



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

# Bits & Pieces

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**Editor: Judy Riddle**

## Presidents Message

Greetings to all PPQG members!  
Hugs to all of the hard working women in our guild. Look at the wonderful things we did in 2025! Reflecting on a busy 2025:

- Comfort/ Valor quilt workshops
- Ways and Means Meetings
- Retreat in Rohnert Park
- Great programs & workshops
- Farewell to a few old members
- Welcomed a few new members
- Pulling together to help fill in when needed
- Helping fire victims in LA
- Participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- Quilt challenge
- Art in the Redwoods
- Festival of Trees
- Donating to Coastal Seniors
- Holiday luncheon

I sincerely wish everyone a joyous holiday season and a happy new year!

*Kathy Mayda, Co-President*

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## Happy New Year!



Back row: Marcia Luchini, Sylvia Evans, Jan Saufferer, Bonnie Coffey-Smith, Gail Spencer, Kim Madson, Sandy Hughes  
Front and middle rows, Andrea Polk, Kathy Mayda, Susanne Sholz, Charlene Younker, Cheryl Faconti, Jan Carter, Francie Angwin, Kelly Colburn, Judy Riddle.

### 2025 PPQG Holiday Luncheon

The 2025 Annual Holiday Luncheon of the PPQG marked a cheerful start to the yuletide season. It was a pleasure to observe the members gathered together, engaging in animated conversation and enjoying each other's company.

On December 4th, we convened at the Miramar restaurant for an afternoon characterized by camaraderie, good cheer, and a well-prepared lunch. Attendees also appreciated homemade cookies and thoughtfully crafted little gift baskets filled with colorful binding clips.

The atmosphere throughout the luncheon was positive and spirited, fostering friendship and quilting community connections among members.

Judy and I extend our sincere thanks to everyone who participated. Your presence contributed greatly to the success of this annual tradition and set a welcoming tone for the holiday season.

The holiday season is also a time to remember those we've lost this year, cherishing their memories in our hearts.



Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy, friendship-filled and, of course, beautiful quilting New Year!

Sandy and Judy

## Mark Your Calendar 2026

January 8 --11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC  
 January 16 -- 10:00 -- 3:00 -- **Workshop** for  
 Comfort Quilts & Veteran Honor Quilts;  
 1:00 **Guild meeting**  
 February 2-5-- Guild Retreat  
 February 12 - 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC  
 February 20 --12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**  
**Lecture "Underground Railroad Quilts"**  
 March 12 -- 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC  
 March 19 -- 11:00 -- 3:00 **Workshop** -- "Finish it up"  
 March 20 -12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**  
**Lecture -- Vintage Quilt Show**  
 April 9 --11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC  
 April 17 - 12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**  
**Lecture ?**  
 April 28 -- **Challenge registration form due**  
 May 6 --11:00 --1:00--**Turn in Challenge Artwork**  
 May 8--4:00-6:00PM--**Challenge Opening Reception**  
 May 14 -11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC  
 May 13&14 -- **Workshop --Celtic Love Knot**  
 May 15 - 12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**  
**Lecture** by Leonna McCann, "Echoes of My  
 Ancestors: My Journey with Celtic Quilt Design"  
 June 8 - Noon -- 2:00 --**Pick up Challenge Artwork**  
 June 11 - 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC  
 June 19 - 10:00 -- 3:00 -- **Workshop** for  
 Comfort Quilts & Veteran Honor Quilts  
 1:00 **Guild meeting**  
 July 9 - 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC  
 July ? -- 12:00 -- 2:00 -Guild Picnic  
 August 13 - 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC  
 August -- No guild meeting  
 August -- Art in the Redwoods  
 September 10 - 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC  
 September 16 & 17 -- **Workshop -- Cranes over  
 Hiroshima** by Dana Jones  
 September 18 --12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**  
**Lecture** by Dana Jones  
 October 8 - 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC  
 October 15 -- **Workshop -- Solar dyeing**  
 October 16 -- 12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**  
**Lecture** by Charlene Younker  
 November 12 - 11:00 to 3:00 - **Sew in** at GAC  
 November 20 -- 12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**  
**Lecture ?**  
 December ? -- Holiday Lunch No Guild Meeting

## PPQG Tree entry at Festival of Trees



## Festival of Trees 2025

Thanks to all those who helped set-up and take down, thanks to those who volunteered to work in the booth each day, and a big thank you to those who made the items to be sold in our booth at Festival of Trees!!

We sold \$3,124 on Friday, and \$1,957 on Saturday, for a grand total of \$5,081.

The most popular items:

Jar Openers: sold 78 -- 40 available

Balloon Balls: sold 53: 32 large and 21 medium  
(NONE left)

Seatbelt Covers: sold 47 -- 28 left

Microwave Bowls: MEDIUM: sold 46 -- 20 left  
LARGE: sold 9 -- 3 left

Adult Clothing Protectors: sold 19 --10 left

Potholders: sold 16 -- 30 left

Stuffed animals: sold 13 -- 9 Chicks, 1 Penguin,  
1 Snake, and 1 Elephant left

Aprons including Kitchen Boas: sold 11 (mostly  
Kitchen Boas) -- 9 left

Tote bags: sold 10 (all 6 Myola bags sold) -- 14  
tote bags left

Quilts: sold 9 -- 33 left

Playing Card Holders: sold 7 -- 3 left

Eye Soothers: sold 7 -- 3 left

Tortilla Warmers: sold 6 --1 left

Coasters: sold 4 -- 20 left

Placemats: sold 1-- 4 left

Happy quilting!!

Mary Banach, Fundraiser Chair

## *Veteran Honor Quilt*

Join us for the Comfort Quilt/Veteran Honor Quilt workshop on Friday, January 16. Some kits will be available, but feel free to bring your own project. Also remember your quilting tools, i.e. rulers, cutting mat, rotary cutter, neutral (lt gray or off white) and/or dark (navy or black) thread, quarter inch foot for your machine, power cords, scissors. Those who would like to work on the disappearing 4 patch quilts, a 6" square-up ruler would be useful.

Our goal is 50 quilts for the Veterans Monument dedication. This workshop could give us a good start toward the 33 quilts still needed to reach that goal.

Hope to see you January 16

*Sandy Lockhart, VHQ Chair*

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## *2026 Retreat*

The hotel room cost is the same as last year, \$130.00 per night. For either a king bed or two queen beds. Call the hotel directly (707-584-0333) to make your reservation and be sure to tell them you are part of the PPQG Retreat in February. You will need a room for three nights. February 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, checking out on February 5th. We will be arriving at retreat on Monday and departing on Thursday. You will be paying for your hotel room on your own.

The cost for our work area and meals is going to be \$300.00 per person. Breakfast is included in the room cost. We will be having two catered dinners: our first night and our last night. Dinner on Tuesday and all lunches will be at our own expense. There are many restaurants nearby of different types and costs, some within walking distance.

I realize this is a higher cost than last year's retreat with fewer meals being provided. But, I wasn't happy with some of the meals we had last year so I want to use less of the hotel's catering. If you wish to pay the \$300.00 retreat cost in two installments, that is fine, as long as you are paid in full by January 26, which is one week before retreat. If you have not paid the full amount you will not be able to attend. Make the check payable to PPQG and mail it to Kim Madson at PO Box 1504, Gualala, CA 95445.

One more thing!!! I hate to make more bother for you, but I'd really, really like to know who is going to attend the retreat so I can start making plans for us while we are there. Please email me and let me know if you're coming, as well as mailing a check to Kim.

Retreat is for everyone! Please join us at retreat in February 2026.

If you have any questions at all about the retreat, just call me at 707-785-1976 or email me at [janlc56@mac.com](mailto:janlc56@mac.com) *Jan Carter, Retreat Chair*

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## *2026 Program*

**January 16 - Comfort Quilt, Veteran Honor Quilt Workshop**

**February 20 - Lecture by Helen Banach, "Underground Railroad Quilts"**

**Mar 19 – Finish it up Workshop – directed by Jeri Kennedy**

We will host a "HOW TO FINISH YOUR QUILT" workshop. We will review the construction of the hanging sleeve and "How to Bind" and label your quilt.

We need volunteers to:

- 1) Demonstrate how to bind a quilt and lend a hand to those in need.
- 2) Demonstrate how to measure and make a hanging sleeve.
- 3) Demonstrate how to create a great label

Note: you need not have your quilt complete to take advantage of this workshop. Come with a small quilt sandwich (a 24X24" top, batting and backing basted together) and make your own SAMPLE to take home. Your instructors will have handouts as well.

**March 20 – Lecture: Vintage Quilts facilitated by Jeri Kennedy**

**April 17 – Lecture TBA**

**May 13&14 - Celtic Knot Workshop by L. McCann**

**May 15 – Lecture by Leonna McCann, "Echoes of My Ancestors: My Journey with Celtic Quilt Design"**

**June 19 – Comfort Quilt & Veteran Honor Quilt Workshop**

**July - Picnic**

**August – Art in the Redwoods Sale**

**September 16&17- Cranes over Hiroshima Workshop by Dana Jones**

**September 18 - Lecture by Dana Jones**

**October 15 - Solar Dye Workshop by C. Younker**

**October 16 – Lecture by Charlene Younker**

**November – Lecture TBA**

*Sylvia Evans, Program Chair*



# Quilt Challenge 2026 "Spring in Bloom"

Four months and counting!!

Entry forms are available on line and at GAC with the specific details of the challenge. Here is a quick summary:

You need only purchase ½ yd of floral themed or "botanical" fabric from The Loft. The fabric must be present on the front of your quilt.

You may choose to use the same fabric in all the quilts that you enter, or you can choose different challenge themed fabrics as long as you have purchased the minimum ½ yd from The Loft.

Maryse, at the loft is keeping track of the sales and one raffle ticket for each participant will be entered into the drawing for the fabulous prizes!

Please contact me if you are unsettled about anything.  
[jconardk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jconardk@sbcglobal.net)

## Dates to remember:

April 28, 2026 -- Registration form due

May 6, 2026 -- 11:00 – 1:00 --Drop off Artwork

May 8, 2026, 4:00-6:00 PM--Opening Reception

June 8, 2026, Noon – 2:00 --Pickup Artwork

Jeri Kennedy, Challenge Chair

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## Library

### Now in the PPQG Library. December additions.

In the shelves by author's last name; computer search by author's name, title, or subject: key words (for these or similar books.)

### Author: SAQA Oregon Region

Title: Emergence: Fiber Art from Concept to Stitch  
21 Oregon quilt artists were challenged to create a piece for the Emergence show, and this book takes you through each artists' process in selecting an image and executing it. In text and pictures over a generous six pages each you can follow each quilter's planning and execution with emphasis on the stumbling block that didn't go smoothly.

### Author: Irene Roderick

Title: Design then Quilt — A dynamic guide to creating stunning modern quilts.

Roderick takes you through the Elements and Principles of design in clear, easy to read, chapters. Then guides you in analyzing (critiquing) your design and making changes to improve it. Plenty of illustrations of what to do and not to do.

### Author: Arounna Khounnoraj

Title: Contemporary Patchwork — Techniques in color, surface design and sewing.

From simple piecing for beginners to more complicated projects that involve dyeing, printing, appliqué and weaving. This book is filled with projects that can be

jumping-off projects for your own ideas.

**Search subjects:** Elements of design; Principles of design; Exercises in design; Foundation paper piecing; reverse appliqué; Value; Quilting patterns; Selecting a palette; Whole cloth quilt; Pillows; Bags and wallets; Dyeing; Alternate fabrics; Manipulating fabric; Printing; Sketching; Portraits; Thread painting.

Iris Lorenz-Fife, Librarian

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## Membership

Thanks to those who have renewed their membership for 2026. If you have not, please make a check for \$40 dues (plus Angel Gift if desired) payable to PPQG and mail it to me: Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445. In order for the guild to be viable, we need your support. If for any reason you do not plan to renew, please email me at [88gbs88@gmail.com](mailto:88gbs88@gmail.com). Renewals are **due by January 1st**. Anyone who has not renewed by the February 20th membership meeting may be dropped from enrollment. Please don't leave us hanging

Gail Spencer, Membership Chair

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Sylvia Keller.....It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of Sylvia Keller. She passed on December 4, less than a week shy of her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Sylvia joined the guild at the annual picnic in July of 2007. She offered to teach a group of quilters how to hand applique. That grew into a small sewing circle that met every Tuesday at Sylvia's house for over 17 years.

Sylvia was a very active member of the guild. She served as the only Hospitality person for over two years, frequently brought food for Hospitality, made and donated comfort quilts, veterans quilts, table runners, wall hangings, pot holders and tote bags. Her notoriety was the many, many, many stuffed animals she made for not only PPQG, but also Project Santa and CLSD up until she was 100 years young. The picture below shows Sylvia with the animals she donated at her last donation to PPQG in 2022.



She was a very quiet, humble, special person, a prolific quilter, an inspiration and a treasure to have known.