

Willow Woods Quilt Guild

Newsletter September 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 September-
and Beyond:

- The next meeting will be Saturday, September 13th at 10:30
- Friday, September 19th - quilt drop off
- Saturday, September 20th - Quilt Walk

Special items to bring to the next meeting:

- Show & Tell items! What have you been working on?
- Any UFOs you have completed
- Small Quilt Challenge Items
- Auction Quilts
- Completed forms for the show
- Your 2025 Dues \$40
- Something to work on if you are staying for Sit and Sew



President - Pat Duebbers

Hello Everyone,

Quilt Show! Quilt Show! Quilt Show!

Our September meeting will focus on final preparations for the quilt show.

Please bring to the meeting your "Small Quilt Challenge" project. Also, bring any quilts you are donating to the auction. If you were one of the guild members who took home tubs or duffle bags of auction quilts from last year, we need them at the meeting. Please call me if you can not attend and we'll make arrangements to meet before the meeting.

We will be determining the order of quilts in the auction. We will also have to decide which quilts we will offer for sale before the auction and come up with a price.

I will have the papers that need to be filled out for the quilts we will display at the quilt walk. Feel free to take home the number of forms you need. It will speed up the quilt check-in process on Friday, September 19, if forms are already filled out. Extra forms will be available on the 19th.

We also need to look at the volunteer sign-up form and make sure we have enough volunteers to cover all important areas. Camp Paivika is providing three volunteers. Yeah.

During the meeting we will have time to take a break and socialize. Tonee is signed up to bring snacks. Also, I think we can squeeze in Show and Share.

I really enjoyed seeing Nancy's "Quilt Journey" last month. Nancy shared some beautiful quilts. I didn't realize JoAnn's had really great quilt kits/projects. I do remember seeing packets on display, but never took advantage of them. My loss. Our next member to share their "Quilt Journey" will be Tonee, in October. We will skip this month.

Thank you Trisha for the program on the "Owl Softies." It is a cute and useful item to add to the sewing room. Please bring your finished Owl to the meeting. Trisha will have a drawing for the guild member's favorite.

Finally, we will have two more lap quilts to auction from the "Around the World" blocks turned in. The blocks ended up with two distinct color ways. One was darker, earth tones and the other was 30's, pastel colors.

See you on the 13th.

Happy Quilting!
Pat Duebbers

Secretary - Trisha Skalnik

WWQG Meeting Minutes
8/9/25

President Pat called the meeting to order at 10:32. Eleven members were present.

Secretaries Minutes from last month approved by Pamela A. and seconded by Julie D.

Treasurer's Report shared. Insurance secured and the state documents filed in July.

Challenge Quilts- Send your UFO list to Jen for the drawing at the end of the year. New small quilt challenge 12" x 12" min., 18" x 18" maximum for show at the quilt walk. Does not have to be square.

Quilt Walk "Wondrous Wildlife" update. Flyers available. Bring all quilts to the September meeting. Small quilts and auction quilts due also at the September meeting. We have a new room to drop off the display quilts on Friday, September 19th . Forms are available for display quilts.

Please sign in on the volunteer sheet.

Nancy Novak celebrated for the "Members quilting journey". Skipping September. Tonee will be October's member sharing, Kelli in November.

Congratulations and thank you to Julie for her retirement and for the snacks. Tonee is scheduled to bring snacks next month.

Show & Share - see pictures

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Trisha handed out directions and some supplies for the Owl Softies. Thank you, Tonee, for the magazine pattern. There is a prize for the cutest and best quality Owls in September. Looking forward to seeing your helper Owlies!

Respectfully submitted, Trisha Skalnik



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. I have not received many lists so far. So don't delay if you are considering participating. 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!

Small Quilt Challenge

Our new challenge is to create a small quilt. The only requirements are that it is at least 12" x 12" and no larger than 18"x18." These small quilts will be displayed together in one area of the quilt walk. Below are some pictures of small quilts on display at the Virginia Quilt Museum. Small quilts can make a huge statement and provide a nice contrast to the larger quilts we will have on display.

Book Club - Trisha Skalnik

Mini book club- Some quilting members have expressed interest in a mini-book club. The World's Fair Quilt by Jennifer Chiaverini (2025) will begin in November (after the quilt show). A few minutes after each meeting, we will discuss characters, storyline comments, author messages, general opinions or any additional issues regarding the book. Some members were overwhelmed at the task of reading a book in the short term, so perhaps four chapters per month?

If you would like to begin reading sooner, please do. Trisha will lead the short discussions. Please join us!

If you have questions, contact Trisha

What Have You Been Up To?

Kelli Agner

Here are some pictures of my “newest” sewing machine. No worries! She is all back together and purring.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting for our final push to launch the 2025 Blue Jay Quilt Walk and Auction.

Kelli



Pamela Abell

Hello Quilting Partners!

*We think we have a mouse – for it
ate mum's jam sponge cake bit by bit,
We know he's been here when he comes
by missing cake and piles of crumbs
but never see him round the house
We think he is anony- mouse!
Liz Brownlee*

OK, in the last 2 weeks, I have seen 12 plus one large wood rat that chewed his way into the mud room from the outside...UHG! Apparently, they have been invading many homes and businesses in this neighborhood. Which is to say that all my off-work time has been cleaning up after the critters, unloading cabinets and closets to clean up after their droppings – instead of sewing quilts!!!!!!!

Luckily, I was able to fold up the quilt tops and store the scraps in plastic bins to keep the uneaten or trashed by the mice. I shall end here so I don't cross the line of proper language. I look forward to our meeting and seeing you all.

Pamela

Jen Lanak

Greetings from your MIA fellow member. Back from our summer travels - the girls and I had a few trips to tour colleges back east. We had fun, but I was happy to get home and have school start with a more structured routine. I am taking a few drawing classes again this semester and while I love them, they are a lot of work and time. I know it will pay off in the end, and at least I wasn't crazy enough to take another math class for fun. lol

Upcoming Events in the Area

Long Beach Modern Quilt Guild presents "Perspectives 2025 – A Fiber Art Exhibition"
October 8, 2025 - November 23, 2025
This exhibit is free and open to the public.

Location:

Zena and Pauline Gatov Gallery
Alpert Jewish Community Center
3801 E. Willow St., Long Beach

Hours:

Monday through Thursday: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More information is available at www.longbeachmodernquiltguild.com



Photos from the August meeting - Trisha Skalnik











