



Bits & Pieces

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JUDY RIDDLE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, Christmas 2021 is now behind us, and I do hope everyone had a merry and bright holiday.

Our Guild certainly celebrated on December 8 at our wonderful holiday luncheon at Gualala Community Center. If you were there, you know how much fun it was. If you weren't, we missed you, and YOU missed out on a great time. Big, big kudos and thanks to our extraordinary party planners, Sylvia Evans and Judy Riddle. These two ladies put together a terrific event. The decor and favors were beautiful and festive and put everyone into the holiday spirit. Judy and Sylvia had obviously put in lots of thought and effort to make the occasion special for all. We enjoyed a tasty lunch catered by Tanya Radtkey of Black Oak Catering followed by a rousing game of Bunco with fat quarters for prizes. It was lots of fun and a great mixer. Our big winners were: Last Bunco-Pam Todd, Lowest Score-Judy Riddle, and Highest Score-Jeanette Schnell. But everyone was a winner!

A Christmas elf has informed me that our Winter Wonderland sale went very, very well. Our wares were obviously in demand! Thanks to Judy Riddle and her committee for making this fundraiser such a success.

Looking ahead to 2022, we're planning some great workshops and lectures to expand our quilting horizons. To start the year off we'll have our traditional Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor workshop January 21. Then on February 18 we'll pool our efforts to work together on stuffed animals and microwave bowls to replenish our inventory for sales at Art in the Redwoods and next year's Winter Wonderland. Please plan on joining us to learn some new skills and just have fun working together. We wish all our quilting sisters a prosperous and happy 2022. Keep on stitching!

~Janice Batchelder, Guild President

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2022

January 21 – Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop

February 7-10 – Guild Retreat in Healdsburg

February 18 – Microwave Bowls & Stuffed Animals Workshop

April 29 -- Turn in Quilt Challenge Entry form

May 11– Turn in your artwork for Quilt Challenge

May 13 – Quilt Challenge Reception

June 6 – Pick up your Quilt Challenge artwork

HOLIDAY LUNCH 2021



Attendees: Front Row: Pam Todd, Judy Riddle, Kalynn Oleson, Dee Goodrich, Mary Hunter, Kathy Mayda, Cheryl Faconti, Janice Batchelder; 2nd Row: Sandy Lockhart, Sandy Hughes, Jeanette Schnell; 3rd Row, Della Zita, Marcia Luchini, Sylvia Evans; 4th Row: Bonnie Coffee-Smith, Darla Buechner, Gail Spencer

Everyone had a great time at the PPQG Holiday Lunch on December 8 at the Gualala Community Center. A great lunch was prepared by Tanya Radtkey from Black Oak Catering, followed the winning ticket drawing of those who donated items for the Fundraiser Fun project, and an active game of Bunco. Everyone went home with this year's gift of a small stocking and the 25th Anniversary bag filled with goodies.



Thank you to those who attended and a special thank you to Sylvia Evans for some great ideas for a "FUN" event.

~Judy Riddle

FUNDRAISING FUN

2021 Fundraiser Turn in

The winning ticket was drawn at the Holiday Lunch from the names of those who completed and donated items for our Art in the Redwoods and Winter Wonderland sales. The lucky winner was Francie Angwin who received this custom quilted quilt.



A sincere thank you to all who worked so hard to make this project a success!

We intend to continue this activity in 2022, however, there will be a name drawing EACH month of those who participated in the challenge that month. The winner will receive a \$20 gift certificate from the Loft in Gualala. Thank you to Maryse who will be donating the gift certificates. Be sure to visit the Loft and peruse the wonderful quilting items she has for us.

Details will follow in January as to what item to make each month and the "turn-in" time and place. Unless things change, I'd like to have items turned in at the Guild meetings. I am waiting until after the Winter Wonderland sale before making a final determination as to what items we should focus. I can tell you that we will need to do some extensive workdays to make Microwave Bowls and Stuffed Animals. However, if you want to "get a jump on things", pot holders will be needed too, hint, hint.

I am also considering some "special" workdays to make items we've never had for sale before. I'm open for suggestions, if you have any ideas.

~Judy Riddle

WINTER WONDERLAND

FUNDRAISING SALE

Our sales at Winter Wonderland were a HUGE success. After Thanksgiving weekend, I received calls from several people telling me our inventory was "very" low. The extensive work you ladies put into making items for the sale definitely was accepted by those looking for something to purchase. PPQG received a check from GAC for the Winter Wonderland Net Proceeds (for November only) in the amount of \$3,262.50! And we will receive an additional check for sales in the month of December.

After examination of our inventory before Christmas, we had 6 microwave bowls left, 7 stuffed animals, 4 placemat sets, 7 coaster sets, 26 quilts, 1 apron, and reduced quantities of every other item. As I mentioned above, I'm afraid we will need to schedule several production-line style workdays to make microwave bowls and stuffed animals. I scared myself when I did an analysis of what sold, how many items we made and how many items we will need to make for the 2022 sales.

Thank you, ladies, for all your hard work making our sales successful and for increasing our treasury funds!

~Judy Riddle, Fundraising Chair

PPQG TREES

PPQG donated two trees this year for the annual tree auction at GAC.



The first tree was to recognize the 25th (silver) Anniversary of the Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild. We received a 1st Place Ribbon award for this tree as well as a check from GAC for \$100. The star ornaments were a hit!



PPQG was given a second tree to decorate and donate. This tree was presented by PPQG to emulate the joy of the gift of Friendship. The tree received a Grand Prize Ribbon award as well as a \$50 check.

That's another \$150 for the PPQG treasury!

~Judy Riddle

MEMBERSHIP

It's that time again. I am accepting dues for 2022. Please mail your check made payable to PPQG (plus Angel gift if desired) to: Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA 95445-1489. California members pay \$40. Out of state members pay \$25. **Your renewal is due by January 1, 2022.** We need and appreciate everyone's support and participation.
~Gail Spencer, Membership Chair

COMFORT QUILTS



We have already given out 6 comfort quilts in the month of December. We are running low especially on guy type quilts, so we hope to have a very productive Comfort Quilt Workshop on January 21, 2022.

We are planning something different this time. We will call it a "Sewathon" with production line stations. We have gone through some of our donated fabric stash and put together some kits with the correct amounts of fabrics AND a pattern. Our plan is to have people doing different jobs, at different stations. Using this method, we hope to get several quilt tops done in a day.

We will have cutting stations, sewing stations, ironing runners and maybe even pinning stations for quilting!

We would like to thank our new member Jeri Kennedy for helping us with this great idea.

We will have as much of the Fanny Basket as we can bring out for your choosing pleasure to make additional Comfort Quilts! Feel free to bring any quick, easy patterns you think might be useful.

We are not sure, at this time, if the workshop will be at The Gualala Art Center or The Community Center because of the ever-changing COVID restrictions. **The time and location will be emailed to you in January.**

Plan to bring your sewing machine, thread (white, cream, light gray and black), your rotary cutter, cutting mat, and your standard cutting rulers, (including "square-up" rulers) as well as the standard sewing supplies.

Hospitality will prepare a lovely lunch for all to enjoy. Plan to "spend the day" if possible. We hope to see you there!

~Marcia Luchini and the Monday Workers

QUILT CHALLENGE 2022

"Fresh Beginnings: Healing our Earth"

PPQG Quilt Challenge May 2022: GAC has a call to artists show called "Power of Hope" for January. How does this tie in with our Quilt Challenge? In the realm of psychology hope leads to healing. With that in mind, our 2022 Quilt Challenge theme is "Fresh Beginnings: Healing our Earth". Your project will be a way of acknowledging the challenges we face as a people and to promote a collective healing through the art of quilting, with emphasis on healing. Inspiration can come from anywhere or anything affecting the delicate balance of our culture and environment. This past year we've enjoyed some great zoom presentations showcasing modern quilts, scrappy quilts and embellishing quilts using threads among others. We encourage quilters to use their imaginations, get out of their comfort zones by challenging themselves to do something they haven't done before and perhaps experience some healing through the process. There are no material requirements; however, using natural, sustainable materials or upcycling items that are no longer wanted or needed into a project are recommended and encouraged. We hope you are finding inspiration all around you and are beginning the creative process for your 2022 Quilt Challenge project. We're encouraging quilters to submit artist statements with their entries. We'll talk more about artist's statements in the coming months. Feel free to google "Quilters Artist Statements" and keep in mind what your process involves, like inspiration, fabric, pattern selection etc. Basically what is the story behind your quilt? Happy planning.

2022 Challenge Rules

- 1) Make a quilt of your own design and/or pattern/color choice
- 2) Natural Fibers are recommended but not required
- 3) Repurposing/upcycling items that are no longer wanted or needed into a quilt giving those materials new life is encouraged
- 4) No maximum or minimum sizes
- 5) Piecing techniques are the designers' choice

Turn in Entry form by: April 29, 2022

Deliver Artwork: May 11, 2022

Opening Reception: May 13, 2022

Pick up Artwork: June 6, 2022

~Della Zita, Sylvia Evans, 2022 Quilt Challenge Committee



PROGRAM 2022

As no one has come forward to Chair the Program Committee, a group of interested members came together to split the tasks and developed a preliminary plan for program and workshops for 2022. As the plans are finalized, they will be published. Please note these first two events and put them on your calendar.

January 21 – Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop
As mentioned above, bundles of coordinating fabrics along with a pattern have been prepared. A few kits have already been cut and are ready to sew. We hope to have Comfort quilts in different stages and work as a production line to get them finalized “in a day”. There will be cutting stations, ironing stations, sewers, and possibly tops that can be sandwiched. Bring any UFOs you’d like to donate for finishing, any quick and easy pattern ideas. And don’t forget the sewing machine, threads, standard sewing supplies, and cutting tools.

February 18 – All day workshop making Microwave Bowls and Stuffed Animals. We need to produce at least 200(!!!) Microwave bowls and at least 50 stuffed animals!

Microwave bowls—Many of you are not thrilled with making microwave bowls, but maybe we can divide the jobs and conquer the task! Again we will set up workstations: those who want to cut fabric and batting, those who can sew X’s, those who can mark the darts, those who can sew the darts, those who can sew the two parts together and those who can do the final closing.

Stuffed Animals—Sylvia Keller has graciously given us her stuffed animal patterns. Specific patterns will be identified, fabric selections made and the production line process will begin: cutting, sewing, stuffing, finishing. Bring your sewing machine, threads, needles for hand sewing, any fabrics you think might be useful, and your sewing tools (scissors, marking tool, seam ripper, turning tools, i.e. skewers, stuffing tools, i.e. hemostats), fiberfill stuffing(?).

~Janice Batchelder, Guild President

