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JANUARY LUNCHEON

Guild gathering for lunch at St. Orres on Thursday, January 21



Back Row: Laura Hamilton, Gail Spencer, Iris Lorenz-Fife, Barbara Dunsmoor, Jan Carter, Sylvia Edwards, Sandy Hughes. Front Row: Kalynn Oleson, Cheryl Faconti, Katie Horn, Renata Lopez, Mary Alice Bastian



LOOK WHAT YOU MISSED!!!

Great lunch! Attendees received special attention and were personally served by Chef Rosemary Campiformio. Thank you to Renata for organizing a great event. ~Laura Hamilton

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Quilting TV Shows

Do you watch any quilting shows? On TV? On the internet? I have to admit that I really like these shows. I like to watch *Fons and Porter's Love of Quilting* and *Quilting Arts*. But I can't tell you what channel or what time they are on! I have my TV set to record them whenever they are aired. So I then watch them at my convenience. In the last year, we have gotten a new DVR, and it's really a good thing. Our old DVR couldn't hold many recordings at a time. It always said, "DVR storage space 89% full". So I was always competing for space for my quilting shows, as my husband was wanting space for *Big Bang Theory* and baseball games!

And I also watch a quilting show on the internet which is called, *The Quilt Show*, not surprisingly. This show is hosted by Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims. I have to pay a small yearly fee for this, but I really enjoy the shows. They have some great guest quilters on the show. And again, I watch this at my own convenience, sitting in front of my computer instead of my TV set.

I find that there are a lot of things to be learned from these shows. Although sometimes I have to complain about *Fons and Porter* and *Quilting Arts* that they seem to be too many re-runs. Aren't they taping any new shows!?!?

What quilting/art/craft shows do you watch? I'd love to find something new. Please let me know if you have a good show you like that I haven't mentioned. And check out *The Quilt Show*. They have some free shows that you can watch and see if you like it. (No, I don't get a commission from them!!!) Seriously, I'd love to know if you have any other shows that you like. I know there are a lot on the internet, and I'd like to know if you have a favorite. Please let me know

~Jan Carter

FUND RAISING: ART IN THE REDWOODS FESTIVAL OF TREES

Please think about, or continue to work on items for the PPQG booth for both Art in the Redwoods in August and Festival of Trees in November. I know it seems like a long way off, but "it's already February"! We have only 7 quilts, only 10 potholders, 3 table runners, 2 aprons, only 10 hot/cold bowls, plus some miscellaneous items. There are virtually no Christmas items. So the field is wide open. Now is the time when all the holiday fabrics are on sale as well as last-year's patterns. Try a new quilt pattern. Give us something new to sell in 2016! I look forward to seeing your new ideas.

~Judy Riddle

MEMBERSHIP

DUES ARE DUE!

Thank you, thank you to everyone who has paid their 2016 dues.

Now is the time to pay our annual guild dues for 2016. The by-laws state our dues are payable in January. The cut-off date for having your dues paid is February 29 (we get an extra day this year!). That is the very last day.

The job description for membership chairperson states that one of the duties of the chair is to "receive dues from guild members". I'd like to re-emphasize the word "receive". It is not in the job description to call and email members repeatedly to remind them to pay dues before their membership gets cut off. Only to receive the dues. So let's make it a little easier on our guild this year, and pay our dues promptly.

~Jan Carter

Membership renewal is due on or before January 1, 2016. With next year being our 20th Anniversary, there is no better time to be a supporter of Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild. If you haven't already done so, please mail your check, payable to PPQG, for \$40 (or more, if you would like to include an Angel Gift), to:

Gail Spencer P. O. Box 1489 Gualala, CA 95445

~Gail Spencer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 11,475.85
Income	2,719.00
Expenses	1,634.57
Balance	\$ 12,560.28

2016 RETREAT

The retreat is full. We have 25 enrolled. News and pictures to follow in the next newsletter.

~Jan Carter

CHALLENGE 2016

"Reflect on the Past and Stitch to the Future"

Mark your calendars with these DATES:

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 (exact time to be determined)

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.

P.S. Remember all those UFO's, maybe you could bring them out, re-work them and stitch them into a new, re-designed, finished quilt.

Entry forms are now available at the Gualala Art Center.

~Laura, Kalynn, Judy 2016 Challenge Committee

PROGRAM CALENDAR: 2016

February 19 – Lecture by Sandra Bruce "Material Matrix"



"Material Matrix" involves interpreting a gridded photograph with fabric. It involves fabric piecing and a loose, representational style inspired by the painter, Chuck Close.

Sandra brings her career in illustration and lettering into her skills as a quilter. She is also an art quilter, specializing in her "Material Matrix" technique. She has a long-arm business (her long-arm machine is named "Daisy") and is teaching to guilds, in shops, and retreats. She teaches classes in polymer clay.

She began her quilting business in 2010 to combine her love of illustration, lettering and quilting. She has been an illustrator for over 30 years and long-arm quilting is really just doing what she's been doing but with a different tool. She belongs to the Pine Tree Quilt Guild, Mountain Art Quilters, Artistic Alchemy and the North California Quilt Council.

March 16 & 17 - Jennifer Sampou Workshop

March 18 – Jennifer Sampou Lecture

April 13 & 14 - April Sproule Workshop

April 15 – April Sproule Lecture

May 18 & 19 - Yvonne Porcella Workshop

May 20 - Yvonne Porcella Lecture

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. *~Kalynn Oleson*

New Program Chairs FOR 2016

We have two new Program Chairs for 2017. Under the guidance of Kalynn Oleson. Francie Angwin and Marcia Luchini have graciously volunteered to plan a Program of Lecturers and Workshops. They are open to your suggestions and recommendations. ~Judy Riddle

QUILT HAPPENINGS

President, Jan Carter received a special request from Sue Kooiman, River City Quilt Guild newsletter (*Needle Notes*) editor. In an effort to reach out to other Northern California quilt guilds, River City Quilters Guild in Sacramento, asked that we include their link in our next Newsletter. Here it is: www.rivercityquilters.org

East Bay Heritage Quilters (EGHQ)

Voices in Cloth event

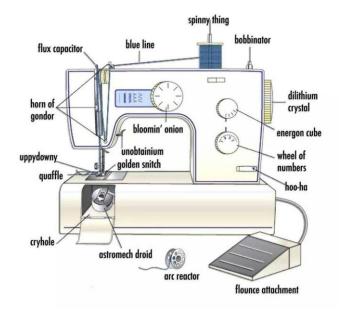
Saturday, March 19, 2016 10:00-5:00

Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:00 -4:00

Craneway Pavillion, Richmond, CA

For more information, look at: www.ebhq.org

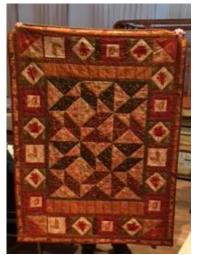
QUILT HUMOR



Show and Tell January Guild Meeting



Dee Goodrich Comfort Quilt



Kathryn Gyorfi

Comfort Quilt



Dee Goodrich Quilt of Valor



Sandy Hughes

Comfort Quilt



Dee Goodrich
Quilt of Valor made by a friend



Cheryl Faconti/Kalynn Oleson Comfort Quilt