

Willow Woods Quilt Guild

Newsletter July 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 July and
Beyond:

- The next meeting will be Saturday, July 13th at 10:30
- Beginner Quilting Class starts this month following the meeting

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,

I hope you all had a safe and fun "Fourth of July" celebration. Unfortunately, cool is not a word I'd use to describe mine. It is too early in summer to be this hot.

The focus of our next meeting is "color." Please wear or bring a quilt that showcases your favorite color. We will be playing a "color" game. We'll learn some tips on working with color and resources you can use to help pick colors for quilts. There will also be a demo on using "Triangles on a Roll" to make half-square triangles, during the after meeting time.

We plan on having time to sew after our meetings. I hope you will bring your machine and stay. The meeting room is open at 10:00 am, for you to set up your machine and workspace. During this time, you can work on your own projects. I will have kits for auction quilts that you can work on, This a perfect time to work on UFO's. Bring them and get inspired to finish them. If you need help with quilt pattern, there are a number of members who can help you. This "after meeting time" is set up for us to work together, share our skills and share our passion for quilting.

As of today, I have 26 quilts in hand for the auction. There are six more quilts in the final stages (binding) that will be delivered in the next couple of weeks. Last year we had 76 quilts to auction. I am hoping we can achieve that number this year. I realize that some of us had a few quilts stashed away during the pandemic. I went through my closets today and pulled out a few more that haven't seen the light of day in a couple of years. Better to send them to a new home than be forgotten in the dark closet. Auction quilts can be turned in at any of the next three meetings - July, August, and September.

Happy Quilting!

Pat Duebbers

Secretary - Trisha Skalnik

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June 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Pat D. called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

Six members in attendance, one guest from quilting class ad, Chris Foster.

Birthdays: Jen, Nancy, Amy, Pat D., Michele- Happy Birthday!

May minutes approved, 1st by Pamela A., Kelli 2nd.

Treasurer report shared by Kelli. Paying taxes due.

Beginning quilt classes- three students, all have some quilt experience. Will run a July reminder in the Mountain News.

Wonderous Wildlife (Sept. 21st) update for Camp Paivika/Ability First fundraiser.

We should have auctioneers reserved, checking on Soroptimists bra fundraiser for mammograms.

Bob Gladwell to print flyer, new picture pending as per Judy G.

We have 20 quilts for the auction, including the group quilt. Last year, we had 76 quilts. Need approximately 50 more...please quilt to help.

Open positions for quilt walk- Manager, Quilt Collections (9/20), Hanging Quilts Coordinator (9/21), Volunteer Scheduler (hanging quilts, white glove, auction, take down).

Yolanda Douglas will be the Featured Quilter in memoriam.

Challenge Quilts and UFO Update- See the Pinterest Site Jennifer has created. Wonderous Animal Challenge, Roll the Dice Challenge, Modern Flying Geese (Pat D.) Charlie Harper fabrics (Tonee), UFO drawing

Show & Share. Kelli (piecing project- teacups), Pamela A. (1930's print, Featherweight tips- see website for sewing machine rehab) Michele (modern strips), Chris (cute dogs), Pat D. (Tula fabrics). See pictures in newsletter. What have you been working on?

Retirement Celebration- Kelli and Trisha
Sandwiches, snacks and retirement bingo!

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. for celebration and fun.

Respectfully submitted, Trisha



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.

What Have You Been Up To?

Sylvia Owoh

I made a quilt for my granddaughter’s graduation . Then I spent 3 weeks back in NY. I came home to get swept up in the adventures of Pamala and her 99 shopping.



Just in case anyone is interested, the southern ca quilt run is soon

Shoot for the Stars

July 11 - 14 & July 18 - 21

Thursday - Saturday

9am - 6pm

Sunday

10am - 4pm

2023-2024 SOCAL Quilter's Run (quiltersrun.com)

And registration for Road 2 Ca 2025 is open (some classes are already full)

Road to Ca (roadtocalifornia.com)

Lucy made it home.



Trisha Skalnik

Dearest Quilters:

What a wonderful meeting in June to celebrate two retirements! We enjoyed mini-sandwiches, homemade lemon bars and cheesecake goodies, and shared our friendship together. The retirement bingo was hilarious. Who knew there was a bingo for that, too? Thank you, Pat D. and to the ladies that planned, baked and brought the tasty lunch.

Happy belated 4th of July. This holiday brings warm (hot) weather and lots of fun on the mountain. Hopefully, we can quilt in the cooler mornings and evenings.

What an exciting time to quilt for the Wondrous Wildlife fall quilt auction. The little campers at Camp Paivika's Ability First are enjoying the fruits of our labor, and we can smile with the completion of each block. What a great cause. Sew, ladies, sew...

The 2024 Shop Hop's "Shoot for the Starts" begins July 11-14 and 18-21st. There are 15 shops on the run, five which are new. The Orange Quilt Bee (OQB) has a free Star Pattern for the run (open Thursday-Saturday 9-6, Sunday 10-4). The OQB offers great classes. We discussed the Featherweight maintenance class being excellent recently. Check out their website, www.orangequiltbee.com.

Anyone visit the Quilt Festival at the Long Beach Convention Center on July 6th-8th? Looking forward to hearing about the exciting new quilting products and news.

Stay cool and happy quilting!

Trisha

Pamela Abell

Dear Quilting Sisters,

Last week, I got off of 4 weeks jury service...\$8 million for a 20-mph rear end accident that happened 7 years ago. We, the jury voted – nope. No sewing at all in May.

OLD MACHINES

This week a work colleague who lives in Hesperia, picked up a 1955 Singer 99K in Apple Valley with its original sewing table from the granddaughter and mother who don't sew. The grandmother purchased the machine new in 1955 and it has sentimentally sat unused in the house for decades along with multiple accessories, etc. (not in a tool shed or garage where machines usually suffer or take a beating)

We loaded it into my car at work on Wednesday morning. That evening the local rattlesnake guy helped move it into the house. He arrived carrying his snake catcher and bucket just to

walk down the gravel road. Smart decision based on how hot it has been.

I immediately emailed repair experts, Sylvia and Darrell, then removed the machine from the cabinet. On the 4th of July, Sylvia set up a training session by bringing up a 1957 Singer 99K so we could work outside on the deck to:

- Choose the best machine – the 1955.G
- Go through the machine to replace missing parts and belts, clean out fuzz balls underneath, oil relevant areas, test stitch quality, sew and test again.
- Clean up the body so it shines and WOW! That machine transformed so quickly into a functional beauty.

Training from experts is more valuable than gold. Plus, they had all the tools, oils, and skill to get the job done. I had such a great time not to mention how much I learned. Thank you, Sylvia and Darrell!

OLD MAGAZINES

Three years ago, Yolanda Douglas gave me 30+ quilt magazines from the early 2000s, which I am reviewing. Inspiration and creativity radiate from every page and the quilt designs are timeless, just the fabric changes.

See you at July's meeting,

Pamela

Photos from the June meeting - Trisha Skalnik







