

Ocean Wave Quilters

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January 2019 Newsletter

President's Message – Cindi Jo

Stop buying fabric? Finish ALL of your old projects? No more new projects? NONSENSE! Let's get realistic; we don't want New Year resolutions to change who we are, we just want to do it all better, right? Here are a few ideas that are attainable and can make a difference in our overwhelmed studios and minds. See if one or more might fit into your vision of 2019.

1. Gift, Trade, Sell, or Donate: Fabrics you're tired of looking at, unused quilts, tools you don't use, patterns you've memorized. Maybe it's time to let go of these anchors on your creativity and make space for new stuff!
2. Change the layout: Is the lighting in your workspace the best it can be? Do you have the cutting/ironing space you need? Is your organizing system outgrowing your room? Ask a friend or two to visit and offer ideas on how you can move things to create a better space. (It can always be moved back after they leave.)
3. Focus: Do you get sidetracked easily (sparkles!)? Being accountable to someone else is a way to meet your goals and focus on a project that needs finishing. Ask for help from a friend, agree to meet once a week to work on specific projects, or just make a list of goals. Seeing it in writing can help you focus.
4. Take an hour a week, or an afternoon every month to re-organize your studio and your thoughts. Clean your space, see all that you've accomplished for the last week or month then move on. Looming due dates for shows or birthdays? Start there. Keep your calendar adjustable. Moving slower than you want? Speeding through your scraps? Don't stress just keep quilting. Plan to attend the Studio Tour/Schoolhouse event in February. Look for inspiration and ideas - or finally realize that you're happy with your space and what you have been doing all along! ~Happy New Year!

Service – Grace

I gave out 55 pillowcases in December. Eleven each to Safe Passage, Hospitality House, Project Sanctuary, Foster Children and the Living Room in Santa Rosa.

Judy - I took 11 Warm Welcome quilts to the hospital in November and 7 in December. Will need more soon.

Sharon L - I sent 23 quilts to Chico for distribution to the families who lost their homes in the Camp Fire in Paradise. That makes almost 8 dozen quilts we have donated to fire families since August!!

I also took 1 Christmas quilt that Daisy made to the hospital for the chaplains to give to a patient.

Mary - Daisy W arranged to have 55 pet beds delivered to the Camp Fire critters.

OWQ Table at the Quilt Show – Sharon R

As you are cleaning and disposing of things for the new year please keep in mind that the Ocean Wave Quilters Table needs any quilting books and/or quilt patterns in good condition for the upcoming quilt show. Just planning ahead. Thank you.

Checklist for the Meeting (optional items)

- Show & Tell Projects
- Blockette
- Any Items Below

	Need	Don't need
Texture quilts	X	
Warm Welcome quilts	X	
Chaplain quilts	X	
Newborn baby caps	X	
Pillow Cases	X	
Cat Pads 12" square	X	
Pet Beds 14" square		X

Education – Tina

Upcoming Quilt Shows; Pioneer Quilters Quilt Show Jan 12 & 13, 2019 Roseville Sports Center Roseville, CA

Heart of the Valley Quilt Show Jan 19 & 20 Modesto Center Plaza Modesto, CA

Road to California Jan 24th thru Jan 27th Ontario Convention Center Ontario, CA
There is a Quilt Retreat Offered by Scottie Dog Quilts, March 1, 2, & 3rd, 2019 Held in Lolita in the Eel River Valley (which is Northwest of Fortuna). scottiedogquilts.com

Reminders: Don't forget to bring your Blockette(s) that Nancy presented in Dec. January Blockette will be presented by Sharon Lau. It's never too late to sign up to present a Blockette! contact Tina.

Don't forget to wear your name tag to the meeting!

Hospitality & Brown Bag – Christie

I still have some brown bags for the Ugly Fabric Challenge. They will be in my car, so anyone who wants one just let me know. I am collecting fabric for next year's Brown Bag Challenge and items for the March Raffle Basket. Thank you!

Historian - Mary F

The Holiday Potluck Lunch pictures are posted on the OWQ website. A great event that was enjoyed by all. I'm also continuing to collect member biographies. View the form on our website and email me your answers. It's easy, and club members enjoy learning more about you. Happy New Year!

Camp Fire Family Quilts – Sharon L

We sent 23 quilts to the Eternity Quilt Events, the organization that coordinated the quilt give-away for the families who were affected by the Camp Fire. We received the following thank you note from Diane Erickson of that group:
Dear sweet, kind, generous Quilters, There are no words that can express my thanks to each and every one of you wonderful ladies. This effort to collect and distribute quilts to individuals and families affected by the Camp Fires was an overwhelming success because of

your good hearts.

What started as wanting to give my dad's cousin, John, a quilt and a hug, grew to so much more.

When I began requesting quilts, I had a very lofty goal of hoping to gather 200 quilts to share with those that had lost so much. Never in my wildest imagination did I think that this number would grow to almost 1,000 quilts. Though this made the task of distributing a bit overwhelming, with the help of so many wonderful people, most especially my cousin, Paula Kanner, we found a home for every quilt except for a few baby quilts which have been donated to local hospitals.

It was wonderful to see the joy on so many faces that have been so sad. I gave a hug to as many fire survivors as possible and their gratefulness for your quilts was true and genuine. I heard many times, "this must have taken so much time to make", "this is so generous", and "such kindness from a stranger". Their stories about escaping were heartbreaking and miraculous at the same time. The road to rebuilding lives and homes will take many years, but will be made just a bit lighter and easier with a handmade quilt to keep them warm and remind them to be #paradisestrong. It was not possible to take a photo of every recipient, but we did take many and they are posted on our website.

<http://eternityquiltevents.com/warm-hugs-for-christmas-camp-fire-quilt-relief-effort/>

I hope that you all have a most wonderful Christmas and that 2019 will bring many, joyful hours of quilting time.

Warm Regards, Diane

Special Events – Paula P

First of all I would like to thank everyone who worked on the holiday party, December meeting, for the success of the event. Food was wonderful as always and the games were fun. The next event, the Schoolhouse tour, will be in February.

The Senior Center is booked for the Tea in April so get to work on your Brown Bags!

Another Camp Fire Thank You – Sharon L

We also received a thank you note - and a photo - from a woman whose friend received one of our quilts: This is my friend Janice, who lost everything in the Paradise Campfire.



It is so devastating, but she is thrilled to have a place to stay now and your lovely quilt. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. -Maria (a fellow quilter from San Francisco and friend of Janice's)

Sew n Sew We will be having a sale January 8, 2019 until January 19th. Twelve tables of Cotton fabrics and many other items, 30% to 75% off. Come in and stock up on fabric!

From the QGNQ Newsletter - Debbie's Quilt Shop in Paradise is requesting quilt blocks with houses from all over to help local quilters recover from the Camp Fire. The blocks must be 10 ½" (10" finished) and may be pieced, appliqued or embroidered. Please use good quality 100% cotton quilt shop fabric. Each block must also have something written on it with permanent ink - an inspiring saying, your name and city or just your city and the date. The houses on the blocks may be traditional, modern or wonky - as long as the block is 10 ½". Blocks may be sent to my home for now. Debbie's Quilt Shop 6287 Fremont Drive Magalia, CA 95954.

Please make your blocks and bring them to the January QGNQ meeting in Colusa. We will get the blocks to Debbie after the meeting.

For questions please contact: Arlene Arnold, 458-7597 or heritageoaksquilts@frontier.com.

Quilt Show - Sherry

Exciting things are just around the corner for the Quilt Show in June.

In January, our large Opportunity Quilt will be displayed at the Community First Credit Union and raffle tickets will be available for purchase. Also on January 17th, Sharon L has been invited to talk to the Presbyterian Fellowship group about the good work our group does along with a brief history of quilting. She will be displaying both Opportunity Quilts at this meeting and of course, raffle tickets will be available. If you have any ideas about where to display these quilts please contact Sharon G. Very soon we will have guidelines concerning the Quilt Walk.

Meetings for the Quilt Show Committee are the first Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church on S. Sanderson. Everyone is invited.

OWQ Holiday Party Donations – Cindi J

These items were brought by members to our Holiday Party and donated to the Fort Bragg Food Bank the following week: 31 Pairs of socks, 1 Sweater, 1 pair of slippers, 16 Scarves, 6 hat and glove sets, 11 hats, 15 pairs of gloves. Wow!

OWQ General Meeting Agenda 1/13/2019

1:30 - Redwood Coast Senior Center

- Guests
- Sunshine
- Finance – Sharon L.
- Service – Grace
- Quilt Show – Sherry
- Hospitality/Name Tag Raffle – Christie
- Club Historian – Mary
- Special Events – Paula P
- Education – Tina
- Blockette Raffle - Tina/Presentation
- Show and Tell

OWQ Board 2018-2019

President: Cindi Jo W
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 Club Historian: Mary F

Committee Chairs:

Service: Grace V & Dee G **Special Events:** Paula P **Education:** Tina P **Hospitality:** Christie D
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January Birthdays

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 18 Tracy S
 26 Phoebe G
 29 Nancy Y



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DATES TO REMEMBER

January ❄️ 13 General Meeting
 27 Sew/Service Sunday
 29 Board Meeting
February ♥️ 10 General Meeting
 24 Schoolhouse and Studio Tour
 26 Board Meeting
March ⌘ 10 General Meeting
 20-23 Retreat at Lion's Hall