



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well here we are, the first month of 2021 coming to an end. I hope all of you are having a great beginning to a brand new year.

With this new year, comes a new President for PPQG, Janice Batchelder. It is always exciting to welcome a new President and attend meetings with new ideas.

Just a reminder, it is not too late for you to participate too! There are still empty officer and/or committee positions within our guild that you can fill or nominate someone to fill. Participating in guild groups, on committees or in an officer position is as rewarding as anything else you can do as a member of our guild.

**The following positions remain open:**

Vice President

Programs 2022

Name Tag Raffle & Greeter to assist Carole Garcia now that Janice Batchelder will be President

Art in the Redwoods 2021, 2022

Art in the Redwoods Quilt 2022

Festival of Trees or Winter Wonderland 2021, 2022

Photography to alternate with or assist Jan Carter

Gualala Arts Christmas Tree entry 2021 OR

If there is a committee you would like to serve on that is not listed, there are never too many members of any one committee. Let us know what you would like to do for the guild and if 2021 is not a year for you to join then please think about 2022

Let's get this year going with a full slate of officers and committees.

I hope you all have registered for your Covid vaccine and are staying safe & healthy.

*~Sandy Hughes, President*



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**January 30** – Turn in Potholders

**February 1 – 4** – Virtual Retreat

**February 19** – Zoom lecture by Nina Clotfelter

**April 16** – Zoom lecture by Susie Monday

**May 21**--Comfort Quilt Workshop

**June 14-18**--Rescheduled Sue Benner workshops

**August** – Possible Art in the Redwoods fundraiser

**September 8-9**--Rescheduled Jeanette Walton workshop on Paper Piecing

**November** – Possible Festival of Trees/Winter Wonderland fundraiser

**December 8** – Holiday Luncheon

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## NEW PROGRAM

**Turn in your January potholders—January 30**

**12:00-1:00**

Gualala, parking lot between the Hotel and Gualala Market – Find Sylvia Evans (tan Lexus SUV);

Point Arena, parking lot by the Theater—find Judy Riddle (green Honda CRV)

It would be helpful if you would contact Sylvia or Judy to let them know you're coming.

**Recap of the program:**

**Each month**--beginning January 2021-- guild members will be challenged to make a particular item to be sold at the fundraiser sales (AIR /FOT). Anyone who completes the specified item in that month, will deliver it to Judy Riddle, Sylvia Evans, Sandy Hughes or Janice Batchelder by the end of that month. A ticket with their

name on it will be placed "in the basket". Each month will be a different challenge.

Each item you finish will go into the fundraiser booths (AIR & FOT). You are encouraged to make more than one, if possible, and a ticket will be put in the basket for each of the specified items you make in that month, i.e. if the challenge in January is to make a potholder and you make 10 potholders in January, you get 10 tickets. You only get a ticket for the specific item you are asked to make in that month, finish the project by the end of that specific month and turn it in to one of the four designated members.

**Your reward?** Judy Riddle became the recipient of an orphaned quilt top and will finish the quilt with "custom" quilting. At the PPQG Holiday lunch in December 2021, a name will be drawn from all those tickets people have earned all year. The winner will receive the completed "custom" quilted quilt. Winner does not need to be present at the lunch to win.

### **New Program Projects for 2021:**

(unless notified otherwise, turn in will be the last day of the month)

**February** – Set of 4 Placemats

**BONUS ticket for making matching napkins**

**March** – 1 baby quilt (earns 5 tickets)

**April** – Set of 4 beverage coasters, wine coasters, or mug rugs, wrapped together with twine or ribbon

**BONUS ticket for every 2 microwave bowls**

**May** – 2 Table runners

**June** – 1 quilt – crib size or larger, any theme (5 tickets)

**July** – 2 Origami Market Bags OR 2 tote bags

**BONUS ticket for every 2 microwave bowls**

**August** – 1 apron OR 2 "fun" pillowcases

OR 2 microwave bowls

**Sept.** – 1 quilt – crib size or larger, any theme (5 tickets)

**October** – Christmas tree ornament

OR any item of your choice

**November** – Any of the above

**BONUS ticket for 1 quilt AND/OR 2 microwave bowls**

If you have an idea for a project that could be completed in a month, please contact Judy Riddle, Sylvia Evans, Sandy Hughes or Janice Batchelder.

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## **FUNDRAISING:**

### **WINTER WONDERLAND 2020**

Winter Wonderland was a success as our only fundraiser for 2020. The Guild's profit was \$3,297.

We sold over 40 stuffed animals, all donated by Sylvia Keller, and over 130 microwave bowls. My suggestion for next year we add 12 inch bowls also. Our current size starts with a 10 inch square. These 2 items were our biggest sellers.

We sold 12 children's quilts, but only 1 I-spy quilt. Usually a hot item, I believe I-spy quilts didn't sell, as there was no one at the booth to explain "how to play."

We sold out of potholders in pairs. We sold 25 sets and could have sold more. This was a good year for apron sales. Kalyann made reversible wrap around aprons in 2 different sizes. Only 1 remains out of the 8 she made. All other inventory of aprons sold as well.

We sold out of beverage coasters, mug rugs and coasters that fit over the bottom of wine glasses.

Table runners did not sell this year nor did the holiday themed items.

We only had 1 set of placemats with matching napkins, which sold promptly. And we had a table runner with matching napkins that sold quickly. Two friends asked me if we were going to have any more wonderful placemat/napkin sets, as they were a huge hit as gifts for family & friends.

We had many beautiful quilts and they did sell but we had several left. Three people who made quilts for this sale, asked for them to be donated to our comfort quilt stash.

We had many small Christmas ornaments left from past years, so these were priced at the bargain price of one dollar. We sold out.

I hope this gives you some ideas for your contribution to the 2021 Guild fundraisers, in whatever form they take.

Happy sewing.

*~Cheryl Faconti and Margreth Barrett*

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## **2021 PROGRAM**

**February 19** – Zoom Lecture by Nina Clotfelter

**Thread: What's the BIG deal?**

This is a FUN lecture on all the things you didn't know you needed to know about thread! As an educator for WonderFil Specialty Threads, Nina has learned a lot and she wants to share! Thread is like candy! Sometimes you just can't get enough...LOL!

When we purchase thread it's usually the color we buy, or the thread the shop carries. In this lecture you'll learn about the different weights of thread and why they make a difference. Ply, why is that important? Specialty threads like metallic, monofilament, tinsel threads, how do we work with them? Why do metallics give us issues?

**March TBA**

**April 16** – Zoom lecture by Susie Monday

**Digital Beyond Photos**

Many quilters have seen the amazing digital reproductions of photos created by art quilters around the world. But with the use of an iPad, computer or other tablet (even a phone) quilt artists can move beyond photographic reproduction into artistic filters, drawing and painting and amazing patterns. This one-hour lecture includes a live introduction, a 20 minute prerecorded video/slide show of examples and apps, and a 20 minute live demonstration of apps shared from my iPad screen, followed by 10 minutes or so of Q&A.

**NOTE:** Caroline and Margreth continue to search for Zoom presenters. You are encouraged to contact Caroline if you have suggestions for presenters.

*~ Caroline Ogg, Margreth Barrett, Dee Goodrich  
Program Committee*

## MEMBERSHIP

Your membership renewal was DUE by January 1, however, for a short time, we will still accept your payment. Please don't let us down. Mail a check made payable to PPQG to Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA, 95445, for \$40 or more. Special thanks to those who have already renewed.

Please welcome new member to the guild, Maryse Frivold (new owner of The Loft in Gualala).

~Gail Spencer, Membership Chair.

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## QUILT CHALLENGE 2021

### Theme: Flying Free

Our challenge show has been scheduled to run from October 1, 2021 through November 7, 2021. It will be displayed in the Burnett Gallery & Jacob Foyer.

I believe we have had enough rules and restrictions over the last many months so I am encouraging you to use your own imagination and do one or all of the following:

- Simply enter the quilt you made for the 2020 "A Star is Born" as your 2021 entry, and/or
- Add some silver to your 2020 "A Star is Born" to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and/or
- Make a quilt of your own design choice adding silver celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup>
- Enter the quilt you made for the 2020 "A Star is Born" together with any other quilt design of your choice without silver
- Enter a quilt design of your own choice as your only entry keeping in mind that it cannot be more than 2 years old or ever shown in a GAC Art Exhibit.

In summary, you can enter last year's quilt as your only entry or make one for 2021 or do both. The silver is a suggestion and not a requirement.

Please note: As of the date of this email, due to COVID-19 regulations from state and county – No food or drink will be consumed during opening receptions. "Members Reception" will take place during the first Friday of the exhibit from 4-7 PM and will allow Gualala Arts members a chance to preview our exhibit. The second reception on the following Saturday from 4-7 PM will be open to the public. For group exhibits such as ours, GAC is encouraging artists to take turns acting as docent so that we may interact with our potential patrons while reducing the number of artists in the gallery at one time.

I will update you as I receive more information from the Gualala Arts Center staff.

~Sandy Hughes, Challenge Chair

## SHOW AND TELL



Scrappy Comfort Quilt made by Cheryl Faconti

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

Did you know there is a right and wrong side to batting? It's more visible on some battings than others. You will notice some "bumps" on one side, the other side is smooth. Bumps side is the wrong side. So which side goes up or down? Bumps = pimples. Pimples go toward the backing. Pimples down, dimples up!

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When your swatch collection

starts to get out of control.