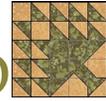
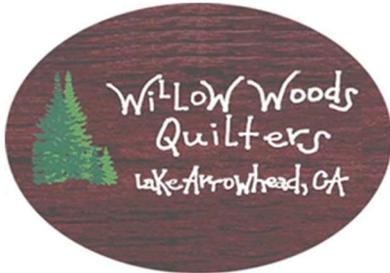


WILLOW WOODS QUILT GUILD



Newsletter March 2021



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Month at a Glance

Upcoming events for March and beyond:

- Saturday, March 13th – special ZOOM meeting from 10:30 to noon (see special announcement section for more details.)

President – Judy Green

Monday, March 1, 2021

My Dear Quilting Friends,

I thought so much about each of you in my last letter, and of course, I left out someone, dear Susan Wade, always with something positive to say, always with a smile, and you can actually hear Susan's love in her voice.

Our Zoom meeting last month was so great and we can thank Trisha Skalnik. She was so clever to put it together for us, and after a phone call and a lesson, I was able to join in. It was so nice to see your beautiful faces and hear all the interesting things you had to say. I had a great feeling for days, just seeing you all and I highly recommend that you join in next time. One of the things that stuck with me was that you had all organized your fabric. I thought a lot about it and I even did a "phone a friend" to see how she organized. The answer was, by project...yeah gads. I had just tried to do a project and could not find all that would be needed for it.

The next morning, I was excited to begin organizing my fabric by color. I pulled out several boxes of fabric and went down and cleaned the kitchen. Not the first time I have tried to start this and failed! I challenged myself to get started the next morning, and after a long look at the boxes, I began organizing my linen closet. I may have Fabric Fear, but soon, very soon.

The highlight of this month was dinner with the grandkids and meeting my newest great granddaughters, Grace and Evelyn. We had such a great visit.



Also, Richard and I had our first Corona virus shot...the second one comes on March 11, shortly before we have our taxes done. Let the good times roll. lol

Hope to see you on Zoom!

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.

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

There is no report at this time.

Special Announcement – Patricia Skalnik

Guild Zoom Meeting March 13th!

Happy almost spring! The weather has been so beautiful. I am looking forward to the Daffodils popping up soon! It is definitely one of my favorite things about the mountain.

It was so good to see those of you who could make our first guild “Zoom” meeting last month. Sorry if we missed you. We are going to have our next guild meeting via Zoom again, scheduled for Saturday, March 13th from 10:30-noon. Look for the invitation from my “pskalnik@apu.edu” email address...

To join, click on the “Zoom” link. It is much easier to join on a computer than a phone. However, if you are limited, please join as you can.

Have a wonderful week. Happy quilting!

--Trisha

Challenges – Jen Lanak

The UFO Challenge:

There is always time to join the APQ UFO Challenge for 2021. 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).

March's # is 11. I feel like I've been dealt a bit of a break on my list. My #11 is a mini quilt that I stopped working on, geez at least five years ago. It is completely pieced, sandwiched and I even finished the SID on it. I just need to do the fancy quilting. I think I stopped working on it because my domestic machine, which I usually quilt my minis on, started acting up whenever I tried to FMQ. So, I set it aside until I could figure out what the problem was and alas, it has been sitting there for years. Since I recently got my machine serviced and they did find a problem with the feed dogs and fixed it; I am hopeful that I can test out the repairs by FMQ this mini. Of course, the real trick is finding time to do so. My February UFO, my Land of Lincoln quilt, never even made it out of its box. Ugh!

Share Section - What has everyone been doing?

Yolanda Douglas -

What I Did in February 2021

Not much, but HEY it's a short month!

UFO Challenge – This month I finished 14 blocks for my Dear Jane quilt (begun in 2006) so now have a total 20 blocks.



(The original pattern calls for lots of blocks with a total of 5,602 pieces. Not a gonna happen. Some of the little 5-inch blocks have taken me a good part of the day to complete. I will choose the blocks I like best and will call my quilt Dear Little Baby Jane.) **CHECK**

Hexie SewAlong – This month's themes were Wind, Love, Lines and Date. I am almost caught up with preparing the hexies and loving the search for fabrics that fit. **CHECK**

I got to see some friendly Quilters' faces on the WWQG Zoom "meeting". What a nice time.

Can't wait for March Zoom on Saturday, March 13.

Thanks Trisha for making this happen. **CHECK**

I ordered and received (finally) 10 yards of extra wide backing fabric. (They were delivered to my old home address. I hope that someone is enjoying them as they had not been returned at the time I learned

the mistake.) Now I have to put all that fabric to good use, i.e. completing all those UFOs that I have.

CHECK

I drove down the mountain last week for the first time since the beginning of March 2020 and received my first Covid Vaccine. I got a glimpse of my sweet husband although we could not visit.

Injection painless. No sore arm. No headache. Piece-of-cake.

CHECK CHECK

Please, get your shots and be safe so that we can be together again soon.

Yolanda Douglas

Jeanne Folta –

Hi everyone, if you didn't join us for the last zoom meeting, please consider joining the next one. It was wonderful to see the people who joined us. The meeting motivated me to start working on quilts again. As you may or may not know, Heidi's has closed so I didn't have anywhere to quilt. I found out that CherryBerry quilt shop in Calimesa is now renting a long arm machine on a 12 foot frame in a Covid safe room. Private room with it's own bathroom. 909-795-9090 if you are interested. I put borders on 3 quilt tops and extended the last round robin top to fit my bed. I will be quilting soon.

As discussed during the meeting, I have been reading a lot. I am from the suburbs of Chicago and many people have asked me about the 1968 civil rights marches and the democratic convention. I have explained that I was a completely oblivious 10 year old at the time and don't remember anything about it. I recently finished the book "Playing With Fire" by Lawrence O'Donnell which explains how our politics have changed because of the 1968 election. For those of you who know who he is, this is equally critical of both parties. If anyone wants to read it, let me know and I will hang on to it until we can meet in person.

With vaccinations happening, I am hopeful that I will be able to see people in person soon.

Hang in there,

Jeanne Folta

Jen Lanak –

Admittedly, I have made no progress on any of my UFOs for the year; however!! I have found a little time between gardening and running the kids around to start two NEW projects! I joined two swaps last month and have primarily been focusing on the Book Nerd Swap because its deadline is up first. I found both swaps through Instagram. I was consistently looking through my feed to see when the Star Wars mini swap opened up, when I got the bad news that the host decided not to do one this year. I had so much fun last year and happen to love Star Wars. So, there I was sad that I wouldn't have the same

opportunity when I saw the Book Nerd craft swap. As I have long desired to put some of my favorite scenes from books into quilt form, I thought this was a great opportunity and signed right up! Boy did I get lucky with my partner too! While I had never heard of a few of her favorite authors, it turns out that one of her favorite books was *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis. She mentioned a specific scene that I couldn't remember for the life of me since I read that book ages ago. So, I reread it and decided it was indeed worthy of attempting a quilt. The quilt I am attempting is a bit ambitious for me. Say some prayers that it turns out ok.

Then! As it turned out, I was not the only one disappointed that the Star Wars swap wasn't happening and a new host came forward to offer the May the 4th mini quilt swap. I had to have been one of the first signed up I was so excited. This swap offers me a new challenge as well, since my partner's favorite character is one I've never heard of before. How is that possible, you ask? Well, Disney has a bunch of animated series that I have missed over the years. While I have not missed any of the films, I wasn't watching Saturday morning Star Wars cartoons. So it appears, that I will need to at least watch an episode or two to figure out who this character is and come up with something for my partner – who, by the way is a man! Gasp! In looking through his Instagram feed, it seems like he and I have a lot in common. I'm really looking forward to creating something special for him. Perhaps we will even strike up a friendship afterward.