



# Bits & Pieces

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JUDY RIDDLE

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I truly don't have a great deal to share. It has been a difficult year for all of us in one way or another. I know that ringing in the New Year is not going to magically make things suddenly better but it has always given me a sense of a fresh start and the anticipation for new experiences.

I am hoping that many of you are considering filling an empty officer and/or committee position within our guild as one of your New Year's Resolutions. Put it on your list as a new and rewarding experience for 2021.

Let's ring in the New Year with a full slate of officers and committees full of new ideas.

I want to take a moment to thank Judy & Sylvia for a wonderful holiday luncheon. They pulled it off flawlessly. It was a very special treat for all who participated. It was an added treat to see one another even if it was just in passing.

A special thank you also goes out to Cheryl F. and Margreth for their commitment and organizational skills in pulling together our sales and volunteers for the GAC Winter Wonderland.

I hope you all had a joyous holiday season.

Happy New Year and best wishes to you all and your families for a safe and healthy 2021!

*~Sandy Hughes, President*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**January 15** --Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop and Guild meeting via Zoom. 10:00AM – 3:00 PM

**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

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## 2021 PROGRAM

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

**January 15**--Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop- via Zoom

The intent of this workshop is to work on Comfort Quilts and/or Quilts of Valor. Caroline Ogg will send an email invitation a couple of days before January 15. She will 'admit' people starting at 10:00 AM for greeting and chat, possibly discuss the project they will be working on; break out to work on Comfort Quilts & Quilts of Valor; reconvene at 11:30 to discuss and show their progress. Check-in time is also an opportunity to share and discuss any ideas, should someone need assistance. People can come and go on line as needed, however, Caroline will stay on line the entire time until 3PM.

Caroline is working on scheduling additional lectures and may be scheduling a workshop teacher for the Spring.

**NOTE:** Caroline and Margreth continue to search for Zoom presenters. You are encouraged to email Caroline ([Ogg.caroline@gmail.com](mailto: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

Our tree received "Best Tree Decorated by a Group" award, along with a check for \$25.00.



President, Sandy Hughes, entered and decorated a tree for Winter Wonderland on behalf of PPQG. The star on top was made by Mary Eberhard. Many of the ornaments made by members for last year's tree were donated and used again. In addition, Sandy added some ornaments from her own collection, and made the tree skirt. The tree was donated for the Gualala Arts Tree Silent Auction. Proceeds from the silent auction go to support GAC. But the prize money for "Best Tree" will be added to the Guild treasury to support 2021 programs and projects. Many thanks to Sandy and all those who made and donated the ornaments!

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## HOLIDAY BOX LUNCH 2020

Nineteen members ordered box lunches for themselves and another 11 lunches for a "friend". A total of 30 lunches were ordered from Tanya Radkey from Black Oak Catering.



Sylvia, Marcia, Judy and Sand Hughes (not shown) prepared the baskets for the lunch.



**Lunch included:** Chicken Pot Pie, Caesar Salad w/dressing, Cornbread or Biscuit w/ butter, a slice of both desserts, lemon bundt cake and spice cake. Additional items in the basket were: Twas the Night Before Christmas Quilters Poem, Bringing Our Threads Together inspirational words scroll; a bird ornament; and some Hershey kisses. Not shown is the homemade napkin made by Judy and Sylvia.



Holiday Lunch participants were greeted by Comfort Quilt Chair, Marcia Luchini who also invited everyone to take fabric bundles from the Fanny Basket and bring them back made into a Comfort Quilt or Quilt of Valor. Marcia was assisted by Sandy Hughes and Darla Buechner (not shown in the picture)

**Some comments about the lunch:** --The food was great and the presentation so very well done. It was so nice to not have to prepare both lunch and dinner. --I have already decided what pattern I will use for my comfort quilt fabric bundle. --The food was delicious, of course, but the surprises and little gifts and the scroll were so thoughtful. And the presentation really put me into a holiday season. --The food was delicious (we had it for dinner) and it was so beautifully packaged. Also there were many lovely fabrics to choose from for the comfort quilts. --I wish to compliment Tanya on the cornbread. This is the first time since I left Texas, over 50 years ago, that I have been served a "proper" Texas style cornbread without so much sweetening that it was like dessert. The cornbread was a delicious savory treat! Both cakes were perfect and how nice to get to taste both! The chicken pie was a revelation to someone who hasn't had anything but Banquet or Marie Calendar's since childhood. Three cheers for Tanya and helpers! --The ornament, poetry, scroll, fabric bundle were thoughtfully chosen and greatly appreciated. As for the food - DELICIOUS! --A stellar job of pulling a COVID safe luncheon together with the much needed holiday spirit. Plus, it looks like Marcia should have a fresh and exciting batch of comfort quilts soon. --The lunch was fabulous. Pete and I shared 1 lunch and couldn't eat dessert we were so full. Everything was delicious and well-seasoned.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a lunch and for the wonderful comments. A special thank you to Sandy, Marcia and Darla for helping set up, put the lunches together and handing out fabric bundles. Shout out to Tanya Radkey from Black Oak Catering for preparing a great lunch and accommodating our requests. A big thank you to Sylvia for coordinating with Tanya, for coming up with some great ideas for the lunch, and for being a great partner.

~Judy Riddle & Sylvia Evans

## FUNDRAISING:

### FESTIVAL OF TREES 2020

Our booth began well-stocked and full of great items prepared by everyone. By December 12 the booth was looking bare. Pot holders and Microwave bowls were sold out. Cheryl and Francie were making more Microwave bowls to restock and a call was sent out to make more pot holders. Quilts, aprons, tote bags, stuffed animals, as well as small items like coasters and ornaments were selling. A final count will not be available until after the New Year, but it appears participating in the sale was successful and will help replenish our treasury somewhat. With a very low inventory, NOW is the time to start making items for next year's sales.

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## COMFORT QUILT WORKSHOP

Comfort Quilt Workshop  
Fanny Basket  
January 15, 2021

I hope all you creative souls are looking forward to our zoom comfort quilt workshop in January of the New Year. I know it has been difficult to access the fanny basket this last year, so I brought home the bin of fabric from the Christmas luncheon in an attempt to have it available for those who would like some fabric to work with during the comfort quilt workshop in January. (This fabric was donated to our guild by the family of a college professor of Textiles and Design). Their intention was so see it used in a charitable way and therefore we would like it used for comfort quilts. It is the perfect time to reenergize our efforts to replenish all those comfort quilts we gave out this year! It was hard to think of another way to get some more fanny fabric out there, but I am willing to put this fabric out on my front porch daily, from January 6th through January 12th, so that we can have a contactless experience. This will give you time to acquire any additional fabric needed to make a comfort quilt from your stash or from the Loft in town. All of the fabric is in bundles with other coordinating fabric that you might use, but you most likely will need some solids, as many of them are floral designs. Please call me ahead of time (884-3888) and I will leave my gate open and wave to you from inside if I'm here. If you need some quick and simple ideas for quilts, check out Pinterest, there are many contributors that have some great ideas. Here are some I have checked out: Nancy Crow quilting, quiltylove.com, favequilts.com, scrappy quilt, and big block quilts. Please help us out and have some fun, even if it takes you all the way into the next comfort quilt workshop in May or June,

~Marcia Luchini  
Comfort Quilt & Fanny Basket Coordinator

## MEMBERSHIP

Greetings! As of December 23, 2020, only 25 of 83 members of Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild members have renewed their membership for 2021. The need is great, I acknowledge that 2020 has been a year like no other. But, we need everyone's continued support. Our guild operates on a calendar year, as far as dues are concerned. Your membership renewal is DUE by January 1. 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 Tori Watson. We may be able to meet Tori face-to-face at the next zoom meeting.

~Gail Spencer, Membership Chair.

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## VIRTUAL RETREAT 2021

The dates will be **February 1st through 4th.**

Another reminder, to those of you who have not yet signed up, to email me and let me know if you'll be attending our Virtual Retreat 2021. No, it definitely will not be as nice as going to Healdsburg, but since we can't do that, I think we can come up with some fun things to do. We'll do blocks for a Quilt of Valor again, and there will be one or more small projects that I will suggest for you, and there's usually a little gift to each participant, so those are things we can do remotely.

The cost is yet to be determined, but I'm only asking for enough to cover my costs (copies, etc). I'm guessing around \$20 - \$40. I'll be able to let you know when I get a final number of attendees for the retreat. In January, I will be able to make an estimate of the cost and notify you.

So, please sign up if you're interested! I'm sure we can have some fun together, even if we're not really together.

~Jan Carter, Retreat Chair

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## NEW 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, i.e. a potholder, a certain quilt block, a specific tree ornament, etc. You only get "a ticket in the basket" if you finish the specified item and give it to one of the four designated members in that given month.

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.

**To start the New Year**, and to give you time to complete the project by the end of January 2021, you are asked to make **one set** of potholders (two potholders that match). It appears what sells best is a "set" of potholders (two that match), as well as those made with earth colors or ocean colored fabrics. Remember, the potholder must have a layer of insulbrite sandwiched between layers of batting. i.e. fabric, batting, insulbrite, batting, fabric. The potholder set must be finished and turned in by January 31, 2021, to receive a "ticket for the basket". You will receive a ticket for "each" potholder **set** (two potholders that match) that you turn in. This is an opportunity to try a new block or to make a potholder out of an orphan block.

February's challenge will be announced in the January Newsletter.

The more involvement in the project by the membership, the better. 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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