



Ocean Wave Quilters

March 2021 Newsletter

From the President

Well, do we stay-at-home or go out-and-about (at least a little bit)? Sometimes I just don't know which way is "ok" at the moment. So, I still limit my out-and-about times which includes a mask and social distancing. I do a lot of texting which I never thought I would do! I so want to dine-in somewhere — soon maybe.

I attended my first virtual quilt show — QuiltCon 2021. It was surprisingly good! They developed a special website where you could see your class schedules, view the quilts (including zooming in for a closeup of the piecing and quilting), vendors, demos, chat with others, and save your fave quilts. I must admit that it beat traveling and hoteling and a crowd of 6,000+ attendees. Yes, they had over 6,000 attendees with 2,000 quilts — including mine. Awesome!

I saw the blocks which have been returned for the small opportunity quilt for 2022 (Sparkle Plenty). Wow! What a nice variety of color and style and so many returned all ready. Good job!

Also, there some exciting events planned for the next couple of months. I'm looking forward to the retreat, Schoolhouse, and tours which are coming up.

Daisy



Service – Grace V.

February Service Report

Dress-a-Girl Dresses	
Warm Welcome Quilts	10
Chaplain Quilts	4
Other Community Quilts	
Texture Quilts	
Cancer Therapy/Infusion Center	
Pillowcases	
Pet Beds	8
Masks	

We are doing very well on our goal of 30 quilts to donate to the Foster Children next Dec. Lonna already has 19 quilts for this project.

Thanks to everyone who has donated a quilt so far.

They may be given to either Grace V. or Lonna O.

Hospitality-Tina P.

If your Ocean Wave Quilt T-Shirt is damaged and you would like a replacement, E-mail me what size shirt you purchased. The deadline for this is February 28th, so don't delay.

The Spring Raffle Basket drawing will be held at our April 11th meeting. Tickets can be purchased at Sew & Sew. Keep in mind that this is a Fundraiser for our guild, also, a very fun way to win some new and some gently used items. Please consider donating to the basket. We love to see what others are kind enough to give. Donations can be dropped off at Sew & Sew. Thank you

“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.” - Maya Angelou

Special Events Committee-Cindi W./Nancy L.

Quilt Studio Tour

Join us for another tour of quilt studios. This time you'll get to see Evelyn's improved sewing room, Cindi's freshly organized and decluttered place, Tina's wonderful room of inspiration and Ginny's comfy and roomy set-up.

The fun starts at 1:30 this Sunday, February 28th. Watch for Kim's e-mail for the Zoom link and we'll see you then!

OWQ Spring Retreat

Once again we'll be sewing at home and enjoying each other's company on Zoom. We'll be meeting on Friday and Saturday, March 26th and 27th. We aren't asking for pre-registration this time, but we'd like to get an idea of how many people plan on attending so please e-mail Cindi.

Be sure to make your Bingo

card(s) early, I sent the instructions last month. We'll announce the exact time and day in the March newsletter. For those of you attending, we need to announce/ask for approval to allow Betty (Ginny's friend) to attend again. We met her at a "real" retreat at Lion's Hall and she attended our last Zoom retreat. Ginny's sister may also like to attend. For any concerns, please contact Cindi ASAP.

Judy W. - Quilt Committee

Quilt show for 2021 is being planned for June 26 "On The Fence". We have also started on the Opportunity Quilts for 2022! Daisy is leading the project for the small quilt and all the packets for that one have been picked up from Sew and Sew. It will be fun when completed. She plans to put the blocks up on the wall at SnS to work on layout. Dee is preparing kits for the "Broken Dishes" large quilt. I hear she and others were at SewnSew picking fabric. You will hear when kits are ready to be picked up at SewnSew . Next meeting of the committee will be next Wed. March 3 by Zoom at 10AM. Join us if you'd like.

I quilt, what's your superpower?





This is an article by Sharon L. that was in the Advocate. A fun article, Quilters have their own language!

I was walking by a local coffee shop when I overheard two women talking. “I just finished a quilt made entirely of HSTs,” one of them said. “Are you going to FMQ it on your DSM? Or maybe SID?” said her companion. HUH? Was this a foreign language or maybe Anderson Valley’s Boontling? No, it was two quilters talking in their own unique “language” primarily made up of abbreviations. Here to help you decipher the lingo is a guide to many of the most common terms.

BOM: Block of the Month – Many quilt guilds and fabric shops offer Block of the Month projects. This might be a single block that is taught at a guild meeting, or it might be a collection of 10-12 blocks that come out monthly to make a specific quilt.

DSM: Domestic Sewing Machine – This is the sewing machine that everyone knows. This is in contrast to a **LAM or LAQM**, which is a Long-Arm Machine or Long-Arm Quilting Machine, which has a larger throat (the space between the needle and the back of the machine), moves on a track on a frame, and is designed specifically to quilt the three layers of a quilt together. A LAM can be computerized or not.

FMQ: Free Motion Quilting – When you **FMQ** on a **DSM**, you move the fabric around under the needle to stitch the design you want. When you **FMQ** on a **LAM**, you move the machine around to stitch the design without using a computer.

FQ: Fat Quarter – When you buy $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of fabric, it is generally 42” wide (also known as **WOF** – width of fabric) by 9” long, which is not always a useful amount. So, quilt shops sell “Fat Quarters” which are 21” wide (half of the **WOF**) by 18” long.

LQS: Local Quilt Shop (also called **LFS** or Local Fabric Shop) – The mecca for quilters where we can buy fabric, patterns and notions.

PP and **EPP:** Paper Piecing and English Paper Piecing – These are techniques using a paper foundation to stitch pieces of the quilt together. In **PP**, you stitch the fabric directly to the paper. In **EPP**, you use templates to shape the pieces, often hexagons, before stitching them together.

QAYG: Quilt as You Go – Usually a quilter will make the quilt top, then sandwich it with batting and a backing. With **QAYG**, you layer the backing and batting, then stitch a piece of the quilt top on it, then stitch the next piece of the quilt top to the first piece. Once you have finished stitching all the top pieces together, the quilt is already quilted.

HST and **QST**: Half-Square Triangle and Quarter-Square Triangle – This refers to taking 2 square pieces of fabric, drawing a diagonal line, and sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the line. A HST is made when you then cut on the diagonal, making 2 pieces. For a QST, you would draw both diagonals, stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of both lines, then cut on both diagonals, making 4 pieces.

RST and **WST**: Right Sides Together and Wrong Sides Together – this refers to the way in which two pieces of fabric are joined with a seam.

SID: Stitch in the Ditch – Often a quilt can be quilted by stitching in the seam line, or the "ditch". (This is harder than it looks; it requires a steady hand.)

Then there are terms we use to describe the progress we have (or haven't) made on a quilt, or how we feel about the project in general:

HSY or NYS: Haven't Started Yet or Not Yet Started

WIP: Work in Progress

PhD: Project Half Done

TBQ: To Be Quilted

UFO: Unfinished Object

PIGS: Projects in Grocery Sacks – These are UFOs that we've stashed away somewhere to get them out of sight.

SQUID: Sewing a Quilt Until I Die

TGIF: Thank God It's Finished

WIWMI: Wish It Would Make Itself

BDNQ: Bad Day, Not Quilting

HIPS: Hundreds of Ideas Piling Skyward

STABLE: Stash Accumulation Beyond Life Expectancy

WOMBAT: Waste of Money, Batting, and Time – Sadly, we have all experienced this.

WITHWIT: What in the Heck was I Thinking?

TIH: There is Hope

We hope that you enjoy this small peek into the world of quilting! We'd love to have you join us – just contact info@oceanwavequilters.com!

✕ Monthly Anagram ✕

Monthly Anagram (not exactly)

We all use the terms Jelly Roll, Layer Cake, Honey Buns and Turnovers. But have you noticed that only one fabric company uses those terms on the packaging? Do you know who (hint: starts with "M" and is 4 letters)? Do you know why only this company can use these terms?

Answer one of these questions for a chance to win the "anagram" drawing. Answer both questions for TWO chances to win!

Tuesday 3/2, noon will be the drawing, look for Daisy's email with more information!



TIP OF THE MONTH

Bias — Your Frienemy?

Bias is frequently considered an enemy because it misbehaves so often. Bias stretches from here into next week, so here are some "rules" that might help you turn an enemy into a friend (or at least less of an enemy):

- **Stabilize with Starch.** In this case, I do not consider Best Press to be my first choice as it is too light weight. Bias needs a heavier weight stabilizer such as sizing or diluted laundry starch (which is my choice). Starch before cutting on the bias which can stretch the fabric. If I'm doing a strip-set I starch after sewing the set but before cutting.
- **Never use steam.** Bias just blossoms with steam! It distorts even with stabilizer. So do not encourage it to bloom with steam or even a spritz.
- **Do not "iron".** There is a difference between ironing and pressing. Ironing is moving the iron across the fabric which encourages distortion. When ready for the iron, set the iron on the fabric and lift it up to move to the next area. Also, it is a good practice is to gently finger-press the seams before using the iron.
- **Gentle handling.** Minimize handling bias blocks and strips as much as possible until they are stabilized in a block.
- **Bias on the Bottom (BOB).** The bias should be on the bottom (next to the feed dogs) of the two pieces being sewn. It is the presser foot that will do the stretching

March Birthdays

5	Grace V.
14	Verna O.
18	Nodja J.
23	Sue A.
26	Sharon B.



DATES TO REMEMBER

March

- 3 Quilt Show Committee
- 14 Zoom General Meeting
- 26-27 Retreat Friday & Saturday
- 30 Board Meeting
- 31 Newsletter Articles Due

April

- 7 Quilt Show Committee
- 11 Zoom General Meeting
- 27 Board Meeting
- 28 Newsletter Articles due

<i>Donation Items</i>	<i>Need</i>	<i>Don't need</i>
<i>Texture quilts</i>	X	
<i>Warm Welcome quilts</i>	X	
<i>Chaplain quilts</i>	X	
<i>Sanctuary House quilts Twin & Double</i>	X	
<i>Dress A Girl</i>	X	
<i>Newborn baby caps</i>	X	
<i>Pillowcases</i>	X	
<i>Cat Pads 12" square</i>	X	
<i>Pet Beds 14" square</i>	X	

Ocean Wave Quilters 2021 February Treasurer's Report

Starting balance 1/28/2021 **\$14,988.16**

EXPENSES

Service batting	\$317.17
WordPress-Communications	\$96.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$413.17

INCOME

Donation	\$130.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$130.00

Ending balance 2/23/2021 **\$14,714.99**

Submitted by Paula P. Treasurer

Approved at February 23,2021 Board Meeting

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