



CELEBRATE A WAVE OF CHANGE
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For decades local quilters have hosted an annual event in Gualala featuring the art and craft of quilting, and this event has been held at the Gualala Arts Center since its opening in 1998.

Each year's "Challenge" is characterized by a common theme which quilters interpret in fabric, and is open to all members of Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild who wish to enter one or more quilts. Challenge 2014, "Quilt the Music", invites quilters to choose a piece of music that inspires them - whether it's a song or a symphony, from ancient to contemporary, classical or popular - and to design a quilt that reflects that music in some way. An additional challenge conceived by Challenge chairperson Iris Lorenz-Fife is to visually interpret the elements of light, water, or wind in a quilt---an opportunity for even more creativity, and more inspired quilts!

When the Challenge 2014 show opens at Gualala Arts Center on April 4 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., the public will be treated to a gallery and foyer full of quilted textiles, large and small, with refreshments provided by Guild members. This popular event celebrates both the quilters and the sources of their inspiration.

Past Challenge themes have featured such sources of inspiration as art, nature, books, the sea, exotic cultures, self-expression, mathematics and chocolate, to name just a few. This year's Challenge is sure to yield yet another fascinating array of new and beautiful quilts, many of which will be available for purchase. The show will remain on display at the Gualala Arts Center through April 27.

"Quilt the Music" Pacific Piecemakers Quilt Guild 2014 Quilt Challenge

OPENING RECEPTION: FRIDAY, APRIL 4 AT 5:00 P.M.
EXHIBIT REMAINS THROUGH APRIL 27

