

# Willow Woods Quilt Guild

## Newsletter March 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 March and  
Beyond:

- The next meeting will be Saturday, March 8th at 10:30

Special items to bring to the next  
meeting:

- Show & Tell items! What have you been working on?
- Your 2025 Dues \$40
- Something to work on if you are staying for Sit and Sew



## President - Pat Duebbers

Hello Quilters,

It is hard to believe it is already March. Spring is definitely in the air. Down the hill, I've been working in the garden - pulling weeds (never ending) and planting favorites. Up the hill, I've been planting a few Mugo pines in the front and enjoying the bulbs planted last fall pushing up through the soil. Quilting hasn't been forgotten.

I have to admit that I am a YouTube Junkie. I usually watch one or two quilt related videos daily. Common themes in the past two months have been organizing sewing spaces; evaluating UFO's (worth finishing, pass on to others, changing the pattern, or just trashing it); and, using fabric on hand instead of purchasing more. My mantra for this year is now "No buy in 25." A trip through my fabric stash was eye-opening - discovering beautiful fabric hidden away, forgotten about, and just waiting for the right quilt pattern. My mother was a sewer. I used to "wonder" at her fabric stash. Unfortunately, I think I have outdone her. Second mantra is "one old and one new project" each month."

Looking forward to seeing the quilts and other projects you have been working on this past month, for Show and Share.

Michele will be bringing snacks. We need someone to bring snacks in April.

The program for March will be a demo of the "Around the World" quilt. I'll show three different ways to make this quilt. There will be a kit available for members to work on after our regular meeting. The sit and sew time is available to all members and you can work on anything you want. You are not obligated to work on the demo items. This is your time.

See you soon and Happy Quilting!

Pat Duebbers

## Secretary - Michele for Trisha

Pat called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM

Minutes for the last meeting approved by Judy and seconded by Sheryl.

Judy would like dues mailed to her.

Balance reported at meeting.

\$150 paid to the Chamber of Commerce for dues.

\$84 paid for annual cost of P.O. Box.

Handbook will not be attached to roster for privacy reasons.

Show and Share quilts were shared.

At the next meeting we will:

Vote on bylaws

Calendar changes

New handbook

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM

## 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. 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!



## What Have You Been Up To?

### Darrell Harris

Hello fellow quilters, it's been a while since I've been at the sewing machine but I do have a somewhat clean uncluttered sewing room and I have been helping Sylvia assemble her new long-arm that is functioning very well thanks to her tech skills. My evening entertainment is watching YouTube videos on beginner sewing projects using scraps and some are great making me want to try to make some blocks for a UFO quilt in the future. I do have a project coming up, my son wants me to quilt him a headliner for his Jeep so that is going to be interesting for me. Hope everyone is doing well and staying warm and healthy.

### Tonee White

I have finally finished the wedding quilt and the graduation quilts I have been working on quilts for the auction. Some are UFOs. I really miss applique so am going to get a few of those ready. Looking forward to seeing you all.

### Jen Lanak

Whew! It has been a wild ride so far this year. I am keeping myself busy with more art classes. This semester I am taking a woodworking class! I was also foolish enough to sign up for a math class in the hopes that it might spark my lazy brain back to sharpness, but I quickly realized that I have forgotten so much!!! I might as well be learning this stuff for the first time - and the homework assignments are lengthy. There has been the tiniest of sparks, but the jury is still out as to whether or not I will feel "smarter" after the class is completed.

Speaking of sparks, I have also signed up for the annual May the 4th mini swap again on Instagram. This swap is one of the funnest I have participated in and it always remotivates me to get into my quilt studio and create some quilty projects.



# Trisha Skalnik

Dearest Quilters:

Wow, time is surely flying by this year. New Years and Valentines Day has passed by, and St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner. Mother nature has been good to the mountain so far this winter. Hopefully, we'll get a bit more rain for the trees and lakes.

February has been my first opportunity to experiment with the new sewing machine. I've made a sample stitching guide with some of the specialty stitches, embroidered a couple of blocks and figured out (with help, of course) how to use the motorized walking foot for quilting. Speaking of quilting, I decided to begin with baby quilts, since they would be good practice and I could rebuild some basic skills. I have completed two baby quilt tops, and am working on a third. This is the fun part! Now, the challenging part of adding the batting, backing, top-stitching and binding. Aha. We'll see how smoothly this goes.

Since I haven't made baby quilts before, I don't have a stash. A quick solution, shopping! I discovered beautiful baby collections at the new Quilt Bee in Orange. The shop is cute with a corner seating sectional to relax and ponder the selections. There was a class going on, and the new manager was busy helping customers.

I am planning to embroider a wall hanging for my cousin's birthday. So many possible projects, so little time. Oh yes, that is what retirement is supposed to be about (ha ha). Looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming meeting. Stay safe.

Warmly, Trisha



## Quilty Events

### QUILT San Francisco is Coming in March 2025



DEAR NEWSLETTER EDITOR,

PLEASE INVITE YOUR MEMBERS TO JOIN US MARCH 28-29 FOR  
QUILT SAN FRANCISCO 2025-IN PERSON AND ON LINE!\*

IN PERSON

Friday, March 28, 2025 10 am – 6 pm

Saturday, March 29, 2025 10 am-5pm

Saint Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street (@ Geary) in San Francisco

Wheelchair accessible, parking on site, bus #38

ON LINE VIEWING OF PHOTOS AND VIDEOS OF THE SHOW:

Link will be emailed to ticket purchasers. Expected availability: March 31-April 20

Every ticket admits guest for two days and gives access to online content. Under 18 free.

Purchase tickets in advance \$12 at <https://www.sfquiltersguild.org/show/>

Price for same day tickets at the show: \$15.

Please share the information through your guild's usual methods: newsletter, emails, website, social media, etc. Help yourself to any of the images in this email.

The Show includes over 300 quilts, wearable art, vendors, presentations, make-and-take activity and a drawing to win one of 12 splendid full sized quilts.

A thousand thanks to you for helping us share the joy!

