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Fat Quarter News

Hi Friends & Fabric Lovers

Oh My! Do I have a problem! I sit down in front of the computer to write a message to all my friends, and I seem to draw a blank. But, in the middle of the night I have a preponderance of inspirational thoughts which could be included in a message, but can I remember them in the morning? Of course not, who am I anyway, Wonder Woman? No, I'm just another aging American, who suffers from senior moments and lapses in memory the same as any other person my age.

One thought that I can remember is in regards to changes that are occurring within our guild, changes which have provided us with the opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and learn new skills. It is so exciting to know that we have members willing to do the work it takes to make our guild successful. It is my hope that each one of you will find a committee or place where you can contribute to the work of the guild.

I would like for you to let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions how we can best utilize the talents and skills within our membership. You can e-mail me at ijeannb@earthlink.net or send a note to my home address or call me on the phone. Please consider things like: order of business at meetings; introduction of visitors and new members at meetings; following up on welcoming visitors & new members; time of meetings (both general & board meetings); how to fill committee positions; and any concerns you have regarding what is happening with the guild. Remember, this is our organization, we make up it's membership and we make it whatever it is. Let's work together to make it the "fun" group we all want.

Until next time, don't stay locked in your LOG CABIN or you might miss the TRIP AROUND THE WORLD and a chance to see the FLYING GEESE and meet SUNBONNET SUE. *Jeanne B.*

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 **Quilters with a View** 10:00 EVERY Thursday Lincoln City 50/50 Club	2 **Bayshore Quilters** 10-4 Bayshore in Waldport	3
4	5	6 **Lincoln County Sewers** 10:00 Community Center Lincoln City	7 **Knotty Ladies** 11:30-3:00 Senior Center Newport	8 **Guild Meeting** ALC Newport 11:30 Table walk 12:00 Potluck and General mtg	9 **Bayshore Quilters** 10-4 Bayshore in Waldport	10
11	12	13 **Lincoln County Sewers** 10:00 Community Center Lincoln City	14 **Knotty Ladies** 11:30-3:00 Senior Center Newport	15 **Board Meeting** 11:00 Rec Center Newport ALL members welcome	16 **Bayshore Quilters** 10-4 Bayshore in Waldport	17
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Minutes of General Membership Meeting –

Attendance: 62 Members & 2 Visitors

President Helen Treend called the meeting to order. Helen thanked Donna Iiams for all her hard work as the Guild Historian and the wonderful job she did on the scrapbook of the guild. Helen thanked two people who were not honored for their work during the quilt show this year. She gave certificates to Dolores Wagner and Judi Cooper. Helen announced that she had tickets for the Salishan Christmas Tour of Homes if anyone is interested. It takes place on December 3rd and included five homes. Helen then thanked Jennifer Reinhart for filling in as Secretary for the month of November.

Minutes of the October 13th meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Debra Hanson reported a bank balance of $6089.17 and a community services grant balance of -$0.20. Reimbursement forms and equipment forms are online. Debra announced that all reimbursement forms need to be turned in by the end of the year for reimbursement for the 2005 year.

Program: Jan Hoffman read a thank you card from Crys Kyle who taught the Kaleidoscope workshop in October. Rosalie Raudsep announced that the program for December will be the Round Robin revealing along with the potluck and reminded everyone that there will be no gift exchange. Rosalie then introduced the four guild members who attended the Paducah Quilt Show and classes in April. Dani Flaig, Paulette Stenberg, Twy Hoch, and Karen Oetjen shared their experiences from their trip. They showed samples of their work, pictures, and shared many enjoyable stories. They donated a book they received on their trip to the guild library.

Election of Officers: Paulette Stenberg announced the nominees: President: Jeann'e Butler, Vice President: Gretchen Jolie, Secretary: Jean Maupin, Treasurer: Debra Hanson. Rose Shaw made a motion to approve the election of the candidates. Ruth Peterson seconded the motion and it was passed.

Refreshments: Hostesses for the meeting were Marie Lake and Jennifer Reinhart.

Committee Reports:

Hostessing: Cheryl Mottner announced that the Hostessing Chairman position still needs to be filled for 2006. Berta Beachell volunteered for the position. However, she insisted that members need to start stepping up and volunteering to be a hostess for a meeting. She said when she held the position a few years back she brought food five months out of the year because people would not volunteer or they would back out at the last second. Cheryl also announced that members need to bring a dish and their own table setting for the December meeting.

Membership: Carol Culton announced the attendance of 62 members and 2 guests who joined the guild.

Finance: Jean Amundson said that the proposed budget in the last newsletter is balanced. Fran Whited made a motion to approve the budget. Ruth Peterson seconded and it was passed.

Workshops: Linda MacKown announced that the dates for the machine quilting workshops in January have changed due to scheduling conflicts with the instructor and the church. The Beginning Machine Quilting workshop will be on Friday, January 6th and the intermediate machine quilting workshop will be on Friday, January 20th. Jean Amundson talked about the Workshop Evaluation Form. Members are encouraged to submit an evaluation form for any of the workshops taught during the 2005. Forms can be obtained from any of the workshop committee members.

Field Trips: Denise DeMarie said there are no field trips planned and the last one was cancelled due to lack of participation. She asked if anyone is interested in the Field Trip Committee Chair position for 2006. Denise said she would help the new committee chair with planning the field trips for 2006.

New officers include from left to right: Gretchen Jolie, Jeanne Butler, and Jean Maupin. Not pictured: Debra Hanson.

Documentation: Twy Hoch said there are no new dates as of yet. When they get scheduled they will be listed in the newsletter. She thinks there will be 6 dates, one extra to make up for the missed date this year. Twy announced that she is selling raffle tickets for a quilt she donated to the Waldport Library. The drawing will be at the Waldport Library on December 3rd. Twy also announced that the Mariners Quilt is at the Newport Historical Society Museum waiting to be quilted. If any members have time to quilt please stop by. The museum is closed on Mondays.

Community Quilts: Dolores Wagner said 163 quilts have been given away. She always has a list of where the quilts go at every meeting. Members are welcome to see the list. She asked that if any member has a place where the quilts are needed to let the committee know. The committee took in 3 quilt tops at the meeting. The Knotty Ladies tie community quilts the last Wednesday of each month at the Senior Center. Members are welcome to join them. One of the feet is missing from the quilt frame from the senior center. Does anyone know where it is? Quilt tying for November and December have been cancelled. Debra Hanson announced that the guild has received a $2500 grant from the Siletz Tribe for Community Quilts!

Charm Squares: Liz Ritchie said 18 members signed up for December and the color is green.

Challenge Quilt 2006: Shirley Gilmore and Donna Iiams are the committee chairs for 2006. Members who brought an ugly fat quarter drew a new fat quarter for the challenge. The drawing will continue in December. Rules for the challenge are available when you pick up your fat quarter.

Round Robin: Paulette Stenberg explained that it will be a "straight robin" for 2006. Signup will continue at the December meeting and the event will start in January and will feature a 45x45 finished project with a Christmas theme. Exchange dates will be Feb, April, June, Sept, Nov. with the revealing in December. It will then need to be finished for the 2007 quilt show.

Drawings:

Block of the Month: Lisa Taylor said this would be her last year at chairmen. She asked for volunteers for 2006. 32 blocks were turned in this month won by Esther Vickstrom.

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Minutes of Executive Board Meeting –

President Helen Treend called the meeting to order and announced the presence of a quorum (13 present and 5 guild members). Helen welcomed new board members and new committee chairman.

Minutes of the October 20th Meeting: Helen announced a change that she did not leave the meeting at 12:05 as recorded but at 1:05. The rest of the minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report was given by Jean'e Butler. Total expenses from 12/1/04-11/17/05 are $18,670.06 with a net income of $661.92. The bank balance is $5,298.90 with a community service balance of -$30.20.

Committee Reports:

By Laws: Carol Culton handed out proposed organization changes. She explained how the new organization would give voting privileges to some committees and no voting privileges to auxiliary committees. The way it is set up now we need 10% of the guild to have a quorum at the board meetings. Committees have been collapsed down in order to form a smaller quorum. One of the biggest changes is having field trips, block of the month, challenge quilt, charm squares, hostessing, library, round robin, program development, and show and tell under one committee named "Meeting & Program Activities". All of these sub-committees would be under one chairman and the group as a whole would only have one vote at the board meeting. With the proposed organization changes there would be 11 committees and 4 officers. 50% of voting members plus one officer is needed for a quorum. Therefore, only 8 committee members plus one officer is needed to satisfy the quorum. Members can serve on more than one committee but are entitled to only one vote. Since this is a change in the bylaws members will have to vote on the proposed organization changes, which will supersede the changes set forth in September of 2004.

Motion by Linda MacKown to publish the proposed organizational changes and a voting ballot in the December newsletter. Seconded by Dani Flaig and passed with no opposition.

Members want to get the newly published directory earlier in the year. The bylaws were referred to and Carol Culton found a discrepancy. There is a statement about dues on page 21 of the directory under Membership Section 2 and a statement on page 28 under Financial Section C.

Motion to remove item C under Financial (pg 28). Nan Scott seconded and passed with no opposition.

The bylaw stands that dues are due and payable in December and delinquent after the January General Meeting.

Jeann'e Butler read from the bylaws and in summary stated that the installation of officers should take place at the December meeting not in November. Helen explained that she handed over some information and keys to Jeann'e today to alleviate any stress or confusion and to make sure things would be organized and prepared for the next officer. The gavel, however, will not be turned over until the December General Meeting.

Round Robin: Paulette Stenberg said 19 people have signed up and sign ups will continue through the December meeting. Participants will get their bags and directions in January and the first exchange will begin in February. The revealing will be December 2006 at the general meeting with a 'little' and 'grand' prize drawing. Participants will then need to have their round robins done and ready for entry into the 2007 quilt show.

Newsletter: Nan Scott announced that she has 14 members who have agreed to receive the newsletter via the web. 3-4 people are getting the newsletter by mail and via the web. Nan also announced she has one commitment for advertising for a full year – Quilters Cove. Nan encourages members to obtain a advertising price sheet and pass them out if you visit out of town quilt shops or sewing centers or to bring back business cards to her so she can contact them regarding advertising.

Old Business:

House Block Project for 2007 Raffle Quilt: Helen read the guidelines aloud. Cheryl Mottner stated the house blocks would be voted on at the 2006 quilt show. The blocks not voted into the raffle quilt would then be available to makers of the blocks through a raffle. For more info you can contact Cheryl Mottner until May '06 and Suzanne Dandoy starting in May '06. The complete guidelines will be available on the guild website.

Helen announced openings for committees for 2006. The chairperson for the quilt show is in high demand. Someone needs to step up and take the position. Jeann'e Butler has in place guidelines and instructions for the position. The calendar and guidelines for the quilt show chairpersons are easy to read and follow. Please volunteer!!!

New Members Sub-Committee: Jennifer Reinhart announced sending out correspondence to all members who joined in 2005. She received great feedback and

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Treasurer's Report

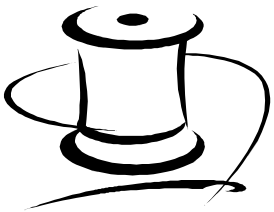
December 1—November 17

Income	
Newsletter Advertising	24.00
2005 Quilt Raffle Tickets	2,534.00
Documentation	330.00
Donations	2,550.00
Field Trips	783.00
Membership	2,119.95
Quilt Show	7,233.57
Quilter's Surprise	577.00
Workshops	2,993.00
Miscellaneous	187.46
Total Income	19,331.98
Operating Expenses	
Donations	700.00
Filing Fees	50.00
Friendship	0.00
Insurance	300.30
Officers Supplies	180.74
Memberships	0.00
Organizational Expenses	0.00
Post Office Box Rent	38.00
Rent-Meetings	600.00
Rent - Lincoln Storage	1020.00
Round Robin	35.19
Special Project History Quilt	0.00
Treasurer's Expenses	42.62
Misc. Expense-Unbudgeted	692.79
Total Operating Expenses	3,659.64
OCQG Committee Expenses	
Block of the Month	206.51
Bylaws and Procedures	0.00
Challenge	20.78
Community Service	2,580.20
Documentation	315.83
Field Trips	810.00
Finance -Quilters Surprise	439.83
Finance - 2005 Raffle Quilt	256.25
Historian	63.34
Hospitality	150.85
Library	206.30
Membership	251.20
Newsletter	1478.88
Nominating	0.00
Parlementarian	0.00
Program	1194.07
Raffles - 2006 Raffle Quilt	99.72
Raffles - 2007 Raffle Quilt	14.49
Quilt Show 2005	3,780.42
Workshops	3,141.75
Total Committee Expenses	15,010.42
Total Expense	18,670.06
Net Income	**661.92**
Bank Balance	$5,298.90
Community Service Balance	-$30.20

November's Program Features the Paducah Four

Four of our members, Dani Flaig, Paulette Stenberg, Twy Hoch, and Karen Oetjen, attended the Paducah Quilt Show and Classes in April.

At the November meeting we were treated to a report of their trip. With Paulette 'in the driver's seat' there was plenty of comedy. Karen's class samples were a riot and showed us the lighter side of quilting. In fact all four made the whole experience sound like a lot of fun. So ladies, when does the book come out?



Twy Hoch, Paulette Stenberg, Karen Oetjen, and Dani Flaig in Paducah KY

Hostess Notes

Thank you to Marie Lake, Jennifer Rinehart, and Gretchen Jolie for our treats at our November meeting. Special thanks to Marie for handling so much on her own. .We appreciate you so much.

Our December meeting will be our potluck . Our hostesses will be Berta Beachell, Phoebe Hein, Phyllis Randall, Gretchen Jolie and Cheryl Mottner. Dont forget to bring your own table service, a dish to share, a wrapped fat quarter, and a can of food for the food drive.

Cheryl Mottner

December Agenda

Please remember others less fortunate by bringing food items to donate to the food bank. You are also invited to bring a GIFT WRAPPED fat quarter for exchange if you wish. This is an optional activity.

The order of the meeting will be:

Table Walk
Potluck Lunch
Program "Round Robin Revealing"
Business at hand & Committee Reports
Show & Tell
Quilter's Surprise and Raffle
Fat Quarter Exchange & Holiday Best Wishes

Jeanne B.

Lest We Forget!

The following information is the beginning of the BY-LAWS of the guild.

NAME:

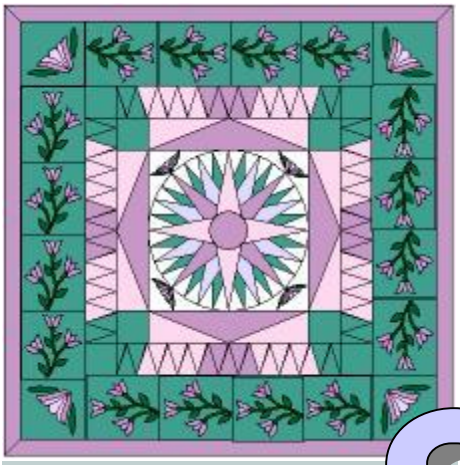
The name of this mutual benefit corporation shall be Oregon Coastal Quilters Guild.

PURPOSE:

The purpose shall be:

- To promote fellowship among quilters.
- To promote knowledge and appreciation of quilts and quilt making through educational programs and meetings.
- To sponsor and support quilting activities.

December's Program: Potluck and Round Robin Revealing



In January of 2005 Paulette Stenberg and Karen Oetjen announced that the Round Robins would be completed and revealed in December at the Potluck Luncheon. The Round Robins were completed by 4 groups of 5 in each group. Each person made a block and then they were placed in individual bags and passed on to the various members of that group every 2 months. Each person added another border. The originator of the block will finally get to see their completed item and show it to all of us during the December program. It should be a thrill for them and us to see these wonderful creations.

Rosalie and Jan

Round Robin

Ladies, don't forget to bring your robins to the December potluck meeting for our revealing and drawing of a really nice prize.

Christmas Robins:

There is still time to sign up for this stressless Christmas quilt. If you wish to join the robins, contact Karen at 563-4216 or Paulette at 563-5138. The first exchange will be at the February meeting.

The robin information will be available at the Dec. meeting. You will receive the bags and group names at the Jan. meeting.

Thank you.
Paulette

In a round robin, each person creates a center. Then the project is passed with the quilt gaining another border at each pass, until its creator receives the finished quilt project.

Knotty Ladies—Change of Place

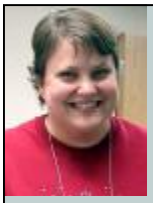
During the tax season (yuk) January thru April 15 the AARP helps seniors do their taxes in the basement of the Senior Center on Wednesday and Friday. The Knotty Ladies will be meeting at the Studio above Quilter's Cove during this time, from 11:30a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is an elevator near the North end of the building. Come join us.

Mary Gilliland

Pam Werth won the Quilter's Surprise in November.

Proceeds from the Community Projects Raffle support the community projects of the Guild. Buy a ticket in support of the guild and a chance to win some cool stuff!

Linda MacKown draws the next winner in the Community Projects Raffle.



Jennifer is the 'go-to-gal' for New Members

If you are new to the Guild we want to make sure that you become an active member and reap all of the benefits of guild membership.

If you have any questions about the Guild or its activities, contact Jennifer Reinhart 265-9498. She will put you on the right track and make you feel right at home.

Here's an Opportunity

Mary Gilliland will not be hanging quilts at the Recreation Center next year. Someone needs to step up and take on this fun job. Once every one and a half months to two months the quilts are changed. Ask Mary and she'll instruct you.

Meet our New Members

Peggy Hibner

Peggy Hibner has been interested in quilting ever since she made a quilt as a child. She is interested in all types of quilting and is currently working on a landscape quilt.

She moved from Portland to Newport a few years ago and has lived in California and several other places. She has been a stay at home mom when her two daughters were younger and has also worked as a veterinary technician

As a member of the Oregon Coastal quilter's Guild, Peggy looks forward to meeting people and learning new things.

Welcome to the Guild, Peggy. We look forward to seeing that landscape quilt at Show and Share sometime!

Marylynn Kleemann

Marylynn Kleemann has her daughter to thank for getting her into quilting. She has made quilts from king size to miniature, but enjoys the smaller 'couch' quilts best of all. Most of her projects are machine quilted. "I just don't have the patience for hand quilting," she says.

She came to Oregon from Dixon, CA west of Sacramento where she was a school nurse when she and her husband retired and bought the Ocean Cove Inn in Yachats. They have since sold the Inn and have built a new home just south of Waldport.

Marylynn is also liquidating her gift shop in Yachats. Timeless Treasures has a number of hand made quilts and sewing related gifts.

Join the Block Brigade

The new members sub committee is going to start having "Healthy Quilters" each month. The first date is January 21, 2006 at the PUD in Newport from 9-4. It's for new members and any guild member who is new to quilting and needs help with their projects or needs instruction on how to get started with quilting. Experienced quilters from the quild will be available to help and answer any questions you may have. So bring your projects (this would be a good time to work on Block-of-the-Month), supplies, and a snack or lunch and prepare to have fun and learn lots. Please RSVP to Jennifer Reinhart. (265-9498 or reinhart9498@msn.com Limited space available. There will be a sign up sheet at the guild meetings.

Let Membership know of any changes or corrections in your directory listing. See page 11.

Focus on Membership

The Membership Committee is expanding. In order to serve members better, encourage member recognition and retention, and spread the work load, the Membership Committee has added a new member and a director y subcommittee.

The Newsletter will include pictures and interviews with new members. Name and address information formatted for inclusion in your membership directory will be printed on the last page so that you can clip it out to paste in your directory (see page 11). The directory will be published in February rather than March.

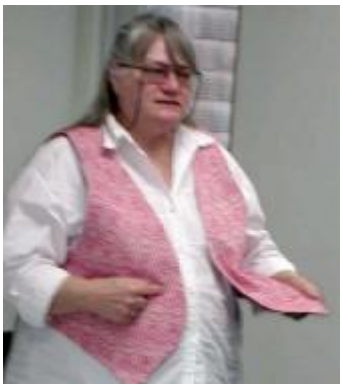
Jennifer Reinhart is developing new member activities and programs to encourage advancement and learning in the art of quilting.

Contact Nan Scott (547-5470) or Jennifer Reinhart (265-9498) with comments or suggestions for ways to make our guild strong, friendly, and inclusive.

Show and Share—from kaleidoscopes to joy

Show and Share at the November meeting included projects from two workshops and several items from industrious members.

Shirley Scott and a colorful I-spy



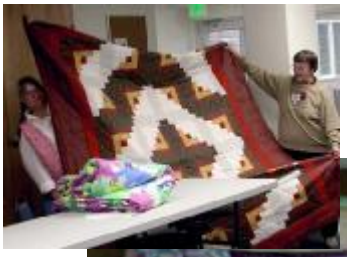
Brenda Dooney showed her quilted vest.

Denise DeMarie shared her fiber art.

Mary Warfield shared her lovely Christmas table runner just in time for the holidays.

Evelyn DePaolo was creative with Grandma's hankies.

Lisa Taylor went nuts with quilted squirrels in this colorful quilt



Isabelle Bolwer has been busy with these two bed size quilts.

Ann Davis shows her earth tone beauty.

Jennifer Reinhart has been working hard at her machine quilting business as evidenced by these five projects.

Not a mystery anymore! Participants of the Holiday Mystery workshop taught by guild member Jean Amundson spread JOY for the holidays.

Stack & Whack

Paulette Stenberg, Cheryl Mottner, Rosalie Raudsep, and Karen Oetjen shared projects from Crys Kyle's Kaleidoscope Workshop. Careful fabric selection and cutting creates unique kaleidoscope pattern from the same fabric.

Did you know that workshops offered by the guild are a great way to learn new skills, get encouragement on a project and have loads of fun?

Check out the new line-up of workshops for 2006 and sign up for a fun learning experience.

2006 Workshops

BEGINNING MACHINE QUILTING, Friday, January 6, 10-4, at ALC. Instructor: Ginny Kelly. $32. Do you want to machine quilt some of those UFOs but don't know how? This workshop will be a great help in leaning and improving your machine quilting skills and techniques. We'll work on free motion quilting and will cover various quilting techniques. Note: for this class we will use thread a couple of shades darker so we can see the quilting stitches. SKILL LEVEL: Beginner to Intermediate. It is important to know how to operate your machine and use your attachments. Bring owners manual for your machine.

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED MACHINE QUILTING, Friday, January 20, 10-4, at ALC. Instructor: Ginny Kelly. $32. Okay, so you know how to free motion quilt but don't think you're "good enough"? Here's a really good way to improve your machine quilting skills and learn new techniques. Pre-meet with Ginnie to discuss quilting design and thread colors on January 8th or 11th between 1& 3. Call Ginny at 994-5476 to arrange specific time and place. SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate/ Advanced. It is important to know how to operate your machine and use your attachments. Bring owner's manual for your machine.

SEWING CURVES FROM STRIPS, Saturday, March 11, 2006 from 10-4 at ALC. Instructor: Denise DeMarie. Fool proof yet easy curved piecing—The easiest curve sewing you'll ever do! Look for more information at the next guild meeting and in the next newsletter.

THORNBUSH OF THE CASCADES, Friday & Saturday, February 10 & 11, 10-4, at ALC. Instructors: Jan Bressler and Lou Shafer from Jannilou's in Philomath. $65, includes pattern (Pattern will be ordered after the December meeting and will be available at the January meeting). New York Beauty-like sunbursts radiate from the center of this gorgeous quilt into pools of batiks. Multi-dimensional stars surround the center medallion and are then dramatically enhanced by a sawtooth spike border. Thornbush blossoms are appliquéd in your favorite method once the quilt top is complete. This is one of Judy Niemeyer's newest patterns using her unique paper foundation methods. She takes nearly all the complication out of the intricate piecing. Jan & Lou rate this class as being for advanced beginners. Rocky Mountain Thornbush pattern by Judy Niemeyer is required.

Questions? Call Linda MacKown at 265-3245, Jean Amundson at 265-5544, or Jennifer Reinhart at 265-9498.

Over the River and Through the Woods...

Did you go to grandmother's house for Thanksgiving? If so, could you reproduce her house in a quilt block? If not, can you piece together a gingerbread house or an apartment house, a dog house or a lighthouse?

We are making House Blocks for the 2007 raffle quilt. Instructions and sources for patterns were distributed at the November guild meeting. If you were not there, pick up a copy at the December or January meetings – or look for the information on the guild web page. You have until July to complete a block – or two – or three. Blocks not used for the raffle quilt will be given, through a raffle, to members who made blocks – a process similar to our Block-of-the-Month drawing. You will receive one entry into the raffle for each house block you contribute.

Be creative. Make your house whimsical or colorful or architecturally interesting. Cheryl Mottner will have photos of house blocks at the meetings. If you take Quilters Newsletter Magazine, the December issue had a house block quilt on page 53 and enlargements of some of the houses on page 3.

If you have questions, contact me.

Suzanne Dandoy

Quilter's Corner

I have decided to devote some column space in the Fat Quarter News each month to quilting related tips and 'how to' questions. I hope that this will encourage exchange of information between those new to the art of quilting and those who are more experienced. I have 'seeded' it this month, but I hope that you will send me the 'tips and tricks' that you have found helpful.

By the January guild meeting, we will have a Questions and Suggestions box available so that you can drop in a question that will be addressed in 'Helpful Harriet's' column. I will then refer your question for an answer to a guild member who has experience and expertise. There is no such thing as a 'dumb question' and you don't have to sign it if you don't want to.

You can send tips and tricks to me via email (Nan.H.Scott@oregonstate.edu) snail mail (PO Box 1118; Yachats 97498) or give it to me at a meeting. There is a wealth of knowledge out there. I look forward to helping pass it around.

Nan Scott
Newsletter Editor

Share your Knowledge … Find an Answer

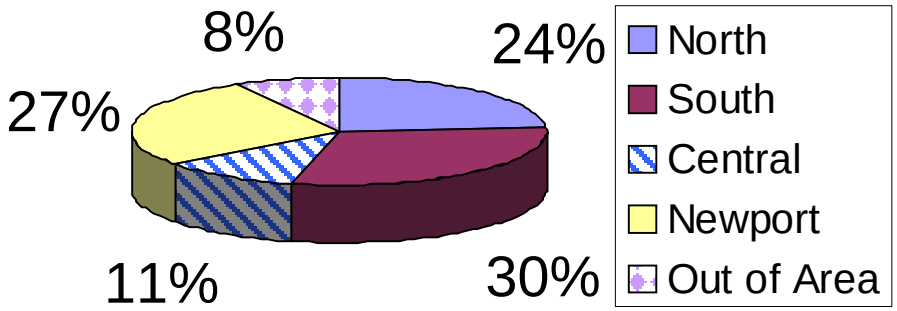
Dear Harriet,

I have been participating in the Block of the Month program at my guild, and no matter what I do, I can't seem to make my blocks come out the right size. I use 1/4 inch seams. I've even marked with tape on my sewing machine so that I can be accurate. It seems that the more complicated the block, the further off are my measurements. Help!

Caught Short in Yachats

Dear Short,

This is a case when a quarter of an inch is not a quarter of an inch. When you have a block that is complicated—many pieces, many seams, the finished size of the block may be smaller than expected because each seam gobbles up more than you think. In reality your seams should be a 'scant' quarter of an inch because the thread and the fabric when pressed will take an additional approximately 1/32nd of an inch. If your sewing machine has the feature that allows you to set the needle position, move it one click to the right and then use your 1/4 inch tape guide as you sew. If your machine does not have that feature, move your tape to the left by 1/32nd of an inch. Press each seam as you sew and measure as you go so that you can make adjustments as necessary. And relax—as you gain more experience, you won't be caught short.



Upcoming Events

NOW—1/1/06 'Cover to Cover' - a display of the art quilts of Janet Fogg. Latimer Quilt and Textile Center; 2105 Wilson River Road Loop.

12/08 Oregon Coastal Quilters Guild annual holiday potluck; 11:30 Atonement Lutheran Church; Newport.

A Bag of Tricks

Recently at an impromptu lunch gathering of several quilters, Paulette Stenberg shared this frustration saver.

Have you ever been working on a project that has multiple thick layers, seams, curves and corners (a quilted bag or purse comes to mind) and you have been frustrated with trying to keep all of those layers aligned while sewing on your machine? Straight pins bend like boomerangs and you have to close the door of your sewing room for fear someone might think there is a sailor in the house!

Paulette's tip is elegant—Use a clothes pin at the edge to keep the layers aligned and together. You can stitch along the seam line and then reposition the clothes pin as necessary. A binder clip for paper would also work well.

And now you can open the sewing room door.

Thanks Paulette!

Where We Live

I have been working on the membership directory information as I prepare to format next year's directory for printing. I had assumed that most of our membership live in Newport, but that is actually not the case. We range all the way from Gresham to Yachats and more than sixty percent of the membership travel more than fifteen miles to come to meetings.

The pie chart to the right illustrates the distribution. Twenty-four percent live north of Newport while thirty percent live more than fifteen miles to the south. Eleven percent live near Newport and eight percent are out of the area and rarely attend meetings.

Nan Scott

Proposed Changes to the OCQG By-Laws

In November 2004 the Oregon Coastal Quilters Guild By-laws were changed to remove the distinction between standing and auxiliary committees. One consequence of this change was that all committees were made a part of the executive board and (with the exception of By-laws and Nominating) given voting rights. Another consequence was that obtaining a quorum for board meetings became a challenge, indeed a burden. The executive board now had 25 members (one per committee, the officers and the parliamentarian), Since a quorum is defined as one-half of the number of members of the executive board plus one, thirteen people were needed to form a quorum (13 people is a bit more than 10 percent of the membership of the guild). To alleviate this problem, organizational changes were proposed to the board in the November meeting and were approved by the board. The following changes vary in format but not in content from the draft proposed to the board.

In these organizational changes the number of committees has been reduced to fourteen, however three of these committees (Audit, by-laws and Nominating) do NOT have voting rights. With these remaining eleven committees, the four officers and the parliamentarian (16 voting representatives), only nine representatives are required for a quorum.

Note that the new committee structure consolidates many former activities by forming subcommittees. The most comprehensive reorganization has been in restructuring the former Program Committee into the Program and Activities Committee. This committee chairperson will now have the responsibility for the program, table walk and other activities that take place at a meeting. Each subcommittee chairperson will handle their defined responsibility but would not be required to attend board meetings.

Essentially, the new structure makes the president the Chef Executive Officer, the Treasurer the Chief Financial Officer and the Program and Activities Committee Chairperson the Chief Executive Officer of the guild.

Please review these changes carefully because they wall be voted on no later than the membership meeting to be held on January 13, 2006. A ballot is included on page 11.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Carol Culton at 541-547-3392.

Proposed Organization Changes

These changes replace Sections 1 and 2 of Article VII, Committees. They are on pages 23, 24 and 25 of the 2005 Membership directory.

Section 1: Committee Chairpersons shall serve as voting members of the Executive Board except the Chairpersons of Audit, By-Laws, and Nominating.

Section 2: The committees and their responsibilities shall be:

A. AUDIT - Audit the OCQG books as specified in the procedures.

B. BY-LAWS: Maintain and review the By-laws, Standing Rules and Policy of the Guild for fairness and accuracy.

C. COMMUNITY SERVICE: Coordinate all OCQG community service and charity activities.

D. DOCUMENTATION: Locate and document quilts made prior to 1960 that now belong to residents of Lincoln County.

E. FINANCE: Oversee all OCQG financial and fund raising activities and prepare the annual budget. Subcommittees include:

Raffle quilt ticket sales
Quilters surprise
Special projects raffle
Other

F. HISTORY: Document the activities and traditions of the OCQG by taking photographs, maintaining photo albums and scrapbooks, and archiving ephemera related to the guild.

G. MEMBERSHIP: Coordinate all membership activities including recruitment, roster maintenance, and membership meeting attendance records. Subcommittees include:

Membership directory
Records keeping and coordination
New Member Buddy
Other

H. NEWSLETTER: Publish and distribute a newsletter regularly to inform members of activities and events.

I. NOMINATING - Seek candidates for the elected offices (President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer) among the OCQG membership.

J. PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES: Responsible for the non-business part of membership meetings, and coordinates all regular membership meeting activities. Subcommittees include:

Block of the month
Challenge
Charm squares
Field Trips
Hostessing
Library
Program development (speakers, presentations, etc)
Round Robin
Show and Tell
Other

K. PUBLICITY: Distribute information to the media concerning all OCQG meetings and events.

L. QUILT SHOW: Conduct the annual quilt show as specified in the OCQG Quilt Show Procedures Manual.

M. RAFFLE QUILTS: Prepare an annual raffle quilt. Subcommittees include:

Current year's raffle quilt
Next year's raffle quilt

N. WORKSHOPS: Organize and schedule all workshops for the current term, and be authorized to schedule and make commitments for future years.

Carol Culton
Parliamentarian

These proposed changes only refer to voting members of the Executive Board. ALL members are welcome at the Executive Board meetings and may participate in discussions.

GENERAL MINUTES (Continued from page 2)

Quilters Surprise: Pam Werth won. Jane Szabo is a next years committee chairman.

Special Projects: Pam thanked everyone for all the donations for Special Projects and the Library. She thanked Jennifer Reinhart for the two quilted bags for this months drawing. There were various winners during the drawing.

Old Business:

Nan Scott announced that the newsletter is now accepting paid advertising to offset the cost of the newsletter. If any member would be willing to drop off a price list of advertising at any quilt store Nan has the information. Or if you go to any shop and would bring back business cards to Nan.

Jeann'e Butler made a plea to members for a Chairmen and Co-Chairmen for the 2006 Quilt Show. There needs to be a sign up soon in order not to miss the important deadlines for advertising.

New Business:

Cheryl Mottner announced having a sign up sheet and instructions for the House Blocks for the 2007 Raffle Quilt.

Charlotte Banton didn't remember voting for or against a gift exchange for the December meeting. She made a motion to have the gift exchange. Helen Treend opened it up for discussion. Rosalie Raudsep said it was on the "program ideas" ballot and received very few votes. Shirley Gilmore suggested bringing a wrapped fat quarter so it would be an even exchange and anyone who didn't want to participate wouldn't have to. Jeann'e Butler suggested bringing a can of food to the December meeting to donate to a local food bank. The motion was seconded and passed. Anyone who wants to participate in the gift exchange for December is asked to bring a wrapped fat quarter.

Jennifer Reinhart

BOARD MINUTES (Continued from page 3)

said a lot of new members attended the last meeting. The board members then made many suggestions on how to involve new members and meet their needs. The suggestions are: "New Members" box in the newsletter which would include statistics and details on new members, "suggestions box" at each guild meeting, take a poll on what members need or are looking forward to from the guild, beginners workshops, "Sit & Quilt" days where beginners and/or new members (or any member) could come and work on projects and ask questions of and learn from experienced quilters in the guild, block of the month offering two skill level blocks for each month and having two drawings for the month from each skill level. Jennifer will be asking for help with the sub committee. If you are willing to help out please contact her. All the suggestions above will be considered and some put into affect. Stay tuned!

New Business:

Helen Treend read a letter from Donna Iiams. Donna resigned from being the historian for next year. Helen expressed thanks to all the work Donna did for the guild especially the scrapbook. Helen went on to say that anyone who takes on the job of guild historian could contact Donna for suggestions.

December Gift Exchange: Helen stated that the gift exchange was originally taken out because members were complaining that the December meeting was running too long. Jeann'e Butler said she would handle the gift exchange and reminded members to bring cans of food for local food drives. Linda MacKown added that the program for December is only the Round Robin revealing and the whole 45 minutes would be given specifically to that. It was also stated that Rosalie Raudsep reported that there were not enough votes for the gift exchange or Quilto to be included into a program for the year. Phyllis Randall added that the December Guild Meeting should be about celebrating the holiday and enjoying each other. She added that we should not focus a lot of time on guild business for this one meeting. Per Jeann'e Butler, the agenda for the December meeting will be printed in the newsletter so members know what to expect.

Audit: Helen stated that Jean Amundson and Debra Hanson, the audit committee, are not present at the board meeting. Helen asked if she could leave office if she didn't have an official audit? Members said she could leave since we will have the same Treasurer for the 2006 year. Phyllis Randall thinks the audit has been done. Helen wanted it on record that the Audit committee is not present and the Audit for 2005 is not complete.

Paulette Stenberg announced that the Burrow House is asking for someone to loan them a Christmas Quilt for the season. Dani Flaig said she possibly had one to loan. Anyone else who is interested is asked to contact Paulette Stenberg.

Helen Treend adjourned the meeting.

Jennifer Reinhart
Secretary Pro-Tem

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When I stopped the bus to pick up Chris for preschool, I noticed an older woman hugging him as he left the house.

"Is that your grandmother?" I asked.
"Yes, "Chris said.
"She's come to visit us for Christmas."
"How nice," I said. "Where does she live?"
"At the airport," Chris replied.
"Whenever we want her, we just go out there and get her."

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An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two elderly gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant, and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... the one that is red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes," the man said, "That's it." Then he turned toward the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night??!!

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Don't forget to LAUGH - Research has shown that laughter actually prolongs life!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

in December

Marie Hinze 2
Kathy Robbins..... 10
Gloria Zirges 10
Dianne Eckstein 16
Anita Adams 17
Florence Roberts 21
Dorothy Mack 24
Susan Prukop 29
Jane Szabo 30
Betty Tyler 30

This page is designed for clipping without destroying your newsletter—E-news subscribers, please print.

All members who have paid dues for 2006 are eligible to vote on the change in By-Laws. The ballot may be clipped from the newsletter and mailed to the guild or bring it with you to the January 12 meeting.

See page 9 of this newsletter for an explanation of the changes.

Official Ballot

OREGON COASTAL QUILTER'S GUILD
BALLOT

Approve proposed changes to the By-Laws
Sections 1 and 2, Article VII
Committees

¨ **Yes**
¨ **No**

Membership dues are payable at the December meeting and delinquent after January 12.

Please check your information in the 2005 Directory.

If there are changes or corrections, please make them on the form and mail or turn in at the Membership table.

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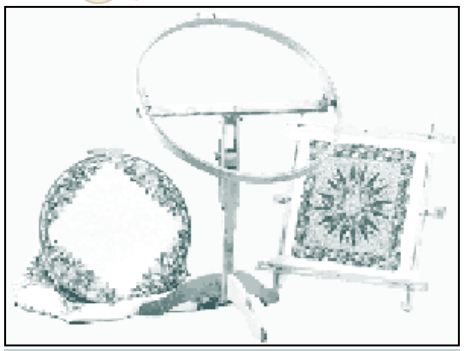

Christmas Gift Idea

The Homestead Quilting Hoops are beautiful floor hoops that allow you to quilt in any direction and at any tilt or height adjustment. They are very convenient for quilters with limited floor space.

Guild member, Phoebe Hein, has a 29" Hinterberg floor hoop like the one pictured in the center above that she would like to sell. It also has the 1/2 loop adapter. She's asking $100 for the whole kit & caboodle (a $200 value). It's the natural finish and probably only has about 6 hrs of use on it!

You can find other information about these beautiful hoops on the web at:
http://www.hinterberg.com/hoops.htm

Contact Phoebe if you are interested
Phone 265-4286 or pwhein@charter.net

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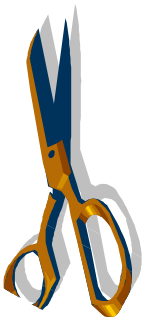

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Peggy Hibner

MaryLynn Kleemann

Fat Quarter News

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Charm Squares

Please bring 18 (eighteen) in green
100% cotton, washed
7 inch squares

General Meeting
December 8
11:30 Table Walk
12:00 Potluck & Meeting

Remember to Bring:

Your name tag
Library Books
ROUND ROBIN
Block of the Month
Charm squares
Money for Raffles
Table Service
Food to share
Show and Share Items

Canned goods
A wrapped fat quarter

November
Block of the Month
WINNER!!!
Esther Vickstrom
won the Waltzing Matilda blocks (32 of them)

Colorized instructions are on the web

October Block of the Month

Maple Star