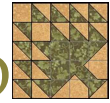




WILLOW WOODS QUILT GUILD



Newsletter February 2020



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President – Judy Green

Hi Quilting Friends,

Here we are in the new year! We have new officers, new ideas, new challenges, new groups, and new opportunities to have fun. I'm definitely looking forward to Willow Woods Quilt Guild 2020!

Our new 2020 Board Members are Judy Green, President, Jeanne Folta and Jennifer Lanak, Vice Presidents, Yolanda Douglas, Secretary, and Sherry Schliskey, Treasurer. A huge Thank You to last year's Board Members and Superstars for all of their many contributions.

Our February meeting will include setting our dates and locations for Clubs, and for our Bargello Class that Cheryl Gallagher has so generously offered. Some Clubs may turn into classes, some may be Challenges, and some may be short or ongoing projects. Your ideas are always welcome.

Be sure to renew your Membership and let Kim Everhart know of any changes to the Roster.

Our One Block Wonder Club continues with new members beginning each month. We gather right after each meeting, and you are welcome to join at any time. We will all help you get started. Below is the materials list.

Month at a Glance

Upcoming events for February and beyond:

- Saturday, February 8th – our next general meeting
- All Clubs to have short discussion following the general meeting on the 8th, to decide when/where your club would like to meet as a group
- OBW Club – to meet after the general meeting on the 8th

Special Items to Bring to the next meeting:

- Dues - \$30
- Cup of Comfort Blocks
- Comfort Quilts

Also Don't Forget:

- Your name tag
- Refreshments (if it is your turn)

Please check your email or phone if you have concerns about meeting cancellation.

We all love to see what you've been up to, so please bring your projects, ideas, and newfangled gadgets to show us during Show and Share.

Wishing you a creative, productive, and fulfilling 2020!

Love to All, Judy

Our guild is dedicated to promoting the art of quilting through education, sharing and learning, and using our efforts to benefit the community through annual contributions and in time of need.

One Block Wonder beginners are welcome, and members will help you get started. Here's what you need:

- *Your *One Block Wonder* book by Maxine Rosenthal
- *Your partially completed quilt, or your curiosity
- *Ruler with which to cut a 60 degree triangle
- *Sewing machine with 1/4" foot
- *Large 18" x 24" cutting mat & rotary cutter with a new blade
- *Basic Sewing Kit - thread, scissors, seam ripper, etc.
- *Fabric — You need to have 6 pattern repeats for hexagon blocks. Therefore, if the pattern repeats at 24", you need a minimum of 4-1/2 yards for your quilt top. Buying another yard or two will give you enough fabric to include in borders, binding, etc.

Co-Vice President – Jeanne Folta

All clubs will meet for a few minutes after the regular meeting in February to discuss who will lead the group, when and where you will meet, and what you wish to accomplish as a club.

If you are not in any clubs, let me know which one(s) you want to be in. Jeanne

Co-Vice President – Jennifer Lanak

Future Field Trip to M&L Fabrics in Anaheim – thanks to the positive response and show of interest, I will begin to plan this adventure. Hopefully, we can discuss a little more at the meeting about which day of the week would be best, but I am thinking that mid-April (post Easter) would be best. It gives the weather time to warm up and I can hopefully get my house back into order following Spring Break so I can host a nice luncheon for us.

New Officers

President – Judy Green

Co- Vice President – Jeanne Folta

Co- Vice President – Jennifer Lanak

Secretary – Yolanda Douglas

Treasurer – Sherry Schliskey

Superstars

Hostess –Pat Montgomery

Membership –Kim Everhart

Community Liaison/Publicity
– Yolanda Douglas

Fat Quarter Drawing – Sherry Schliskey

Hospitality – Cheryl Wood

Sunshine/Shadows – Melanie Hermanson

Quilt Challenges – Jen Lanak

Web Site – Trish Skalnik

Newsletter – Jen Lanak

Facebook – Jen Lanak

Clubs within the guild:

Secretary – Yolanda Douglas

Willow Woods Quilt Guild
Minutes of January 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM.

President Judy Green welcomed members and announced that Susan Wade celebrated her birthday January 6.

ELECTION/INSTALLATION: Yolanda Douglas is nominated to fill the position of Secretary. Vote was unanimous to elect her. Judy Green then installed the new 2020 officers with a presentation of crowns and applause. Our 2020 officers are Judy Green, President, Jeanne Folta and Jennifer Lanak, Vice Presidents, Yolanda Douglas, Secretary, and Sherry Schliskey, Treasurer. Judy then expressed her appreciation and thanks to last year's Board Members for all their work.

SECRETARY: The minutes of December 14, 2019 meeting, submitted by Judy Green in Elaine Shaw's absence, were accepted as presented.

Treasurer: Sherry Schliskey said that the Guild's current bank balance is \$5,794. The Treasurer's report will be filed. 2020 dues of \$30 are due now.

CO-VP/Clubs: Jeanne Folta will finesse the e-mail delivery to notify members about Club activities. Trisha Skalnik announced that there will be a \$50 charge to use the Elks' room for an additional Saturday. Sherry Schliskey said that the \$50 was already in the budget. Yolanda Douglas suggested opening the Clubs to Dogwood and other community members. She suggested that there be a nominal fee for attendance.

The Elks room is available to us any Saturday, from 10AM – 5PM. We need to organize Club schedules, protocol, etc. at the next meeting.

CO-VP/Challenges: Jen Lanak said that she will present as many challenges as members want to participate in, some with timelines, some not. She will present a few each month.

It was suggested that a field trip to M&L Fabrics be organized. Jen volunteered to host a luncheon at her home down the hill. Carpools need to be arranged. Goal is to have this field trip in the spring when weather improves.

The Strawberry Thief (Australian fabric wholesaler/retailer) is donating proceeds from a raffle and scrap bag sales to assist victims of Australia's wildfires. For information go to Strawberry Thief's Facebook page.

MEMBERSHIP: Kim Everhart is updating Guild roster. Please give your dues checks to Kim to record your payment. Kim will give the checks to Sherry S.

RETREAT: Lorraine Patterson said that she has not been able to connect with Kelly Kunsek to discuss Retreat options.

ROUND ROBIN: Lorraine revealed the Round Robin quilts made by participants Tonne White, Sherry Schliskey, Lorraine, Judy Green, and Cheryl Gallagher. The quilts were “beautiful and different”. Participants said that they enjoyed the challenge.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Yolanda Douglas suggested that opening the Clubs to outside quilters would be good exposure to the community. Yolanda will speak to Bob Gladwell (Rotary Club President-elect and Art & Wine Chair) to discuss the possibility of WWQG participating in the 2020 A&W Festival.

WEBSITE: Trisha Skalnik announced that the website has been updated. If you want to submit photos for the site, send them in .gif or .png format to Trisha. Jpegs are too large.

HOSPITALITY: Cheryl Wood circulated a list for members to sign up to bring refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Yolanda Douglas

Treasurer – Shelly Schliskey

TBD

Sherry Schliskey, Treasurer

REIMBURSEMENT POLICY:

Please turn in your reimbursement requests to the treasurer during the meeting. The treasurer will either stay after the meeting to write checks or will mail the checks the following week. If the treasurer is absent, hand your request to Nancy Novak (1st Vice President), then Shelly Schliskey (Treasurer) will write the checks at her earliest convenience.

Please note: In order to help our Treasurer, keep the books accurate and up to date, ALL money collected must be turned in by Committee Chairs at the end of each meeting. Also, receipts will be issued to all payments. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

Hospitality – Cheryl Wood

Refreshments at the next meeting will be provided by Nancy Hanson, Lorraine Patterson, and Jen Lanak.

Challenges – Jen Lanak

We decided at the last meeting to have the Challenges be a guild-wide activity instead of its own club within the guild. There is no expectation or pressure to participate in all or any of the challenges. If

something catches your eye and interests you – join in! If it doesn't, there is no need to feel guilty. This is strictly for fun and inspiration.

We also decided that it would be fun to have most of our challenges run quarterly. We are a little late starting this quarter's challenge, so I picked an easy one to start.

Introducing the **What's in a Name Challenge** – Using your 3 initials – your 1st initial is the color, 2nd initial is the block/pattern, 3rd is quilting motif. Choose a color, block, motif based on your initial.

For examples: Betty Ann Smith might choose: Blue, Arizona Star, Stipple. Yolanda Fiona Douglas might choose a Yellow, Farmers Wife Quilt (that would be a challenge!) with a Daisy motif. Or Jennifer Em Lanak might choose Jade, Economy Block, with a Leaf quilting motif. You get the idea. I have books of block designs to help you choose if you get stumped with your letter.

I have no idea what I'm going to choose yet, but hopefully will have a better idea at the meeting. No, you don't have to declare by the meeting what you will do, and yes, you can decide as you go how you will fulfill your initials. Remember, this is just for fun! The end of the quarter is March 31st, so let's try to share our What's in a Name Challenge items at the April meeting.

The UFO Challenge: It's not quite time to get a new number to work on, so I thought I would share my progress on my UFO #2 – my interpretation of Van Gogh's "Café Terrace at Night". You might recall from the January meeting that I only had the roughest of sketches on a piece of muslin – we are talking "really rough" sketch. Well, I am pleased to say that I did work on it a little earlier in the month and have made progress!

When I really started looking at it, I realized that my proportions were all off for the scene, so I flipped my muslin over and re-drew the sketch using a grid technique used in basic drawing that I had completely forgotten about until watching a video about Chuck Close's painting technique (more on that in the Art Quilt club news). Needless to say, things went much better and the proportions were corrected. I then decided to piece together a background of solid colored fabrics to be the base to build my collage on top of. And here it is:



Wow. I know, not much to look at yet, but it is a start. Comically, when I posted this picture on my Quilter in the Closet Instagram page, all the modern quilters thought it was amazing as is. They probably think I will straight-line quilt it like so many quilts I've seen in the Minimalist category at QuiltCon. Not gonna happen this time. LOL.

So, there you go, progress!

As soon as I discover the new number for February, I'll shoot out a quick email for anyone that wants to get a jump on working on their new UFO project.

If you missed last month's newsletter or meeting and still want to join in, you are welcome to join us anytime through the year. Here is quick overview of how it works:

Step One – Complete the Chart by filling in 12 projects that you want to work on this year. They can be anything and in any state of progress. If you want to use the official American Patchwork and Quilting chart, it is here <https://static.onecms.io/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/sites/42/2019/11/2020-UFO-Challenge.pdf> OR I have crafted a very rudimentary copy below.

Step Two: On the 1st of each month, APQ will choose a number. You will work on the project that corresponds to that number. Again, “work on” is loosely defined. We are looking for some kind of forward progress, it doesn't have to be finished. January's # was #2. February's number should be released on Saturday, Feb. 1st.

Step Three: Share your progress! Bring your previous month's UFO to the meeting to show us what you've done, and your current month's UFO so we can see where you started. You can also share your progress on our Facebook page.

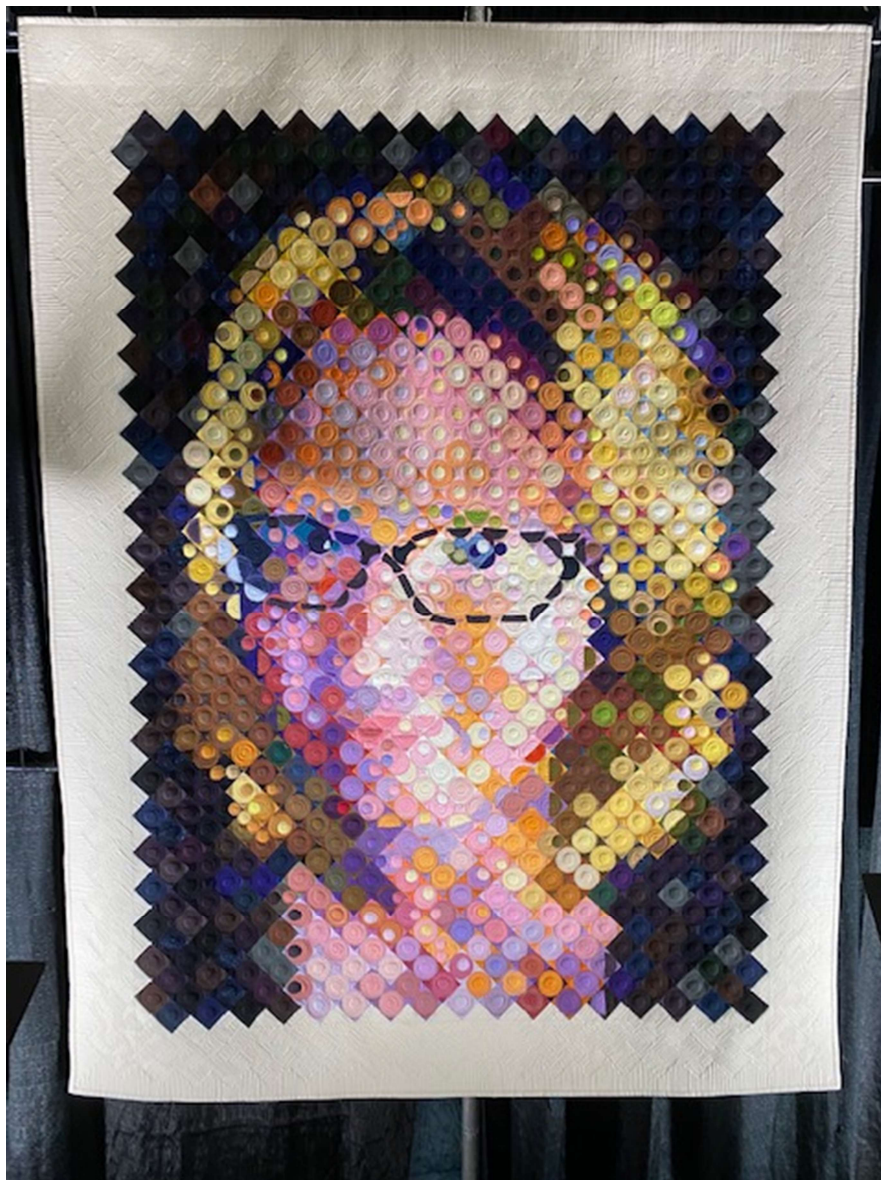
The goal here is to make a dent in all those UFOs you have tucked away. Good luck!

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Art Quilt Club – Jen Lanak

We briefly met at the last meeting and decided that as a group, we were just going to “go with the flow” as far as meeting for the first few months to see how things go. We agreed that utilizing the room and time after the general meeting each month (rather than a separate time) works best for the majority of us. While the OBW group also meets during this time, there is plenty of room to Sit-n-Sew. So, if you feel inclined, bring something art-quilty to work on to the February meeting and we can encourage each other.

Kim also encouraged us to check out the work of painter, Chuck Close. His technique uses a grid to break up an image of a portrait (face), then paints shapes within each square. They seriously just look like blobs of color, but somehow when you step back, the image comes together to reveal the face. It is a fascinating technique, and I could easily imagine the possibilities in quilting. Well, we aren't the only ones. I spotted this quilt at Road to California this week:



This is “My Big Face” by Cindy Stohn of Chandler, Arizona. She did things a little differently than I envisioned, using mostly circles to complete her image, but you get the idea. Isn't it neat??

Kim has suggested checking out the work of quilter, Jack Edson, for further inspiration. He actually incorporates quilt blocks into his portraits. The effect is pretty cool. I hope you will do a quick search to check it out.

A Bit of Humor – Yolanda Douglas

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE

I am posting this with a heavy heart.



I love fabric, thread, rulers and everything that comes with it. But I am finished . . .

This is taking up too much of my time and energy. I am struggling to keep up with everyday chores so something has to give. I have decided to get rid of some of my stuff.

Below is a list of what is available. Serious inquiries only and please don't insult me with low offers

Thank you for reading and understanding.

1. Vacuum cleaner (still has original vacuum bag)
2. Dustpan and broom (like new condition)
3. Mop and bucket (in original packaging)
4. Dishwasher (complete with 8 complete place settings inside)
5. Rake (seldom used as our lawns are artificial turf)
6. Laundry soap (almost full container)
7. Dust rags and Pledge (the can of Pledge is full and good for holding down corners of fabric or fusible)

Will exchange for cash or fabric (Quilt Shop Quality only. Prefer Kaffe Fassett, Tula Pink).

(JUST KIDDING!

This is not my original work.

It was written by an artist from a different medium but I can identify so I edited it to fit my art of preference.

Yolanda)

Some Pics from our last meeting – courtesy of Trisha Skalnik

