

MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

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**OCEAN WAVE QUILTERS
FORT BRAGG, CA**





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Name: Mary Foster

Date: 11/11/2018

How did you hear about the OWQ club and how many years have you been a member?

Also include any positions in the OWQ club you have held (i.e., club officer/special projects/committees chaired, etc.).

I found the OWQ club online when my husband and I retired in Fort Bragg in 2014. I became a member in 2015, so as of this writing, I've been a member for three years. I sat on the 2016 Quilt Show Committee and helped work on the 2016 Opportunity Quilts. In 2017, I became the Club's Historian – responsible for taking pictures of all club events, creating and organizing the club member photo directory and club member biographies.

Since 2017, I'm also the distributor of pet beds throughout the community, as part of the Service Committee.

When did you start quilting and who taught you to sew/quilt/or are you self-taught?

I remember my mother teaching me to sew my first project, a pillowcase, when I was about eight years old on her Singer Featherweight sewing machine, which I still have today. Those were the days when all mothers sewed all our clothes for every special occasion. So, I began sewing doll clothes for my Barbie and graduated to sewing my own clothes. Mama was also a quilter, so I watched and learned growing up many of her techniques. I made my first quilt while in high school. It was so much fun going to the fabric store and choosing fabrics for various projects. It was a great hobby, and still is.

What brought you to Mendocino County (i.e., born here, employment, retired)?

Growing up in Oakland, my parents vacationed in Fort Bragg from as far back as I can remember – way back in the early 1960s. When I met Larry and him being a whale artist, he came up every year to Fort Bragg and Mendocino for the annual whale festivals – so we both had that in common - a love for the Mendocino coast and hoped to move here some day. So, when I retired in 2014, we did it! We happily moved to our "paradise home."

Anything else you would like to share with your club members (i.e., personal/ family/talents/hobbies/ pets/travel/professional honors/ awards)?

We have a miniature poodle named Jack, which we adore. He's five years old at this writing. He completes us.

I have my B.A. in Music and now that I'm retired, I can practice on my Steinway grand piano with great enthusiasm and delight. It's my first love after Larry and Jack, of course.



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Name: SHARON GIERAS Date: 9/9/18

How did you hear about the OWQ club and how many years have you been a member?
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CINDI JO SOLD ME & MY HUSBAND A WASHER/DRYER
& TOLD ME ABOUT THE GUILD.

When did you start quilting and who taught you to sew/quilt/or are you self-taught?

15 YRS - SELF TAUGHT & THEN TOOK MANY
CLASSES.

What brought you to Mendocino County (i.e., born here, employment, retired)?

VACATION MANY YEARS & THEN RETIRED

Anything else you would like to share with your club members (i.e., personal/family/talents/hobbies/pets/travel/professional honors/ awards)?

WHAT A TREAT BEING IN THIS GUILD.
GREAT GROUP



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Name: Dee Goodrich

Date: 11/11/2018

How did you hear about the OWQ club and how many years have you been a member? Also include any positions in the OWQ club you have held (i.e., club officer/special projects/committees chaired, etc.).

I heard about it at Sew n Sew + went to a Tea + joined in 2002. I've been President twice, Treasurer, Secty. + V Pres. Education Com. Chair.



When did you start quilting and who taught you to sew/quilt/or are you self-taught?

I grew up in Mexico City and very early learned to embroider and hand sew taught by my mother and grandmother. Around age 6, I learned to sew on the treadle machine and loved sewing ever since. By age 8, I was making clothes and continued to embroider, and also learned to crochet and knit, skills which I enjoyed throughout my school years and early adulthood.

Around the time I married in 1971, I found a log cabin quilt in a McCall's magazine and figured I could learn to quilt. I did make the quilt and a few others but found it extremely time consuming. It wasn't until I retired to Fort Bragg in the early 2000's that I found the time to totally immerse myself in quilting. Early on I found I loved handwork the most: piecing, applique and hand quilting. I also enjoy making wall quilts and exploring all different techniques.

For a few years I worked with Charlene Yonker of Rainbow Resources at her booth in the shows throughout Northern California. I learned so much from that experience about fabrics, color and the quilting world in general.

Many of my large quilts have been pieced, appliqued and quilted by hand. Some of my mathematical quilts are also hand pieced and hand quilted. My landscape and art quilts are pieced and quilted by machine.

What brought you to Mendocino County (i.e., born here, employment, retired)?

We vacationed here + loved the ocean - Abalone diving in particular. We decided to retire here in 2001. We lived in San Jose before.

Anything else you would like to share with your club members (i.e., personal/ family/talents/hobbies/ pets/travel/professional honors/ awards)?

My quilts have been exhibited in the Fort Bragg Quilt Show, the Falling Leaves Quilt Show in Lakeport, Ukiah Quilt Show, Gualala Art Center Show, Apple County Fair in Boonville, Marin Quilt Show (now canceled) and the Pacific International Quilt Festival in Santa Clara, where I was lucky to get a "Best Hand Workmanship" ribbon for my DaVinci quilt.

I seem to have a passion for geometrics and have my head full of ideas for future pieces.



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Name: Evelyn Harris Date: 9-9-18

How did you hear about the OWQ club and how many years have you been a member?

Also include any positions in the OWQ club you have held (i.e., club officer/special projects/committees chaired, etc.).

I have been a member since July 2016. I heard about the club when I attended the annual quilt show in June 2016.

When did you start quilting and who taught you to sew/quilt/or are you self-taught?

My mom taught me how to sew when I was a girl. Later my neighbor, who was an art quilter, got me into quilting. I've taken a few classes, but I am largely a self-taught quilter.

What brought you to Mendocino County (i.e., born here, employment, retired)?

Early retirement and my ^{dear} sister-in-law brought me out of the Central Valley and here to the coast.

Anything else you would like to share with your club members (i.e., personal/family/talents/hobbies/pets/travel/professional honors/awards)?

I love quilting and fabrics, but my first love is music. I sing and just joined Symphony of the Redwoods, playing violin. I also love gardening.



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Name: Jean Hawkins Date: 9/12/18

How did you hear about the OWQ club and how many years have you been a member?
Also include any positions in the OWQ club you have held (i.e., club officer/special projects/committees chaired, etc.).

I was invited to a quilt show at The Episcopal Church years ago

When did you start quilting and who taught you to sew/quilt/or are you self-taught?

1977 - took a class in Ukiah to make a baby quilt for my daughter

What brought you to Mendocino County (i.e., born here, employment, retired)?

job transfer for my husband

Anything else you would like to share with your club members (i.e., personal/ family/talents/hobbies/pets/travel/professional honors/ awards)?



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Name: Sharon Lau Date: September 10, 2018

How did you hear about the OWQ club and how many years have you been a member?

Also include any positions in the OWQ club you have held (i.e., club officer/special projects/committees chaired, etc.).

I entered the 2013 Fort Bragg Quilt Show (my first ever) and my good friend came up to attend the show with me. She is a great knitter, so we were shopping for yarn at Navarro Knits and were chatting with Jeanne Kinney. She told me about the club and encouraged me to join. It took me a few months to get up the courage to attend a meeting (I had heard stories about clubs in Southern California and how clique-ish they were), but in January 2014, I decided to give it a try. I couldn't have been more warmly welcomed!

I became Secretary that first year, was Secretary in 2014-2015, then President 2015-2017, and Treasurer 2017-2019. I also chaired the Quilt Show in 2015, and was Quilt Show Treasurer for 2018.

When did you start quilting and who taught you to sew/quilt/or are you self-taught?

I have been sewing since I was a little girl (made Barbie doll clothes as well as my own clothes), but I didn't really start quilting until about 2000. My mom taught me to sew – I taught myself to quilt.

What brought you to Mendocino County (i.e., born here, employment, retired)?

We first came to Mendocino in October 2009 on vacation. I had been nagging Howard that I wanted to retire to a place with cooler weather (we lived in L.A. for 30+ years). We got married in Arcata while on a camping trip, so we planned a vacation to Eureka to look for property. While planning the trip, we noticed a town called Mendocino on the map. We didn't like what we found in Eureka, but loved Mendocino. We drove around and found a house for sale that we fell in love with – bought it without ever seeing the inside except in our realtor's (bad) iPhone pictures. It's our dream home!

Anything else you would like to share with your club members (i.e., personal/ family/talents/hobbies/pets/travel/professional honors/ awards)?

I grew up in Barrington, Illinois, a small town northwest of Chicago.

I have a bachelor's degree in English and Elementary Education from Occidental College and spent a few years teaching elementary school in East Los Angeles. I got a master's degree in Health Care Administration from Cal State University Long Beach and worked in administration at Children's Hospital Los Angeles for 15 years, then worked as a quality consultant for 30 children's hospitals in the US and Canada for 17 years before retiring in 2010.

My husband, Howard, taught math at Hollywood High School for 37 years. We have 2 daughters – one is an internal medicine/infectious diseases physician who works at the National Institutes of Health in Maryland, the other just got her master's degree in plant pathology and lives in Kauai. Our grandson, Huki, was born in 2016.

Despite my reputation, I only have 1 kat.



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Name: Verna Oliver

Date: 11/11/2018

How did you hear about the OWQ club and how many years have you been a member?
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I was in the club when it first started as "Scrap Happy Quilters." I was one of the original members – in the late 1970s.

When did you start quilting and who taught you to sew/quilt/or are you self-taught?

While we lived in Camp 20, I took 4H classes and sewing classes in Jr. High School in Fort Bragg. I started making smocks for my pregnant sister and then when I had children of my own, I made them all their clothes. I am particularly proud that when my son graduated from Fort Bragg High School, I made him his shirt and suit for the occasion. I also made him pants that were almost identical, if not better, than the original Levi jeans.

What brought you to Mendocino County (i.e., born here, employment, retired)?

I was born in Washington State. My grandparents on my mother's side were in the logging business. We moved from Washington to Philo where I attended 1st grade. We lived there one year. After that we moved to Camp 20 and I attended 2nd through 6th grade in a one room schoolhouse. Then attended Fort Bragg Jr. High School when my parents moved to Fort Bragg in 1954. I am a graduate of Fort Bragg High School.

Anything else you would like to share with your club members (i.e., personal/ family/talents/hobbies/pets/travel/professional honors/ awards)?

I love to knit and crochet and for many years have made scores of baby hats and sweaters for babies born at the local hospital. My husband, Ron, worked for the Mill for many years.



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Name: Carol Pomeroy

Date: 9/20/18

How did you hear about the OWQ club and how many years have you been a member?

Also include any positions in the OWQ club you have held (i.e., club officer/special projects/committees chaired, etc.).

I heard about OWQ in the local Newspaper.

Education Chair 7 yrs

VIP - This year

4 yrs.

When did you start quilting and who taught you to sew/quilt/or are you self-taught?

I am a self taught quilter but have sewn since I was 8 yrs old. My grandmother taught me to sew my own clothes.

What brought you to Mendocino County (i.e., born here, employment, retired)?

My husband and I retired to Mendocino County 6 yrs ago. We first lived in Willits but soon moved to Fort Bragg.

Anything else you would like to share with your club members (i.e., personal/family/talents/hobbies/pets/travel/professional honors/ awards)?

I have a 10yr. old dog named Zena, she was a gift from my husband a year after all my girls had left home and moved across the Country.

I have 3 daughters. My oldest lives in New Mexico with her 3 children, my middle daughter lives in Washington State with her 9 children (4 natural, 5 adopted) and my youngest lives in Santa Rosa with her one daughter and one on the way (due in Feb. 2019)



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Name: Sharon Rowan Date: 11/2018

How did you hear about the OWQ club and how many years have you been a member?
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In 2013 I met and became good friends with Nancy Herron-Pike. In 2016 I attended the quilt show with her. It was wonderful to see her glow as she was back with all of her club member friends that she once active in. On the way home I told her she was coming back and I was coming with her. So in July I joined and have made some great new friends.

When did you start quilting and who taught you to sew/quilt/or are you self-taught?

My sewing started in 7th grade when I took "Hom Ec" in Jr. Hi school, but before that my mom taught me to embroidery and tried to teach me crochet, forget that one. I did love to embroidery, still do. I watched my mother make quilts, she was self-taught, but she enjoyed cutting little pieces of material and sewing them together into blocks, she did a lot of applique blocks too. As I grew older I sewed more clothes than blocks, that was easier for me, blocks were boring. After I married and started my own family mom taught me what she knew about quilt making. Never did I realize there was so much I did not know until I met up with Nancy and joined this group.

What brought you to Mendocino County (i.e., born here, employment, retired)?

I have been in Mendocino County most of my life. Dad followed construction, building roads, until I started school, then they settled down in a little place called Longvale which is 13 miles north of Willits and was washed off the map in Dec 1954 due to a flood. What is left of it now is the junction at 101 to Covelo. 1956 parents sold their property to the State and relocated to the Fort Bragg Road or Route 20. At Willits. I graduated from Willits High, got married, moved to Fort Bragg for husband's employment.

Anything else you would like to share with your club members (i.e., personal/ family/talents/hobbies/pets/travel/professional honors/ awards)?

Was married in 1962, moved to Fort Bragg in 1963, raised 4 children, worked and retired from the Fort Bragg Unified School District after 37 years in the Library @ Middle School. I am an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. My hobbies have always been sewing and reading.



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Name: Dianne Skinner Date: 10-14-18

How did you hear about the OWQ club and how many years have you been a member?
Also include any positions in the OWQ club you have held (i.e., club officer/special projects/committees chaired, etc.).

Member for 1 1/2 years
Had a friend who is a member. My daughter checked
with Sew + Sew and gave me a membership
for a Christmas present.

When did you start quilting and who taught you to sew/quilt/or are you self-taught?

4 years ago started and did two. Got busy
and quit for a while - just starting up again.

What brought you to Mendocino County (i.e., born here, employment, retired)?

Moved here in 1991 from So. California. Moved
from area in East San Diego County due to
area we lived in getting too rough and
gangs moving in.

Anything else you would like to share with your club members (i.e., personal/family/talents/hobbies/pets/travel/professional honors/awards)?

I have two daughters and four grandchildren.
I have moved a lot as a child and have been
in all 50 states. Lived in Washington D.C.
in early 1960's when Kennedy was president and
NASA was send our first astronaut into space.



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Name: CINDI JO WILLEY Date: 10-14-18

How did you hear about the OWQ club and how many years have you been a member?
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1996, I think.

Heard ~~about~~ about O.W.Q. through Nancy Herron-Pike. I've done just about all there is to do, & enjoyed all of it. Newsletter, committees, getting bylaws & a board set up. Ran the club before we had officers, & president!

When did you start quilting and who taught you to sew/quilt/or are you self-taught?

I learned to sew at about 8 yrs. old & made a doll quilt & a pillowcase from 9-patch blocks.

at ~~age~~ 32, Nancy Herron-Pike invited me to take a class from her, & I've been at it ever since!

What brought you to Mendocino County (i.e., born here, employment, retired)?

My family has been here for generations - I've lived mainly here & in San Jose.

Anything else you would like to share with your club members (i.e., personal/ family/talents/hobbies/ pets/travel/professional honors/ awards)?

I've been Longarm Quilting since 2004.

Married Jim Willey in 2016.