

# Willow Woods Quilt Guild

## Newsletter April 2025

Meets the Second Saturday of each  
month at Elks Lodge  
26584 Highway 18,  
Rim Forest, CA

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### Month at a Glance

Upcoming Events for April and  
Beyond:

- The next meeting will be Saturday, April 12th at 10:30

Special items to bring to the next  
meeting:

- Show & Tell items! What have you been working on?
- Your 2025 Dues \$40
- Something to work on if you are staying for Sit and Sew



## President - Pat Duebbers

Hello Quilters!

Welcome to Spring! I was up in the mountains last week, and the daffodils were looking beautiful. Those last two snowfalls didn't cause too much damage to them. Fingers crossed that we do not get another storm in the next two weeks, and we can have our meeting on the 12th.

Trisha threw out another UFO challenge, when we cancelled the March meeting. Bring a completed UFO project to the April meeting, and your name will be entered into a drawing for a prize at the meeting. Jen said we should send her our list of UFO projects for the year, like we did last year. Once you complete a project, send her a note/picture. She will keep track of our progress.

Darrell and Sylvia will present the program for April.. They will go over sewing machine maintenance. I am looking forward to this. It is kinda embarrassing when I finally get to cleaning out the dust that has collected around my bobbins.

At the May meeting, I will demonstrate three ways to make the "Around the World" quilt. Trisha and Julie will present in June and July. We are still in need of an August presenter.

The Guild Handbooks will be ready and handed out at the meeting. I have had phone calls from three people interested in joining our guild. They plan to attend the April meeting and see what we're about.

Bring your machines and projects to work on after the regular meeting. This is your time to sew and socialize.

Happy Quilting!

Pat Duebbers

## Secretary - Trisha Skalnik

No minutes as the meeting was cancelled.

## Challenges - Jen Lanak

### **UFO Challenge**

As requested, we will be having another UFO challenge for the year. So please send me your UFO list via email. As a reminder, your list is totally up to you. You can put as many or as few as you like. Whenever you complete a UFO on your list, you will be entered into a drawing for a prize at the end of the year. Good luck!





# What Have You Been Up To?

## Pat Duebbers

I signed up for a Tula Pink 9 month Quilt Project from the Fat Quarter Shop. Every month I receive a packet of fabric to be used in blocks. All the blocks are paper pieced. This past month was sixteen 6 1/2" blocks. Below is a picture of the blocks just made. I am loving the colors, but I am sure looking forward to this project finishing in June. There is a bit of self imposed pressure to not get behind.

The other activity taking up a lot of my time is the garden. I watch gardening shows from England, on YouTube. My goal is to have an English garden, but am frequently reminded that we don't live in England and do not have the same amount of rainfall that they get. Also, it can take years to get flowers beds established with the "right plant in the right place." That week of warm weather sure got things growing though.

Pat D.



# Pamela Abell

Hello lovely quilting sisters,

I finally started to sew a little this weekend and it was fun. I set several goals for myself:

- Use scraps only
- Make a small project, table runner for my sister
- Practice good sewing skills to refresh my dormant ones
- Use a block pattern that I haven't used very often

First, I sorted through my strip scrap bins to find just the right color for a table runner for my older sister who loves fern green, tobacco brown, and other earth colors.

Amazing how much fun fabric I found, enough to last a lifetime. I had initially planned to use a simple block pattern with squares, etc. just to get back into the swing of sewing again.

Having found several strips, I researched what pattern could work with varying lengths of 2" strips.... not much because there wasn't really enough of any color or pattern to make coordinated, simple blocks with.

OK, but I could cut 2" parallelograms out of the scraps and make Lemoyne Star blocks, not exactly relaxing but I forged ahead. I settled on 6" finished 8-point stars and cut them all in one day. I and found some pale background fabric for the star surrounds, cut enough for 8 blocks and started to sew on those yesterday.

A dose of caution advised me to stop and make 2 practice blocks to see how accurately I could sew the star points together and, after making the first block, I realized I had to up my skill level to get crisp points and a flat 8-star center. I did much better on the second practice block and will bring them both so we can all have a good laugh at our next meeting.

Each block uses 24 bias cut pieces so that is just under 200 to sew together for 8 Lemoyne Star blocks. I am back in the sewing saddle now.

I have missed everyone so it will be great to see you all at the meeting,

Pamela

