

MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

April 2019

**OCEAN WAVE QUILTERS
FORT BRAGG, CA**





Member Biography Ocean Wave Quilters

Name: Sharon Brayton

Date: December 1, 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 joined in late November/December of 1996. I believe I heard about "The Scrap Happy Squares" quilt group from Nancy Herron-Pike.

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

It was the same time as above that Nancy Herron-Pike was teaching a class at the barn on a Christmas quilt and I took the class she offered. That was my first quilt when completed and I entered it in the 1997 Quilt show. My quilt received a 3rd place ribbon.

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

I came to Mendocino County in 1957 with my family to Ukiah. In 1972 I met and married my Husband Richard and moved to Fort Bragg in October 1972.

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 play around with scraps of fabric and recycling them into quilts or whatever usable project is fun for me.

I was also a 4-H leader for 25 years and we did some quilting with the kids for a few years.



Member Biography Ocean Wave Quilters

Name: Paula Butler

Date: 2/26/2019

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.).

From Nodja Jones, about 4 years as member

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

Started quilting 5 years ago (2014), learned to sew in school, home, class, etc. Mostly self-taught as quilter.

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

Moved here when 20 months old

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

Piano teacher, church organist, pianist and choir director; I have beaded jewelry, knitted, and currently enjoying embroidery and beading on art quilts.



Member Biography Ocean Wave Quilters

Name: **Miriam Charles**

Date: 2/26/2019

How did you hear about the OWQ club and how many years have you been a member?
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I heard about the group from my sister-in-law Vicki in 2004 or 5 and started attending. My prior position was as Historian and I must say I appreciate Mary taking over. She does a wonderful job.

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

I started sewing garments as a child, but after I started quilting my machine doesn't know how to do anything but quilts.

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

I was born in Fort Bragg, left for college, married and raised a family and returned to Fort Bragg when I retired.

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: Ginny Cooper

Date: 2/26/2019

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.).

Judy Whitlock invited me to the pot luck meeting at Lonna's house back in 2016. It was so very inspirational and the food was marvelous. I took home a blockette of the month to make and that was it. I was hooked.

I served for one year as chair of the Service Committee in 2017-2018. Currently I'm working with the "Dress a Girl Around the World" project. I just adore the sweet little dresses.

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

I started sewing back in Junior High. I remember making a gym bag to take my PE clothes home to wash every Friday. Before that my mother made all our clothes. Once I started sewing I made all my own clothes, even a coat and my prom dress. I bought my own sewing machine my first year of college at Sears. That was the first check I ever wrote and the sells clerk helped me fill out the check.

My sister helped me buy my current sewing machine. Its from Costco and cost less than \$200. I just wanted something to mend a few things on. Well it works just fine for quilting. Judy got me started by inviting me to Lonna's, but Nodja Jones really helped me relearn to sew and quilt. I took a few lessons with her at Sew' n Sew. She's the one that taught me about 1/4" seams and all the fun stitches on my new sewing machine.

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

My husband Joe and I came here in 2002 for James Krenov's, (master woodworker) retirement party. Joe is a master craftsman and a woodworking teacher. We both loved the area and the artist environment so we bought our retirement home in 2004 and we came up here to live permanently in 2016.

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

My first quilt is thanks to Linda Walzer and the "free table". I had found some pretty pink rose fabric on the free table. I was showing it off to the ladies at my table when Linda said "wait a minute". She went back up to the free table and brought back all this other coordinating fabric and even more of the rose fabric. Included in this treasure-find were blockettes already sewn together. So I figured I already had a really good start on making a quilt. I measured and cut the blockettes to size and bought some fabric to use as sashing. At the quilt retreat Nodja helped me put it all together, and I even entered it in the 2017 quilt show.



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Name: Carol Fernandes

Date: 2/26/2019

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.).

Visiting coast, shopping Sew N' Sew, meeting Nancy & Nodja. Been a member about three years. (Truly don't remember, time flies) Due to travel distance from home I have been unable to contribute to committees, etc. Have helped with quilt show when I can.

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

Started quilting February, 2011, in Mesa, Arizona while on vacation at a snowbird RV resort. I always wanted to learn. A group of quilters took me by the hand and within three days I had made my first quilt for my husband Bruce. I'm so addicted!!!

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

My husband proposed to me in Fort Bragg 31 years ago. He has been an abalone diver since he was a teen in the 1960s. Mendocino county is our favorite place to visit, plus I have met so many friends, I now call it my second home.

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

I would just like to thank each and every one for their warm welcome to Ocean Wave Quilt Guild and for making me feel like a local when I'm in town..



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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: Susan Hall

Date: 2/26/2019

How did you hear about the OWQ club and how many years have you been a member?
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From sister Nancy Herron-Pike, member a long time - can't remember when started

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

Sister started me quilting - making a quilt for my daughter 23 years ago - 1996

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

I'm only there to visit Sister who lives in Ft. Bragg and used to visit my mom who retired to Ft. Bragg but has since passed.

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

Belong to Piecemakers Quilt Group in Vallejo. Love sewing but quilting the best.



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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 Episcopalian 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: Lana Houger

Date: 2/26/2019

How did you hear about the OWQ club and how many years have you been a member?
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I was told about this from a member

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

I have never made a quilt but I want to learn how

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

I moved here for employment

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

I have three pets, two cats and a dog and I love to read and I teach part-time



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Name: **Jeanne Kinney**

Date: 2/26/2019

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 for 15 years, my sister, Shirlee Paoli, started the Warm Welcome project and I started quilting to help her make baby quilts for the hospital. My interest was not in quilting until then but I had recently retired and needed something to sew. Since then I have become hooked on quilting and my main focus is still the Warm Welcome Project. I have made and donated over 500 quilts to this project, as well as made a bed quilt for each of my eight children and many for others. I have held one office as secretary for Sharon Lau.

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

My mother taught me to sew at a very young age and as a gift for my 8th birthday she let me sew on her treadle machine, I made a pair of shorts and halter that she had cut out from my daddy's work shirt. In high school most my clothes were made and sometimes designed by me. I love fashion sewing and have made everything from theater costumes to prom dresses and wedding gowns for my granddaughters to men's suits. Sewing is my main creative outlet and is necessary to keep me sane.

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

I came here in 1950 with my daddy driving a 1939 Ford, with me and my 4 siblings in the back seat. We came from Sacramento and the drive at that time took about 7 hours, much of the Highway 20 part was still gravel. We lived up the Ten Mile River in a logging camp until it closed in 1953. I grew up, married at age 17, had children, was a single mom. The jobs ranged from motel maid to commercial fisher-woman. In 1968 I met the love of my life, Robert, and in 1982 became the owner of Sew 'n Sew Fabrics until 2000 when I retired.

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

As a 28 year member and past president of Soroptimist International of Fort Bragg I have found that volunteering for community projects and events is very important to me. I was part of the original committee for the formation of the Quilt Show in 1996. Very rewarding for me was the 14 years I spent as a crisis counselor for domestic violence and sexual assault with Project Sanctuary and personal safety education in grammar and high schools. Just for fun was the 26 years as a member of Fort Bragg Footlighters where I designed costumes and performed in 16 plays where I sang (usually off key), danced, and acted very silly. My favorite costume creation was a dress that a friend and I wore when we played Siamese twins. We had 4 legs, 2 arms, 2 breasts and we sang and danced, it was very funny.



Member Biography Ocean Wave Quilters

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.



Member Biography Ocean Wave Quilters

Name: Verna Oliver

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 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: Tina Perry

Date: 2/26/2019

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 for 3 years, I had attended a Ocean Wave Quilt show prior but it took me a few years to join because I didn't know how accepting the group was to new members. I was warmly welcomed and very glad I joined. I have been on the special events committee and I am the Education Chair this year.

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

I was fairly new to quilting when I joined, although I had my first quilt top almost complete. I was at a loss of how to finish it, after joining the guild, I had the confidence to just take the plunge and finish the darn thing. I have loved embroidery since I was a child and took many craft and sewing classes in Southern California. I've made clothes and costumes for my kids and also dabbled in heirloom sewing.

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

My husband and I were desperate to get out of Southern California. We felt suffocated there. The Mendocino Coast District Hospital contacted my husband hoping to hire a full time Radiologist. We had never been here before, so we came and checked it out. The rest, as they say, is history.

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

As much as I love quilting, my greatest passion is cooking. If I could just pull myself out of my kitchen, I would be more productive in my sewing room. As many of you know, I like to travel and I usually take a few trips a year. Now that I have a love of quilting, I have incorporated that into some of my travels.

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Member Biography
Ocean Wave Quilters

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

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.



Member Biography Ocean Wave Quilters

Name: Marcia Weeks

Date: Febr. 12, 2019

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

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My friend, Susan Bivins (wonderful quilter and past president) was always trying to get me to join. I told her I would consider when I retired. We both were working nurses at the local hospital. So, I kept my promise and what did she do? Moved away to Montana. Quilters always stay in touch!

I was VP for a year prior to having health issues and could not help in an administrative capacity. I also was active in the service committee and tried to participate in any way I could be of service. I love the generous, giving, sharing spirit of the club.

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

My mother "tried" to teach me to sew, but when I promptly cut the top out of the bottoms of the pink & gray pj fabric, she gave up as I was in tears. My Great-grandmother quilted, but passed before I could learn much. My sis-in-law became an inspiration and me and my friend Linda tried a few flip and stitch panels. Binding? Piecing? What was that. Susan was a great inspiration to me and taught me about learning vs perfect. And I am still learning!

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

Our only child, Stacy was 3, and my husband was on the very active busy sheriff dept in San Bernardino County. Yes, there is a Cucamonga! He did not like what he saw and with vision said, we are moving. Of course I was elated, we could move back to Iowa and beautiful pasture land. Oh no, he was a Navy man and wanted to be by the ocean. That first trip with all the winding curves just about did me in. But, we both had good employment, and bought a house with 7 beautiful acres of pasture land. Called compromise!! He retired from Weeks Construction just before I retired from Mendocino Coast Hospital. We have been blessed in our lives.

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

I completed exactly 50 years of nursing prior to having my DX of ovarian cancer. Now I am in remission and so grateful. I am the Women Ministries leader at Coast Christian Church, and that is always a blessing for me.

We have a precious set of twins, Callie and Chelsea, now 11 yr old. Gives me lots of projects!!!

My hubby, Paul keeps that 7 acres looking like a golf course. We have had a fair amount of travel over the years, but are truly homebodies and enjoy that game of scrabble.

It has been an honor to be the care takers for my grandmother, his dad, and now my elderly mother.

I plan to KEEP QUILTING AND SEWING!!!



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

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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.



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Name: Daisy Woodhams

Date: Jan 2019

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.).

Attended the OWQ Show in 2017 and talked with Becky Bright. She was very persuasive! I liked the groups you supported and the folks I talked to. I was uncertain since I live in the Bay Area and I'm only up here on weekend.

I belong to the Modern Quilt Guild (MQG) and just recently participated in their Charity Quilt Challenge (1" or less and with their color pallet). Since I'm an individual member, our group of 12 was across multiple states including Canada. Talk about a challenge!

When I can, I attend a mini-group from the East Bay (EBHQ). There are about a dozen of us that meet at a friends house on Sundays. So, I don't get to attend often, but do keep in touch and attend when I'm home on Sundays.

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

I started quilting in 2017 with a friend who teaches quilting. However, I have learned through books and YouTube. With my membership in the the MQG, I watch their seminars as well as learning from their examples.

My grandmother and mother taught me to sew garments when I was 8. I made all my and my husbands suits for work (when working still required suits), jeans, and moved into upholstery. When I retired, I took up quilting.

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

Originally, vacation with friends. We decided to buy (down near Elk) and we built with thoughts of retiring here. However, it looks like it will stay a weekend home.

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

I have always had pets - dogs, cats, fish (but not a "pet fish"). I developed allergies to cats so I have stuck with dogs. I love all kinds but especially ones with soft fur and floppy ears - so I have cocker spaniels.

An eagle (or any bird) in flight always makes me smile. I have bird feeders around both our homes and placed where I can enjoy them year-round.



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Name: Angela Zucker

Date: 2/26/2019

How did you hear about the OWQ club and how many years have you been a member?
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I am a returning member. I used to live part time in Anacortes WA. I am now full time CA.

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

My grandmother got me started when I was a teenager. I love classes and I am also happy to experiment with creative ideas on my own.

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

I retired about 20 years ago and moved to Elk. My husband John and I love the peaceful beauty the coast and surrounding area offers every day.

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

I currently teach exercise classes in Elk that includes Zumba, step, weights, balance and core strength 3 days a week. I am also passionately involved with the Greenwood Civic Club.