her cost.

May 5-8: Workshop, May 9: Meeting and Lecture Note that the meeting date is 2nd Friday

Rosalie Dace-Kandinsky inspired quilts. A native of Durbin, South Africa, Rosalie is returning to Gualala. This time for a 4 day workshop. Cost is \$200. If the class is filled, add your name to the wait list. Also, if any of our members would host a quilter from outside our area, please contact Kalynn Oleson at ksue57@mcn.org or home phone 884-1448.

June is our Comfort Quilt/QOV workshop.

~Kalynn Oleson ksue57@mcn.org

President's Message

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a great Holiday.

We were off to a running start for the New Year with the many activities at the Comfort Quilt workshop. Jan Carter demonstrated the operation of the Accuquilt machine, followed by some hands-on activity. Looks like it could save a lot of cutting time. Iris presented information and demo on attaching quilt sleeves. We had a great lunch. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee and to Laura Hamilton for her homemade soup. Thank you to those who participated in a great workshop.

Kalynn has a nice line-up of classes and lecturers for the year and our guild activities continue. It is time to develop new committees and glean from YOUR outstanding ideas. We are still in need of people on the Festival of Trees committee. Sylvia and Joyce will lead the committee for one more year, but would like to move on to other ventures. Now is the time to learn from the best. We also need a committee to do the Art In The Redwoods (Air) Quilt for 2015. Don't hesitate, don't wait for someone else to come forward. Grab a buddy and jump in! We won't let you sink. This is a great group of talented people who will be available to assist you. Email me if you "Feel the urge to do new things" by volunteering for a guild committee.

February's guild meeting will be dedicated to some PPQG history and to the many who make this guild a "Happening Place". I'm looking forward to sharing my excitement in what I have learned about this guild.

~Judy Riddle

Membership Dues

Thanks to all who have renewed your memberships. If you have not, please send a check payable to PPQG for \$40 (or more, with Angel Gift) to Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445. Thank you.

~Gail Spencer

Challenge 2014: Quilt the Music April 4-27—is right around the corner!

Now that the holidays are over and winter sunshine lights up your quilting space, we-- the members of your Challenge committee--are hoping that every one of you is hard at work on your first, second, or maybe even third (!) entry for "Quilt the Music"! Registration forms are now available at Gualala Arts, and are due on March 8. Quilts need to be submitted on Wednesday, April 2 for the opening reception on Friday, April 4. As in all previous PPQG Challenges, you are encouraged to challenge yourself no matter what level of expertise or experience you have attained so far. The annual Challenge is a good opportunity for all of us to expand our skills while we stretch our imaginations.

Even before our guild was organized I attended several Quilt Challenge exhibits at the previous Gualala Arts location on the ridge above Gualala. I was both charmed and amazed at the quilts I saw, made by quilters at many levels of expertise. Several seasoned quilters urged me to take the plunge and enter the following year's event, and I accepted the challenge, even though I was still a beginner—which is what it's all about. My first challenge quilt, an Amish-style one-block log cabin, later sold during PPQG's 10th Anniversary Challenge celebration and retrospective. The point is, you don't have to be a highly accomplished quilter to enjoy and participate in this annual event, and for others to appreciate your work. It's always exciting to see your own quilt in an exhibit at Gualala Arts.

So please accept this year's challenge! Match your idea to music, and run with it! Take up the secondary challenge as well, if you choose, and depict water, wind, or light in a quilt. You may surprise yourself. You're sure to surprise everyone else with your unique contribution to this exhibit.

Remember---Challenge 2014, Quilt the Music, depends on YOU!!!

~Paula Osborne

Treasurer's Report

Balance at beginning of Month.....	\$8,006.08
Plus: Monthly deposits per Income	
2014 Dues.....	\$505.00
Fund-raising FOT.....	\$2,346.44
2014 Angel donations.....	\$65.00
Retreat.....	\$1,100.00
Total Income	\$4,016.44
Minus: Monthly checks from Expense	
2014 Retreat expense	\$1,116.25
GAC raffle commission.	\$28.40
Clips for FOT.....	\$12.90
NCQC dues-2 years.....	\$80.00
Total expenses.....	...\$1,237.55
Balance at month end.....	\$10,784.97

Four New Members

Catherine Miller

PO Box 201
Point Arena, CA 95468

Michelle Reid

14608 Bridgeport Cir
Magalia, CA 95954

Nathan Ramser

PO Box 627
Point Arena, CA 95468

Paul Cupich

PO Box 962
Gualala, CA 95445

Michelle enrolled in Kalyann's April sweatshirt class, Nathan has attended small group sessions at Sylvia Keller's home, is young and eager to learn. Paul recently retired to this area, and has been a sewing machine repairman for many years. Please make them welcome.

Member News

Mirka Knaster launched her new website <http://mirkaart.com/> a few months back. She's happy to announce she now has a blog as well: <http://exploringtheheartofit.weebly.com/>. She hopes PPQG members will join her there in conversations about art. And she's excited that, during the month of January, she's featured in an interview on textileartist.org/, an informative website that originates in the UK. For her interview: <http://www.textileartist.org/mirka-knaster-interview-intuitive-and-improvisational/>.

EBHQ Quilt Show—Voices in Cloth

March 22-23, 2014, Craneway Pavilion on the Richmond Waterfront. The show includes two special exhibits: Award winning work by Mendocino Quilt Artists and Quilts selected from WWII Home Front 2014 Quilt Challenge, as well as over 200 quilts by East Bay Heritage Quilters. www.ebhq.org/quilt-shows/vic2014 Mirka says, "Some of us in PPQG are members of EBHQ and will have work hanging in the show. The venue alone is worth visiting, and the show has always been excellent."

Kalyann agrees, "I have only been to the EBHQ show once and it was worth driving every mile."



The post holiday luncheon was marvelous. The day was beautiful and it was hard to believe that this is January.

Quilts in the Library

The Friends of the Coast Community Library committee have approved the proposal for PPQG to display quilts in the Community Room of the Point Arena Library. Mary-Alice Bastian and Judy Riddle have been volunteered to head up this project. There are three available spaces (1) East Wall 11' W x 6' H; (2) South Wall 26' W x 6' H; North Wall 6' W x 4' H. Quilts would be displayed above the doors/windows, so they would be fairly high in the room (bottom edges at least 6' up from the floor). People are not likely to be able to touch the quilts. Because the height limit for quilts is 6' or less, bed size quilts would be too large. This display is best suited for lap quilts or art quilts. How many quilts to be displayed would be dependent on the size of those submitted. We plan to rotate the quilts every two months. We can not list the quilts FOR SALE, nor indicate a price on the quilt. However, we would like to display the quilt and include your contact information, in case someone is interested. We could also display a poster of upcoming Quilt Guild activities. This is a great avenue to draw interest in the guild and build our membership.

Kalynn almost missed getting in the photo!



Anyone interested in displaying a quilt in the Library, please prepare a one page write up about you and your quilt. Your name, your contact information, a short statement "About the Artist", Name of the Quilt, any additional information you would like to share about the quilt, i.e. inspiration, materials used, special technique, purpose (e.g., "for my daughter"). Quilts need to have a 3" sleeve on the back for hanging. We will provide the rod. Email Judy Riddle if you have a quilt you would like to display or if you have any questions judy.ann.riddle@gmail.com