

Ocean Wave Quilters General Meeting
October 10, 2021 1:30 pm
Senior Center, outside

Meeting called to order by Paula P at 1:30 pm.

Members present: 27

Guest: Susan Blackmer, very interested in hand quilting. Welcome!

1. **Minutes** of the August meeting - moved by Marcia W, 2nd by Catherine S and approved unanimously. These minutes were distributed digitally by Linda M, Secretary.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was approved by the Board. A copy of it is in the newsletter.

3. **Committees:**

- **Communications:** Sharon L had nothing new to report.

- **Hospitality:**

Sunshine – Daisy had nothing new to report here.

Name Tag Drawing-The first winner was Ginny C. She won last month so she donated her win back to the kitty. Becky B won the drawing.

Raffle Items: If you have raffle items to donate, please bring them to Sew n Sew. The raffle will be in December this year. There is no theme to this basket.

Anagram winner-Paula P won the monthly Anagram contest.

- **Service:** Grace V reported that the number of **quilts donated** is in the newsletter. We distributed 4 Warm Welcome quilts, 5 infusion quilts, and 24 pet beds and 15 quilts to the United Disaster Fund for Fire Victims. The Sew Service Sunday will focus on Dress a Girl and not pillowcases as we have enough at this time. It will most likely be held at the Senior Center.

- **Education and Special Events:**

Retreat: The fall retreat will be held 10/28-10/30 (Thurs-Sat) at Jughandle Retreat Center. Day 1 will be from 9:30 am to 4 pm. This will be a bring your own lunch day. Day 2 will run from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Sandwiches will be ordered. Day 3 will be from 9:30 am to 3 pm. It will be a potluck.

Marjan Class: On Sunday, October 31st, **Marjan Kluepfel** will be teaching a fabric dyeing class that will be held at Carole P's house (27030 North Highway 1) The cost of the class is \$35. Sign up today! Samples of her work were displayed today! You are not enrolled until you pay your fee. Carole can accommodate 20 people.

Miserly Method for Making Scrappy Quilts-This class will be taught at Sew n Sew by Sharon L on November 15th. The November class is full but a second class will be offered, scheduled for February 27, 2021. Those on the waiting list will have first dibs. The fee is \$15. It will run from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

UFO Exchange: Daisy had unmarked sacks for the UFO exchange. Bring the sack back to the November meeting filled with your UFO. Then Daisy will staple the bags and you will choose a bag at random. You may make whatever you want. Bring your project back in March. Hopefully you can capture a photo before and after.

Brown Bags: Brown Bags are available today. They are \$5/bag. The brown bag quilts/projects will be displayed at the Holiday Lunch in December.

Tip of the Month: When I (Daisy) first started quilting, I discovered pre-cuts. I thought they were wonderful. No cutting and lots of fabrics that worked well together. However, I have learned that all is not perfect in the world of pre-cuts. You pay a premium. Layer cakes and jelly rolls contain a bit over 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ yds. At 42 to a package, that comes out to a bit over \$15/yd. Stated, some are not square, and some patterns are skewed. Depending upon the pattern, these issues may not be a problem. But knowing before cutting and sewing will minimize problems later. Pinked edges are always an issue. Not every manufacturer measures the same. Did they measure from valley to valley, peak to peak or somewhere in between? This is especially an issue if the pattern needs to use the full pre-cut and is almost always critical for jelly rolls. Note that Paula P says that Sew n Sew has seen several jelly rolls not to size. Many have been returned. She would not be surprised if the manufacturers stopping pinking the edges as this has been a problem in the industry.

Block of the Month Drawing: Dee G won the drawing.

Block of the Month Demonstration: Ginny C presented the BOM titled "The Prairie Queen". (Instructions attached to the end of these minutes) Choose a light, medium and dark of any color. You will be making 4-patches and half-square triangles. The finished block in the quilt will be 12".

- Quilt Show Report:** Nancy K reported that the 2023 theme was discussed at the last Quilt Show Committee meeting. To avoid any copyright or religious issues, the theme was modified to “Sowing Seeds of Kindness”. The 2024 theme will be “Seasons”.

The Quilt Show Committee would love to have more people on the committee. Martin W joined the committee this month. The committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10 am. The next meeting will be November 3, 2021.

Opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets: Sharon G received some money for SINS. Tess A took the large quilt to a district meeting in Ukiah and sold \$100 of tickets. She will be taking the quilt to another meeting this weekend in San Francisco. The total amount sold is \$615. Nancy K will take the large quilt to Bolt in Cloverdale most likely next month.

The Committee is looking for alternative sites in case we cannot use Dana Grey. Judy W asked that the membership think of sponsors. Martin W and Tracy S will help with this sub-committee as well.

4. New Business:

- Senior Center:** The Senior Center is still available for indoor meetings. Anyone entering must be fully vaccinated. Most likely we will be inside at the Senior Center for our next meeting. The windows have been replaced and are easy to open. We will leave the door open for cross ventilation. Sharon L and Dee G have hepa filters that they can bring. The Senior Center mandates that everyone where a mask. We will use chairs only and no tables to allow for more social distancing.

The Center is still in need of volunteers. Ginny C will join Sharon L and Nancy K. Jill from the Senior Center is eager to open 5 days a week. Dee G serves lunch but they are still in need of more volunteers.

Howard L suggested to Sharon L that the OWQ donate a quilt to the Senior Center once a quarter. The Senior Center can sell it to make a little extra money. Currently one of Sharon G’s quilts is for sale.

5. Show and Tell:

- Daisy W** shared a small wall hanging with Eucalyptus leaves on it. She used the freezer paper applique method with 100 count thread and a small zig zag stitch. Her quilting in the background mirrors the shapes of the leaves.

- **Cindi Jo W** showed her Halloween cross stitch project. It has been one square a day for 31 days. She also shared three baby quilts done by Evelyn H. Two had strawberry fabric and the third had owl fabric with orange and red borders.
- **Linda W** told us that the binding can change your quilt immensely. Sharon L quilted several quilts for her. All four quilts are Baby Quilts. She experimented with binding placement. Her first quilt was a 9-patch clock with bunny fabric and orange binding. Her second quilt she called Mossy Baby in pink, blue, and green with blue binding. The third quilt, Berry Town, had a black polka dot stripe in the middle repeated in the binding. And finally, Sharon L gave Linda W several Funky Chicken blocks. The finished quilt was so much fun with a bright sashing.
- **Tina P** shared a fall table runner that she made for her piano. It was a fall leaf pattern. She did not use any batting and backed it with muslin because she is going to put other decorations on the top of the runner. She did not want to create any uneven surfaces. She cut the pieces with her Aquiquilt machine. Tina also shared some projects from her Kimberbell machine embroidery class. She had a pillow with bats of free-standing lace, vinyl, pleather, and felt. She shared a hand towel and a pumpkin that was quilted in the hoop and then sewn together. And, one of her favorites is a house that she puts fairy lights inside at home.
- **Nadine S** shared a bright colored quilt using the “Slash Your Stash” method. The finished quilt is not square but truncated on a few edges. It was very fun and had a lovely blue binding. Her second block was a small version of a pumpkin block. It is approximately 8” x 10”. The full-size quilt is on her quilting machine.
- **Connie M** reminded us that cold weather is coming. Her daughter knits fingerless gloves and will make them in any color. Call Connie if you would like to order some. Connie is also making curtains for her grandson’s bedroom who is now 12. The theme is boats.
- **Sharon L** shared Jenna G’s quilt in blue, dark green, lime, and turquoise.
- **Nancy K** shared a large scrappy quilt top with pink, blue, purple and green blocks created in the Miserly Method. The blocks are 16 “. Sharon L will quilt it.
- **Bobbie K** shared 5 items. The first was a quilt stand that she did know what it was. It turns out she is missing the feet!!! Her second share was a quilt with lime green minky fabric for a backing. Her third quilt was pink, green, and turquoise with green sashing and borders. The center squares were fussy cut with bears. The fourth share was a lap blanket with a tumbling block pattern. And her final quilt had hummingbirds with green sashing and pink corner squares. This quilt was done with a quilt as you go method.

- **Dee G** shared 5 items. Her first share was made for the Gualala club's Thanksgiving Sale. It is a table runner made from a panel. Her second quilt is an "I Spy" quilt using 5" squares. Her third quilt was a baby quilt using a panel with lime green. Her fourth quilt was made a retreat held in Auburn, Ca with trees. And, lastly, the fish fabric quilt was made to donate to the Noyo Center for a fund raiser. The white sashing set off the teal border.
- **Sharon G** shared 4 quilts. The first was a baby quilt with frogs and yellow, red and green. The second quilt was 5" squares with sailboats. The third quilt used butterfly fabric. Sharon was able to get 2 quilts using blue and purple and the disappearing 9 patch. Her second quilt had 9 patches in blue and brown with butterfly fabric on the border.
- **Ginny C** shared six items. The first quilt was from a Shabby Fabrics BOM. It is appliqued and a queen size winter quilt. The second quilt was a baby quilt with 6" polka dot squares. The third quilt was pastels 6" squares with lots of pinks, blue, lavender and yellow. Sharon L quilted it and Sharon G did the binding. The fourth quilt had dogs and red, yellow, blue primary colors. The fifth quilt was yellow, blue, and green with yellow binding and a green border. The squares were 6". At lastly, Ginny shared a Dress a Girl from Marcia W.

Final thoughts: Tina P asked if it was possible to do a Virtual Show and Tell. She had two more things to share with the membership but she gave them away as gifts. One was a machine embroidered flower quilt for her husband's aunt's 100th birthday. The second one was a 4th of July table runner.

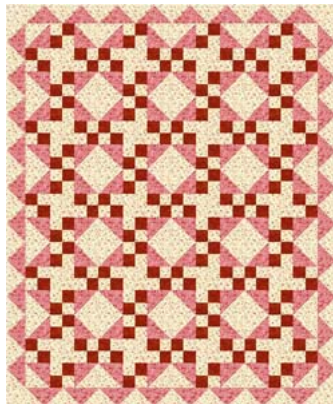
Meeting Adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Moore duly elected Secretary

FREE PATTERNS FOR A PRAIRIE QUEEN QUILT

"Temperament has much to do with success in any undertaking, and persons afraid of coyotes and work and loneliness had better let ranching alone." ¹ Elinore Stewart of Burnt Fork Wyoming

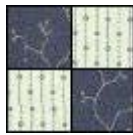
The prairie is tied in our minds to the pioneers. We envision them crossing the plains in their prairie schooners as we imagine their triumphs and fears.



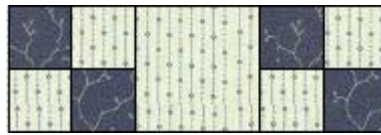
The quilt shown to the left is 45" by 55". By changing the number of blocks you can make anything from a crib quilt to a king sized quilt. Be sure to look at [The Prairie Queen History](#) page for background on this quilt.

The printable rotary cutting instructions can be found in the following PDF. [Prairie Queen Rotary Cutting Instructions](#) to make 10 inch blocks.

Steps for making the Prairie Queen Block



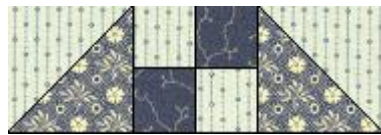
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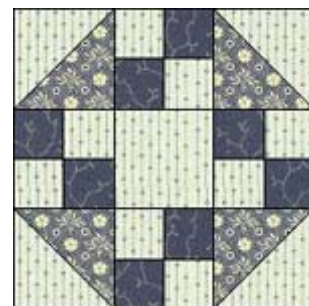
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make 4



make 2



Prairie Queen Quilt Block Instructions – 12" finished Blockette

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Choose a color – You will need a light, a medium, and a dark of that color.

Cutting guide	Light	2 – 5" squares	Medium	2 – 5" squares
		1 – 4 ½ " square		
		8 – 2 ½" squares		
	Dark	8 – 2 ½" squares		

Make 4 Four patches with the Light and Dark 2 ½" squares.

Use the 5" squares of the Light and Medium to make 4 Half Square Triangles. These need to be trimmed to 4 ½" once they are sewn. There will not be a lot to trim off, maybe 1/16 to at most an 1/8 of an inch.

Sew the rows as shown in the diagram. Be careful to place the four patches with the darks in the right position in order to get the correct "spin" around the center. This is the only tricky part of this pattern.

Sew the rows into the blockette. Don't trim, it should be 12 ½".