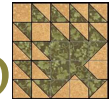




WILLOW WOODS QUILT GUILD



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President – Judy Green

Monday, June 29, 2020

Good grief, it's almost July, another month of Corona. It seems like people getting together is just spreading the virus faster.

I finished the first stage of sorting out my sewing room. It's obvious that I like shopping and buying just as much as I like quilting. Believe me, I have stuff. I find that I have UFOs that I had completely forgotten, so now, I'm in the game. I found 2 jelly rolls of 30's fabric and thought I should use it up. I've begun making an Irish Chain quilt. I'm a little out of practice, and not having a pattern doesn't help much. (The pattern will show up in stage 2 cleanup). The quilt is in progress, on the wall, and I think it's going to make a nice summer quilt.

Month at a Glance

Upcoming events for July and beyond:

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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 miss you all and can hardly wait to visit with everyone. Take care

and have a wonderful 4th of July.



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.

Secretary – Yolanda Douglas

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

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

Treasurer – Shelly Schliskey

Finances are great. I will be paying state sales tax soon.

Sherry Schliskey, Treasurer

Challenges – Jen Lanak

Time is up for our second quarterly challenge, **The Flying Geese Quilt Block Challenge!** But....it seems very few of us were working on one.

Here's the thing – we don't know when we will be able to meet next. So, the deadline for the Flying Geese Challenge is extended until our next meeting when we can show them off. Also, my plans to have a Brown Bag Challenge seem silly if we can't get together to exchange bags of FQs. So, I am putting that off a little while longer.

However, I wonder if now isn't the perfect time for a quilted postcard swap??? Are you interested in participating?

The postcard would need to be 4x6 inches, using any technique you like. If you want to actually mail the postcard without an envelope, it would need to be 1/8 inch or less in thickness (which I think is tough to achieve, but people do it!). Postcards can be put in envelopes and mailed. Yes, you would need to mail your postcard to your partner.

Risk – I am not an expert, but it seems like there would be very little risk of transmitting anything by sending a fabric postcard to a friend. From what I've read, because fabric absorbs, there is little likelihood that anything would release from the fibers. Plus, the item will be in the mail for a few days. If you all feel more comfortable asking your partners to wear a mask while creating your postcard, I can ask that they do so. The biggest risk is going to the post office to mail it, so wear a mask.

What do you think? It might be a nice way to connect with everyone until we are able to meet again.

If you are interested, please respond to me via email and I will put together a swap questionnaire and list and get it out by mid-July so there will be plenty of time to complete your postcards.

The UFO Challenge:

July's new number is #5.

My #5 is my second Fancy Forest quilt. Some of you might remember me making these fun little animal blocks at one of our retreats. At the time, I cut enough fabric to make 2 quilts. That cut fabric has been sitting in a bin for a few years now waiting to be pieced into little forest animals like these.



This was the first Fancy Forest quilt I did in 2016. I never got a proper finished photo as I stayed up all night to finish the binding on it the night before the Quilt Walk, and then the quilt sold, so I never brought it home. Fancy Forest 2 will be identical since I have all the fabrics cut, and hopefully will stick around long enough to at least get photographed.

As a reminder, June's number was #11. I did not finish mine, but I made a lot of progress. Here are the before and after shots.



How have you been doing on all your UFOs??

Share Section - What has everyone been doing?

Melanie Hermanson – I've been doing lots of long arm quilting. Finished 5 for Sherry Schlisky. Thanks to those who have sent me referrals!!



Just finished this darling Minnie Mouse quilt for Sue Jakus

Turn around time for quilting is a week or less so if you need something quilted, call Melanie 909 744-9007



Jeanne Folta –

I have been trying to keep busy. I struggle with the lack of human contact. (Husband doesn't count). I have made and given away over a hundred masks. I personally don't like stuff hanging from my ears and I don't like the rectangular masks. I designed a fitted mask and am using shoe laces as ties. Also, pipe cleaners work fine to fit them around the nose and cheek. (I know, I am fussy about my face and how things feel). I haven't donated to the hospital, the masks have gone to family, friends, meals on wheels drivers, forest service volunteers, people at the post office (both staff and customers), etc. I have run out and so I am working on another batch.

My sewing machine died. It took me 2 weeks to find another one I could buy. Happened to stop in at JoAnn's right after they got a shipment. Yeah!

Other than that, I have 3 quilt tops finished. All more or less the same. Was deciding what to do next and going through my fabric stash. Found out I had 8 different pine cone fabrics. Made quilt tops to donate. Haven't quilted them yet. The place I rent a machine at is not requiring masks. I will not be there until they do.

My family, who have never been terribly chatty, is swapping daily texts. The conversations range from the weather, to jokes to what we are doing that day. I sent them a list this last week of all the books I have read in the last few months and have shipped them out to whoever wanted them. I read a lot and usually donate to the library, but they are still closed.

I started the texting group because my mom is living alone in a place where none of us are close. This way we can make sure she is okay. Mom said she misses surprises in life so I sent her a box of gifts to open when she needed a surprise. I have another one just about ready.

Have built a dozen or so jigsaw puzzles and binge watched a lot of tv and movies.

Well, this got longer than I expected. Evidently I needed to talk. Thanks for listening.

Jeanne Folta

Oh yeah, I have put together materials and patterns for when the block of the month and charity quilt clubs can meet again.

Also, is someone still collecting pillowcases for children?

Kelli Agner –

I am officially off work until August 1st. This has given me a few minutes to finish up UFOs and Jen's Flying Geese Challenge. My OBW started with the guild group is finished. The monster is 92 X 110 (it will go on my queen-size Bed. I have finished a Bonnie Hunter mystery quilt started in December of 2018. I will attach a picture here of this quilt still up on the design wall. I miss everyone. We still get up to the mountain regularly and Alexa keeps telling me that I have up-coming guild meetings...you would think that I would have edited my calendar by now.

I wish everyone lovely sunshine days with lake breezes as you continue to create beautiful things.

Regards,
Kelli Agner



Yolanda Douglas -

Masks

I think that I am on the last of my masks for a while. I have about a half dozen left to finish and then off to Mountains Community Hospital. Got an e-mail yesterday, they need more fabric masks if you have the time to make them.

AND, although I rarely go out (every 7-10 days to pick up mail) or when someone drops something off for me, I seldom have a mask on for any significant amount of time. However, I now have “maskne” (aka mask acne), bumps, redness, and roughness on my face.

Does anyone have any tips on how to restore my youthful Beauty?

THANK YOU CAKE

I made a Thank You mini-quilt for a friend as an appreciation gift. She is a terrific cook. She often makes extra soup or cabbage rolls or galette . . . to bring me for a meal. She is a wonderful baker and recently baked and decorated a Paris themed cake for a birthday celebration for mutual friends. Her quilt is a pretty cake on a stand. I am so thankful for such wonderful friends and neighbors.



WASH YOUR HANDS

I recently saw a quilt that will become one of my mementoes for these times. It warns of the importance of washing hand to help stay healthy. The free pattern by Dawn Cavanaugh (Rockin' Bobbin Quilting) has appliqued letters, faucet, water droplets, and lots of hands doing their 20 seconds of soap and hot water. It was fun and I realized how therapeutic my sewing has become when I woke the morning following its completion and was lost because I did not have another project lined up.

I quilted the background in columns using the serpentine stitch on my domestic (as I saw Alex Anderson do in one of her online tutorials) and I really like the way it turned out. Then I saw another quilt artist show how she used the fancy stitches on her machine to “make” new unique background fabric for her small applique quilts. As she pointed out, “you paid for those fancy stitches so you might as well use them”. I think that I will spend some time before the next newsletter doing just that.



I know that I have said it before, but I miss you all. Stay safe (wash your hands) and don't go back out before the time is right.

Lake Arrow'hood Condos



Finished a few more happy houses for my Covid-Quarantine Happy House project. We are still a small neighborhood!

Yolanda Douglas

Nicki Gold –

Thank you very much for the newsletter and all those pictures. I very much miss our meetings, and the exchange of news, quilting tips and just seeing your faces. The quilt show in the newsletter is a reminder of the talent less than 100 miles from home!

We are doing a few things to the Arrowhead house to make it more handicap friendly. Then, hopefully, we will have a trial run up to our piece of heaven! Boy, do I miss it, and all of you.

Glad to learn Pat Montgomery's surgery went well; and Susan Wade is back in action.

Get well, be well, bless you all.

Nicki Gold

Jen Lanak –

What have I been doing? Oh yes, I made a bunch of progress on my Technicolor Galaxy quilt (up in the Challenges section).

I also started on a Circle of Geese mini for the Flying Geese Challenge. I am nearly done, just a little more quilting to complete.



I have been busy in the garden. My tomatoes are about to explode. The June gloom has delayed their ripening, I think. It seems like I've been staring at loads of green tomatoes for months. I have big plans to make some fresh tomato basil soup and try to can it. I always crave it in the middle of winter, but the tomatoes just don't taste the same out of season.

We are also about to have a bunch of plums to harvest. I think Lizzy and I will make some more jam/fruit butter from them. I might also experiment with some Asian Plum sauce. I'll have to see how many plums we actually get. The birds and animals know where my garden is and have been sampling the goods.

We've also had some Bee drama. I was just telling Judy all about it and she encouraged me to share the news here too. We've had our first hive for a little over a year, and it takes about that long for the bees to establish themselves and produce enough excess honey that it is safe to harvest some – they have to have enough to feed themselves through the leaner winter months, we can't take it all. Anyhow, my husband was all excited this spring because Hive 1 was doing well and had one box full of honey and had started working on the second box (that would be ours). But upon a later inspection of the hive, he determined that something had happened to our queen in that hive. The bees have the ability to make another queen, but they need eggs to do so and there were very few eggs in the hive, so we borrowed some from Hive 2 that we just installed this Easter, and hoped for the best. I am happy to report that Hive 1 did make a queen and is busy reestablishing themselves. If they hurry up, there is still a chance that we may get some honey at the end of summer. All of this queen bee drama happened over the course of about 2 months, but I'd estimate that it set the hive back well over 6 months.

Hive #2 is doing very well. Even though we stole a frame with some eggs in it, their numbers are growing much faster than Hive 1 during their establishing year. I doubt they will do so well that we will have honey this year, but who knows?

OH! And how could I forget our biggest news??? So this happened:



No need to count the boxes, there are 16!!! Yes, I am wondering what we were thinking, especially since I thought I only wanted 6-8.

These little cuties arrived mid-June and have already grown so much. We even took our first field trips outside this week. It was very exciting!



Next time you see me, I guess you can call me Farmer Jen.

Jen