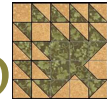




WILLOW WOODS QUILT GUILD



Newsletter January 2017



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SATURDAY OF EACH
MONTH
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26584 HIGHWAY 18
RIM FOREST, CA

President – Debra Claypool

Hello Beautiful Quilters!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and is enjoying the Monday morning of the year, planning and preparing for a whole new round of seasons and celebrations. The Pantone Color Institute has announced their theme color for 2017. Last year it was a combination of two colors – Rose Quartz and Serenity – a pastel pink and blue that merged together to make a “soothing sense of order and peace.” If you think about it, that color combination illustrated the tension between different groups that certainly characterized our year! This year the Pantone Color of the Year is called “Greenery,” and it the color of leaves when they first unfold, a “zesty yellow-green shade that... revives, restores and renews.”

For me that beautiful green captures the feeling of wanting to make a fresh start, and to bloom forth with creativity in all areas of my life. I want to challenge myself not only to finish old projects and ideas, but to do them with a fresh view, and maybe in a different way than originally planned. I invite you to do the same! Let’s have a wonderful 2017 together, blossoming with new greenery in all areas of our lives.

Our **Christmas/Holiday Party** was snowed out this year, so we are having a make-up party at our meeting. That means we will have a VERY short meeting, including new classes, new roster, new projects presentations -- and then we will just have fun! Please bring three fat

Month at a Glance

Upcoming events for January:

- Road to California: January 19-22nd

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

quarters for LEFT-RIGHT-CENTER (you will be able to purchase some if you need to) and an ornament to exchange. If you'd like to, bring a dish to add to the potluck! We will have Show and Share at the end, too.

Don't forget about the **Visionary Quilt** – that's our new President's Challenge! Bring an idea for a quilt you want to do this year that challenges and inspires you. I'll collect the ideas, and in October we will have a display of all those that are completed. Your idea can be anything from a pre-cut kit to a pattern, to a rough sketch – it will be fun to see how you have translated it into reality. I'm looking forward to seeing your vision!

And the **Opportunity Quilt Challenge** goes right along with this. Ideas for our next Opportunity Quilt will be hung up on the wall and voted on at this meeting. I hope you are all thinking of different quilts we could make. (Please note – you will not be required to lead the committee if your quilt idea is chosen, so don't be intimidated!!) Does not need to be an original design – we can use a pattern.

One more thing – I must remind everyone of the need to be **courteous** in our meetings!!! Our room is small, and we have a very energetic and friendly group. That's great! But – the business part of the meeting is for LISTENING and PARTICIPATING, not for chatting and visiting. It makes it impossible to run a good meeting when people are talking amongst themselves, and then everyone leaves frustrated. We've worked too hard to make a good atmosphere, please let's not ruin that. Please come early to visit, or plan to stay after. We have the room all afternoon, so if you really want to stay and sew, that's always an option. Just let me know. Thanks ladies! It will be great to be together again.

See you soon!

Love,

Debra

1st Vice President – Pat Montgomery

Hi Everyone,

No classes in January because of Road to California. Have fun!

Pat Montgomery
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Officers

President – Debra Claypool

1st Vice President – Pat

Montgomery

2nd 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

Hospitality – Cheryl

Wood/Marty McFarland

Historian – Jo Ann Larson

Sunshine/Shadows – Jan

Chapman/ Maggie Wilkes

Block of the Month

Coordinator – Tonee White

Opportunity Quilt

Coordinator -Tonee White

Quilt Challenges – Jen Lanak

Secret Sisters – Judy Green

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

2nd Vice President – Susan Wade

Hello Fellow Snow Bound Quilters!!

We all agree that we have needed all of this rain and snow, but it has indeed "cramped" our plans in more than a few ways! I was very disappointed that it was necessary to cancel our Holiday Party at Camp Paivika, but for me safety is always the first priority, and when Kelly said it was too dangerous, that settled it! BUT....DO bring your wrapped ornament and 3 fat quarters for our belated Christmas fun to be had at the January meeting! We will return the \$5 meal cost to each of you that had planned to attend at the meeting as well.

Do mark your calendars for the Road to CA Show January 19-22. If there are enough of us who want to carpool, we can arrange that ...not everyone wants/plans to attend on the same day/days.

We will begin collecting money for our April 27-30 Retreat at Camp Paivika at the January meeting as well. We have added Thursday to our usual Friday-Sunday dates since a few had expressed a desire for that! Please come prepared to tell me your preference when you sign up. You have the option of the 2 night/6meal package for \$185, or the 3 night/9 meal package for \$265. If we have more than 20 of us attend, the price will be reduced! I encourage ALL of us to make a special effort to attend our retreat! We had a wonderful time last year and this years' promises to be even more so!! (LOTS of special prizes from quilting industry companies in the format!!)

I hope that everyone will want to participate in the January meeting games...the one up-side of having to cancel the December event!

Stay warm and quilt "up a storm"!!

See you the 14th!

Susan

Secretary – Janet Burnett

No meeting = no minutes!

Treasurer – Carol Godfrey Treasurer

WILLOW WOODS QUILT GUILD TREASURE'S STATEMENT DECEMBER, 2016

Beginning Balance;		\$3,482.94
Income:		
Membership	30.00	
Programs - Class	25.00	
Total Income;		55.00
Expenses;		
Administration	40.00	
Membership	101.45	
Opportunity Quilt	17.63	
Total Expenses:		159.08
Ending Balance:		\$3,378.86

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.

Opportunity Baskets – Janet Burnett

We are starting our Opportunity Baskets again in January. A Christmas basket was suggested. Please remember to buy---check those after Christmas sales--- or make items for the Christmas Opportunity Basket. Bring your items to our January meeting. Thanks.

Quilt Challenges – Jen Lanak

We have so many wonderful challenges ahead for 2017. I thought it would be helpful to recap the challenges that have been announced thus far:

President's Visionary Quilt Challenge: Debra has challenged us all to make the quilt we have always wanted to make. Look beyond your UFO's and choose something that inspires and challenges you. Bring a photo, sketch, or an idea and briefly share your choice at the meeting.

Opportunity Quilt Challenge: We have had so many amazing Opportunity Quilts recently! This challenge is to submit a design for our next Opportunity Quilt. Each quilt we have made has had its own flair and style – we are interested in your flair and style. Show us what you would like to see!

Panel Quilt Challenge: Choose a panel, any panel, and present it to the guild at a meeting. The challenge is to make something that has people asking, "Was that really a panel??" It can be any size or shape, but must be quilted in some way!

A Quilter's Garden: This is the theme for our next Quilt Walk and we are all challenged to create a mini quilt with this new theme in mind.

Challenges are not the only thing on my mind this month. I would love to see the guild have another swap or block exchange this year. Because the January meeting is going to be a short one, I will have a brief questionnaire to complete on your preferences and hopefully we can start a fun exchange soon.