

# Willow Woods Quilt Guild

## Newsletter March 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 March and  
Beyond:

- The next meeting will be Saturday, March 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 Ladies,

First, I would like to thank those who stayed after the meeting to sew blocks for our first Queen Bee, Michelle. Kelli, Pat, Sylvia, and I worked on Michelle's blue center with pink and red log cabin blocks (18" x 18"). Your time and effort are greatly appreciated.

As many of you know, we are currently in a bit of a time crunch. We need to develop a plan so that we can have complete quilts available to sell through either our quilt auction or at Camp Paivika. To move forward, we must decide whether we will hold our traditional quilt walk and auction this year. If we do, we will also need to elect members to fill the various positions required to organize and run the event.

Margaret and the staff at Camp Paivika have asked if we could bring a few sample quilts and set up a couple of sewing machines sometime in April. I will have the exact dates available at our March meeting so we can begin by exploring what opportunities the camp may offer us.

Both the Elks Lodge and Camp Paivika have times when we are welcome to stay and sew after our regular meetings. I understand that life gets busy and not everyone can attend every month, but if even 50% of our members could stay and sew, it would significantly boost our productivity and help get us back on track.

Our goal is to recover from the last auction and return to making a meaningful yearly contribution to the camp, as we have done in the past. That remains our number one priority.

The last thing I want to do is hurt anyone's feelings, but we do need to focus on producing finished quilts for whichever venue we choose. It was wonderful to see the variety of colors and prints everyone brought to Michelle's Queen Bee. I hope everyone has a chance to read the monthly newsletter and updates that Jen prepares for us—thank you, Jen, for all the work you put into that.

This month's agenda:

Guests

Birthdays – Kelli (March 14)

Secretary's Report – Trisha

Treasurer's Report – Kelli

Discussion and decision on how we want to proceed with our quilts

Sylvia's Quilting Journey

Snacks provided by Michelle

Our Second Queen Bee – Kelli

Adjourn Meeting

Please stay and sew at least one block for Kelli. It's a great way to build quality group participation and increase our finished projects.

Thank you all, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.  
Darrell

Secretary - Trisha Skalnik

Willow Woods Quilt Guild: Minutes of 2/14/26

President Darrell H. called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m. Ten members present.

Secretary's report approved by Pat D., seconded by Nancy N.

Treasurer's report- Kelli has filed with the Secretary of State for California the renewal

statement, registry, and filed financials. She shared the balance, taxes due in June, and registration fee of \$25.

A long discussion ensued regarding Camp Paivika, with a long list of amenities that the

organization offers to WWQG. Meeting place options were also discussed. Six members

expressed preferences to continue meetings where the guild currently meets, three were

interested in meeting at Camp Paivika, one member abstained. A suggestion was made to meet at

Camp Paivika in May as a test.

Camp Paivika has a Tea event April 17-19th, and a Food & Wine event in May.

Two quilts are needed for the May meeting for Camp Paivika. There is a June 20th Friends &

Family event and in November a Stroll & Roll event in Santa Anita where approximately 800

people are in attendance. Guild opportunities to sell quilts?



Pat D. and Jennifer L. (quilt top) volunteered their quilts for the online auction to test the new option through Camp Paivika's new method of fundraising.

Trisha volunteered to digitize the WWQG logo as requested by the Southern California Quilt Guild Association.

Pat D. shared her quilt journey. Syliva U. is scheduled to share in March.

Kelli demonstrated quilt binding with a flange. See the picture of the placemat in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m. for sewing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trisha Skalnik, Secretary

## Upcoming Events



We had our first Quilting Bee after the February meeting. Michele picked a beautiful red and pink log cabin block for us to make. This month Kelli will be our Queen Bee.

Please remember that this is an optional activity. Also, the quilt you make is yours. It does not belong to the guild.



# March Queen Bee = Kelli

March Queen Bee  
Dawn to Dusk Quilt Block

By Pat Speth of Nickel Quilts

Fabric needed for sewing the blocks:

One 2 1/2" strip of light/neutral (cream rather than true white) about 34"

One 2 1/2" strip of medium or medium-dark (prints are OK) about 34"

Here are some blocks I have completed.

(Green one shows pressing pattern.)

Kelli



# What Have You Been Up To?

## Trisha Skalnik

Dear Quilters:

Happy National Quilting Month! Ideas to help celebrate:

- Organize your quilting space
- Dream of what you would like to create and accomplish this year
- Begin a new quilt (and hopefully finish it, too)
- Encourage someone
- Learn something new
- Add a new "toy" (or a few) for quilting
- Begin a journal for your quilting journey that includes a picture of each completed quilt along with its details (pattern, fabrics, thread colors, stitch patterns, notes)
- Schedule quilting time routinely on your calendar
- Finish a UFO
- Follow your passion in quilting
- Quilt, quilt, quilt!

This month, I attended a class and made a petit basket, using interfacing with cushioning, and was even able to complete the basket in four hours. I learned a new technique and used a new material. Fun!

I hope to finish a quilt (the quilt top was shared a couple of months ago) in time to share the completed quilt by our meeting.

A collector of "goodies", I will share the items that are very helpful for binding and sewing straight stitches. Thank you, Kelli, for the binding demonstration last month. It was very helpful!

Happy Quilting, Trisha Skalnik



Pics from Last Meeting - Trisha Skalnik





