

# Willow Woods Quilt Guild

## Newsletter February 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 February  
and Beyond:

- The next meeting will be Saturday, February 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
- Your 2026 Dues \$40
- Something to work on if you are staying for Sit and Sew



## President - Darrell Harris

Hello fellow quilters,

Several members of our club were able to tour Camp Paivika last month, and everyone was very impressed with what the camp could offer us if we chose to move our meetings there. What they are willing to do for our group is truly amazing.

I would like everyone to give serious thoughts about whether we should move our club meetings to Camp Paivika. We will be voting on this at our February meeting so we can put the wheels in motion and show the camp staff what we can do to support them.

A few reminders and upcoming highlights:

Membership dues: Please remember to bring your \$40.00 membership dues if you have not paid yet — including me!

Program: Pat Duebbers will be sharing her quilting journey.  
Queen Bee: Michele Belancer will be our first Queen Bee, as suggested by Pat.

Snacks: Snacks will be provided by Pat this month. Next month will be Michele. We still have August and October available.

Demonstrations:

February: Kelli will be demonstrating bindings.

March: Tonee will be showing us rug hooking.

Open months for demonstrations include June, August, September, October, and November. Please consider sharing your amazing talents with the group!

Looking forward to another great meeting.

Warmly,  
Darrell

## Secretary - Trisha Skalnik

Willow Woods Minutes of January 10, 2026, Meeting

President Darrell Harris called our meeting to order 10:40

Visitor Karen Vales introduced herself and she wants to learn to sew.

Margaret Saunders and Mayra Malan introduced themselves. They represent Ability First/Camp Paivika. They are visiting us to see how they can help and to meet everyone.

Birthdays: none

Minutes of the December meeting. Pamela Abel motioned to approve and Pat Dubbers 2nd.

Treasurer: Kelli Agner reported the balance and pending payment due to the state in June. Kelly moved to send Jeff Harper \$100 to help us auction at the quilt walk. Pam 2nd. This will be taken care of before the next meeting.

Membership: Judy Green not present. Kelli Agner will collect the \$40 for her for those who have not paid their 2026 dues.

Other business: There was a long discussion on how Ability First could help us with online auctions and sell our quilts on their opening day of Camp Paivika, June 20th. Ability First would love to have the guild lead a quilting activity at Moms' Getaway. The dates for that event are April 17th - 19th. Ability first will provide us with a schedule for each summer session in 2026, we could display some of our quilts on the first day and perhaps sell some at each summer session. Ability First will test an online auction during Ability First's Food & Wine event by featuring two quilts, on the online auction. Event date will be in June. We can set up Buy Now options, starting bid amounts, and shipping expenses if items need to be mailed out. The test will help us evaluate performance and we can decide whether to transition our in-person quilt auction to an online format. We also discussed the option of running both an online auction and a later in-person auction/walk, allowing any quilts that do not sell online to be auctioned in person. Pamela suggests trying it and seeing how it works, the members attending agreed. We can test selling quilts with them starting in June but they would like at least two quilts by May. A few simple



quilts are needed to see how it goes. There are 6 sessions each summer and we can set up a booth and promote quilts then as well. Members will be having ongoing discussions about this at each meeting. Darrell Harris proposed that we as a club get a few quilts together to try online. March would be a good date to have a few ready. Pamela Abel 2nd. He will also consider future opportunities.

Quilters Journey: Cheryl Wood presented several quilts and spoke of her sewing from early age to present. Pat Dubbers will be the next to present.

Presentation thanking Pat Dubbers for being our past President for the last 2 years. She was given a plant.

Show and Share: Several members shared.

Pat Dubbers suggested we could do a Queen Bee quilt. This is where a member becomes the queen bee and she will bring a pattern that each member will make and she gets the quilt squares at the next meeting. There will be a different Queen Bee at each meeting.

There will be a tour at Camp Paivika after the meeting

Meeting adjourned at 12:42

Cheryl Wood took the minutes in the absence of Secretary, Trisha Skalnik.

## Upcoming Events



Our first meeting of the Guild Quilting Bee will be held after the regular meeting on the 14th.

Michele B. is our first Queen Bee. In this newsletter, Michele will indicate the block design and fabric colors she would like us to use for her quilt blocks. If you are interested in participating, please bring your machines and fabric to the meeting. Michele will demonstrate how to piece the block and we will have a chance to make a block or two on Saturday.

If you'd like to participate, but can not attend the meeting, you can still make a block. Please bring your completed block using the colors and block pattern requested to the next meeting, or mail it to Michele.

We will pick a new Queen Bee each month. The more participants we have, the more blocks

each member will receive to complete a quilt top.

Please give me a call if you have any questions. See you on the 14th.

Pat Duebbers

**Light and Dark Fabrics** Cut 3in (7.6cm) strips across the width of the fabric. Refer to the Block Assembly Diagram and cut the fabric in pairs of logs, so that the same fabric is used in each 'L' on either side of the centre. See the Quilt Assembly Diagram Key for lights and darks. Cut 16 pairs of light logs in the following sizes:

Log 1, 3in (7.6cm) long; log 2, 5½in (14cm) long.  
Log 5, 8in (20.3cm) long; log 6, 10½in (26.7cm) long.  
Log 9, 13in (33cm) long; log 10, 15½in (39.4cm) long.  
Cut 16 pairs of dark logs in the following sizes:

Log 3, 5½in (14cm) long; log 4, 8in (20.3cm) long.  
Log 7, 10½in (26.7cm) long; log 8, 13in (33cm) long.  
Log 11, 15½in (39.4cm) long; log 12, 18in (45.7cm) long.

**Border**  
This is made from fussy cutting the row of flowers in GP152PU to make a 2in (5cm) border (finished). Cut 8 strips 2½in (6.4cm) across the width of the fabric, making sure the flowers are central within the strips.

**Backing**  
In QBGP02BL cut a piece 84in x 84in (213.3cm x 213.3cm).

**Binding**  
Cut 8 strips 2½in (6.4cm) across the width of the fabric in BM53BL.

**MAKING THE BLOCKS**  
Use a ¼in (6mm) seam allowance throughout. Piece the log cabin blocks, adding the logs in numerical order from the block centre outwards, as shown in the Block Assembly Diagram. Remember to use the same fabric in each 'L' on either side of the centre. Each block should be 18in x 18in (45.7cm x 45.7cm) unfinished. Make 16 blocks in total.

**MAKING THE QUILT**  
Arrange the 16 blocks in a 4 x 4 block layout, in the arrangement shown in the Quilt Assembly Diagram, rotating some blocks as needed to achieve the dark/light pattern and avoid two of the same

**Tip**  
Using a design wall for the blocks can help with the fabric choices and block placement.

**BLOCK ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM**

fabrics touching. Sew the blocks into rows and then sew the rows together.

**ADDING THE BORDER**  
Piece the border strips carefully, matching the pattern at any seams. Place the strips so that a flower ends at both ends. Using a ¼in (6mm) seam allowance, sew the borders to the top and bottom of the quilt and then add the side borders. The quilt should now measure 74½in x 74½in (189.2cm x 189.2cm).

**FINISHING THE QUILT**  
Press the quilt top and the piece of backing fabric. Layer the quilt top, batting and backing, and baste together (see page 156). Using machine quilting thread, quilt in the ditch. Trim the quilt edges and attach the binding (see page 157).

BM53BL	GP152PU
<b>Lights</b>	<b>Darks</b>
GP71SG	PJ82PK
GP59PK	GP59RD
GP20PK	GP01RD
PJ51RD	GP29WN
GP70SG	PJ51RU
BM53PK	BM55TM
GP01LV	BM56OR
GP149PK	GP149SC

Pink, red and a bit of blue fabric can be used.

## What Have You Been Up To?

### Kelli Agner

Happy quilting from my sewing room -aka the corner of the den. This month I finished the piecing of the Bonnie Hunter Lupine & Laughter quilt and have started a new project. Scrappy is my jam and I have no excuse to go fabric shopping with the closet full of fabric. So, I have started a Dawn to Dusk quilt. I will need 140 blocks for twin or 196 for queen size. That puts me at one-third done if I go twin but I think this one needs to be a queen.



# Pics from Last Meeting - Trisha Skalnik



