



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Editor's Note:

I welcome new articles for the newsletter. Again, this month I will feature a member, but we will also include a block challenge brought by Jan Carter. Do you have a favorite quilting block or style of quilting that you would like to discuss? Is there a history about the block, or how you like to use it? Let me know.

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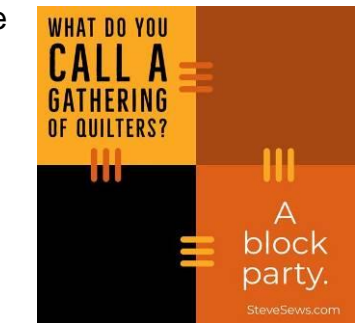
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President's Message:

Wasn't Karen Bolan's presentation on collaborative quilting at our February 17 meeting inspiring and entertaining? I never cease to be amazed at quilters' creativity. Karen was a delightful speaker and I could have sat there much longer seeing more of her quilts, most of which were done in collaboration with others. It was obvious these ladies were able to draw on each other's various strengths as they created such innovative designs. A BIG THANK YOU to our program committee, Sylvia Evans and Kalynn Oleson, for lining up such a great speaker.

My term as Guild president is now ending, and I'm placing the (well, virtual) ceremonial golden rotary cutter in to the very capable hands of Francie Angwin, our new president. Let's all work together to support Francie and make our Guild "work". Yes, the last 2+ years have been difficult, but things are looking better now. I'd like to thank those of you who have hung in there and kept us afloat and functioning and who have helped me in so many ways. You're the greatest!

Janice Batchelder, Guild President



Drop-In-And-Sew

We've heard that a number of our members are looking for small group quilting experiences. So here it is! "Drop-in-and-Sew" is a great opportunity to get to know each other and just be together. We have the second Thursday of the month from 11-4 reserved for us upstairs at Gualala Arts. Bring your sewing machine and/or hand work projects you're working on. Bring a sack lunch or snack if you wish. It is helpful to know how many will be attending so tables can be set up. We need to be cleaned up and out by 4 since that's when GAC closes. The next get-together will be March 9. Please let me know if you are coming. Be forewarned that we do lots of laughing.

Janice Batchelder (janicebatch1@gmail.com)

Fundraising Fun

February 17 was the first turn-in for fundraiser sale items – pot holder sets. We received 12 sets of beautiful potholders. Thank you so much! From those who contributed, a winning ticket for the \$20 gift certificate to the Loft was drawn at the February Guild meeting. The winner was Janice Batchelder. The **next turn-in for placemat sets of 4, preferable with matching napkins**, will be at the Guild Meeting on March 17. As a reminder, I will also accept quilts (earns 5 tickets) and stuffed animals (3 tickets) any month.

Monthly items requested:

March – placemat sets of 4 with matching napkins

April - 12" microwave bowls and tortilla warmers

May - apron or any "new" item of your choice

June - 1 quilt, crib size or larger (earns 5 tickets)

July - set of 4 coasters wrapped together with twine or ribbon

August - to be announced after we evaluate our need.

September - 1 quilt, crib size or larger (earns 5 tickets).

Christmas quilts needed!

October - small Christmas tree ornament or any item of your choice

November - any item of your choice.

Let me know if you have any ideas for "new" items or other suggestions.

~Kim Madson, Fundraising Chairman



Sandy Hughes encourages everyone to make **stuffed animals** for sale. Supplies, including patterns and eyes, will usually be available at the monthly "Drop-in-and-Sew" meetings on the 2nd. Thursday of the month upstairs at GAC. Unusual animals (dinosaurs, monkeys, pigs, etc.) seem particularly popular.



Mark Your Calendars Program 2023

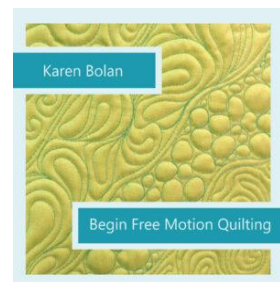
Program Committee: Sylvia Evans/Kalynn Olson

March 9 – Drop-In-And-Sew gathering, 11-4, Upstairs Gualala Arts Center

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day **Wear green!** Guild meeting - GAC 12:30 social, 1PM meeting

Reach into your stash and draw out your green scraps .Please kick up your heels and create a **12 ½" green scrappy quilt block**. Any creative design is welcome. Our Program Committee will complete the quilt

April 20 – *Begin Free Motion Quilting* workshop 10-4PM taught by Karen Bolan (See Gualala Arts web page for entry form and details)



April 15 – Guild meeting - GAC 12:30 social, 1PM meeting

May 17-18 *Matrix* Workshop with Sandra Bruce (Details will be available on GAC web page)

November 25 -26 Festival of the Trees at GAC

December 15 – Holiday Luncheon

2023 Quilt Challenge “Don’t Be a Goose”

The 2023 Quilt Challenge is only a few months away. The theme is “Don’t Be a Goose!” Any size quilt will be accepted, as long as it contains a goose of some sort, a pieced goose, appliquéd goose, goose print fabric, flying geese blocks, etc. Jan Carter showed a wall hanging that she has already made using a flying geese block to create a tree. Details for entry will be on the Gualala Arts web page.

2023 Quilt Challenge Committee~Jan Carter, Melissa Finley



Membership

Dues: The new version of the roster will be out soon. Last chance to make sure that we have your correct contact information. Please send changes to Gail (88qbs88@gmail.com or PO Box 1489, Gualala 95445) so that she and Bonnie Toy can update the roster.

Original Member: It was good to see Joyce Gaudet at February’s meeting. She now lives in Healdsburg, but she was one of the original group that created the Guild 25 years ago. She was also a charter member of Quail, a “small group” of members who met monthly for sewing and socializing. Her visit has prompted an interest in the early history of the Guild which we will explore in a future newsletter. Joyce shared a queen sized quilt that she made for herself.



Charlene Younker: I apologize that I misspelled Charlene’s last name in the January Newsletter. Her fabric shop is now located on 4990 Blue Jay Avenue in Clearlake. “I have many fabrics on SALE and lots of BARGAINS.” Members are welcome to shop by request. Please call (707) 684-0699 to make an appointment.

Continuing Education

Applique Classes: Jeri Kennedy reports that there is only one place open in the Tuesday class in which she introduces basic applique skills using historic mountain mist patterns from the 1930s. If interested, call Maryse at The Loft; she is creating a waiting list. A \$10 fee per meeting goes to the shop. A club style format is used where members meet monthly and work at their own pace.



Quilting Classes: Judy Riddle continues to teach quilting classes at the library in Point Arena. A beginner’s class is held Tuesday mornings from 10-1; she assists intermediate students with their projects in the afternoon from 2-5, and in the evening from 6-9. Anyone interested in participating in these classes should contact Judy ahead of time. (707) 684-6470

Workshops:

April 20 – *Beginner's Free Motion Quilting* workshop taught by Karen Bolan. Details on GAC web page

May 25 - *Matrix* workshop led by Sandra Bruce on how to use small blocks of fabric to create an image inspired by a photo. Details to follow.

June 22 – Jeri Kennedy will facilitate a workshop for those who need additional help on their Double Wedding Ring quilts. Contact her for information: Jeri (818) 429-2005

Quilts of Valor Update

Jan Carter has proposed a **collaborative Quilt of Valor** to be made using a “block-in-a-block” design. She has asked all members to make two 6 ½’ square blocks using only red, white and blue fabric. A central square (2 ½” or 3 ½”) should be surrounded by one of the colors to create a 6 ½’ square. You should write your first name somewhere on the front of the block (but not on the edge). Jan will assemble the quilt block from your contributions. If you have questions, contact her. (707) 785-1976

Sandy Lockhart, Quilts of Valor Chairman



Sandy Hughes reports that there are labels available for both Comfort Quilts and Quilts of Valor. They are in the PPQG mailbox at the Gualala Arts Center. Please take only as many as you have finished quilts.

Jeri Kennedy sends a link to the Fort Bragg show in June. Some members may want to submit an entry.

[Fort Bragg Submission Form](#)

February 2023 Show and Tell



Kathy Mayda, Comfort Quilt



Jan Carter, Appliqued circles



Kalynn Oleson, Seascape



Mary Ann Berry (friend of Joyce), trees