

# Willow Woods Quilt Guild

## Newsletter June 2025

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 June and  
Beyond:

- The next meeting will be Saturday, June 14th at 10:30

Special items to bring to the next  
meeting:

- Show & Tell items! What have you been working on?
- Any UFOs you have completed
- Around the world blocks
- Your 2025 Dues \$40
- Something to work on if you are staying for Sit and Sew or the supplies for the July project



## President - Pat Duebbers

Hello Fellow Quilters,

Welcome to June! Summer is a few days away, but we've already had a some hot days. I do not like the heat, but I am loving the June "gloom" that returned this past week. The mornings have been lovely and cool for working in the garden. Afternoons are now devoted to sewing.

At our last meeting we came up with two new activities for guild members to be involved with. Trisha suggested we have a book club. She will describe this in her article in the newsletter. We also decided on a new challenge, for display at the Quilt Walk. Our new challenge is to create a small quilt. The only requirements are that it is at least 12" x 12" and no larger than 18"x18." These small quilts will be displayed together in one area of the quilt walk. I'll post some pictures of small quilts on display at the Virginia Quilt Museum. Small quilts can make a huge statement and provide a nice contrast to the larger quilts we will have on display.

The program for June is a continuation of the "Around the World" quilt. A reminder was sent out two weeks ago about bringing a 16 1/2" finished block. For those who missed the May meeting or need help with their block, we will have time to work on blocks during the program. So...bring your machines and any 2 1/2" x 22" strips of small print fabric in light to medium colors you can share with other members. Each block also needs one 2 1/2" x 22" black fabric strip. We will be sewing these 16 1/2" blocks together at the meeting to create a scrappy "Around the World" quilt for the auction.

We celebrated Michele's "Quilting Journey" in May. Michele is relatively new to quilting and has done some amazing work. Michele also won the red, white and blue fat-quarters in our Left, Right, Center game, at the meeting. Judy Green will be sharing her "Quilt Journey" with us in June. Looking forward to seeing Judy's work and hearing about her journey.

Happy Quilting,

Pat Duebbers

## Secretary - Trisha Skalnik

Willow Woods Quilt Guild  
Meeting Minutes  
5/10/25

Meeting called to order at 10:40 a.m. by Pat D. Nine members present.

Secretary report- Trisha- Minutes from April meeting- Pamela approved, Pat D. seconded.

Treasurer's report- Kelli- Balance shared. Please pay membership dues if needed.

Challenge Quilts and UFO Update- Send Jen a list of your UFO's. The guild is challenging all members to work on a UFO project each month. Be sure your name is in the jar for the drawing, if you worked on one and brought it to share. We will have a monthly drawing.

Kelli shared a completed UFO, and Pat D. shared a completed Shashiko block.

Guild Handbook- Updated 2025 Guild Handbooks were handed out at the April meeting. Judy has extra copies. See Pat D. if you need one or have questions.

Quilt Walk- 2024/2025 Theme "Wondrous Wildlife". The guild has a sellers permit. In the process of contacting the auctioneers, Chamber of Commerce. Need building for the day of the Quilt walk. Judy has contacted Fife & Drums. Rotary will provide chairs and tables. Publicity- Bob has flyers, Pat D. to be the contact. Newspaper articles will be needed. Rim contacts for "helpers" on the quilt walk day to hang, take down and help with quilts to be done.

Celebrating our "Members' Quilting Journey"- Michelle is our first featured quilter to share her first quilt and journey story. She shared her hand-quilted fish quilt and her moose first quilt. Her interest is primarily in wall hangings. See the newsletter for pictures. Judy is our featured quilter for June. Each month, a member will bring examples of their beginning, mid and latest quilts. Please share your quilting evolution and where you would like to head next.



## Secretary - minutes cont. - Trisha Skalnik

Challenge 12x12 Small quilt- Mali moved to have small quilts for display at the Quilt Walk, Kelli seconded. Members unanimously voted and approved interest in each member creating a small quilt, Judy moved and Pamela seconded keeping with the animal (fauna and floral) theme.

Show & Share: What have you been working on? Michelle, Trisha, Elizabeth participated. Pamela shared "Just get it done" quilts, using 2-1/2" Creative (potato chip) Grids. Pat D. provided handouts and demonstrated the Around the World technique and tips. Be sure to cut 2-1/2" strips, 1 black, 7 additional colors. Should look "scrappy". Referencing the directions, finish and bring 1 square, 8x8 for the June meeting.

Program: Pat D. demonstrated the "Around the World" quilt pattern along with a sample quilt. See the newsletter for pictures. The guild will work on a block and bring it to the next meeting to be a part of a guild quilt for the quilt show. See the handout notes. Pat will continue the program into next month.

Left Right Center Game- Red, white & blue fabrics.

Mini quilting book club-Trisha introduced the idea of reading Jennifer Chiaverini's new book together, *The World's Fair Quilt* (either while having snacks, or after the meetings). The book is 17 chapters, and since we are "quilting" for the show, share character and main storylines, four chapters per month? For interested quilters, we can begin in July.

Meeting Adjourned at about noon. Potluck provided for sharing of friendship and sewing.  
Respectfully submitted,

Trisha



# Challenges - Jen Lanak

## UFO Challenge

As requested, we will be having another UFO challenge for the year. So please send me your UFO list via email. I have not received many lists so far. So don't delay if you are considering participating. As a reminder, your list is totally up to you. You can put as many or as few as you like. Whenever you complete a UFO on your list, you will be entered into a drawing for a prize at the end of the year. Good luck!

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# What Have You Been Up To?

## Kelli Agner

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the June meeting. Hope to see more Around the World blocks.

Kelli



## Tonee White

Hi there,

I have been busy moving my sewing room into the guest room, it is bigger. I must say I have filled it up already. I am busy making two baby quilts for my sweet great granddaughters that are on the way. I am also planning for a couple more auction quilts. Quilt busy is the best kind of busy.

# Pat Duebbers

16 1/2 " around the world block



# Jen Lanak

I am really hoping that now that summer break has started that I will have a little less chaos in my life. Well, I can dream, can't I?

I am pleased to report that College Algebra ended well. I couldn't be happier to put that behind me! The class I enjoyed the most this semester was my intro to wordworking class. For our final project we had to build a shelf for a handmade object. Of course, I ended up making a quilt. Here is a picture of the project. It is made from walnut. The scissors on top don't necessarily have to go there. I will definitely be fiddling with the composition of the elements a bit when I go to hang it in my house, but you get the basic idea. The other shelf pieces are carved to look like a seam ripper and needle. It was a very fun class.

This was the first week of summer break and I feel like I have finally had a decently productive week. I've cooked several healthy meals and even put away my winter clothes and straightened up my closet. I even deep cleaned my sewing room - a must! Since our baby chicks had their brooder in there for a few weeks, I had a sizeable layer of dust on everything. Luckily, all my fabric was protected, but the floor, my cutting table and desk weren't so lucky. The chicky babies are fully integrated into our flock OUTSIDE now and I am very happy for that. I am even eyeing my sewing room with a hint of motivation. Perhaps there will be some creation in my future. I don't want to jinx myself though.



# Pamela Abell

Hello Lovely Quilters,

Last week this sign brought a chuckle but later, in thinking about my quilt fabric storage situation, I realized I was pressed to the Dark Side..... and did it to me!

I know how it happened – little by little, during the last 10 years.

- Accepting all treasured scrap bags from other quilters, free fabric giveaways, fabric estate sales, and our former guild Cash Cow table. A little here and a little there.
- Rough sorting the above with no final storage place in mind, so a few piles grew taller.
- Not replacing the leftover fabrics from completed quilts, so a few piles grew taller.
- Keeping fabrics that drained the energy out of me when I sewed with them, mostly bright, intense, fully saturated, high contrast colors, resulting in high contrast quilt blocks.

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Last weekend, with the help of a trusty timer, I began to organize my own Mount Scrapmore as Canadian Quilter, Karen Brown calls it. Here are the steps:

1. Watched several videos on how to handle scraps and customized the tips to available storage space and how I chose fabric, cut it, and sewed blocks/quilts.
2. Used a trusty timer to limit sort sessions to 30-minute segments during the weekend.
3. Sorted small to large orphan blocks by color piles, into their own plastic bags and labeled 2 medium bins as UFO Warm Colors and UFO Cool Colors. Now, they are ready to put into quilts, just pull out the bags and get it started.
4. Placed all practice blocks, techniques and experiments into plastic notebook sleeves so now have a personal reference notebook of what works and what not to do, ever again!
5. Filed yardage from Fat Quarters to scraps into appropriate bins – the floor is finally clear of piles again.

The job is not done yet but there is hope and improvement in the sewing room. And my productivity has increased too. Mount Scrapmore is a fact of life for every quilter and the handy kitchen timer has improved my attitude too.

Look forward to seeing you all at the June meeting,  
Pamela





## July Workshop - Project Bag - Julie Dunn

### Materials needed:

Approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  yard of fabric or make it scrappy

14 inch zipper

Vinyl – Light weight

16 inch square of batting

A zipper foot is helpful but not required.

### Cutting:

Backing – Cut 2 16" squares of fabric. Layer squares and batting and quilt as desired. This is a great

chance to practice some free motion quilting. You can make this ahead of time if you want.

Don't trim it

though, leave the edges rough.

Zipper ends - Two 2 inch squares

Handle – 3"x 12"

Above zipper – 3"x16" inches, press in half lengthwise

Below zipper – 5"x16" inches, press in half lengthwise

Binding – Two 2  $\frac{1}{4}$  " x WOF

## Photos from the May meeting - Trisha Skalnik













