

Willow Woods Quilt Guild

Newsletter May 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 May and
Beyond:

- May meeting will be Saturday, May 11th 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

Greetings!

May has arrived and the daffodils, wildflowers and Dogwood flowers are abundant. I love driving along Crest Forest Drive in Crestline at this time of year. There is an amazing display of Dogwoods.

We are kicking off our “Beginning Quilt Classes” at our May meeting. As of today, we have three students enrolled. We have a mom and her 18 year old daughter. The third student is an older women who is experienced, but has been away from quilting and would like to get her quilting enthusium back. Please plan to stay and sew after our regular meeting. Every member of the guild has skills to share with other members and with our students. Let our love for quilting and being creative energize the room.

Just a reminder that we have changed our meeting schedule from 10:00 - 3:00. You can set up your machine from 10:00 - 10:30 am. The meeting will start promptly at 10:30. Our goal is to finish the regular meeting by 12:00 noon. Lunch, socializing and student arrival will happen from 12:00 - 12:30. Our afternoon session will begin at 12:30. Members are free to work on their own projects and/or help the new students.

The quilt walk is five months away. It's not to early to work on quilts for the auction, the challenge quilts, and the display quilts. I'm still in the thinking stage about the Animal Challenge quilt, but plan to start work on the “Roll the Dice” quilt this weekend.

See you soon! Happy Quilting!

Pat Duebbers

Secretary - Trisha Skalnik



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?

Pat Duebbers

Early in April, I babysat my two 6 year old nephews for 8 days while their parents celebrated their grandmother's 80th birthday in Hawaii. One of them complained that his legs were sticking out from under his quilts. He was still using his baby quilts. We took a field trip to a fabric store in Bakersfield, for them to pick out fabric for big boy quilts. One immediately zoned in on Batman and the other found green and blue fabric he wanted. Stars were requested with Batman and squares and ovals with the other two fabrics. I found Cuddle in blue with stars and a Dinosaur print Cuddle in blue/green/orange to go on the backs.

Quilts were finished and sent last week. Mom sent me a video of the boys unpacking their quilts. It was fun to see their excitement.

Side note: I was suprised how heavy the Cuddle made the quilts. Also, there is a reason young people have kids. I was exhausted by the time I got home and needed a couple to days to recover.



Bonnie Eggan

For the past two weeks I've been immersed in quilting and it feels wonderful to be playing with my fabric in my Colorado sewing room now that my favorites are out of storage and all in their glorious place ready for me to enjoy.

I started a few new quilts and pulled out some UFOs to get them ready for handwork. I'll be staying at the cabin for a few weeks in May before it actually gets put on the market. I was excited to be a part of this year's UFO challenge to help spur me on to finishing them. I'm bringing 3 out of the 6 on my list. Two will be left for the quilt auction and one is from 2010 and based on one of Tonee's patterns and it will work for the animal challenge. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the May meeting.

Last year's experience helping at the Quilt Walk and Auction was such an exhilarating experience that changed my mind about giving quilts away after all that work and money.

Pamela Abell

Hello my dear quilting friends,

I have been so busy at my job, trying to get every student to graduate on time, that my quilting life has taken a back seat this month. Graduation is in 2 weeks.

I haven't sewn much, but the quilting plans don't stop and here is what I am mulling over:

- Thin down my fabric stash, set the timer for 15 minutes and tackle just that much daily.
- Organize and file the fabric that I need to put back in its proper place.
- Keep working on my UFO list of projects.
- Follow the chart I made last year to use quilting rulers for new block designs.
- Volunteer with Sylvia and Darrel at the Mennonite quilt auction tomorrow.
- Plan my quilting schedule for the summer campus session, work 4 days and 10 hours per week, with 3-day weekends until September.
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In short, I am mid-stream and ready to shift into action again.

With great anticipation, I am looking forward to our beginning quilters classes and do hope that it is a success.

See you at the meeting,

Pamela

Photos from the March meeting





