

Willow Woods Quilt Guild

Newsletter April 2024

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:

- April meeting will be Saturday,
March 13th at 10:30
- Stay-n-Sew following the meet-
ing

Special items to bring to the next
meeting:

- Show & Tell items! What have
you been working on?
- Your \$40 dues for 2024
- any cup of comfort blocks you
have finished



President - Pat Duebbers

Hello Everyone,

Spring is officially here, but the weather is telling a different story. Hopefully by the time we meet next week, sun and warm temperatures will abound.

We are anticipating starting our Beginning Quilt Class in May. One of the “missions” of the guild is to educate and promote the art of quilting. This is one way for us to do just that. The Blue Jay Quilt Walk is another. We will take some time at the meeting to discuss the different classes we will be offering and looking for volunteers to work with students. To help accommodate the classes after our regular meetings, the time schedule for our meetings has been modified as follows:

10:00 am - You may arrive, set up your machine and begin working on your projects (optional)

10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Regular meeting time. Meetings will begin at 10:30 sharp!

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm - Socializing and lunchtime for those who are staying; students in the beginning classes will arrive and set up.

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm - Beginning quilt classes and individual guild members working on their own projects

I am hoping that we can put together a few kits for students after this month’s meeting. I have several simple quilt patterns and we have lots of fabric donated to the guild. We are always open to other ideas for beginning quilt projects. Please plan to stay and share your ideas and skills with us.

Quilt Walk Update:

The theme of the 2024 Blue Jay Quilt Walk will be “Wondrous Wildlife.” This ties in with one of Jen’s challenges for this year. I am imagining a bounty of animal quilts on display, appealing to all ages.

Last year we had 76 quilts in the auction. I am hoping that we can at least match that number. Please start thinking about the quilt(s) you will be making and donating to the auction. The quilt walk is six months away. It is never too early to start.

Happy Quilting! Happy Spring!

See you soon...
Pat Duebbers

Secretary - Trisha Skalnik

Willow Woods Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2024

Pat Dubbers brought the meeting to order at 10:45am.

8 members present.

Birthday's: February - Julie Dunn and Kim Everhart
March - Kelli Agner and Kim Wingert

Secretary: In Trisha Skalnik's absence, Kelly Agner moved that the January minutes be approved as written. Judy Green second the motion. Minutes approved.

Bring your finished Cup-of-Comfort to the March meeting or give it to Amy Gross if you have it today.

Kelly Kunsek of Camp Paivika came to the meeting today to accept our guild's \$7,514.38 donation from the Auction in 2023. Kelly gave a presentation of what Camp Paivika does and thanked us for the money.

Quilt Walk discussion: Pat Dubbers and Cheryl Wood will work the auction. Kelli Agner will do the square for credit cards. Judy Green will do preliminary notifications regarding the September 21, 2024, auction, and quilt walk. We had a discussion on the name of next year's walk. Those members present decided on: Blue Jay's 13th Annual Quilt Walk and auction featuring Wonderous Wildlife.

Amy Gross agreed to be the hostess for sign ups for snacks at each meeting. Amy will bring a sign-up sheet to the March meeting.

We need someone to handle Sunshine and Shadows for our guild. This person will send sympathy cards, birthdays, etc.

Amy Gross will handle a private messaging center for those in the club to chat. Amy Gross will provide a sign-up sheet for those that want to be included at the April meeting.

We all played a Word Scramble game. Each person won a prize.

Show and Share.

Meeting adjourned 12:31.

Minutes taken by Cheryl Wood in Trisha Skalnik's absence.



Challenges - Jen Lanak

2024 Challenge of the Year - Animals!

Just to recap, "Animals" is the theme of our annual challenge this year. Our theme of our Quilt Walk is "Wonderous Wildlife". So it is a two-for-one challenge!

You can use any technique you like, make it any size you like, and depict any "animal" (we can include birds, reptiles, fish, etc. to broaden the theme a bit) you like. If you just want to use animal fabrics, that's ok too.

I've created a Pinterest Board for more inspiration at www.pinterest.com/newbiejen/guild-challenge-animals/. I tried to pin a wide variety of things. Check it out when you have time.

UFO Challenge

Thank you to everyone who has emailed me a list of UFOs to complete this year. I am so happy you are participating!

Roll the Dice - Remixed!

There is still time to enter. Please look at one of the past newsletters for the ways to roll. Deadline is the September meeting. Have some fun with it!

What Have You Been Up To?

Pamela Abell

Dear Quilting friends,

I have my fingers crossed to see if we can meet this Saturday or will the snow win out in the end....

Last Year's Guild Challenge

Having last year's guild challenge – yellow, 4-patch with neutrals, etc. - finally quilted and the binding sewn on is such a relief.

I made 99 variations of 4-patch units each to finish 6" and set in a cross pattern, overlaid with an X pattern. As usual, I made a separate pattern for the quilt backing from 9-patch scraps that someone had given Judy Green, who gave them to me. I made 18 of the 9-patch units and set them on point, then taking a suggestion for what color to use for the border, I used brownish tones in a pre-fab stripe pattern.

I was so done with that project I told Melanie to just throw a dart at whatever quilting thread was on her shelf, close her eyes, and see what would happen as she quilted it. Well, her skilled machine quilting brought it to life and even though the colors and dramatic design are outside of my comfort zone, it actually works well and looks good – for someone else, not me or my house.

Madeleine's Sewing continues

For 2 weeks last month I stayed with my son and his family to help out with the construction chaos as their house was being remodeled. Three days into it, there was a death in the family so I was grateful to keep the systems running in the background while they dealt with the rest.

I set up Madeleine's sewing machine in a corner and found 7 cloth household items that need to be repaired with new hems, reinforcing cloth tie strings, and mending. Madeleine went right to machine and tackled the less glamorous parts of sewing.

She had a friend over to play and she proudly showed her the machine, what she had repaired, and her sewing box with its contents and lift-out drawer. She also showed her the 4-patch quilt on her bed that she had made.

Once again, thanks to Pat, Sylvia, Trish, and Darrell for pulling the equipment together. It is a game changer for Madeleine as she is the only one in her 2nd grade class who sews.

Pamela Abell

Sylvia Owoh

I am madly trying to get ready for the MCC sale and get the quilts ready . However out and about a little bit and found a machine. Now I just have to get it home and set up.



Jen Lanak

I have been busy destashing. I sold quite a bit on Instagram and a little more on Etsy. It shocked me how much some of my Tula Pink fabrics sold for. Who knew they were an investment? The expense I thought I would have by the end of the year has been put off for at least a year. That is good news as it gives me time to save up my contribution. I plan to start selling some art prints online too. When I get my shop set up, I'll share the info in case you are interested in putting more than just quilts on the wall. lol.

I also signed up for the annual May the 4th mini quilt swap. I've been working on it here and there and there is a chance I will have the top done in time for the meeting. If I can remember to bring it, I will. I've been trying out a new-ish to me technique, most recently re-learned in a class with Sheila Frampton Cooper about a month or so ago. I am not the best at it, but practice makes better.

I'm also starting to draw out two designs that I hope to answer some calls for entry for shows in the future. I hope I don't get side-tracked. It seems everytime I clear my schedule to work on quilts, my family has other plans for my "free" time.

Photos from the last meeting

Unfortunately, we will have to wait until the next newsletter for these. Sorry!

