

Willow Woods Quilt Guild

Newsletter June 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 June and
Beyond:

- May meeting will be Saturday, June 8th 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 Quilters,

Another month has passed much too quickly. My "To Do" list and UFO list isn't getting much checked off. Excitedly though, we now have our Civil War fabric group quilt almost finished. It has been quilted and just needs to have the binding attached. It looks great and will be an exceptional centerpiece for this year's Blue Jay Quilt Walk and Auction. We will be adding a photo of it to the Quilt Walk flyers.

We've had three more quilts turned in for the auction. The stack is growing, but we do need more quilts. We will accept quilts for the auction up until the September meeting. The earlier the better, so I can log them in and create the auction cards and spreadsheets.

I'm heading out tomorrow for a roadtrip to participate in the "Central Coast Shop Hop." I'll send photos of some of the ten stores we'll be visiting to add to the newsletter. I'm looking forward to seeing the new material lines, patterns and tools on display.

Finally, we will have a special celebration for two of our members at the meeting - Kelli and Trisha's retirement. Pamela is bringing a tray of sandwiches and I'm bringing cupcakes. I hope you can join us on the 8th, to celebrate this important milestone with them.

Happy Quilting!
Pat Duebbers

Secretary - Trisha Skalnik

Willow Woods Quilt Guild Minutes of Meeting 5/11/24

Pat D. called the meeting to order 10:36 a.m. Nine members in attendance.

Minutes from last meeting submitted by Kelli. Members approved (with the exception of Sylvia's name), accepted by Pamela, Amy seconded.

The Treasurer's report was communicated with the guild balance. The California Statement of Information with the Secretary of State for the guild was filed to reinstate the guild's non-profit status. Thank you, Kelli!

Beginning quilt classes scheduled to begin after today's meeting. One student will be coming today.

A possible Congressmen Community Award was discussed by Pat.

Sunshine & Shadows is reinstated. Trisha volunteered to acquire the role.

Upcoming Wondrous Wildlife quilt show in September discussed. We have 10 quilts, and need 65 more quilts to match last year's auction. Custom quilting in Redlands was unanimously voted to use for professional quilting.

- Geoff Hopper has been confirmed for the upcoming show as co-Auctioneer.
- Bob has been contacted
- Guild unanimously voted to provide a quilt to the Rotary auction in September
- Quilt Walk Manager position open, duties shared (see handout); also need sign-ups for quilt collections (Friday, September 20th), hanging quilts coordinator (September 21), volunteer scheduler (hanging quilts, white glove, auction, take down) positions
- September Meeting- collect all Auction quilts
- Yolanda Douglas will be the guild's featured quilter in memoriam

Pat distributed Yolanda's UFO's. Additional items available for quilters that are interested.

August Challenge Quilts and UFO Update- Jen

Break and Quilting Bingo.

Show & Share.

Pamela's program, "just get it done quilts", 9" strip for behind sewing foot for bulky seams.



Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Trisha Skalnik

WILLOW WOODS QUILT GUILD

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2024

Meeting called to order at 10:35

SECRETARY Report: Trisha Skalnik was absent.

The March meeting minutes were distributed in the newsletter. There were no corrections. Jen Lanak moved to accept the minutes. Pamela Abell seconded the motion, and the March 2024 minutes were approved.

Kelli Agner volunteered to record today's minutes.

TREASURER Report: Kelli Agner

Guild account balance was reported to the members. Financial records were made available for review.

Kelli shared the thank you card to the guild from Kelly Kunsek.

PRESIDENT Report: Pat Duebbers

Pat has been approached by an elected official here on the mountain that would like to help promote the Quilt Walk & Auction, help with set-up the day of, and promote classes that we are planning. Pat will talk to him next week. We need to remain aware of our non-political responsibility as a non-profit organization.

Pat shared print announcement for our beginner quilting classes to be submitted to the local newspaper.

Pat shared the proposed class topic schedule for the classes and asked for member volunteers for instructor/support roles.

Silvia shared Menonite Quilt Auction on May 3 & 4 in Upland. She also suggested creating a wait list for anyone responding to the class invite if we have too many requesting registration.

Jen may be able to set the graphic design for a class flyer.

Amy Gross sent around a sign-up list for snacks throughout the year. We have agreed to keep it at light snacks. The list was completed at the meeting.

2024 Blue Jay Quilt Walk and Auction Wonderful Wildlife. The date has been set for Saturday, September 21st.

Judy Green has been busy! She contacted:

- Arrowhead Rotary Club – Teri and Bob Gladwell. She asked if Bob would be an auctioneer and if he would print our brochures.
- Library – Freddie Malcom
- Fife & Drum – Joy
- Chamber of Commerce
- SCCQG – Monica Sawyer
- Sunshine Rotary – Geoff Hopper (waiting for call back)

Need to talk with:

- Logan Construction (Kelli has a connection)
- AVID students at Rim HS
- Soroptimist
- Dogwood
- Scout Troops (Michele Belanger has a contact)

We may consider having some quilts for sale at true prices. If these do not sell before the auction, they could be moved into the auction.

Challenges

- Animal quilts or quilts using animal fabrics.
- Roll-the-dice (look in Jan and Feb Newsletter if you still need details)
- Email Jen your pictures of completed UFOs and # from your list for UFO Challenge. Some members already have several completed!

Guild members will meet Jo Benita at Yolanda's house to help clear-out the sewing room on Sunday at 10:00. Call Kelli's cell if you arrive and need the gate opened.

Snack Break – thank you, Amy!

SHOW & SHARE

- Tonee's flower vases quilt with beautiful, scalloped edge. She gathered ideas for a hanging sleeve that might support the scallops.
- Jen's R2D2 quilt for Star Wars swap with an applique/piecing technique.
- Darrell's shop project – a sewing machine base for a Singer 66 to be made of purple heart wood.
- Sylvia is looking forward to setting up her new-to-her 10' Lucey frame.
- Pamela's completed roll-the-dice quilt from 2023 with yellow 4-patch and an interesting use of stripes. She gifted it to Sylvia as a thank you.
- Cheryl's log-cabin teacups quilt finished beautifully.
- Amy's "ugly quilt" using reproduction fabrics. Houses in log-cabin, ugly sweater wall hanging, red-white-blue wall hanging, "pet shop" using Tula Pink fabrics, and picket fence quilt find from a thrift shop.
- Pat's donation quilt made of leftover Tula Pink fabrics. She is trying a new quilt pattern using horizontal lines and flowers.

First Vice-President – Pamela Abell

All about the tools! Pamela shared an abundance of tools for attaining that illusive perfect ¼" seam. Here is her list:

- Magnetic guide for machine bed
- Screw-into machine bed “fence” style – plexiglass or metal
- Quilting guide moved in tight to ¼ from needle
- Plastic stick-on guide for machine bed
- Moleskin stick-on guide for machine bed
- Layers of masking tape stacked, cut for straight edge, and affixed to machine bed – painter’s blue tape is less gummy
- Use the drilled plastic guide to line-up any “fence-type” choice
- Scant ¼” foot from The Featherweight Shop – there is a difference.

Tools to help finger press your seams as you go:

- Rollers that have a flat surface – good for pressing to the side
- Rollers that have convex shaped surface – good for pressing seams open

Meet adjourned at: 12:25

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?

Julie Dunn

I have a few more UFOs to share. They are -

#1 Bento Box

#2 Athena - A wedding gift

#3 Stella

I have lost track of which pictures I've sent, so there might be duplicates.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Julie Dunn



Trisha Skalnik

Dearest Quilters:

What a beautiful spring it is! Seeing each of you at the guild meetings makes life on the mountain so special. Your uniqueness is appreciated.

The passing of our treasured members is sad, yet we are reminded how important each person is. I recall the seasons we have gone through as a guild, and how much enthusiasm and gifts we



all contribute and share together, continuing the love of quilting with the guild and the community throughout the years. Spring is a time of renewal and starting again. So thankful! Some winters are dreadful and seem to last forever. Luckily, darker times don't last. As some of you know, this last fall and winter were a bit lengthy for me. We moved twice (September and February), remodeled our home, finished the last two semesters of teaching, and submitted an update to the new textbook, being released in August. Too much fun.

Now in this new season, I have now retired (what does that mean?) after 31 years of teaching. The first thing I have done was to sign up for a machine embroidery quilting class that is a series. Time to quilt, my friends! I have rejoined a book club, and will be unpacking the rest of the boxes (they seem to be reproducing somehow). Another priority is experimenting with cooking, and it is bbq season! Ok, Darrell!

Looking forward to sharing more good times together.

Thank you for your friendship and support.

Blessings, Trisha

Pat Duebbers

Pat went on the Central Coast Shop Hop!

Shop #10 - Superbuzzy in Ventura
Lots of modern prints.- Tula Pink and Libs Elliot. Very helpful staff.

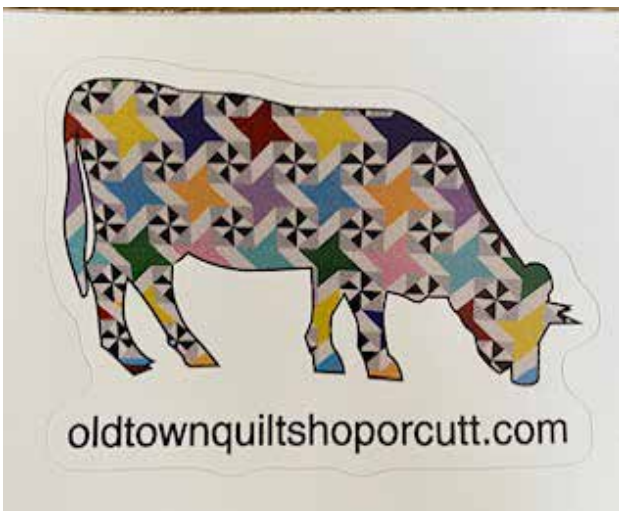
Shop #9 - Roxanne's In Capinteria
Beautiful, large shop with lots of bright fabrics. Stunning collection of Kaffe.

Shop#7 - Great House Sewing Center in Santa Barbara

Shop#6 - The Creation Station in Buellton
Lots of panels in the shop and Christmas themed fabric, trees, decorations, worker (elves).

Shop #5 - Old Town Quilt Shop in Orcut, CA
Last shop of the day. So tired that I forgot to take pictures. Cute Stickers though.







Photos from the May meeting



