PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Bits & Pieces

www.pacificpiecemakers.org

March 2026

Editor: Judy Riddle

Presidents Message

Happy 30th Anniversary to the Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild!

The past couple of months the executive committee has been working on ways to promote our guild using public resources in our community. We have had more business cards printed and have been interviewed by the ICO. Also, a group Facebook page is in the works. Our membership needs a boost. Please consider inviting a friend or neighbor to one of our future events or workshops.

The 2026 Quilt Challenge is just a short time from now. Look for registration forms at the GAC to find the deadlines and quilt turn- in dates. It would be wonderful if more members would participate in this year's show. Jeri Kennedy will be available this month to help us with our challenge entries. She can advise you on how to make your project move along or get you started on the finishing touches.

At this time, we are in need of volunteers to serve on the membership and program committees. If you are interested in these positions, please come forward to help us out.

Kathy Mayda, In-coming President

****

President, Kathy Mayda, presenting Senior Center Director, Brian Flinn a $2500 donation from PPQG

Mark Your Calendar

2026

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 15 & 16 – 10:00 to 3:00 - **Workshop – work on your Unfinished Projects (UFOs)**
April 17 - 12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**
Lecture by Brian Flinn, Coastal Seniors Program
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 – 9:30 to 3:30 - **Workshop – Celtic Love Knot by Leona McCann**
May 15 - 12:30 social; 1:00 **Guild meeting**
Lecture by Leona 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 to work on Comfort Quilts & Veteran Honor Quilts**
1:00 **Guild meeting**
July 9 - 11:00 to 3:00 - Sew in at GAC
July 17 -- 12:00 – 2:00 -Guild Picnic at GAC picnic area
August 13 - 11:00 to 3:00 - Sew in at GAC
August – No guild meeting
August 14-16 – 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, "Pagtinabangay: The Quilts and Quilt makers of Caohaha"
October 8 - 11:00 to 3:00 - Sew in at GAC
October 15 -- **Workshop – Solar fabric dyeing with Charlene Younker**
October 16 -- **1**2:30 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**
November 27 & 28 –Festival of Trees
December ? – Holiday Lunch No Guild Meeting

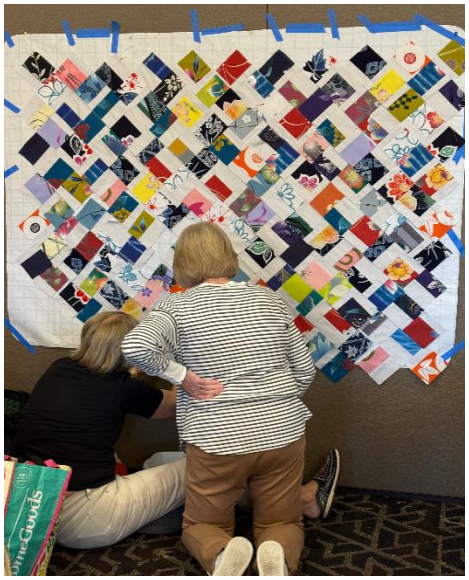
2026 Retreat

There were 14 attending our retreat this year. Many seasoned veterans and a few very welcome new faces. One of those new faces, Anna Grant, even became a new member of the guild!

Back Row: Susanne Scholz, Sylvia Evans, Gail Spencer, Bonnie Coffey-Smith, Marcia Luchini, Chris Smith, Sandy Hughes;
Front Row: Sandy Lockhart, Cheryl Faconti, Joyce Gaudet, Jan Carter, Anna Grant, Kathy Mayda

We met at Oxford Suites Inn in Rohnert Park. We had fewer numbers this year, so had only half of the ballroom space which we occupied last year, but most of us decided that we liked the smaller room as there was more togetherness. We enjoyed sunny weather, the hot tub, and meals together. And only one incident involving blood, bandaids, and a rotary blade.

There was a LOT of sewing and quilting going on, and many fabulous pieces were produced, started, or finished. Here are just a few samples.



TEAMWORK
Marcia Luchini and Sandy Hughes

5-shirts project by Bonnie Coffey-Smith

Work I n Progress by Chris Smith

2026 Program

Mar 19 – Workshop: Get it started or Finish it up
March 20 – Lecture: Vintage Quilts, facilitated by Jeri Kennedy

Ever wonder how to date that "masterpiece" you've inherited? Jeri Kennedy will bring some of her gifted treasures to discuss, clues on how to date your quilts. Please bring your own heirlooms and let's chat about them.

For those who have re-purposed an old quilt into a new quilt, garment or even a teddy bear, please bring your creation. You never know what will inspire a fellow quilter to take something out of moth ball and repurpose it. After all, quilts were meant to be used…. Let's talk about giving new life to our old pals!

April 15 & 16 – 10:00 to 3:00 - **Workshop – work on your Unfinished Projects (UFOs)**
Bring your UFO's, spend one or two days working on them at GAC. Free sewing time. Bring your own lunch.
April 17 – Lecture: Brian Flinn, Coastal Seniors Program

May 13 & 14 – Workshop by Leona McCann, Celtic Knot

Leona's quilting journey began over 16 years ago when a visit to a local quilt shop ignited her passion for fabric and design. Originally from Ireland, she grew up surrounded by Celtic artistry, with a deep fascination for the intricate knot work of the Book of Kells. This inspiration shapes her quilting today, where she brings Celtic designs to life through piecing, embroidery, and Longarm quilting.
With a background in high tech, Leona gravitated toward computerized quilting, becoming a Certified Art and Stitch Instructor in 2012. She now shares her expertise through her Celtic Love Knot Workshop, where she helps students uncover the magic of interwoven designs. For Leona, quilting is not just about creating beautiful pieces—it's about preserving and sharing her rich cultural heritage
May 15 – Lecture by Leona McCann, "Echoes of My Ancestors: My Journey with Celtic Quilt Design"

June 19 – Workshop: Comfort Quilt & VHQ Quilts
July 17 – Guild Picnic
August 14-16– Art in the Redwoods Sale

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

This foundation paper pieced quilt is based on an Origami folded peace-crane image from the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo, Wisconsin. You'll learn a lot about color value as value is key to creating this quilt's three-dimensional look

September 18 - Lecture by Dana Jones,
"Pagtinabangay: The Quilts and Quiltmakers of Caohaha"

October 15 – Workshop: Solar Fabric Dyeing by Charlene Younker
October 16 – Lecture by Charlene Younker

November 20 – Lecture TBA
November 27 & 28 –Festival of Trees
December ? – Holiday Lunch No Guild Meeting

Sylvia Evans, Program Chair

****

Quilt Challenge 2026 "Spring in Bloom"

Hello Stitchers!

The Challenge Quilt Show is fast approaching! There is no limit to your creativity OR to the number of quilts you may enter. Please remember to keep our theme in mind. It's "Spring in Bloom" and we ask that you get a floral themed fabric from The Loft and include it in your design.

To assist you in finishing (or in some cases starting) your quilt, I am hosting the **FINISH IT UP WORKSHOP on Thursday, March 19 from 11:00 to 3:00 at GAC.** Bring your work in whatever state it is in…. Or just come with your questions and share in the camaraderie of quilting! There is always something new to learn when we come together!
Instructors will be:

- Traditional Binding: Iris Lorenz-Fife
- Modern Binding: Jan Carter
- Sleeve installation: Sandy Hughes
- Labels and Artist Statement: Jeri Kennedy
- Quilt Hangers: Phil Kennedy

Keep Stitching! *Jeri Kennedy, Challenge Chair*

Membership

Please welcome two new members, **Anna Grant** and **Lisa Woods**. Anna is a friend of Joyce Gaudet. Anna signed up at the guild retreat earlier this month. Lisa was invited to the January workshop by (member) Kelly Colburn. Lisa said she so enjoyed the group she decided to join.

The grace period for membership renewal for 2026 ended on February 28th, per the bylaws. We have four members who have not remitted their dues. One has replied to my reminders. Three have not. If the three "missing" members do not renew, our membership will stand at 51 members. Our guild relies on every member to contribute not only their money but their time as well. Please consider where your efforts may be needed. Even if you don't live here full time, you could make items for our fundraiser sales, a Comfort Quilt or a Veteran Honor Quilt. We appreciate every donation. Thank you.

Gail Spencer, Membership Chair

****

Veteran Honor Quilt

There has been a terrific response to our letter sent out to 34 quilt guilds in Northern California. Dee Pallesen from Country Quilt Guild visited us at our January meeting. Amador Valley Quilters have responded, however, they specifically want us to join them with the Quilt of Valor membership and that specific mission statement is, as yet, not in line with PPQG's mission.

The Delta Quilters Guild (Brentwood), Tokay Stitch n Quilt Guild (Lodi), Mostly Modern Quilters of Santa Rosa, Carquinez Straight Stitchers, Annie Star Quilt Guild (Chico), River City Quilt Guild (Sacramento), Northwinds Quilt Guild (Fairfield), and Golden Valley Quilt Guild (Citrus Heights) have responded and promised us quilts, as well as fabric. Bonnie Smith in Clovis has sent 13 presentation bags.

We now have official VHQ labels! Thank you Sandy Hughes for making them. Some labels are in the PPQG mailbox at GAC. If you are available for the March 12 Sew-in, we need help sewing the new labels onto the VHQ quilts.

We received 3 quilts at the February guild meeting. This brings our meter up to 23 quilts received. We need 27 more to reach our goal of 50.

Several retreaters were working on VHQ's and several others in our guild have told me they are also working on VHQ's. We are well on our way! Thanks so much to all who are making this happen. All your ideas are being considered toward the method of how we can distribute the quilts on the day of the monument dedication. Judy and I appreciate your input.

Sandy Lockhart, VHQ Chair

Comfort Quilts

This month we gave out 4 quilts that were well received! After reviewing our collection, I found we don't have any quilts suitable for young adult males or females. I am thinking ages 14-21. We have one baby quilt, but that is really it for children. Please share any suggestions for young people. Thanks for all you do for our community.

Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chair

****

We have a Facebook Page!!

Have you ever wanted quick support on a quilting project or to share your latest creation with the guild before it is sent off to its new home? Now you can—join us on our new Facebook page! Connect with members, ask questions, offer advice when requested, get feedback, post events, and stay updated on all things quilting. It is a private, members only page that we hope will become a place where members can share our quilting enthusiasm.

To join, search "Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild" on Facebook, request to join, answer the three required questions, agree to the rules, and start connecting with fellow quilters. We are encouraging new membership so, feel free to invite your quilting friends to join, too!

Sandy Hughes, Facebook Manager

****

Rainbow Resources owned by PPQG member Charlene Younker is now in Clearlake instead of Albion. Items produced to sell include:

- Hand-dyed multi-color ric rac in several sizes
- assorted lace trims and appliques for embellishment
- Ice-dyed cottons and velvet
- Cyanotype prints
- miscellaneous hand silk-screened designs

Charlene will be a vendor at the upcoming Quilt show in Ukiah, May 2-3, and the Oceanwave quilt show, June 27-28 in Ft. Bragg where you can see her products, or call her at 707-684-0699 and ask about what you might be interested in seeing and she can text a picture to you.

Charlene will also be teaching solar fabric dyeing at our October workshop.

Fundraising

It has been suggested that we make some items for children. The balloon balls have been a wonderful addition. Do you have other ideas for items children might like?

Low inventory items are tortilla warmers, large microwave bowls, tote bags, playing card holders, adult clothing protectors, and, as always, stuffed animals.

We always welcome NEW quilts to the inventory. It was noted at the sale that our potholders are too big. We could use more potholders that are 8-9" in size rather than 10".

I encourage you to help increase our inventory with your creative, beautiful talent. Our guild activities depend on the income we receive from our sales. Thank you so much for your generosity

Happy quilting!! *Mary Banach, Fundraiser Chair*

****

February Guild meeting

Lecture from Hellen Banach about the Underground Railroad.

Kathy Mayda, Incoming President presenting a Whale planter to Francie Angwin, Outgoing President, thanking Francie for her service as PPQG President for the past three years.

February Show and Tell

Quilt made by Jan Carter for her granddaughter Rory. Every year on their birthdays Jan made t-shirts for her granddaughters with their age on it. (They loved them!) When Rory got too cool/old for number t-shirts, Jan made her pillowcases with her name and age on them. Rory will be 18 in May. Last summer Rory gave Jan all the t-shirts she'd made for her so Jan could make a quilt out of them. This is Jan's first t-shirt quilt!

Three Veteran Honor Quilt tops made by Susanne Scholz

Three completed Veteran Honor Quilts. Two on the left were made by Marilyn Alderson, one on the right was made by Judy Riddle's sister, Phyllis McCalla