

Bits & Pieces

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JUDY RIDDLE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here we are - December is upon us! The last month of the year.

I always like to do some planning and organizing for the new year so I thought I would start with a "wakeup call" to our members.

Do you realize that we have the same people volunteering for open positions year-after-year so that our guild can continue to be one of the bright spots in our lives as quilters and our community.

My wakeup call to you: The guild must have YOUR help to make things happen!

We need fresh ideas and more members committing to committees, events and projects. Your participation is essential for the guild to grow and prosper.

We have members that are covering multiple positions over-and-over each year and yet we cannot get someone to cover one of the simplest of commitments – Publicity! A position that requires letting the ICO know when we have meetings and events. How simple is that!

We are all overwhelmed by the pandemic but the lack of participation has not been limited to just the COVID period; it has been ongoing for a few years now. Current volunteers are burnt out and now is the time you MUST choose to serve to save our guild.

Soon we will start a new year with several positions open and several other position needing more than one volunteer.

Please do not just pay your membership dues and call it good. That is NOT what our guild is about. We are a giving guild. Get involved by sharing your ideas and serving on a committee.



I have listed the committees below.

Please choose one, and notify me before December 31 of your choice.

If you are already on a committee or serving as an officer, please let me know if you are going to continue in your current position. I know that during our Zoom meeting on November 20th some of you did say you would continue serving on the committees you are currently serving on but **please confirm by email** so that I can put together a complete list for our new year and our new Guild President.

If you are in a position where you are absolutely unable to serve on a committee, please indicate an alternative way you can "serve your guild", i.e. commitment to making items for the fundraisers, or making at least one comfort quilt or Quilt of Valor per year, or contribute to the need of the guild by paying double your membership fee.

Here are a few guild statistics I found interesting and want to share:



There are 82 members currently on the roster
4 members are out of state
20 members are serving as officers or are on committees (about 1/4th of the membership)
There are 5 Officer positions and 22 Committees
8 people are serving on more than one committee
When we were able to meet (2019), guild meeting attendance was 17-27
Zoom meetings have been attended by 13 to 18 members

We have an amazing guild for our small rural area and I appreciate you all but we need to get off of our duffs. Don't "wait to see who else will volunteer", step forward now. The more we have on each committee, the better. Let's keep our guild going!

- Programs: 2022
- Continuing Education
- Hospitality
- Name Tag Raffle & Greeters
- Library
- Publicity
- GAC Scholarship Committee
- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Festival of Trees 2021
- Festival of Trees 2022
- Art in the Redwoods 2021
- Art in the Redwoods 2022
- AIR Quilt 2022
- Challenge 2022
- Comfort Quilts & Fanny Basket
- Quilts of Valor
- Special Events Chair
- July Outing 2021
- Retreat 2022
- Holiday Luncheon 2021
- Media
 - Listserve: Bonnie Toy
 - Newsletter: Judy Riddle
 - Website: Lynn Bailey (webmaster)
- Publicity
- Photographer

~Sandy Hughes, President

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2020

Nov 23 – Dec 30 – Winter Wonderland @ GAC

December 2 – Holiday Box Lunch

HOLIDAY BOX LUNCH 2020

Nineteen members ordered box lunches for themselves and another 11 lunches for a "friend". A total of 30 lunches have been ordered from Tanya Radtkey at Black Oak Catering. Instructions have been sent to participants for pick-up of their lunch. Pictures will follow in next month's Newsletter!

~Judy Riddle & Sylvia Evans

2021 PROGRAM

It is anticipated we will not be able to meet in person until later in the year, however.....

January 15--Comfort Quilt Workshop—

It has been proposed that we do a ZOOM Comfort Quilt meeting, beginning at 10AM. Members would check in, break out to work on Comfort Quilts & Quilts of Valor, then reconvene later. People could come and go as they needed, however, Caroline would stay on line the entire time until 3PM.

March 17-18--Barbara Dunsmoor will present her rescheduled workshop, "In the Style of Ursula Kern"

April 7-8--Dee Goodrich will present a workshop on "Sewing Accuracy"

May 21--Comfort Quilt Workshop

June 14-18--Rescheduled Sue Benner workshops

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

NOTE: Caroline and Margreth continue to search for Zoom presenters. You are encouraged to email Caroline (Ogg.caroline@gmail.com) if you have suggestions for presenters, especially someone to show thread painting.

~ Caroline Ogg, Margreth Barrett, Dee Goodrich
Program Committee

PPQG CHRISTMAS TREE

AT WINTER WONDERLAND



Many thanks to Sandy Hughes, who entered and decorated a tree for Winter Wonderland on behalf of PPQG. Many of the ornaments were returned to us from last year. In addition, Sandy added some ornaments from her own collection, and made the tree skirt. The tree is now available as part of the Gualala Arts Tree Silent Auction. All proceeds from the silent auction will go support GAC.

FUNDRAISING:

FESTIVAL OF TREES

2020

Our booth is set up and looks amazing, if I do say so myself. I'd like to thank Margreth and Kalynn for help pricing and making signs and to Kalynn, Janice and my friend Janet (a sewer, not a quilter) for helping with set up. The sale starts Tuesday, Nov. 24 and runs until Wednesday, Dec. 30. Hours are 11 am to 4 pm, 7 days a week. The Guild will have volunteers working on Fridays. Those volunteers are Margreth, Kalynn, Della, Janice, Gail, Pam, Sandy, Harmony and myself. There has been great cooperation amongst the ladies that they have all arranged with their Guild partner for a break for lunch and fresh air. The event will be closed only on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Thanks to all who donated items to sell.



Tote Bags



Microwave Bowls



Pot Holders



Quilts



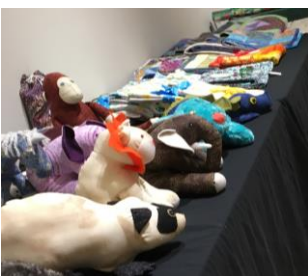
Tablerunner w/8 napkins
Coasters, Ornaments



Tablerunners



Quillow, Lunch Bag,
Casserole carriers



Stuffed Animals,
Baby Blankets

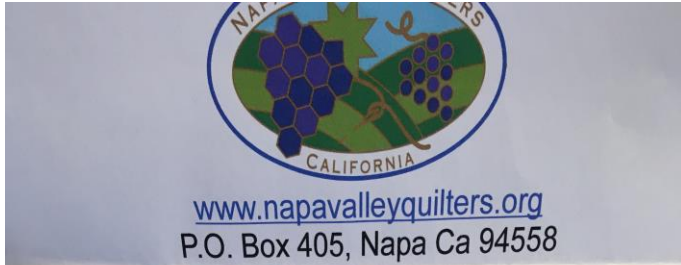


Come check it out.

~Cheryl Faconti and Margreth Barrett

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Quilts for Fire victims



Quilting Family,
We want to take a moment and say Thank you all for the generous donations! Without your support we wouldn't be able to help all of the people that have been devastated by the recent fires! We have distributed well over 240 Quilts so far and have a huge need still. With everyone working toward filling all the need we say Thank you again. Your quilts are all cherished items in the lives that have lost so much. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.



Rose Luce
President NVQ

15 more quilts were delivered last week to the fire victims bringing our total donation to 32 quilts. The Napa Guild member, Maggie, was overwhelmed that we could get so many, in such a short amount of time during the COVID crisis without having some kind of a workshop to sew them. She wanted to know the secret. I told her when the realization hit that the fires were bad and many families were losing their homes, I sent out a blast e-mail to the Guild to start sewing. I told her I had a safe drop off delivery location. Everyone worked from home. She was amazed that our small Guild could do that! Thanks to those who contributed.

~Cheryl Faconti, Community Outreach Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Quilters! Membership renewal time is just around the corner. If you'd like to renew your membership in Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild for 2021, please write a \$40 **check Payable to PPQG** and mail it to Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala CA, 95445-1489. Include Angel Gift, if desired. We need everyone's support now, as much as ever. Thanks.

~Gail Spencer, Membership

Past Guild President and longtime guild member, Lola DeLongoria's husband, Dee, passed away on Friday, Nov 20.

If you would like to send Lola a card, her address is
Lola DeLongoria
820 Somerstown Ln
Galloway, NJ 08205

SHOW AND TELL

All from Della Zita. Two were donated for fire victims.