



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 from 1:30-3:30 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 enjoy socializing.

Beginning at 1:30 pm we discuss business, projects, and activities, and during the second half 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. (There is also the option to make an extra block to donate for a service quilt.) 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, 7 feet of tickets for \$20.

BOARD MEETINGS: Are at 1:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month. 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 most months (see the calendar for details), 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 1:00 pm, and quilt together on one project. These women are encouraging and eager to teach others the art of hand quilting.

HAND SEWING: This is a group that meets on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 pm to work on hand sewing projects.

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" to 36"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 individuals 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/patterns 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 local pet charities, including Second Chance and the Coast Cat Project. Generally 12" square and 14" square work best for the cats. We also have pillow cases we hand out at meetings for this project. NOTE: Do not drop off beds (or bags of scraps) at Sew 'n Sew!

OCEAN WAVE QUILTERS' EVENTS

ANNUAL LUNCHEON: This is a fun event held at the Senior Center and intended to provide an opportunity for members to socialize. Non-members are welcome to attend for a small fee. A quilting-related speaker is invited. We show off items we've made from our Brown Bag Challenge (fabrics are sorted into lunch bags with only a snippet sample of each fabric on the outside), and vote on our favorite.

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 five days – from Wednesday through Sunday. 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.

GUEST SPEAKERS: We will occasionally invite a speaker to do a trunk show or to show a particular technique. Non-members are welcome to attend for a small fee..

CLASSES: We offer classes several times a year – sometimes taught by an invited instructor, other times taught by one of our members. Non-members are welcome to attend these classes (for a higher fee than for members). Information about classes is on our website.

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

oceanwavequilters.com

Ocean Wave Quilters Committees – 2019-2020

Hospitality/Fellowship

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

Education

- Monthly blockettes
- Classes – both from within the membership and from outside
- Inform members of quilt shows/advertise opportunities to show our quilts

Special Events

- Annual luncheon
- Brown bag challenge
- Holiday plans
- Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter
- Retreats
- Book sale, “ufo” sale, etc.

Service

- Warm welcome quilts
- Texture (“Touch”) quilts
- 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.)

Communications

- Documentarian – maintain digital scrapbook, take photos
- Social Media
- Newsletter
- Maintain membership database
- Maintain website

Quilt Show

- Opportunity quilts
- Sew ‘N’ Sew challenge
- OWQ booth and raffle baskets

Ocean Wave Quilters Board – 2019-2020

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