

# Willow Woods Quilt Guild

## Newsletter May 2026

This month's meeting will be held at  
Camp Paivika  
600 Playground Drive  
Crestline, CA 92325

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### Month at a Glance

Upcoming Events for May and Beyond:

- The next meeting will be Saturday, May 9th at 10:30

Special items to bring to the next meeting:

- Show & Tell items! What have you been working on?
- Any UFOs you have completed
- Your 2026 Dues \$40
- Something to work on if you are staying for Sit and Sew



# President - Darrell Harris

## Club Meeting Agenda & Notes

Queen Bee: Pamela

Hello, Ladies!

2. Birthdays  
No birthdays this month.

3. Secretary's Report  
Presented by Trisha.

4. Treasurer's Report  
Presented by Kelli.

5. Other Business  
A special thank-you to Michelle for her help at Camp Paivika—we had a wonderful time working with all the mothers on their projects.

We're pleased to share that we'll be able to unload close to our meeting area, and carts will be provided to make transport easier.

Our May meeting will also be held at Camp Paivika, giving our club the opportunity to familiarize ourselves with the space and evaluate it for potential future events and gatherings.

Kelli will once again bring her electrical tower, allowing everyone to plug in their sewing equipment. Lighting at the venue is adequate, but if you prefer a brighter workspace, please bring additional lighting.

6. Snacks

Today: Judy Green

Next Month: Trisha

7. Show & Share  
[Insert notes or participants]

8. Meeting Adjourned

Queen Bee: Pamela

Directions to Camp Paivika  
From Top Town, continue past the fire station on Crestforest Drive,  
then turn left onto Playground Drive.

Address: 600 Playground Dr., Crestline, CA 92325



Secretary - Trisha Skalnik

Minutes from last meeting to be distributed later.



# Upcoming Events



## May Queen Bee = Pamela

Queen Bee, Pamela – May 2026

My great grandfather, grandfather, and my mother were all bee-keepers so this month's title fits right in.

Non-Mirror Combination Unit:

Combination units are a great basic shape in many quilt patterns. You can relax because this pattern has you work slightly oversized as you sew one section per block, then I trim it down to the exact size needed with Deb Tucker's trim-down tool and finish up the block.

Color Placement:

1. Background fabric- I will provide a 5 ½ "square of light background fabric with pre-marked stitching lines for each block you chose to make.
2. You cut three 5 ½" squares of scraps, or other material as follows:
  - a. 2 squares of the same color that will be the dominant color in your block – you do nothing with these 2 squares, just turn them in along with your sewed piece.
  3. 1 square of a different color that will be sewn to the background fabric I provide.

Sewing process: Set your two same-colored squares aside and do not do anything with them.

1. Layer the light background square with the marked sewing line facing up, right sides together on top you single colored square that is on the bottom, matching the edges.
2. Position/Stitch. Slip the pair of squares under the sewing machine needle so that you will be stitching on the marked line on the right side. Stitch down the right side to the middle, lift needle, cross over at the halfway point, then continue stitching down the left side.
3. Stitch Again. Rotate the squares and repeat the same stitching sequence on the other set of marked diagonals. Stitch down the right side first, cross over at the halfway point, then stitch down the left side.
4. Repeat- Right cross left, right cross left.....that's all you do.

Here is a Deb Tucker video that shows you exactly what to do!

Watch 0:00 to 6:47 minutes for your part. I will do all the rest to finish the block plus you get to see the quilt behind her for fun fabric ideas.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B\\_6CMBug1aM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_6CMBug1aM)

## What Have You Been Up To?

### Jen Lanak

I lost my quilting mojo a long time ago. It just hasn't interested me to make much when I have so much going on. However, the one time of year that I do dust off the machines is for the May the 4th mini quilt swap (Star Wars themed) on Instagram. I love participating in it. My partner this year was a Mandalorian fan, and with the new movie coming out later this month, I could not resist making a Mando quilt for her. Here it is:



In other news. Lizzy has been accepted and will be diving for the University of Notre Dame in the fall. We are so proud of her!