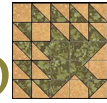




WILLOW WOODS QUILT GUILD



Newsletter March 2020



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President – Judy Green

Dear Quilting Friends,

On February 16, Willow Woods Quilt Guild lost our beloved member and friend, Edith Miller. Edith was a talented, inspirational, generous, and much-loved member of our Guild. We recently lost another loved member and friend who possessed those qualities, Marty McFarland.

In times like these it becomes clear to me how important we are to one another. As we gather at our next meeting, I ask you to look around the room at all those who care about you and want to be here with you to enjoy our friendships and quilting together.

This month, we are beginning our Club meetings. Two Clubs, the One Block Wonder and the Art Club will meet following our regular meeting. On the 4th Saturday, the Block of the Month Club and the Charity Club will meet at the Elks Lodge.

Our February Show and Share was “the best” and also great fun! We all shared some terrific ideas and gadgets as well as our beautiful projects. I think we all learned a lot! Along with all of your great “shareables”, be sure to bring those UFOs in progress. I’m bringing mine!

Some great news! The International Quilt Festival is returning to Long Beach in July. Another must for our calendars.

Month at a Glance

Upcoming events for March and beyond:

- Saturday, March 14th – our next general meeting
- OBW Club – to meet after the general meeting on the 14th
- Art Quilt Club – to meet after the general meeting on the 14th

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'm looking forward to our newly structured Guild, and realizing their fragility, I plan to cherish and hold dear those times we are together.

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.

Co-Vice President – Jennifer Lanak

Future Field Trip to M&L Fabrics in Anaheim – I'm looking at Saturday, April 25th. We can discuss at the meeting.

Also, The International Quilt Festival is returning to Long Beach on July 9-11th. The question is – do we want to carpool and go for a day together? <http://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival-long-beach.html>

Secretary – Yolanda Douglas

WILLOW WOODS QUILT GUILD MINUTES
February 8, 2020

President Judy Green called the meeting to order at 10:05

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Welcome to members and visitor Olivia Lanak.

Birthdays: Kim Everhart February 12

SECRETARY:

January 2020 minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

TREASURER:

Sherry Schliskey reported that there is \$5,998.95 in our bank account.

Sherry has had difficulty filing financial reports with the State as she has experienced password problems. A statement of information must be filed with the Secretary of State by April 30. Sherry learned that our application for raffle permit has been rejected because a report was not filed for 2015. Sherry will call the Department of Justice to explain that there are no Board members remaining in the Guild from that period so we do not know why reports not filed. She will see what the Guild can do to start with a "clean slate" so that we can obtain Raffle permit. Report to be filed as presented.

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:

VICE PRESIDENTS:

Jeanne Folta (Clubs) requested that clubs tell her days and times for meetings. She is still working on finalizing 2020 activities schedule.

Jennifer Lanak (Challenges/Newsletter) requested that members having problems opening or not receiving the Newsletter to please let her know.

Jen described the "What's In A Name" challenge. It is based on your initials. The first initial will be a color. The second will be the name of the pattern or block. The third will be the quilting motif. For those choosing to participate in this Challenge, the reveal will take place at the April meeting. There are no size limitations.

The field trip to M&L Fabrics will tentatively take place in April, after Easter. Carpools will be coordinated by e-mail.

Bargello will be a class, not a club.

Challenges are ongoing activities, not a club.

The Elks Lodge is available on the second and fourth Saturdays beginning in March from 10 AM for meetings, classes, sew days, etc.

MEMBERSHIP: 2020 Membership Dues are \$30. Please give to Sherry S in Kim Everhart's absence.

BUSINESS: Lorraine Patterson, Retreat Information, Fire Dept. re Comfort Quilts

Lorraine reported that April 18 is SCCQG's Meet The Teacher event. Judy will forward SCCQG e-mails to Jen for possible inclusion in the newsletter.

Lorraine talked to Kelly Kunsek (Camp Paivika) and told her that the Guild would not be holding the Quilt Walk and Auction in 2020. They discussed the possibility of our giving her quilts to help in her fundraising events. Lorraine will take several quilts to Kelly to see if she wants to use them.

They also discussed possible retreat formats. If there is interest in the Guild for having a Retreat this year, Kelly will see what she can work out.

Lorraine has not received return calls from the Fire Department re their interest in receiving Comfort Quilts.

Judy and Sherry S. have "inventoried" the contents of our storage unit (fabric, auction supplies, some tools, books). There is quite a bit of unused space available now and it was decided that we would see if Dogwood has interest in sharing the space and the cost. Sherry brought fabric and other items that can be used for comfort quilts, challenges, etc.

Melanie Hermanson announced that she would charge ½ price to members for their first quilt sent to her for quilting on her longarm.

SHOW & SHARE: some were:

Pam Abell showed her use of a chip clip to secure a needle safely to a binding when it is not in use. No more lost needles or pesky pricked fingers.

Sherry S showed quilts that could be available for sale in the future, logistics to be determined.

Melanie showed a quilt and demonstrated her use of chenille strips in making it.

Jen showed a paper foundation pieced block that she designed for an Australian Instagram Challenge.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Yolanda Douglas has not talked to Bob Gladwell, Rotary Art & Wine chair re our 2020 participation. While we will not be able to sell quilts, if we can have an Opportunity Quilt and secure a Raffle permit, we can probably sell tickets as in the past. Jen described Quilts on the Wall, textile artists whose mission is to get art quilts displayed publicly. We should be able to display our quilts to publicize our art.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS: Melanie Hermanson

Melanie requested that if members have cards that she might use for Sunshine & Shadows that we give them to her.

HOSPITALITY: Judy thanked Nancy Novak, Lorraine Patterson, and Jen Lanak for providing refreshments for the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED 12:08, February 8, 2020

Treasurer – Shelly Schliskey

Account is balanced and WWQG remains financially solvent.

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 Judy Green and Cheryl Wood.

Challenges – Jen Lanak

Remember, we decided 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.

The two challenges we currently have going are:

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.

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: March's number is #7!

For me that would be my Pink Swoon Quilt. Here is the current status of that one:



See that folded up mess on the couch? It's literally been there for at least two years. The cat likes to sleep on it. Before that, I had it folded up in a drawer. I completed all the stitching in the ditch on it but

put it aside to try to figure out what other quilting designs I wanted on it. When I got my longarm, it came out of the drawer but only made it as far as the couch before languishing. I hope this month to at least decide what motif I want on it. If I get as far as marking it, even better. I might even put it on the longarm just to force the issue. If it takes up that space, I am more likely to just bite the bullet and get it done.

(For anyone wondering – that’s my UFO #12 to the left. It has only been on the couch for a year.)

Clubs

Our Club meetings are beginning this month.

Saturday, March 14, following our meeting at the Elks Lodge.

The Art Club – Jen Lanak

Like last month, if you would like to stay after the meeting and work on something art-quilty, please do so. We do not have anything specific planned for March.

The One Block Wonder Club - Judy Green

Beginners are welcome, and members will help you get started. Here’s what you’ll need for your finished quilt top:

**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.*

Saturday, March 28, at the Elks Lodge from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Block of the Month Club and The Comfort Quilt Club

You will learn all about these Clubs, and supplies needed at our regular meeting on the 14th of March.

Some Pics from our last meeting –



Random – Jen Lanak

I also have a finish to share. I would bring it to the meeting, but I need to mail it off to my swap partner today.



I finished this mini with the Gouldian Finches for the Quilters for Koalas swap on Instagram, benefiting wildlife affected by the recent fires. I really hope my partner likes them, because they were a ~~B***CH~~ difficult to create the patten/piece/quilt/etc. They are rather cute though, if I do say so myself.