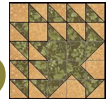




WILLOW WOODS QUILT GUILD



Newsletter November 2020



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President – Judy Green

Saturday, October 31, 2020

Hi Willow Woods Friends,

Time for another Newsletter already? Time really flies when you're doing nothing much. It is suddenly fall and the trees are already losing leaves. They're as beautiful as ever. Really looking forward to cleanup and getting ready for winter. Ha!



I went to a lovely baby shower for my granddaughter's twin girls. The decorations were really beautiful and the theme was BoHo

Month at a Glance

Upcoming events for
November 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)

Chic. Know what that is? Well, thanks to the internet, I found out that it is a fashion trend drawing on various bohemian and hippie influences. Who knew? One of my gifts to her was a good sized, white macrame dream catcher with streamers of lace and white feathers. You get the idea. I was surprised when looking for bedding, clothing, etc., just how many feathered patterns are out there. Guess history keeps repeating itself and we're back for another round. (Now where did I put those stirrup pants?)



Another of my shower gifts was baby quilts (of course). A few years back, I made "girl" baby quilts. I never make duplicates, but for some magical, mystical reason I made 2 identical quilts for, hoped for, little girls. After making the heartfelt labels, whoopee, two quilts done.



As for my Covid quilt. The top is finally completed, however, there is a problem with the backing (of course). There isn't quite enough of the white, that's on the front, to complete the backing. So I'm dragging out every last bit of 30's fabric left from the front and I am making a wide strip to go down the backing. I keep sewing and hoping it fills in where the white fabric wouldn't stretch.



To buy candy, or not to buy candy. That is the question. Each un-Corona Virus year, there are 500+ Trick or Treaters, on average, at my door. There's no telling what this year will bring. I intend to buy lots of candy again and keep the receipts just in case Staters might take some bags of candy back. Fingers crossed.

I hope all of you are well and keeping busier than I am. Can hardly wait until we meet again...and we will.

Awaiting hugs from all of you,

Love you so much,
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.

Treasurer – Shelly Schliskey

Treasurers report: Bank account is balanced

Sherry Schliskey, Treasurer

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

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Challenges – Jen Lanak

The UFO Challenge:

November's new number is #3. My #3 is a completed top, which if I had any motivation to quilt at the moment would be a welcome bit of luck. Unfortunately, I am in a quilting slump. Perhaps reading about all your lovely projects in this newsletter will inspire me to get back to it.

How have you been doing on all your UFOs??

Share Section - What has everyone been doing?

Kelli Agner -

https://quiltville.blogspot.com/2020/10/grassy-creek-quiltville-mystery.html?m=1&fbclid=IwAR1xbFyVdKq3dfjqVqXZjGmWmK_cwBOUZjhQDK62lVVjpJ1SdB81C02HRPI

Sending to all as some might be interested in a mystery quilt. Colors are posted. Clues come in a month.

Miss you all!

Kelli

Pamela Abell -

Hello lovely quilters!

When I got back into quilting after my husband died, I realized that the field had moved light years ahead from my college days of cardboard templates and blisters from cutting with scissors.

There were also wonderful quilting videos on YouTube and Amazon had many used quilting books. Before investing in any quilting supplies, I wanted to figure out what kind of quilter I was. The list includes what I am drawn to and enjoy:

- Scrap quilts
- Geometry and mostly symmetrical
- Daily quilts not show quilts – lovely to look at and inspiring
- The look of (mostly) precision piecing

- Beautiful color harmonies
- A frugal hobby ('frugal' comes from the Latin root that means 'to savor, enjoy as in fruit')
- Limited sewing time because I am still working
- I will only cut/ sew in ¼ inch or more increments, no 1/8 or 1/16 of any kind!

From the YouTube videos, I saw 2 categories of quilting rulers – (1) those that cut to one exact size and you had to be an exact sewer to make the pieces fit and (2) those that cut a ¼ inch bigger and then you sew/trim down to exact size (this is me because I want to sew in the middle of the night if I cannot sleep or guarantee the quality of my ¼ “ seam).

I came across Deb Tucker's quilting videos and for the first time, the cutting-sewing-piecing process made sense, even for patterns I had never tried before. The quilt behind her shows what she is teaching, the camera angle is from above, she has step-by-step samples, and explains how to do it well and avoid possible pitfalls.

She has taught quilting for 40 years and has designed her own rulers, which cut multiple sizes so I can make the blocks any size I need. This works great for scraps because they predetermine how much of any fabric I have to work with.

Then I really liked the Creative Grids rulers too. I decided to only use those brands of rulers. It has been one of the best quilting decisions I made.

I remember during my second quilt guild meeting, I asked several quilters if they had ever made star blocks. They said NO, and one lady told me that they were really hard and she would not even try them. I went home and found one of my Tucker rulers that makes Flying Geese so the second quilt I made was all 8” blocks with FG star points. Victory!

That is where the rubber met the road for me as a quilter. I followed Deb Tucker's instructions and the blocks came out great. I have found that my piecing has improved dramatically, I can design around the scraps I have and make pretty and useful quilts.

In conclusion, I am so grateful and appreciative of all you for what you share, show, teach and celebrate. This guild has been a blessing in my life because of all of you. I am proud to be in this guild and ever had tears in my eyes when I watched a Coast Guard Alaska video where they evacuated a sick infant. At the air station, they had a shelf of comfort quilts to give that baby, made by women who look just like us!

Kind regards,

Pamela

Yolanda Douglas -

PLEASE, everyone give a **SHOUT OUT** to **Jen** for keeping us **connected** this year.

Party Pantry

I have been working on my friend's pantry quilt, mentioned in October newsletter. It has been fun coming up with new ideas and considering what I should, or should not, include . . . maybe (or maybe not) a mouse with a cupcake. (Any opinion on that?)



In addition to the picture of bottles and jars, there will be a vase of flowers, a take-out box, and a picnic basket. Items that you might find on kitchen or pantry shelves.

Suggestions?

Hexie Flower SewAlong

I am really enjoying this activity. Since I last shared, the themes of this sew along have been Transportation, Curves, Sound, and, my very favorite so far - Halloween. I thought that it would be coming along but was pretty happy with what I found in my stash. I am waiting to see what theme is planned for WEEK 12. Only 38 more weeks to go. But I am looking forward. I GET A LITTLE IMPATIENT when she has not given the new theme by 7AM on Sunday mornings.



LATE BREAKING NEWS: She has still not posted.

Mystery Block Paper Panache

“Over the River and Through the Woods, “ is the clue for this Paper Panache Mystery Block (PP MB) that I am working on. I am seeing Christmas trees. It is paper-pieced, thus the paper part of what you see in the photo of part of the block. I think that this may be the fifth of PP MBs that I have done.



American Patchwork and Quilting UFO Challenge

I signed on for the AQS UFO Challenge suggested by Jen early in the year. It has inspired me and I have finished some UFO projects.

I think in the last newsletter I mentioned that I have been better at starting new projects than finishing old ones. I will blame part of it on distancing and not being able to shop for backing. True.

I just found November's UFO assignment and I will AT LEAST finish the assembly of this quilt top. I promise.

This UFO has special meaning. Before I moved to Lake Arrowhead in August 2003, I enrolled in a class with Jan Krentz, a wonderful quilter and SUPER teacher. Keith and I returned to Los Angeles two weekends in a row so that I could take the class. Jan and I have kept in (infrequent) touch re my (non) progress. My November UFO is Jan K's quilt and I will get the top put together.

Also, many years ago, I was with a group of WWQG women, organized by our late member Leann Benedict, to make a Dear Jane quilt. I have some blocks done, some blocks organized, and I will be working on that for December. Mine are not going to be either traditional nor Reproduction fabrics (surprise!) but I will work on it.

I miss you all so much, I know, my recurring theme, and I hope that if you read my stuff and have ideas or suggestions, that you will e-mail me.

I hope that you and those you love are all doing well.

XOXO and Happy Holiday Beginnings,

Yolanda

Sherry Schliskey –

This past month has been a busy one for my husband and me. We sold our house in Lake Arrowhead and bought a new one.....in Sparks, Nevada! The altitude in Sparks is about 4500 feet so it's a whole different dessert than what you find in Las Vegas. There are plenty of lakes and rivers. The weather there is similar to Lake Arrowhead. Cold winters with some snow but not much and warm temperatures in summer with a few days of really hot weather. The terrain is mostly flat which is a blessing for my crumbling knee joint. I can take myself and my dogs out for a walk. There are restaurants, shopping malls, more than 2 grocery stores, casinos, fabric shops, and 2 quilt guilds. And best of all, I can drive to my daughter's house in Chico, a beautiful three to 4-hour drive through the Sierras. No more airports and no more airplanes!

Mixed feelings always come with such a transition. I will miss the guild and all of you! I have so enjoyed my time with all of you and wish you the best. I have such good memories to take with me. Of course, this means the guild needs a new treasurer. There isn't that much to do: our only monthly bills are the post office and storage space. I will give Judy all records and the bank book. So, take care and keep on quilting.

Love you all, Sherry

Cheryl Gallagher –

Hello Everyone!

I just returned from Montana last Thursday. I had a seasonal job working at Yellowstone National Park. I was great being able to live in work in such a beautiful place!

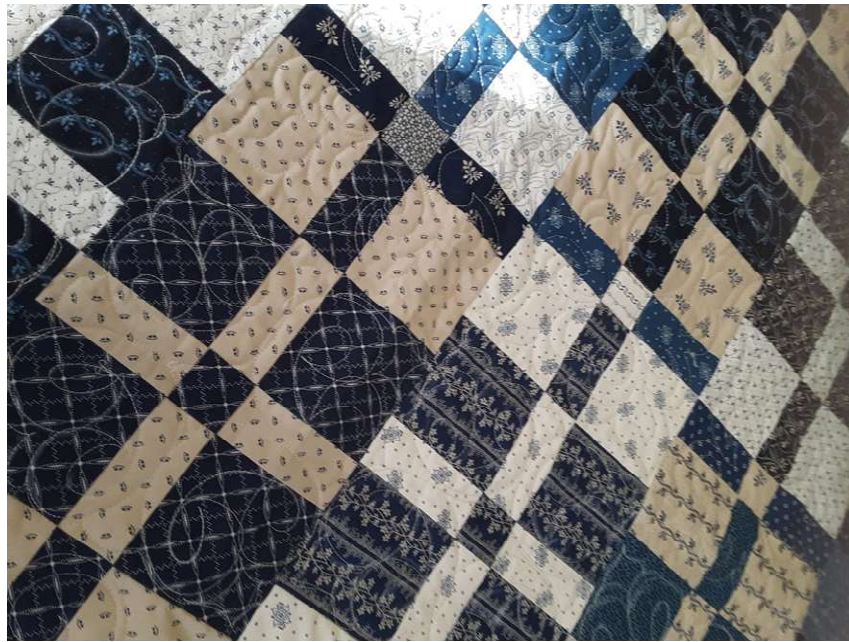


Of course, I had to bring a quilting project with me! I decided it was time for another applique project so I have been making interlacing borders for this scrappy quilt. I sure hope we can have regular meetings soon. I miss all of you!

Cheryl Gallagher

Melanie Hermanson –

Nancy Novak made this quilt in shades of blue. Quilted by Melanie Hermanson



Brenda Shingleton made a batik quilt. The variegated thread is called "Magic Carpet". It is really stunning on the black border.

