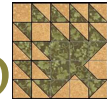




# WILLOW WOODS QUILT GUILD



Newsletter January 2020



MEETS THE SECOND  
SATURDAY OF EACH  
MONTH  
ELKS LODGE  
26584 HIGHWAY 18  
RIM FOREST, CA

## Month at a Glance

Upcoming events for January and beyond:

- Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> – our next general meeting
- OBW Club – to meet after the general meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>

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)

## President – Judy Green

Dear Quilting Friends,

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. It was an interesting few days at our house. Despite being snowed in with clogged plumbing, electrical outage, generator failure, and part of family not visiting due to weather, we had a very nice time. We are hopefully anticipating an uneventful and happy new year.

Thanks to all of you, we had a lovely Christmas Celebration Potluck Luncheon Party at our last meeting.

Last month's election of officers held many changes. There are now co-Vice President's rather than Vice Presidents I and II. Also, we need to elect a Secretary, since our Nominee had to withdraw. Please consider taking the position. Many of the committee duties will be accomplished in "Clubs" such as Comfort Quilts and Block of the Month.

Installation of Officers will be held at our January meeting.

**As always, check your email or phone if you have any concerns about meeting cancellation due to weather.**

Please stay for our One Block Wonder club meeting and for any new clubs starting in January. I'm happily looking forward to see what 2020 holds for WWQG. The new changes and sharing our love of quilting together should be a lot of fun.

See you at the meeting on January 11, 2020.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Love 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.*

## **Secretary – Elaine Shaw**

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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. President Judy Green welcomed members and announced that Lisa Sutton, Nancy Hansen, and Lorraine Patterson celebrate birthday's this month.

The November Minutes, submitted by Elaine Shaw, were accepted as presented.

Treasurer, Sherry Schliskey announced that, after taxes, our balance is \$5,599.96. Membership dues of \$30 are due in January. The Treasurer's report will be filed.

When opening the mail, Sherry Schliskey found that our Guild received, 2 4-day tickets for admission to the Ontario Quilt Show. We held a drawing for the tickets, and happily, Lorraine Patterson was the lucky winner. Enjoy the show Lorraine!

Second Vice President, Lorraine Patterson, made the Round Robin exchanges and reported that the Fire Department had not yet responded regarding their use for Comfort Quilts.

President Judy Green led a discussion regarding the importance of our ongoing support and involvement in community activities. Suggestions included the Art and Wine Festival, Farmer's Market in the Village, and beginning now to plan for our next Quilt Walk.

There was also discussion of a possible Retreat. Many suggestions are to be considered regarding the location, the length, and our interest in having a Retreat. Running Springs, Big Bear and Paivika were locations mentioned. Lorraine Patterson will contact Camp Paivika and bring back her findings.

Judy Green commented that the Newsletter this month was exceptional. She credited Jennifer Lanak for her continuously great

### **New Officers**

**President** – Judy Green

**Co- Vice President** – Jeanne Folta

**Co- Vice President** – Jennifer Lanak

**Secretary** – TBD

**Treasurer** – Sherry Schliskey

### **Superstars**

**Hostess** –Pat Montgomery

**Membership** –Kim Everhart

**Community Liaison/Publicity**  
– Yolanda Douglas

**Fat Quarter Drawing** – Sherry Schliskey

**Little Shop of Quilters-** TBD

**Hospitality** – Cheryl Wood

**Sunshine/Shadows** – Melanie Hermanson

**Quilt Challenges** – Jen Lanak

**Web Site** – Trish Skalnik

**Newsletter** – Jen Lanak

**Facebook** – Jen Lanak

Newsletters, and thanked Jeanne Folta for her report of our Clubs in the Newsletter.

Election— With a quorum present, Judy Green read the Slate of Nominees for office, and called for further nominations from the floor. There being none, the Slate was elected by a unanimous show of hands. Newly elected officers are Judy Green, President, Jeanne Folta and Jennifer Lanak, Co-Vice President, and Sherry Schliskey, Treasurer. It was necessary for our nominee for Secretary to withdraw, so we are seeking a member for that position prior to the Willow Woods Installation of Officers at our meeting on January 11, 2020. Committee members are appointed by the President, usually prior to the Installation.

Show and Share was a beautiful presentation, as always. Highlights were, Nancy Novak's quilt of prayers, Melanie Hermanson's ever-growing skills on her new long arm, and the interesting comments, patterns, gadgets, and ideas from our membership.

Cheryl Gallagher is care-taking her father and will be less available to be an active member for now. Yolanda Douglas told of our auctioneer Bob Gladwell's, recent illness and his good recovery. Lorraine Patterson fractured her hip recently, and we're so grateful that she was able to attend our meeting today. Elaine Shaw is now recovering from surgery

Our Hospitality chair Cheryl Woods announced that our next meeting's refreshments will be provided by Sherry Schliskey, Kelly Agner, and Jeanne Folta.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. Then we all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas celebration including decorated tables, a delicious potluck luncheon and a fun gift exchange. Merry Christmas to All.

See you all in January...Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Green  
(substituting for our Secretary, Elaine Shaw)

## **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

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## Challenges – Jen Lanak

Over the holiday, I was considering how to organize a UFO challenge for whomever would like to participate, only to discover that a very similar one is being hosted by American Patchwork & Quilting. So, I thought why not just join up with their UFO challenge. Here is 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 APQ 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Even if you can only spare 30 minutes on that project for the month – you will still be making progress! People often forget that even baby steps are forward progress. You could also bring your designated project to work on following our meeting while the OBW gang does its thing.

Step Three: Share your progress! It would be fun if we could share our projects at the meetings. One month showing the status “before” and the next the status “after” working on it. However, you may want to get a jump on working on your project as soon as the number is announced on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Yes, I will also let you know the number in each newsletter!

You can also share your progress on our Facebook page. APQ also has a special Facebook group for participants – you can search for American Patchwork & Quilting’s UFO Challenge – to share your progress pics AND a special hashtag for anyone using Instagram - #APQResolution.

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

	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>STATUS BEFORE</b>	<b>STATUS AFTER</b>
<b>1</b>			
<b>2</b>			
<b>3</b>			
<b>4</b>			
<b>5</b>			
<b>6</b>			
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<b>9</b>			
<b>10</b>			
<b>11</b>			
<b>12</b>			

Here is my list, as an example

	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>STATUS BEFORE</b>	<b>STATUS AFTER</b>
<b>1</b>	Union Jack mini	Some blue hexies basted and pieced	
<b>2</b>	Van Gogh Café	Basic outline complete. Need to prep fabric and begin cutting.	
<b>3</b>	MisDirection	Top finished. Needs backing & quilting.	
<b>4</b>	Improv Wreath	Improv sections done. Need to add solid sections to the wedge to complete the blocks.	
<b>5</b>	Forest Fancy #2	Fabric is cut.	
<b>6</b>	Bunting Blocks	Need 8? More blocks to complete top	
<b>7</b>	Pink Swoon	Already SID. Need to make quilting plan and DO IT.	
<b>8</b>	Fall OBW	Top almost complete. I ran out of black for the borders. On order.	
<b>9</b>	Ashley's Stars	Need more alternate blocks to complete top.	
<b>10</b>	Aviatrix #2	Top done. Needs backing and quilting.	
<b>11</b>	Technicolor Galaxy	Blocks 1 & 2 complete. 8 lessons behind.	
<b>12</b>	Pinecone Pillow	Top done. Needs to be trimmed and made into a pillow sham.	

Guess which number APQ chose for January??

# #2

So, it looks like I will be working on my Van Gogh quilt.

There were some other challenges that I had brainstormed for the New Year. I think I will do a little survey at the meeting to gage interest. Here they are again; in case you want to refresh your memory. I'm also open to any ideas you may have, and I think some of our special interest groups could do challenges specific to their interests too.

**Brown Bag Challenge** – each participant puts 4 Fat Quarters in a brown bag. The bags are then swapped, and you have to make something from the fabrics you receive. You can add fabric as needed as long as you use at least one scrap from each fat quarter you had in your bag.

**Fat Quarter Challenge** – similar to the Brown Bag Challenge, except that every participant gets an identical set of 4 Fat Quarters and must create a project from the fabrics. It is fun to see all the different ideas that can spark from the same fabric pull. Obviously, the one logistical challenge with this idea is cost of supplies because everyone needs to get the same fabrics, it is unlikely that one of us would be able to supply the entire challenge if there are a lot of participants.

**12 by 12 Challenge (or variation)** – I’ve been intrigued by this challenge since I saw an exhibition at Road to California. Every month, the participants are given a source of inspiration – often a specific color or word (like “winter” or “love” or “light”, etc.) and must create a 12 inch square quilt based on that source of inspiration. Variations in size can be made, as well as the number of quilts and time frame between. For example, instead of 12 by 12, we could have 4 quilts at 24 inches square throughout the year (so 4 by 24). This would be a particularly fun challenge for the art quilt group.

**Block Based Challenge** – we’ve done these before where you create a quilt showcasing a specific quilt block like Half Square Triangles, Flying Geese, etc. Perhaps it is time to step it up a notch and choose a more difficult block, like New York Beauty, Cathedral Windows, Lone Star, Dahlia or Pineapple Blocks.

**Crayon Challenge** – Each participant is given a bag with a mystery set of 2 or 3 crayons. They must create a quilt using these colors and may add one additional color of their choice and one neutral color of their choice.

**What’s in a Name Challenge** – Using your 3 initials – your 1st initial is the color, 2<sup>nd</sup> initial is the block/pattern, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Clue Challenge:** Each participant chooses three cars from a standard “Clue” game. They then have to represent those three clues in their quilt. The suspects (Professor Plum, Ms. Scarlett, etc.) could represent the color, but they don’t have to. The rooms and weapons will be the trickier part. The Rope – could be a rope quilting motif or a couched thread as an embellishment; Lead Pipe could be something grey or long and thin; Conservatory could use floral fabric or applique flowers and vines. Creativity is key!

**UFO Exchange** – Each participant brings in a project they have started, but don’t want to finish. The projects are exchanged, and each participant is challenged to complete the UFO they were given. Participants are allowed to modify the project as they desire in order to complete. For example, if you are pattern that calls for a bunch of 16 patches and the “giver” has done a bunch of 4 patches to start, you can ditch the pattern and use the 4 patches to complete whatever you like. Likewise, you can rip out stitches and re-piece into different blocks if you choose. Or perhaps you are given enough blocks for a king size quilt, but you decide to make a twin and use the blocks on the front and back. Whatever goes as long as you finish.