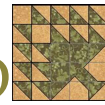




WILLOW WOODS QUILT GUILD



Newsletter January 2021



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President – Judy Green

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Hi All,

Well, it's 2021, and I'm looking forward to what this year will bring. I've learned so much from 2020. I've learned to appreciate so many things that I had taken for granted. For instance: finding a package or toilet tissue or paper towels on the grocery store shelf; going to the movies or finding your favorite program back on TV; visiting and lunching with friends; going to our Quilt Guild meetings and so many more things come to mind. I've learned a lot about myself too, regarding patience, laziness, ambition, and learning to enjoy my own company...kind of. In talking to my far away friends, it seems that what we can do and where we can go depends a lot on what state we live in. Scary out there, I wish them all well.

The year 2020 also brought something very special. Richard and I became great grandparents again. Grace Ellen and Evelyn Lee were born a day apart in early December. They are now at home with new mom and dad and doing very well. The two precious little girls were due on January 11, so they're still tiny babies.

As soon as the plumber is finished, and these bills are paid, and the decorations are finally put away, and some binding is completed, I plan to start on the quilt I spoke of a month ago. Time flies, and my list keeps getting longer...why is that?

Month at a Glance

Upcoming events for January and beyond:

- ????

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)

I wish you all a very Happy New Year. It's going to be a good one! Anxious to see all of you once again, and hopefully, laugh a lot! I miss that.

Be well, and see you soon,

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 – Yolanda Douglas

There are no minutes as our meetings since last February have been cancelled.

Treasurer – Shelly Schliskey

No report at this time.

Challenges – Jen Lanak

The UFO Challenge:

There is a new APQ UFO Challenge for us to participate in. You can download a new list here: [UFO challenge 2021](#) (If this link doesn't work, you can search APQ UFO challenge 2021 it should take you to the right place).

January's # is 7. I will admit that I have not fully completed my list yet, and I chose my Technicolor Galaxy quilt to work on this month. The truth is that I have a ton of rainbow scraps for this project laying all over the place in my studio. There is no way I will be able to get much done on any other project until I clean them up, and I might as well try to finish up the various rainbow-colored rings in the project as I am doing it, right?

I hope you are liking this challenge. Despite not finishing much of anything on my list last year, I did make good progress on several of my projects and that is a win in my book!

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 – Trisha Skalnik

Newsletter – Jen Lanak

Facebook – Jen Lanak

Share Section - What has everyone been doing?

Yolanda Douglas -

BYE BYE 2020

I have never, ever, ever been so happy for a year to end. It's been long and difficult. My husband has spent much of the past year in his apartment in the memory-care residence where he lives. There have been a few COVID cases among staff and residents so lockdown after lockdown has been the norm since March. The restrictions were lifted a couple days before Christmas only to be returned on the 26th when another positive case was detected.

I could not get in the mood for the Holidays this year so I planned to spend quiet days by myself. Until Susan (Wade) and her family showed up in my driveway with baked goodies and broke into song, chorusing my little neighborhood with my favorite Christmas songs. I think that is the most special Christmas gift I have ever received. I hope that you all had special moments in this stressful time.

THE QUILT SHOW.COM AND MY HEROES

I have been a Star Member of TheQuiltShow.com for many years, enjoying the televised and online classes and activities. When I tried to renew for 2021 I ran into website problems (I expected otherwise?). I left a phone message . . . a few days later my phone rang and caller ID said John Anderson was calling. (OK, who is John Anderson and for which cause is he asking for money?)

"Hi, Yolanda, this is John Anderson from The Quilt Show. I want to help you renew." John (husband and business partner of quilter Alex Anderson) is one of my current heroes for all his work to help Alex present (usually) 3 times weekly YouTube live videos. We fixed things for renewal and then chatted about my long "history" with Alex – I learned to quilt from her television show Simply Quilts in the 1990s. Suddenly, John yelled "Alex, come here and say 'Hello' to Yolanda!" OMG, we had the best chat about Simply Quilts and the recent projects that I have done along with her. I guess something good happened in 2020!

PARTY PANTRY PROGRESS

So much for my original goal to complete my Party Pantry quilt by beginning of December. And so much for my revised goal of finishing by New Year.

Along the way I had to backtrack as the owner-to-be and I had not communicated well about the dimensions. I proudly called my friend to announce that I was almost finished assembling the blocks and begin quilting. I wanted to discuss the type of hanging system we would use. I told her to get a 40-inch dowel and that I would attach pockets to support that size.

“No,” she said “it is only 30 inches across. It is 40” *tall* . . . “

Rip, rip, rip away!

So . . . I am now quilting it and sewing down the raw edge applique (I usually do this as part of the quilting process.). It has been fun and a real learning experience.



UFOs and WIPs

HEXIE SEW-ALONG: I'm still finding sewing the hexies by theme fun and relaxing. Even though I am a bit behind.



UFO CHALLENGE: What a laugh. But I'll climb back on that horse this year. It did help even though I did not meet all (i.e. many) of my goals.

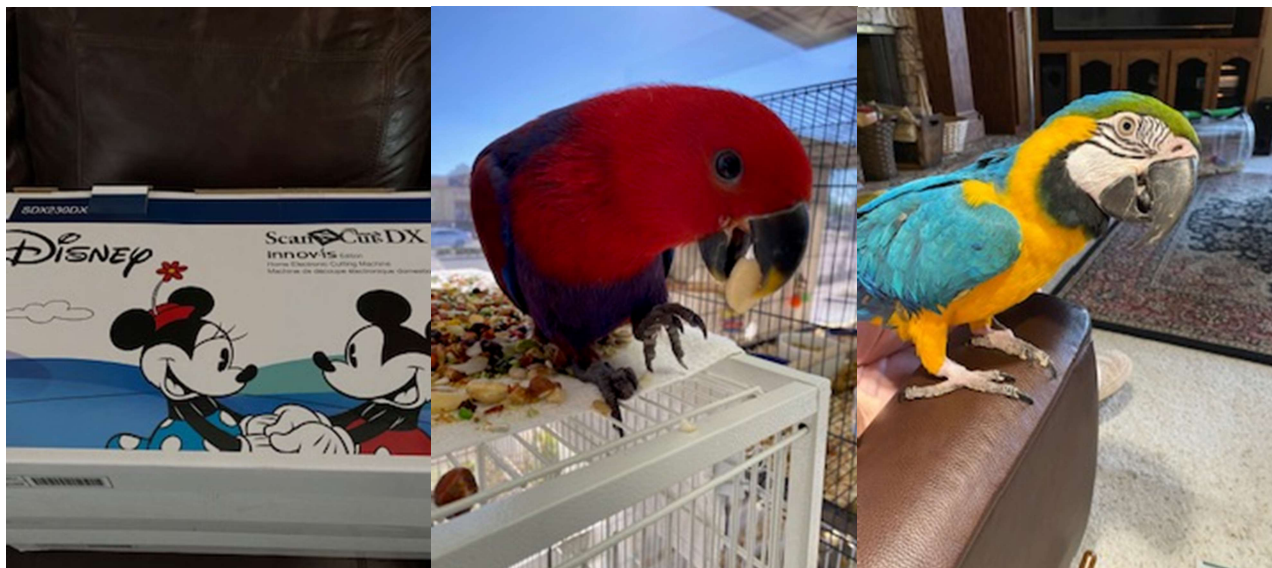
The day when we get together again is sooner than at the last newsletter. I promise.

YOLANDA DOUGLAS

Patricia Skalnik -

Happy New Year!

Santa was very busy this year. He brought a Scan-N-Cut, and a hand-fed baby bird. Staying at home has new opportunities, learning new things, then training birdies.



School begins this next week, and we will be using Zoom and continue with the learning management systems, which I am loading this week. So much for being bored...

Have a wonderful new year. Shall we pray for safety, healing and regaining "normal" lives.

Stay well, my dear friends!

--Trisha

Kelli Agner -

I hope to complete the current queen size quilt that I am working in on and to make a dent in the stack of UFOs that I inherited from my mom. Several of her grandchildren will be gifted a quilt that she started before she passed in April. I really hope to be back with all of you at a guild meeting where we will put our creativity to work on a new quilting journey together!

Warmest regards,

Kelli Agner

Nancy Novak –

This year, 2021, I have one special quilt to make, a double wedding ring. On June 14, 1941, my parents eloped. They received only one wedding gift, a double wedding quilt gifted by my mom's best friend. The quilt survived the many military cross country moves, 4 children and lots of camping trips. IN 1987, three days after their 46th wedding anniversary, my dad passed away. It's time for me to honor their love and remake this quilt.



Jen Lanak –

I have a couple of resolutions for 2021. I want to get back to a regular schedule of quilting. I know that I will never quite have as many hours as I had back when we lived at the beach thanks to now having other interests like my garden and my chickens, etc. But I do have a big studio, nice equipment and a huge amount of fabric that I really should spend more time with to justify having. So...I am going to start simple. Susan Wade once praised the idea of spending 15 minutes a day doing something creative. That schedule doesn't quite work for me, but I can commit to spending at least an hour a week. That's my goal – a minimum of an hour a week. I will probably choose a specific day to do my quilting once I can confirm the school schedule for Ashley. I will likely focus on my UFO list at first, but I also have a few new ideas for quilts.

My second resolution is to reconnect with the quilting community through Instagram. I admit that without a lot of finished projects to show off a couple of years ago, I got a little lax in posting anything.

Then Corona followed by the election had me avoiding all social media as much as possible. Then I realized that if I want to see more quilting projects in my own feed, I need to set that example myself.

So with any luck, between these two resolutions, I will be quilting more in 2021.

Pamela Abell –

Hi Quilters,

Jen L, will you please send this out to our guild and anyone else who might want this?

There is a free lovely hand quilting frame for anyone who wants it. It needs to be moved from the current house in the mountains. I could also be delivered in the mountains as a final resort.

MUST BE TAKEN BY THURSDAY, THE 12th !!

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