

Willow Woods Quilt Guild

Newsletter August 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 August and
Beyond:

- The next meeting will be Saturday, August 10th at 10:30
- Beginner Quilting Class starts this month following the meeting
- September 21st - Quilt Walk!

Special items to bring to the next
meeting:

- Show & Tell items! What have you been working on?
- Challenge quilts
- Auction Quilts
- Your sewing machine if you decide to stay after the meeting
- a snack/lunch if you are staying after the meeting to work on projects
- Your \$40 dues for 2024
- any cup of comfort blocks you have finished



President - Pat Duebbers

Hello Quilters,

It's been "Christmas in July" at my house during the past month. I'm finishing up two Christmas UFO quilts, but unfortunately, they were not on the UFO list is turned in to Jen. Oh well...finished is finished.

Last month, we talked about color. This month's meeting will focus on quilt blocks. We will break down common blocks and identify the simplest components. We will be doing a paper block activity that can then be translated into fabric. Please think about the following: your favorite block; the block you make the most; and, what block you'd like to tackle next.

The Quilt Walk is just weeks away. The volunteer sign-up sheet will be passed around again at the meeting. Last year's Quilt Walk was a success thanks to all the volunteers we had. We still need volunteers. Also, we are accepting auction quilts at the next two meetings. I will have auction quilt papers that need to be filled out.

We had a successful sewing session after the last meeting. We made quite a few 3 1/2" half-square triangles, using triangle paper. We will be sewing the HST together this Saturday to make blocks for a quilt top. That quilt will be finished and entered in the auction. Bring your sewing machines and lunch if you'd like to join us. You are not obligated to work on guild projects. This is time for guild members to socialize and work on anything they choose in a supportive environment.

Don't forget to bring your Challenge Quilts. I'm looking forward to seeing the variety of quilts that the challenges inspired.

Happy Quilting!

Pat Duebbers



Secretary - Trisha Skalnik



Challenges - Jen Lanak

2024 Challenges

Just a reminder - the September meeting is the "deadline" for 2 out of 3 of our 2024 challenges. So if you are working on "Animals" or the "Roll the Dice Challenge", please make sure to bring your challenge items to the meetings to show off your fabulous work.

If you are participating in the UFO challenge, it runs through the end of the year. I haven't been receiving many emails lately with finished UFOs. If you have finished some of the projects on your list, don't forget to email me your finishes so you can be entered in the end of the year drawing.

What Have You Been Up To?

Darrell Harris

Hello fellow quilters,

Jen you are not the only one losing days, I lost two last month and I'm scratching my head wondering what the heck happened; so now first thing I do in the mornings is physically look at my phone and see the day and date.

Started animal quilt but running out of time and I had a major setback, will explain on the 10th. Sylvia is back in New York getting her new summer home fixed up, sure miss her. Did a couple practice nine patch blocks, September's challenge, and first one was bad but second one is okay. I struggle with small units too work with so if I can free up some time and get some larger blocks done I might be able to get three quilts done by the quilt walk but don't hold your breath, sorry ladies. Going to be working on a 99k getting it ready to put in a nice cabinet and try to sell during our show plus out of nowhere I'm selling several pieces from the gallery and must devote time to make and replenish those that have sold, going to cry all the way to the bank, lol.

Everyone be safe going through this next heat wave.

Nancy Novak

I found a hack on YouTube on how to raise a 6ft folding table by adding PVC pipe. We had some PVC laying around in our garage so the project was fairly cheap. My table is not only taller but more stable.

Link to the YouTube below.

<https://youtu.be/gLYXULMAtSI>



Bonnie Eggan

Greetings, my sweet mountain friends! It was awesome to be a part of the group again in July and see you all.

I'm almost finished with the third of my six UFOs in the UFO challenge this year. Having a goal and challenge really helps.

We are currently on a trip to Washington state to spend time with my Sister-in-law and her family and all of us will cross into Canada in the morning to take a ferry to Victoria Island and visit Butchart Gardens and stay a few days! This is a bucket list trip that I dragged my feet on because I don't like to travel!

I've got two small quilts to hand quilt in all the car time.

I'm focusing on working with the fabrics I already have and enjoying sewing on my Feather-weights. I need to get some machine quilting done on two quilt tops that I want to donate for the auction (also on my UFO list, so it's a win/win).

Bonnie Eggan

Pamela Abell

Hello Quilting Friends,

Jen, I am glad that you don't know what day or week it is because - neither do I. Between 2 trips to the auto repair shop for each of 2 flat tires, getting my 16 th new boss in 16 years, and a new job description that moves me from being responsible for 1000 to 4000 students, plus a key family member just had major surgery. ...I am just glad to stay upright in my own lane to keep daily life afloat and moving forward.

I haven't sewn in quite a while so have nothing new to report, alas. I have more ideas than time right now. My productivity for the Quilt Walk and the guild challenge will be below par this year, much to my consternation. I savored the sew along after last month's quilt meeting because the simplicity of sewing along with friends brightened my month.

OK, I just made a promise to myself that after tidying the house and doing food prep for next week, I will sit down and sew tomorrow.

And for our next sew along, I purchased a foldable hand cart to move the heavy machine from the car to our meeting room, which my back will appreciate for sure. I look forward to seeing you all then!

Pamela

