

# Willow Woods Quilt Guild

## Newsletter

### January 2026

Meets the Second Saturday of each month at Elks Lodge  
26584 Highway 18,  
Rim Forest, CA

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#### Month at a Glance

##### Upcoming Events for January and Beyond:

- The next meeting will be Saturday, January 10th at 10:30
- Camp Paivika tour - for interested members following the January 10th meeting
- Road to California Quilt Show - January 20th - 24th

##### Special items to bring to the next meeting:

- Show & Tell items! What have you been working on?
- Any UFOs you have completed
- Your 2026 Dues \$40
- Something to work on if you are staying for Sit and Sew



## President - Darrell Harris

Dear fellow quilters,

Welcome to 2026! I hope this year brings joy and creativity to all of us. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who stepped up to fill vacant positions in our club—your dedication keeps us moving forward. As we reflect on last year's quilt walk, it's clear that our membership could use a boost. Let's work together to brainstorm fresh ideas and new approaches to attract both newcomers and experienced quilters. Your skills and expertise are invaluable, and sharing them will help our club thrive.

I'm excited to announce that Kelly from Camp Paivika will join us at our January meeting. Kelly is eager to support us in any way possible, so please come prepared with questions and suggestions.

Let's continue to try new things. If something doesn't work, let's learn and try again. Our club's future depends on our collective effort and enthusiasm.

Thank you for your commitment. Let's make this a monumental year!

Sincerely,  
Darrell

## Secretary - Trisha Skalnik

### Willow Woods Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2025

Meeting opened at 10:39 by Pat D. Ten members present, along with one guest.

Guest- Kelly Privitt from Camp Paivika  
Birthday- Sylvia O.

Kelly shared with guild membership what services Camp Paivika provides and described campers and their needs. She expanded on possible partnership opportunities with the guild and ways that campers and their families could use assistance. Some ideas included pillowcases, teaching sewing, and woodworking. Camp Paivika expressed interest in helping the guild with providing volunteers and possible future space and facility sharing. Pat presented the check from the quilt walk to Kelly.

Secretary report from November as posted in the newsletter was accepted, moved by Pamela A., seconded by Pat D.

Treasurer report and quilt walk update presented by Kelli A.

Members voted on the new officers, the slate approved by Kelli, seconded by Pamela. President-

Darrell Harris, VP- Tonee White, Treasurer- Kelli Agner, Secretary- Trisha Skalnik.

Committee Chairs: Membership- Judy Green, Newsletter Jen Lanak (Pat Duebers back-up),

Photographer- Trisha Skalnik, Hospitality- Tonee White (VP job), Webmistress- Sylvia Owoh,

Facebook- Jen Lanak

The Quilt Walk/Auction is to be discussed and decided after our January meeting with Camp Paivika.

Trisha shared her quilting journey. Cheryl Wood will be presenting in January.

Show & Share



Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Christmas Party and potluck followed, with Kelly from Camp Paivika winning the LRC game.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trisha Skalnik

## Upcoming Events



A few years ago, there were several online quilting bees. The way these 'bees' worked was that each month a new Queen Bee was chosen. The Queen picked a block and the colors she wanted her block made in, and posted it to the group. Including a photo was helpful. The members of the group committed to making one block and sending it to the Queen. This continued for one year. At the end of the year, each member in the group had the opportunity to request and receive blocks to make a quilt of her choosing.

I spoke to Darrell about doing this as part of our guild after meeting sewing time. In the newsletter, the Queen/King could list the upcoming block and colors to use. After the meeting, the "Queen/King" could demo the block she would like made. Members have the option to then stay and make the block. If a Bee participant has to miss the meeting, it will be possible to make the block at home and bring it to the next meeting.

We will go over the particulars at the January meeting, with the hopes of beginning in February.

For example: 12" finished Dutchmans's Puzzle  
using white, dark blue and light blue



## **Tour of Camp Paivika**

For interested members, Margaret from Camp Paivika will conduct a tour of the camp after this Saturday's meeting. We are hoping to work closely with Camp Paivika this year. If you are not familiar with the camp, this is the perfect opportunity to become acquainted.

## **Road to California**

Happy New Year, Quilters! Each year seems to go by faster. May 2026 bring you good health, wonderful friends, and prosperity (and maybe several new quilts and innovative techniques). The Road to California is scheduled for January 20th (an evening preview) through the 24th.

The schedule is from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., except for Saturday, which ends at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 a day, or \$25 for the week. Check your local sewing store for tickets. Hope to see some of you there!

What a beautiful artform quilting is. Each quilt you share with the guild gives us inspiration and motivation. Our guild is gifted with professional quilters, and you are appreciated.

Stay warm and happy quilting,

Trisha Skalnik

What Have You Been Up To?

## **Judy Green**

Happy New Year! It's a great new year, and a great new Board. Congratulations Darrell. We know you'll do a wonderful job as President. I'm not able to be at the January meeting. Due to all that rain, I'll be celebrating Christmas, with family, during our guild meeting weekend. I'm looking forward to being together with all of you at our February meeting.

Judy Green.

## Pics from Last Meeting - Trisha Skalnik



