



PACIFIC PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Newsletter Editor: Barbara Fast

Editor's Note: I am sorry that the June newsletter did not arrive when expected. I thought that I had sent it to the listserve on July 2, but I was subsequently informed that PPQG members had not received it, so I sent it again. Unless I tell you otherwise, you can expect that you will receive the newsletter within a few days of the end of the month. If you don't receive it, please let me know.

July is an interesting month since there is no formal guild meeting. Instead, we take time to relax and socialize at the annual picnic. Members are also invited to play *Quilto*, a bingo look-alike game.

Barbara Fast, Editor



PPQG July picnic

President's Message: July 2023

Hello Everyone,

Hope you are all enjoying our summer weather. It has been a bit hot at times, but we had a lovely day for our picnic. Thanks to Jan Carter for organizing this event. We had great toppings for our salads, and cookies from Two Fish. We played *Quilto* and folks were able to take home some gorgeous fat quarters as their prizes.

Kim Madson collected bowls, potholders, coasters, and quilts for the AIR sale. If you have any other items please contact her. It is not too late to turn things in. She is still looking for some volunteers to man the booth, particularly on Saturday. We have been told that our volunteers will be issued a wristband, so you don't have to pay to come in and work.

I, obviously, am back from my trip to Ireland. Everyone who had been there before me told me how beautiful and green the land was, and how friendly the people were. They were not exaggerating! It was truly a fabulous trip, with wonderful music every evening. I know that the countryside has inspired an idea for a quilt for our 2024 Challenge, *24 Squares*. I wonder what the dominant color might be.....

We don't have a meeting or Second Thursday Sew-In, in August, but I hope to see many of you out and about, or at Art in the Redwoods. Meanwhile, safe travels to those who are taking a trip and Keep on Quilting!!

Francie Angwin, President PPQG



Fundraising Fun 2023

Check out all the wonderful items I received at the picnic! The beautiful table runner was made by Bonnie Coffey-Smith, and the Christmas tree was made by Jan Carter. Thank you to all of you who donated items this month. Jan Carter was this month's raffle winner. Congratulations Jan! There is still time to turn in items for the AIR sale. We are still in need of Fall-themed items, aprons, and baby quilts. Since there is no meeting next month, the August Turn-In will be Thursday, 8/17, in the parking lot between the Gualala Hotel and Gualala Supermarket from 12:00 – 12:30 pm.



Please contact me at kimmadson61@gmail.com if you plan to be there so I can look for you. If you can't make it at that time, please let me know and we can arrange another day/time to meet. Thank you for your support!

Desired fundraising items to make:

August – Fall-themed items, aprons and baby quilts

September - 1 quilt, crib size or larger (earns 5 tickets). Christmas quilts needed!

October - small Christmas tree ornament or any item or 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

Mark Your Calendars Program 2023

Drop in and Sew, 11-4 at GAC. COME SEW WITH US!

There will be **no Drop-in-and-Sew meeting in August**. Please plan to join us for the meeting on September 14

Janice Batchelder, Past President



July Drop-in-and-Sew

August 18 – No meeting due to Art in the Redwoods

Program Committee: Sylvia Evans/Kalynn Olson

September 13 and September 14 – Workshops (2) with Sarah Goer

1. "Planned Improv: Scrappy Squares". Sylvia Evans said, "I'm hoping to peak the interest of our guild members with this workshop since it relates to our 2024 Challenge of 24 Squares in 24." This workshop will be Wednesday, September 13th, from 9:30-4:00.

2. The Thursday, September 14th workshop will be *Building an Improv Toolbox* from 9:30-4:00. Quilters who are GAC members are invited to take either workshop for \$60 each or both of them for \$100. For non- members the fees are \$80 each or \$150 for both.

For more information go to sarahgoerquilts.com

December 15 –The Holiday Luncheon will again be held at the Gualala Arts Center and catered by Franny.

Program Committee: Sylvia Evans/Kalynn Olson

Sept. 5-16 – Sierra Quilt Guild show *Quilts and Threads*

The Sierra Quilt Guild asked us to include this announcement in the newsletter.

More information can be obtained at sierraquiltguild.com.



AIR Quilts

Every year PPQG sponsors the creation of a beautiful quilt. Raffle tickets are sold and the proceeds are used for a variety of purposes, including the Gualala Arts Young Artist Scholarship (GAYAS). \$500 goes to the Arts Center to fund children's summer art classes. The remainder is used to create scholarships for graduating seniors from Annapolis to Elk.

2023 AIR Quilt

Marcia Luchini, Sandy Hughes and Della Zita collaborated to create this year's quilt. They spent ~125 hours of their time. Fabric and long-arm quilting by Judy Riddle was donated by PPQG. The quilt now hangs in the foyer of the Gualala Arts Center. The winner of the raffle will be chosen by a drawing on Sunday, August 29.

Sandy Hughes/Marcia Luchini/Della Zita 2023 AIR Quilt Committee



2024 AIR Quilt

Hi, everyone, the 2024 Art in the Redwoods Raffle Quilt (AIR - Quilt) is off to a great start. Kits with patterns and fabric for the Sampler Quilt are available at The Loft. Chairing this project is a lot of fun for me, and I hope helpful to the members. To be clear, there is no charge to members for these kits. PPQG has paid for the fabric - we just need you to make a block - or two! I have already received five beautiful blocks. Thank you, Monica, Janice and Kim. I encourage all of you to pick up at least one kit at the Loft and get started. The AIR quilt will proceed easily if we all participate.

Link to plan: [2024 AIR Quilt FAQs](#)

Jeri Kennedy, 2024 AIR Quilt Chairman



2024 Challenge

The theme for next year's challenge will be "Twenty-four Squares in '24." 24 squares of any size are to be included in a quilting. Plan ahead!

2024 Quilt Guild Challenge Committee: Francis Angwin, Sandy Hughes and Janice Batchelder

Membership

July Featured Member:

I often say that I learned to appliqué from my grandmother. That evokes a sweet picture, but it's not completely true. My grandmother ran a small daycare center in her house in San Rafael. Cramped quarters and chaos was often the order of the day. Amid the mayhem, Granny sat tranquilly, perched at the end of the kitchen table, hands steadied on top of the Sears Catalog, quietly applying some small piece of calico to a larger piece of white cloth with coarse white household thread. On the other end of the table, her little granddaughter, her helpmate in this child rearing enterprise, sat bored and anxious. When Granny found me in this state, she sent me off to my room with a square of white fabric, a coloring book from which to trace and a bag of scraps. With these tools and her encouragement, I taught myself to design patterns and appliqué. That was 50 years ago – and I am still working to learn and improve.

My Interest in Mountain Mist Quilt Patterns has the same origin, my grandmother. She kept a handkerchief box stuffed with her special collection of Mountain Mist patterns. I remember how she carefully selected a pattern, slowly opened it, and, spreading it across the table like a map, told me all about the design. I was a very little girl, under 10 years old, but she spoke to me like an adult, sharing all of the intricacies of the pattern. I became her confederate in collecting and curating these patterns. I carried on this quest long after her death, finally completing the pattern collection a few years ago. I use the patterns to share the history of appliqué and quilt making in the 1930s and to teach basic techniques. In 2011 I formed a small group of appliqué enthusiasts committed to reviving the appliqué quilts from the Mountain Mist pattern collection of the 30's. We meet monthly and have completed 37 – at last count.

Jeri Kennedy



I love being part of the quilting community. We bought our vacation home in Sea Ranch in 2020. I joined PPQG in 2021 when the guild returned to onsite meetings. Membership requires activism and commitment. I try to support PPQG in ways that are helpful to the group. Being part of the quilting community is not just about supporting the guild; we also need to support the local fabric shop. We're very lucky to have The Loft and I feel compelled to work with Maryse to ensure that it thrives. I offer two "clubs" at the Loft that meet monthly with a focus on appliqué.

I discovered Sea Ranch in 1981. I thought then and still think that this is the most beautiful spot on the West Coast. This coastline touches your soul.

Featured Member: Jeri Kennedy

Comfort Quilts July:

This month we only gave out one comfort quilt. It was received with much joy by one of our members. I would like to thank all who donated comfort quilts in the last month, Jeri Kennedy, Kim Madson, Katherine Gyorfi, Marilyn Alderson, Kalyn Oleson, and myself. You are dearly appreciated. If I have forgotten anyone, my apologies.

Marcia Luchini, Comfort Quilts Chairman

Quilts of Valor Update

Sandy Lockhart has reported that she will deliver Quilts of Valor to Palo Alto in late August. Any new QOV should be given to her before then. -

Sandy Lockhart, Quilts of Valor Chairman



August birthdays: Mary Hunter, Aug. 1, Jinx McCombs, Aug. 1, Andrea Polk, Aug. 13, Kathy Kinghorn, Aug. 18, Carole Poma, Aug. 29

July Show and Tell



Janice Batchelder Comfort Quilt



Janice Batchelder Quilt of Valor

Officers and Committees: President – Francis Angwin
First Past President – Janice Batchelder
Comfort Quilt & Fanny Basket – Marcia Luchini/Della Zita
Quilts of Valor – Sandy Lockhart
Hospitality Kathy Mayda/Kim Madson/Monica Zarkowsky
Library – Iris Lorenz-Fife
Listserve – Bonnie Toy/Gail Spencer
GAC Scholarship – Sandy Hughes/ Francis Angwin
2023 AIR Quilt – Sandy Hughes/Marcia Luchini /Della Zita
2024 AIR Quilt – Jeri Kennedy

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July Picnic – Jan Carter
Retreat – Jan Carter
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Challenge 2024 – Francis Angwin/Sandy Hughes/Janice Batchelder