

# Willow Woods Quilt Guild

## Newsletter March 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 March and  
Beyond:

- March meeting will be Saturday, March 9th at 10:30
- Stay-n-Sew 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
- Your "I Love to Quilt" items (see President's message)



## President - Pat Duebbers

Greetings,

I am looking forward to seeing you all this Saturday. It seems like ages since we last got together, yet we are already in March!

We will have the activities that were planned for the February meeting, at the March meeting. Kelli from Camp Paivika will attend and be presented with a check from the proceeds of our quilt auction. We will be looking to fill a couple of committee positions - Quilt Walk Chair, Sunshine and Shadows, and Refreshments. We need to pick the name for our Quilt Walk 2024. Also, please bring something to share that you "love" about quilting. It could be a favorite fabric designer, a pattern, a specific color, a quilt, a quilting tool, a feeling, etc. Anything that brings joy to you.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, we are going to play a game. There will be prizes for the "lucky" winners. (hint, hint: refresh your knowledge of quilting terms)

After our regular meeting, we'll be having a followup meeting to discuss our upcoming Beginning Quilter's Classes. If you are interested in helping with the planning and/or presentation of the classes, please plan to stay. Your ideas and thoughts are welcomed.

Happy quilting,

Pat Duebbers

## Secretary - Trisha Skalnik

The February meeting was cancelled so there are no minutes this time.

# Challenges - Jen Lanak

## 2024 Challenge of the Year - Animals!

Just to recap, "Animals" is the theme of our annual challenge this year. It will also be the theme of our Quilt Walk and you are going to come up with a catchy name to go with it! Please bring said catchy name ideas to the March meeting to be voted on.

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. Just go with theme of Animals.

I've created a Pinterest Board for more inspiration at [www.pinterest.com/newbiejen/guild-challenge-animals/](http://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

There is still time to join the UFO challenge, but this is the last month I will accept a list from you. You will need to email me a list of the UFOs you plan to work on for the year. That's all you need to do to get started! As you finish up your items, you will be entered into a drawing for a fabulous prize!!

The more UFOs you complete from your list, the more chances you have to win. YES, the UFOs need to be on your original list completed ASAP. IF, you complete all of the projects from your original list and want to create a new one later in the year, that will be allowed. So, take a good look at your UFOs and decide which ones will make your list!

So far, there are only a few people participating. Julie is already off to an amazing start, having completed 4 of her UFOs!! (I put her pictures at the end of the newsletter). Not to dilute her chances of winning, but.....if you think you might work on a UFO at all before the end of the year, shoot me an email already! As they say...if you don't enter, you can't win!



# Roll the Dice - Remixed!

Same concept as last year, but different results.

You will need one 6-sided dice to play, and you will be rolling multiple times.

Roll#1 = Theme. Instead of specific colors, instead we will have general themes.

- 1) Spring (think pastels, flowers, etc.)
- 2) Summer (nice bright colors)
- 3) Fall (leaves, fall colors, etc.)
- 4) Winter (red/white, blue/white, snowflakes, snowballs, winter trees, etc.)
- 5) Christmas
- 6) Modern (this could go in a lot of directions!)

Roll #2 = Accent Block to use. This is different from last year. This block does NOT need to be dominant, but it must appear somewhere on your quilt. It could be in a border or part of a more complex block. Good luck!

- 1) Log Cabin
- 2) Half Square Triangle
- 3) Flying Geese
- 4) USE Applique!
- 5) 9-patch
- 6) Rail Fence

Roll #3 = Social Interaction! In an effort to get us to talk to each other more, you must consult with other members on your project.

- 1) You are on your own, don't consult with anyone
- 2) Consult your best quilting buddy
- 3) consult a member of the guild whose last name starts w/ a letter between A & G
- 4) consult a member of the guild whose last name starts with a letter between H & Z
- 5) bring your plan to a meeting and consult the guild members present
- 6) Don't just consult, but also ask someone to contribute to your quilt.

I don't like putting size requirements on our challenges, however I would encourage you to try to make a quilt big enough to donate to the auction if it turns out you dislike your creation or just don't want to keep it.

Deadline is the September meeting.

Who is ready to Roll?

# What Have You Been Up To?

## Darrell Harris

Hello fellow quilters, have not done any sewing to speak of but did acquire a Singer 185k, a machine that I've wanted for a couple of years. Sylvia and I had a request to put together a vintage straight line stitch machine for Pamela so Sylvia found this 185 but Pamela's love of the color green nixed her from wanting this machine so I just happened to have a 99k I shuffled towards Pamela and have been working on it and I'm making good progress refurbishing it. Its stitching but once the motor is ready for operation then I can make her peeerrrrrr like a kitten. Love working on the vintage machines.

## Amy Gross

Hi Quilters,

It has been a busy year for me, so far. I have completed three quilts this year and have already started on my fourth. I will be bringing two to show and tell but the third was a gift for my granddaughter's first birthday (see pictures). I also made her a book, a bib, a sundress and a matching dress for her doll, which is probably why I didn't complete two quilts in February. So much for my 2024 resolution of two quilts a month. I am also working on two wall-hangings that will hopefully be completed by the time we meet or at least that is what I am telling myself. I hope everyone is carving out some well deserved sewing time!

Your Friend,  
Amy Gross







## Jen Lanak

I will be missing the March meeting. I am off to Fort Lauderdale with the girls for a diving competition. Of course, when we agreed to participate in this event, we had no idea that it would be right in the thick of spring break. I've already heard from another mom that is down there and it is a bit crazy. As a college student, I thought that vibe was fun, but as an adult I am less than thrilled that I will be there, with 3 teenagers no less!

I've also been working on a few art quilts. SAQA had a call for a small diptych. I created one, but alas, once I started quilting it, I couldn't seem to stop and the deadline whooshed over my head like a jet plane. Ah well, I will now have a lovely diptych to add to my portfolio. I'm also set to start working on my Mid-Century modern piece, though I find this trip to Florida highly inconvenient as the deadline for this call is only on the 16th. Perhaps this deadline will whoosh over me too?? I am currently heavily influenced by the work of Rex Ray. If you have a minute, google him. His work is amazing!

Completed UFO photos! - these are all Julie's

