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PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD



# Bits & Pieces

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I really enjoyed how Margie Binker did her presentation to the Guild at our last meeting.

First off, she broke us up into random groups, so ideally, new quilters were with more seasoned quilters. We were given a baggie with items to brainstorm what to do with them. Inside the bag was a pipe cleaner, fingertip moistener, a dryer sheet, an empty toilet paper roll, small oval silicone pads, a band aid and a circular styrofoamish like object. The biggest surprise for me was the little oval pads. Turns out they were thimblets, used in place of a thimble. She liked them because she has large hands and cannot find a thimble to fit. I have the opposite problem; small fingers and a thimble won't stay on.

We also discussed our favorite sources for fabric, novelties, threads, resources for learning new techniques, on-line resources, organization ideas, favorite blog and favorite trick for making your "quilting" life easier. My favorite trick for making my general life easier, which involves my quilting is to get up and press pieces as I go, instead of creating a stack of sewn pieces that need pressing. I also love my LED strip lights that go around the underside of the sewing machine. Makes everything so much brighter. I look forward to her compiling our list so the Guild will have a new resource!

~Cheryl Faconti

## Coming up...

**May 17 & 18** – Lynn Pullis, Workshop: "Color Doesn't Matter"

**May 19** – Lynn Pullis, Trunk Show

**June 16** – Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop

**Sept. 13 & 14** – Phillis McCalla "Rings" Workshop

## Moonlight Quilters of Sonoma Co. WINE COUNTRY QUILT SHOW AND SALE

Amazing show of Quilts and Fabric Arts

Including quilts for sale

Boutique of Handcrafted items

Vendors & Door prizes

Saturday, June 3 • 10:00 – 5:00

Sunday, June 4 • 10:00 – 4:00

Santa Rosa Vet's Memorial Building

1351 Maple Ave. • Santa Rosa

Admission \$10.00 – Free parking

<http://www.mqsc.org/>

## Save the Date!

May 17 & 18

Lynn Pillus  
Class

GAC

May 27 – 29

3 Day Adult  
Beginning  
Weaving Class

Mountain View

650-968-1981

[dottycala@aol.com](mailto:dottycala@aol.com)

July Picnic is  
July 28<sup>th</sup>

GAC Picnic  
grounds

Salad topping  
potluck

## Lynn Pillus Class

Hi Everyone,

Hope this finds you all happy and quilting.

On May 17 and 18, we are offering a class taught by Lynn Pillus. She is known as the mechanical quilter, translating photos into quilts using value rather than just color. She presented a lecture to our Guild last year, and quite a few folks told us they would really like to take a class from her. In response to that input, she will be giving a class here. To date, only five people have signed up. We hope that you have just neglected to make the call to sign up and will do so now. **It is not too late.**

We base the price of a workshop on a minimum of 12 participants. Without more signups, the Guild will have to subsidize the class. It is too late to cancel. As Barbara Dunsmoor pointed out at a meeting and in an email in February, if we do cancel teachers, it gets around to other teachers, and it will become very difficult to book classes up here.

I hope that the meager signup is just a result of procrastination and not disinterest. We invited her in response to many who enjoyed her lecture and trunk show and wanted to learn more from her. You can see her work and the materials list on the GAC and PPQG websites. It should be a wonderful addition to our skillset.

Hope to see you there!!

Francie and Marcia

### **SUPPLY LIST:**

We are supposed to bring our own photos. She will help us select one to blow up and make a pattern from. I don't know if she plans to bring any.

Diana, at the Office Source, will open up on Wednesday especially for us ☺

## I Spy Quilts

“I Spy” quilts are a popular item at our sales at Art in the Redwoods or Festival of Trees. At our Guild meeting on April 21, we came up with a way for members to accumulate fabrics for an I Spy quilt, without having to buy umpteen million different fabrics. If you have a fabric that would work in an I Spy quilt, would you consider cutting a few 5 inch squares and bringing them to our next meeting, or definitely to our Workshop meeting in **June**, to share with others? For example, I have a great fabric with turtles. I could cut several 5-inch squares to share, and still have enough for my project. So, take a moment to survey your stash. Do you have a piece of butterfly, apple, fish, etc, fabric that you would be willing to share? Cut a couple squares and bring them in. Thanks!

## Upcoming Programs

Our last class with our own Margie Binker was a wonderful success. Ten of us learned some great ways to add texture and interest to our quilts. Even though we all learned the same techniques, each and every person had a unique wall hanging. It was definitely a fun and useful workshop.

In May we will be hosting Lynn Pillus. We hope that you'll join us. She will take us through the process of translating a photo to a quilt. We will bring several photos to class and she will help us select one to blow up. Using value, we will then begin the process of bringing it to life in fabric. See the PPQG website for information on Lynn and the materials list for the workshop.

~ Francie Angwin



## April 21, 2017 Meeting

**Meeting was called to order** at 1:01 by President Cheryl Faconti. 30 members present.

One visitor was present, former member and today's lecturer, Margie Binker.

### **Announcements:**

An antique quilt top has been donated and needs to be redone. Also, some silks and household linens were donated. If no one wants to use these items they will be donated to Pay-N-Take.

A comfort quilt will be taken to member Sally Ramsey.

### **Treasurer Report - Pam Todd:**

Previous balance was \$14,822.64. Ending balance was \$13,575.45. Income was \$587.00. Expenses were \$1,239.49.

**Program Committee - Marcia Luchini and Francie Angwin:** The guild just finished a two-day workshop led by Margie Binker in "Fiddling With Fabric." In May Lynne Pullis will present a workshop "Color Doesn't Matter." She will present a method of translating a picture into a quilt focusing on value over color. Sign-up is still open. See the GAC website for details. **June 16** will be a Comfort Quilt and Quilts of Valor workshop. Marcia and Francie then handed out a **survey** for members to fill in, asking for preferences for various different types of classes. There was an item left off the supply list for Lynne's class. Also needed is a piece of Steam-a-Seam 2, 18" x 24". She asks that you do not substitute this. She will bring some with her if you cannot find it.

**Continuing Education Committee - Kalynn Oleson and Jan Carter:** Jan asked if people would be interested in taking a paper piecing class led by herself and Kalynn. Several people raised their hands. It was noted that we will be having a workshop that involves paper piecing in 2018, but decided that it would be good to have a basic paper piecing class in our guild before that to get people more comfortable with paper piecing.

**Challenge 2018 - Barbara Dunsmoor, Cheryl Harris, Carole Garcia:** The theme for the 2018 Challenge is "**Journeys**." Barbara has asked for a show date of October and November of 2018. The second choice is May 2018. Barbara gave out 5" squares of a blue fabric, which is required to be used in the challenge quilts. More of this fabric is available at The Loft. Very large quilts are discouraged for the show, as they present a problem with hanging. But, if you have a large quilt and want to enter it, contact someone on the challenge committee.

**Fund Raising - AIR 2017 - Pam Todd and Jan Saufferer:** Brightly colored quilts are needed for the PPQG booth, as are kids' things, microwave bowls, and pot holders.

**Fund Raising - FOT - Cheryl Harris and Paula Osborne:** FOT and AIR got together and made an inventory of the items they have. Barbara Dunsmoor talked about the small tree, which will be entered into the FOT sale/contest. She took a poll of people to determine which color theme to use for the small tree. Red, white, and silver. Red, white, and gold. Blue, white, and silver, and Victorian theme. The voting was very close and the color scheme will be decided by the committee.

**AIR Quilt - 2017 - Kalynn Oleson and Barbara Dunsmoor.** The beautiful quilt is finished, and is in the GAC lobby.

**AIR Quilt - 2018:**

Work really needs to begin on the 2018 AIR quilt. Please contact Kalynn Oleson

**Comfort Quilts - Polly Dakin and Joyce Gaudet:** Polly mentioned our workshop in June for QOV's and Comfort Quilts. Lunch will be provided at the workshop, but Polly needs volunteers to bring cookies. She said our inventory is low. A good size for these quilts is 45" by 60", which uses "crib size" batting.

**Quilts of Valor - Sandy Lockhart and Lori Holmes:** Lori thanked everyone for their quilted contributions. They now have 15 quilts to take to the Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto. Members discussed having a display of Quilts of Valor at the 2018 Challenge Show. Some batting needs to be purchased for QOVs, which needs to be taken up with the Ways and Means Committee.

**Special Events - Renata Lopez:** Janice Batchelder reported that on July 28 we will have a potluck picnic at the GAC picnic grounds. We will be assigned salad toppings, and dessert to bring. Bring your own dishes, cutlery, and drink. We will be playing Quilto, so bring fat quarters.

**Library - Iris Lorenz-Fife:** Iris explained her pricing system for selling books to members. The top price on the label will be the asking price for the book. Under that will be a space for a member to write how much she is willing to pay for the book, if the first asking price is not met. Iris also had available some books from our library on fabric folding, such as that taught by Margie Binker in our workshop.

**Membership - Gail Spencer:** The final membership roster is ready, and now is the last chance to make any changes in it. Gail suggested emailing both herself and Bonnie Toy if you need any changes made.

**Newsletter - Viki Seed:** Articles and pictures for the newsletter are due by April 25th.

**Hospitality - Polly Dakin, Margreth Barrett, Joanne Angerame:** Thank you to Judy Riddle, Mary Eberhard, Sandy Hughes, Mary Banach, and Cheryl Faconti for today's treats. Joyce Gaudet mentioned that is very nice to now have grapes and cheese at our meetings, instead of only sweets.

**Show and Tell:** Francie Angwin showed a Tumblers Quilt. Janice Batchelder showed a QOV. Wendy Hodam and Joanne Angerame showed sampler quilts made at their Point Arena Library class. Caroline Ogg showed a Hugs and Kisses (snowball) quilt.

Check to make sure  
you have the latest  
2017 Roster

Please fill out your PPQG Class Interest  
Survey & return it to  
Marcia Luchini or Francie Angwin