



Ocean Wave Quilters

***We meet at the Senior Center, 490 North Harold Street, Fort Bragg.
Mailing address is PO Box 2687, Fort Bragg, CA 95437***

GENERAL MEETINGS: Are on the second Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm. Some members come early - from 10 am-ish to around 1 pm we have free sewing: which means you can do your own sewing projects, or participate in one of our group projects. Members bring items for an informal potluck lunch and socialize.

From 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm we discuss business, projects, and activities, and at the end of the meeting we have a "show and tell" where we show and talk about what we have made. During the meeting we have several drawings: If you wear your name tag you are in one of the drawings. If we have a block of the month, each member who makes one is entered into a drawing and someone wins all of the blocks. Four times a year we have a raffle drawing for a wonderful basket of goodies, for those who purchase tickets: \$1.00 per ticket, 6 tickets for \$5.00.

BOARD MEETINGS: Are at 1:30 pm on the Tuesday that is more than 1 week from the general meeting. This could be the first or second Tuesday. The Board consists of our Officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, as well as the Chairs of each of our Committees. All members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings, which are held at the Community First Credit Union conference room.

SEW/SERVICE SUNDAY: Is held on the fourth Sunday of the month, from 10 am (sometimes a bit later) to 4 pm. Bring any projects you wish and enjoy a day of sewing and visiting with the group. Sometimes we have group sewing projects, or educational instruction. Lunch is pot luck.

HAND QUILTING: This is a group of women who meet on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm, and quilt together on one project. These women are encouraging and eager to teach others the art of hand quilting.

OCEAN WAVE QUILTERS' SERVICE PROJECTS

WARM WELCOME: We make a quilt for every new baby in our community, whether born at the hospital, in a clinic, at home, or "over the hill". This is a project that was initiated in 2003 by one of our quilters, Shirlee Paoli. We have received generous donations of fabric from members of the community and many of our quilters provide fabric from their own stashes to make the quilts. Recommended size for baby quilts: 36"X width of fabric, or larger 45"X45," this is not a strict rule.

TEXTURE QUILTS: We make lap-size quilts using fabrics that have differing textures – nubby or furry or shiny – anything that provides an interesting "feel". We give these quilts to community organizations that care for patients with various forms of dementia. Research has shown that a peaceful state of mind can be gained by feeling the various textures. Recommended size: 24"X36".

HOSPITAL AND SHERIFF'S CHAPLAINS: We make quilts for the Mendocino Coast District Hospital chaplains to give to patients who may need extra comforting. We also make quilts for the Sheriff's Department chaplains to give to families with whom they interact who may be suffering a tragedy and for whom a quilt would bring comfort. Recommended size: 45"X60" or larger.

DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD DRESSES: We make dresses for a project led by Hope 4 Women International. This project aims to give every girl in 90 countries around the world at least one new dress. Instructions/pattern are provided.

BABY CAPS: Our members who knit make caps for the newborns at the Mendocino Coast District Hospital.

PILLOW CASES: We make pillow cases for Safe Passages, for Project Sanctuary, for Hospitality House, for children in foster care in Mendocino County, and for The Living Room in Santa Rosa. These agencies all support women and children who are dealing with issues like homelessness, domestic violence, or other life challenges, and a cheerful pillow case lets them know someone cares.

PET BEDS: With all of our scraps, we make pet beds for the Mendocino Coast Humane Society and for the Coast Cat Project. (Clean old socks and t-shirts work, too!) Any size pillow works. We also have pillow cases we hand out at meetings.

OCEAN WAVE QUILTERS' EVENTS

ANNUAL TEA: This is a fun event held at the Senior Center and intended to welcome friends, family and community members. Members can host a table, by providing the table cloth and china, and our members bring tea sandwiches and other goodies. A quilting-related speaker is invited. We show our quilts, and vote on our favorite. There is no charge for members to attend the tea; the charge for non-members is \$5.00.

RETREATS: We have retreats twice a year, in October and in March. This is a fun event where you can bring your unfinished projects, or start a new one. We set up our sewing machines, etc., and leave everything at the venue for four days – from Wednesday through Saturday. Arrive when you like and leave when you like. We again bring pot luck, and enjoy lots of talk, lots of good food, and laughter.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: We try to find time during the busy holiday season to get together for a holiday party, to enjoy each other's company and share the holiday spirit.

NEWSLETTER: A monthly newsletter is sent out to all of our members; it contains Information on upcoming events, agendas for general meetings, birthday announcements, etc.

THE OCEAN WAVE QUILTER'S CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Ocean Wave Quilters Committees – 2018-2019

Hospitality/Fellowship

- Welcome table, set up design wall, keep supplies (plates, cups, etc.)
- Make packets for new members, maintain membership folder
- “Sunshine” reports (cards for those who are ill, etc.)
- Monthly name tag raffle (get prizes, tickets, etc.)
- Quarterly raffle (get prizes, tickets, etc.)

Learning/Education

- Monthly blockettes
- Classes – both from within the membership and from outside
- Advertise opportunities to show our quilts (e.g. Santa Rosa, Pacific International)

Special Events

- Annual Tea (ugly fabric quilts, food, etc.)
- Christmas plans
- Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter meeting when in Fort Bragg
- Grange events/retreats
- Book sale, “ufo” sale, etc.

Service

- Warm welcome quilts (including supply of batting, labels, etc.)
- Texture (“Touch”) quilts (keep packets of possible materials)
- Quilts for chaplains
- Dress a Girl dresses (patterns, labels, sending them to Sacramento)
- Special quilts (e.g. member, memorial, requests)
- Other projects (e.g. pet beds, etc.)

Quilt Show

- Opportunity quilt
- Sew ‘N’ Sew challenge
- OWQ booth and raffle baskets/bags

Additional jobs:

- Communications – newsletter, membership database
- Club historian – maintain scrapbook, take photos

Ocean Wave Quilters Board – 2018-2019

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