



Bits & Pieces

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JUDY RIDDLE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many hands make light work. Now that's an adage that certainly applies right now, doesn't it?

We had a fun and productive workshop on Friday, February 18, to work on stuffed animals and microwave bowls to be sold at Art in the Redwoods and Winter Wonderland later this year. And those "many hands" were busy! Microwave bowls and stuffed animals have been our best-sellers and our stock was pretty much wiped out after the 2021 sales. We now need to work on replenishing our stock. I could see a flurry of activity on the other side of the room where the bowls were under construction. And where I was working, on the very appealing Funky Friends animals, work was a bit slower, but progress was made. We had a successful and fun time, and wasn't it good to finally get together for a real, in person meeting?

Next month (March 18 at Gualala Community Center) will be just as enjoyable and we encourage everyone to join us for a day of community service making comfort quilts to be distributed to those in need in our own community, and Quilts of Valor for the patients at the Palo Alto VA hospital, where they are much appreciated. Both are very worthy causes. Speaking of extra hands, our Guild could now use quite a few more helping hands. We strongly urge more members to step up to the plate to help keep our great group viable and functioning. Most importantly, we need a President to take over when my term expires in March of 2023. Other unfilled positions are:

- (1) Program Committee (right now!)
- (2) Art in the Redwoods raffle quilt for 2023
- (3) Greeter/name tag raffle committee
- (4) Photographer(s)
- (5) Winter Wonderland tree committee

Please contact me if you would be willing to volunteer for any of these positions.

The good news: Jan Carter and Melissa Finley have graciously volunteered to be our 2023 Challenge chairs. We all know they will do a terrific job. Thank you SO much, Jan and Melissa.

~Janice Batchelder, Guild President

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2022

- February 28 – March 4** - Virtual Guild Retreat
- March 18** - Comfort Quilt/QOV Workshop; Guild mtg
- April 14** - Workshop: Making a Double Wedding Ring
- April 15** - **Guild mtg with Lecturer**, Jeri Kennedy
- April 29** -- Turn in Quilt Challenge Entry form
- May 11**– Turn in your artwork for Quilt Challenge
- May 13** – Quilt Challenge Reception
- May 20** - **Guild mtg with Lecturer**, Charlotte Tefft
- June 6** – Pick up your Quilt Challenge artwork
- June 20** – Comfort Quilt/QOV workshop; Guild mtg
- July ?** – Guild Picnic
- August 18 opening** – Art in the Redwoods Sale
- September 15** – Workshop, Cheryl Nyland
- September 16**-**Guild mtg & Lecture**, Cheryl Nyland
- October 21** – **Guild mtg**
- November 18** – **Possible Zoom mtg**
- November 25+** – Winter Wonderland Sale
- December ?** – Holiday Lunch

2022 RETREAT

There's still time to sign up for our guild retreat!! With COVID complications, the 2022 Quilt Retreat will be Virtual. Retreat will begin on Monday, February 28 and continue **For a Whole Week** through Friday, March 4. We will again be making Quilt of Valor squares, something I know you all love to do, and that you all do so beautifully.

Please send me an email if you plan to attend this virtual retreat. With a virtual retreat, any "activities" will be optional for you. We will have two Zoom gatherings each day, at 10:00AM (bring your coffee/tea) and at 4:00PM (bring a cocktail?).

I'm looking forward to another retreat with you all! Please call or email if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. If you haven't signed up before the start of Retreat and would like to join, email me for the Zoom log-in information.

~ Jan Carter, Retreat Coordinator

WORKSHOP –FEBRUARY 18: MICROWAVE BOWLS, FUNKY FRIENDS ANIMALS

Thirteen busy hands participated in the one-day workshop making Microwave Bowls and Stuffed Animals. Three guests, of whom were non-member friends of Darla's joined in the fun.



Six were furiously busy cutting fabric and sewing bowls and seven earnestly tackled making the stuffed animals. Very serious concentration! We all had fun, made some new friends, and learned a new skill.



(For your inspiration, Samples of some animals Sandy Hughes has made) Not pictured is a penguin, a bunny and a small bear.

Plan to join the fun at our next Animals and Bowls Workshop.

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership for 2022. If you have not yet submitted your dues for this year, please make haste to do so. Please do not wait until the February 28 "grace period".

Mail a check for \$40 (Californians) or \$25 (out-of-state members), plus Angel Gift (if desired) made payable to PPQG to Gail Spencer, PO Box 1489, Gualala, CA, 95445.

Forty-four members have paid dues as of the Guild meeting on Feb 18.

~Gail Spencer, Membership Chair

FUNDRAISING FUN

2022 Fundraiser Turn in

February 18 was the first turn-in for fundraiser sale items—pot holders. We received 27 sets of beautiful potholders. Thank you so much!



A winning ticket was drawn at the end of the Guild meeting of those who contributed potholders. Thank you so much to Marise who has graciously donated \$20 gift certificates to the Loft for the winner of the drawing each month. February winner was Cheryl Faconti!

The next turn-in will be at the Guild meeting on March 18 – Placemat Sets. Sets of 4 seems to be the preference. It's your choice whether or not to include napkins with your placemats. However, placemats WITH napkins sold best.

- March -- 4 placemats with or without matching napkins
- April-- set of 4 coasters (not sets of 6 or 8 or 10) wrapped together with twine or ribbon
- May-- Apron; Any "new" item of your choice
- June -- 1 quilt -- crib size or larger (earns 5 tickets)
- July -- 1 Origami Market bag or 1 tote bag
- August -- To be announced after we evaluate our need.
- September -- 1 quilt -- crib size or larger (earns 5 tickets)
- October-- small Christmas Tree Ornament; Any item or your choice
- November -- Any item of your choice

In addition to the items listed above, we will desperately need microwave bowls and stuffed animals. **You will receive a ticket for each bowl and stuffed animal turned in each month.**

~Judy Riddle

COMFORT QUILTS

Three comfort quilts were given out in February. Thanks to Dee Goodrich, we had one to give to a gentleman this month! We desperately need comfort quilts for the “gentlemen”. I would also like to thank Janice Batchelder and Cheryl Faconti who donated comfort quilts at the Guild meeting this month!

March 18, will be a Comfort Quilt Workshop to make up for the workshop we had to cancel in January. We really haven't had a Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor workshop for two years!

Bring your sewing machine, neutral thread, rulers, rotary cutters, scissors, cutting mat, and anything else you need to be productive! We will have some quilts cut out and we will try an assembly line to get as many tops done as possible. If you have a comfort quilt you are working on, please bring it. The 17 Fanny Basket bins will be available to you.



(this is only a small sampling of fabrics available)

Lunch will be provided by the Hospitality Committee. Cheryl Faconti is making Vegetarian Chili and Pam Todd is making cornbread. Water, coffee and Tea will be provided. If you prefer a different beverage feel free to bring it. Snacks and Desert will be donated by member sign-up—please don't forget.

The workshop will be 10AM – 4PM at The Community Center in Gualala, masks optional. Thank you for all your help!

A short Guild meeting will start at 1PM.

~Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilt Chair



QUILT CHALLENGE 2022

**“Fresh Beginnings:
Healing our Earth”**

Theme: “Fresh Beginnings: Healing our Earth”. Inspiration may come from anywhere and anything effecting the delicate balance of our culture and environment. May healing begin one quilt at a time.

We are encouraging everyone who enters a quilt to include an “Artist Statement”. The Artist Statement should be turned in with your entry form and will be included in a binder for quilt show spectators to see when enjoying the show. The Artist Statement gives more information/background to your quilt that will heighten the

enjoyment of the show for the viewers. Please google “Quilters Artist Statements” if you need inspiration or ask your fellow quilters.

We are asking for the size of your quilt on the entry form. This is to assist us with pre-planning and does not need to be exact. Example: placemat size, comfort quilt size, or guesstimate within 2-3 inches. If you know you will complete your quilt in time then go ahead and turn in the entry form with your estimated size.

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

Date of Exhibit: May 13, 2022 to June 6, 2022

The Exhibit Opening Reception will be May 13, 2022 pending COVID guidelines. Stay tuned for details.

Turn in Entry form by: April 29, 2022

Deliver Artwork: May 11, 2022

Opening Reception: May 13, 2022

Pick up Artwork: June 6, 2022

Registration and entry directions:

- 1) Registration fee is \$20.00 per entry if the item is not for sale. Make checks payable to Gualala Arts and include your entry/registration form. While there is no limit on number of entries, please indicate your order of preference if hanging space becomes limited.
- 2) Please fill out an Entry Form for EACH piece. Turn in the top portion to Gualala Arts, with the entry fee, if applicable, by the deadline. When delivering the art, attach the Entry Label portion securely to each piece.
- 3) This show will NOT be juried and is open only to PPQG members in good standing.
- 4) For this exhibit, artists are encouraged to enter 2-D or 3-D work. The work submitted should be no more than 2 years old and may not have been exhibited publicly on the Mendonoma coast at any time in the past.
- 5) Gualala Arts will retain 30% commission on all sales of entries made during the course of the exhibit.
- 6) The curator will provide a binder to display an “Artist Statement” for each artist. Please submit with your Entry Forms.
- 7) Prepare your quilt for hanging: Each quilt entry should have a 4” hanging sleeve and a dowel or slat that measures 1” less that the width of the quilt. Artist name and quilt title should be on the dowel or slat. Mini-quilts may have a 2” hanging sleeve with a dowel measuring 1” less than width of quilt. A sleeve is not required for postcard size quilts.
- 8) All quilts, except postcard sizes, must have a label stating the quilt title, name of artist, date and location stitched onto the quilt back in the lower right corner.
- 9) Gualala Arts is not liable for any art work or installation, at any point in the process.
- 10) Quilts must be picked up between 11:00 & 2:00pm June 6, 2022. There will be a \$5.00 per day fee charged by GAC for those remaining after June 6.

~Della Zita, Sylvia Evans, 2022 Quilt Challenge Committee

PROGRAM 2022

March 18 – Comfort Quilt/Quilt of Valor Workshop

10AM – 4PM, Gualala Community Center

For those who are interested, 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.

April 14 – One day workshop to begin making a Double Wedding Ring, taught by new member, Jeri Kennedy.

If you have ever wanted to make a Double Wedding Ring, now is your opportunity. Jeri has taught this class several times in the past and has agreed to teach PPQG and the community. Her method results in a wedding ring that goes together nicely and lies flat. The first class will be learning how to use the templates and marking your fabrics. There will be follow-up days for sewing the “rings” and then another class to join the “rings” together. Those dates have not been finalized. Jeri is working on an updated supply list and gathering templates. We would like to coordinate the class and fabric selections with the Loft. Stay tuned for further details.

April 15 – Guild meeting with a lecture “A Journey through Mountain Mist” and trunk show presented by Jeri Kennedy. Guild mtg social time from 12:30 – 1:00; Guild meeting starts at 1:00, followed by lecture and trunk show.

Mountain Mist is a very well-known name in quilt batting. You can find it just about anywhere, in cotton or polyester rolled up in plastic or packaged as a pre-made pillow form. It’s so common, you might have overlooked the name and the very interesting back story behind the product.

Jeri Kennedy, a new guild member, studies the history of Mountain Mist and the impact of this product on the quilt making community. She has collected all of the known patterns produced by Mountain Mist’s marketing department and researched the origins of some of the designs. Jeri’s lecture will introduce us to the men who revolutionized the manufacture of quilt batting, the creative team who brought this improved product to market and the marketing scheme that ushered in the prolific quilt making period of the 1930’s.

Jeri’s presentation will include a trunk show of Mountain Mist patterns, tops and quilts made by the artists of “The Mountain Mist Club”.

May 20 – Guild meeting and lecture by guild member, Charlotte Tefft displaying and describing her Character dolls. More details to follow.

This is Kelsie, an adolescent mermaid. No boobs. I believe mermaids go beyond stereotypical sex symbols. All will be included along with Oscar the retired sailor.



June 17 – Guild meeting and Comfort Quilt/QOV Workshop

September 15 – Workshop by Cheryl Nylund “Whimsical Fabric Faces”



Inspired by her lifelong love of all fabric and her great sense of humor, Cheryl Nylund of Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia, began making whimsical fabric faces two years ago. She began by making silly character images of family and friends just as gifts. She was a hit, and everyone wanted one! After winning 2nd place in a juried art show she began a cottage business of selling and teaching her craft.

We are lucky enough to have her here on September 15 (workshop) and September 16 (lecture) for Whimsical Fabric Faces. Save the dates for a day of fun!

September 16 – Guild meeting and Lecture by Cheryl Nylund

SHOW AND TELL

FEBRUARY 18, 2022



Comfort Quilt by Cheryl Faconti



Dinosaur Quilt by Sylvia Evans for her Grandson



Comfort Quilt by Janice Batchelder

HOSPITALITY SIGN-UP

Listed below are those who signed up to bring sweet treats to a Guild meeting. We look forward to enjoying your delicacies!

March 18 -- Comfort quilt/QOV workshop

1. Morning- [Jeri Kennedy](#)
2. Morning- [Gail Spencer](#)
3. Afternoon- [Jan Carter](#)
4. Afternoon- [Mary Hunter](#)

April 15 -- Guild meeting

1. [Sandy Hughes](#)
2. [Kathy Mayda](#)

May 20 -- Guild meeting

1. [Janice Batchelder](#)
2. [Judy Riddle](#)