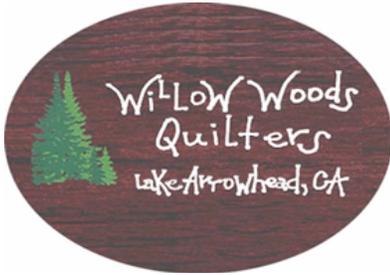


# WILLOW WOODS QUILT GUILD

Newsletter February 2017



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## President – Debra Claypool

Hello Beautiful Quilters!

Visionary quilters, rejoice!

One of the sweetest, most precious moments I have experienced standing at the front of the room occurred last month when we began talking about Visionary Quilts. At first, only a few intrepid women put up their hands. I could see in everyone's faces that same nervous thought, Is my quilt good enough? Is my idea silly? Do I dare? But then, as one after another started sharing ideas, I saw more and more hands go up, as those somewhat buried dreams began surfacing. What a precious moment that was! I want you to know that your ideas are beautiful and even sacred. We can't just work all the time. (Someone please remind me of that!) Sometimes we must honor those visions that inspire us and keep us up at night imagining. I encourage EVERYONE to participate, if even in a very small way. I will be bringing the official Visionary Quilts notebook to our next meeting, so please bring a sketch, photocopy, or written description of what you are planning to do. Even if you don't finish it by September, at least you can get started. Working together as a group, we can make headway and be encouraged to go on.

Comfort Quilts and Cup of Comfort Quilts – what's the difference?

### Month at a Glance

Upcoming events for February:

- Comfort Quilt Kit Making - Saturday, Feb. 18th. 10-4
- Susan's Fiber Collage class - Wednesday, Feb. 22nd 10-4

Special Items to Bring to the next meeting:

- \$\$ from Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales.
- Items for the Christmas themed Opportunity Basket
- Visionary Quilt challenge inspiration
- Opportunity Quilt Challenge entry – design a quilt for us to make
- Panel Quilt Challenge – show us the panel you intend to use.
- Christmas ornament for exchange
- 3 fat quarters for Left-Right-Center

Also Don't Forget:

- Your name tag
- Fat Quarters (1/month or 12/year)
- Comfort Quilts (2/year or help to finish someone else's)
- Refreshments (if it is your turn)
- Items for Stash Cow table

You may have gotten the handout about our Comfort Quilt program at the last meeting. We as a guild support the needy in our community with the blessing of quilts. Comfort Quilts are given to the Twin Peaks Sheriff's Department, and to the San Bernardino Foster Kids program. When you are working on a Comfort Quilt, you should think of someone – often a child, sometimes an adult in crisis – feeling your care and love without even knowing who you are. It's a gesture that is meant to give hope as well – that there are people who care and will reach out even to a stranger. That's us! We are those people who will give, even to a stranger. You should be proud to be a person like that. It is part of the mission statement of our guild.

Our Cup of Comfort Quilts are for women within the guild. Think of the Cup part as being full of everything we would like to give our friend -- our sister -- who is suffering a great loss. We would offer her a cup of something warm, with the hope that she feel the love we have for her. We hope that feeling our compassion would help ease her burden. So, through the year, we make the individual blocks, each with an appliqued cup on it, and maybe our name or a little message, and then the committee puts them together into a quilt. The Cup of Comfort Quilt has a bit of each of us in it, and it is given to any member who loses a spouse or child, as a gesture of love from her friends.

If you would like to participate in the Cup of Comfort Quilt program, talk to Lorraine Patterson or Rusty Wall, who are our current chairs. They will give you a block to work on.

Back to the Comfort Quilt program – we now have a good-sized committee, consisting of Elaine Shaw, Chair, and Phyllis Rattely and I, Co-chairs. At our Comfort Quilt Workshop, February 18, from 10:00 – 4:00 at the Elks Lodge, we will be assembling kits to be handed out to members. We will sort donated fabric into colors, cut fabric into strips and blocks, and package fabric and patterns into bags. I will bring my color wheel and share a little of what I learned from Pamela's color class. It will be a fun, productive day, and everyone who participates will get credit for working on one comfort quilt, and will receive 3 free quilt patterns. There is no charge for this workshop, but please bring \$5 for pizza lunch.

And then in March, Phyllis Rattely is teaching a beginning Machine Quilting Class, where you will learn the basics of machine quilting AND work on a Comfort Quilt at the same time. Boom – two Comfort Quilt credits right there! There will be no charge for the class, but we will collect \$10 to pay for materials.

It is my hope that in the life of our Guild we develop friendship, quilting skills, creativity, and personal satisfaction. Please take a risk and sign up for our classes and programs. We put a lot of effort into developing them, and take great joy in your participation.

See you at the meeting!

Love,

Debra

Donations Wanted – It's time to go through your stash and see if there is any juvenile or novelty fabric that could be donated for the Comfort Quilts. We need backings of 1 ½ to 3 ½ yards, and 1 to 2 yard pieces of anything a child might like. We also will gladly accept other fabric, keeping in mind that most Comfort Quilt will be given to children or teens. Bring to the February meeting OR to the Comfort Quilt Workshop. Thank you!

## 1st Vice President – Pat Montgomery

Pat Montgomery

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## 2nd Vice President – Susan Wade

Hello WWQG Friends!!

Hope you all have managed to get lots of quilting accomplished in this winter wonderland we have had!

I hope that all of you are planning to attend our Annual Retreat at Camp Paivika! As you know, we have added an extra day for those that are wanting to come on Thursday(4/ 27) as well as Friday through Sunday (4/28-4/30) We will begin registration in earnest at this Saturday's meeting, so please plan to write checks payable to Willow Woods Quilt Guild (WWQG) , and I will sign you up!! The cost for those attending Thurs-Sunday is \$250 and for those arriving Friday thru Sunday the cost is \$180. If we have more than 20 participants, the cost per person will be slightly reduced. All delicious meals are included in this registration fee. SO! RESERVE YOUR SPOT...you won't want to miss the wonderful time we will be having! See you Saturday!

Susan

### Officers

**President** – Debra Claypool

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Pat Montgomery

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Susan Wade

**Secretary** –Janet Burnett

**Treasurer** – Carol Godfrey

### Committee Chairs

**Community Liaison** – Yolanda Douglas

**Newsletter** – Jen Lanak

**Quilt Walk Chair** – Tonee White/Jerri Potter

**Web Site** – Trish Skalnik

**Fat Quarter Drawing** – Debby Roy

**Stash Cow**- Suzanne Ellison

**Membership** – Marty McFarland

**Facebook** – Jen Lanak

**Comfort Quilts** – Elaine Shaw, Phyllis Rattely, Debra Claypool

**Hospitality** – Cheryl Wood

**Historian** – Jo Ann Larson

**Sunshine/Shadows** – Maggie Wilkes

**Block of the Month Coordinator** – Tonee White

**Opportunity Quilt Coordinator** -TBD

**Quilt Challenges** – Jen Lanak

**Cup of Comfort** – Rusty Wall/Lorraine Patterson

**Parliamentarian** – Jerry Potter

**Photographer** – Trish Skalnik/Jo Ann Larson

**Publicity** – Phyllis Byrnes

**Quilt Auction** – Pat Montgomery/  
Elaine Shaw

## Secretary – Janet Burnett

WILLOW WOOD QUILT GUILD MEETING—January 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am by Debra Claypool.

Announcements:

1. Listen quietly during the meeting, please.
2. Welcome to our visitor, Cheryl.
3. Shop at the Stash Cow where Nancy L is now helping Suzanne.
4. Susan will refund Winter Party money so please see her for your refund.
5. Road to California is coming.
6. Jo Ann gave beautiful Christmas card photos to everyone.

The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented in the newsletter.

Membership:

1. The Roster is here!!! And available to all members. Thank you to all who made this endeavor a great success. If there are any corrections, please give them to Pam.
2. Phone Tree has been created, please give any corrections to Debra.
3. Please pay your dues if you have not already done so.

Welcome to 2017

Retreat:

1. Sign up as soon as possible.
2. Payment plans are available.
3. If 20 people sign up the cost goes down.
4. Send payments to Susan but make checks out to Guild
5. Money due by April 13

New Classes:

1. Pat has set up a list of classes.
2. Thank you for returning the questionnaires.
3. There will be many wonderful classes given on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

4. Please pay by check or put your money in an envelope with your name on it.

#### Opportunity Baskets:

1. A list of the baskets is available so people can plan ahead.
2. Georgeanne, Nancy, and Colleen are working on the team. Thank you for helping.
3. Please bring in items for the baskets.

#### February Teacher Presentation

1. Susan Wade will be teaching the class.
2. Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 10—3
3. You make a fish or some other critter.

#### Comfort Quilts Program

1. Quilts are made for the Sheriff's Dept. and for Foster Kids program.
2. Quilts should be lap size.
3. Kit making workshop will be held Saturday, February 17 from 10—4
4. Please donate fabric.
5. Elaine collects the quilts.
6. Dogwood Quilters will tie the quilts.

#### Opportunity Quilt tickets:

1. Tickets are available for each member to sell.
2. Please sell your tickets and return to Debby Roy.

#### Panel Quilt Challenge:

1. Jen explained the challenge.
2. Use any panel you want.
3. Complete the project by August so we can share the panels at Quilt Walk.

#### President's Challenge:

1. Debra explained the challenge.
2. Please bring a copy of the quilt you want to make and give it to Debra.

#### Opportunity Quilt Challenge:

1. People shared ideas for the new Opportunity quilt.

Refreshments:

1. Please sign up to bring refreshments if you have not already done so.

Sunshine and Shadows:

1. Carol had knee surgery.

The meeting was adjourned by Debra Claypool.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Burnett

## **Treasurer – Carol Godfrey**

Due to recovery, in-mobility, etc, the January and February, 2017 reports will be posted in the March, 2017 newsletter. Thank you, Carol Godfrey

### **REIMBURSEMENT POLICY:**

Please turn in your reimbursement requests to the treasurer during the meeting. The treasurer will either stay after the meeting to write checks or will mail the checks the following week. If the treasurer is absent, hand your request to Pat Montgomery (1st Vice President), then Carol Godfrey (Treasurer) will write the checks at her earliest convenience.

Please note: In order to help our Treasurer keep the books accurate and up to date, ALL money collected must be turned in by Committee Chairs at the end of each meeting. Also, receipts will be issued to all payments. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

## **Website – Trisha Skalnik**

Road 2 California was another great event. Despite the rain, there were many new products, goodies and such inspiration with the beautiful quilts on display!

What treasures did you discover?

E-mail me and I can put together a treasure-chest on the website to share... Ideas and inspiration are encouraged...

Be inspired this year!

Create something new...

Happy quilting, Trisha

## **Fat Quarter Drawing – Debby Roy**

Fat Quarters - \$42.00 8 drawings.

Winners were: Pam Drummond (twice), Susan Ellison, Maggie Wilkes, Pat Montgomery, Jerry Potter, Nancy Laughlin & Linda Simmons

## **Quilt Boutique – Debby Roy**

Boutique - You do not have to participate. Only if you have the time and want to. Apron's is this months project. Any kind you want to make.

## **Hospitality – Cheryl Wood**

Refreshments: Jan Wistain, Susan Wade, Cheryl Wood, Phyllis Rattely

## **Opportunity Baskets – Janet Burnett**

Opportunity Basket Time is here!! Thanks to all who brought items for our Christmas basket, but we still need more. Below is a list of our basket themes so you can shop wisely. Take this list shopping with you and you will be amazed at the good deals you find.

February's basket's theme is Fabric Bonanza. Just bring fabric—any size and any color. We will arrange it into a beautiful basket.

If any of you would like to team up to create a basket, we would love that. Last year, Nancy's husband made a car wash basket and it was a BIG hit!!! We really appreciated his generosity. So ladies, think about creating and donating a basket. If making a basket isn't your "thing" you can donate money and we will do it for you. Last year our Spa basket was mostly made from my shopping for items.

Your Opportunity Basket Team,

Janet, Colleen, Georgeanne, and Nancy

Basket Themes

January—Christmas

February—Fabric Bonanza

March—Quilting

April—Tea For Two

May—Kitchen

June—Sewing

July—Family Fun

August--Spa

## **Quilt Show Mini Challenge – Lorraine Patterson**

Hello everyone,

A quick reminder about the "Mini Quilt Challenge". Put on your thinking caps and get started on your entry.....The theme this year is "In A Quilter's Garden". Once again it will be offered as a blind judging, so keep yours secret. There will be prizes!!!! The acceptable methods can be anything traditional, applique, paper pieced....pretty much any method you wish. Dimensions should be at least 12", up to 24 inches.

## **Upcoming Class Announcement – Phyllis Rattely**

Basic Machine Quilting - April 12 2017 ( Wednesday)

The objective of this class is to feel comfortable and enjoy machine quilting. I have heard many ladies talk about how they tense up, shoulders/neck stiff/ hurt when they attempt to machine quilt. The intent of this class is to get you past that point.

You will NOT come out of this class a perfect, exceptional machine quilter but hopefully come out of this class enjoying and wanting to practice more machine quilting. Machine quilting is really practice, practice, practice. The more you do the better you get at what you are doing.

Class is \$10 this includes kit of what you will be learning/ working on. We will be machine quilting a baby panel that when finished will be great for Comfort quilt. So this is really a twofer class in that you will become at ease with machine quilting and then have a Comfort quilt done.

Supply List:

- 1 sewing machine in good working order.
2. must have a darning foot ( this is absolutely necessary to do free motion quilting) if you are not sure what this talk with me and I will help you.
3. white or cream thread and black or a dark thread.
4. scissors for cutting threads
5. safety pins size one inch ( do not bring the ones that are the size you use for

Diapers)

6. if your machine has a table please bring that as makes it easier for you.

Any questions please feel free to contact Phyllis Rattely at [mprattely@aol.com](mailto:mprattely@aol.com) or phone/text at 909 649 2333