

Ocean Wave Quilters General Meeting
July 10,2022 1:30 to 3:30 pm
Outdoors Senior Center in Fort Bragg, CA

Meeting called to order by Linda M, President, at 1:30 pm

Members present: 27

1. **Minutes** of June meeting – moved by Sharon L and seconded by Becky B to approve the minutes. These minutes were distributed digitally by Linda M, secretary.
2. **Treasurer's report:** The OWQ Board approved the report at the June 28 Board Meeting. It is in the July newsletter. Dues are due 7/1/22 and are \$25/year if paid before 8/1/22. If paid late the dues will be \$35. If not paid by Sept 1 the member will be deleted from the list serve.
3. **Committees:**
 - **Communications:** Sharon L reported that an email will be sent to each club member with instructions on how to fill out and return the Biography Form online in one easy step for the Biographies Project. She also noted that the biographies would not be published, the club is very much aware of each members privacy. Also please see Sharon L for photo to be taken for the photo page, update of that page is needed.
 - **Hospitality: Daisy W**
Sunshine – Daisy had no sunshine to report. Marsha W read a note that was received from Dan, a patient at the Infusion Center who had received a quilt made by the OW Quilters, expressing his appreciation for it. She also shared the reply that was sent by Sharon L. Marsha W also read a thank you from Sharon Morandi of "Dress a Girl" project, expressing her thanks for the dresses they received. In it she also noted they have many smaller girl's sizes but would be grateful for medium to larger sizes.
Anagram winner: No anagram this month.
Name Tag Drawing: Marsha W was the winner. She received a \$10 gift certificate from Sew n Sew.
Raffle Basket: Daisy W shared some of the items she felt would be appropriate for the quarterly raffle basket and was wanting to know if the members shared her thoughts on these ideas. All present agreed with her ideas. (Duster spray, bobbin covers, ponytails that keep thread and bobbins together, markers, etc.). This will help her prepare for the next drawing in September.
 - **Service: Grace V**
The full report is in the July Newsletter. She also expressed a need for pillowcases. She has some kits on the table, with instructions, to be taken and made by the members.
 - **Education: Martin W**
Martin shared that he does not have a committee yet but there is a signup sheet on the table for anyone to sign up during the break. He would appreciate any help. One idea he shared for this committee is to have at least 4 events during the year, so he would like to hear from you, the membership, what these events could be. He expressed his appreciation for being a member this past year and wants to help all he can.
 - **Tip of the Month: Linda W**
Linda W was asking about what do you do when you have a wall hanging for some time and you notice the bottom is beginning to get wavy, how do you take that waviness out of it to hang straight? Members had many suggestions: flat narrow boards, metal (aluminum), stainless steel, screen molding, etc. Final decision would still mean a trip to the hardware store. The choice would be one of your choosing and this could be necessary on any size of wall hanging.

- **Special events: Dee G and Susan B**

Dee G and Susan B shared some of their upcoming special events: Christmas party, Retreat (1 or 2), Appreciation Luncheon, Brown Bag Challenge, bags available for \$5 each in the back of Dee G's car. (March), UFO Challenge (April). One of the first upcoming events would be a Barbeque for the group usually held in Sept. A vote was taken as to whether to hold it on the general meeting Sunday or on the Sew Sunday. It was decided to do it on Sew Sunday (4th Sun.). Discussion was had as to where would be the venue. After some discussion, Carole P offered her place. Thank you, Carole P.. You're welcome to join this committee on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 am at Sew n Sew.

- **Block of the Month Demonstration: Catherine S**

Catherine S passed out instructions for "Bachelor's Puzzle" or "Indian Puzzle" or "Snail Trail." This block is made with the attached light fabric, and a blue of your choice. Please avoid using solid. Unfinished size is 12 ½ inches. It is also the logo for OWQ.

- **Block of the Month Drawing: Sharon G**

Sharon G reported that since the block of the month from the June meeting are the blocks that will be making up the Opportunity Quilt for 2023, Paula P wanted all the names of the members that make a block be put into a jar and winner would receive a bag of prizes. All the blocks were then shared with the members, and the winner is Daisy W. Thank you to everyone that made a block.

Sharon G also shared a story of the winners of the 2022 Opportunity Quilt winners. The larger quilt was won by a traveling medical person who now resides in Massachusetts. The smaller quilt was won by a local woman, Nancy P, who Sharon G noticed in the local paper had just received her US citizenship.

4. **Quilt Show Report**

Linda M ask Sharon L to give a recap of this year's quilt show.

We had almost 400 paying visitors. That compares to 500 in 2019 but given the price of gas and the fact that we haven't had a show in 3 years, we were very pleased with the turnout.

We had visitors from 46 different zip codes (based on the surveys returned). 43% of visitors came from Fort Bragg. 17% came from Mendocino. The remainder came from as far away as Connecticut and a place called Forks of Salmon in Siskiyou County (population 168).

99.5% of attendees returning surveys rated the show as excellent or good in the categories of Location, Display of Quilts, Vendors and Raffle Baskets.

Positive comments included "Plenty of Chairs!" and "Greatly appreciate having chairs available in each row!" Thank you to Sherry W. for making sure there were chairs everywhere! Other comments included "All fabulous - we love you!" and "Thank you! Lovely experience!" Some suggestions included having more vendors (not sure where we would put them), having a location that is more foot-traffic friendly (but then you have to trade off parking), and having food and beverages for sale (an annual discussion of the committee that we haven't been able to solve yet). Helen Haun's quilts were very much appreciated, as were Kathy McCormick's. Financially, we did very well. In 2019 we brought in income (before subtracting expenses) of \$13,000 - this year we brought in \$11,300. Kudos to Bobbie for her raffle baskets bringing in \$1100, to Sharon for the Opportunity Quilts bringing in \$3200, and for the sponsors matching the level of 2019 at \$3050. We did not offer advertisements to be printed in the program this year, because it takes up half of the program and the committee felt it is a waste of paper and printing costs, and it didn't seem to make a difference. Instead, we advertised in the newspapers (2 newspapers 2 weeks in a row and on a poster in the foyer) and that seemed to work just as well. Some members asked about whether many quilts sold. We had 21 quilts for sale, 6 of which sold.

Marsha W asks about the Sunflower Quilt project.

Sharon L explained the "Sunflower Mini-quilt Challenge: A Fundraiser for Ukraine."

The International Quilt Museum is partnering with Rotary Club International to hold a Quilt Auction to raise funds to provide short-and long-term disaster relief to Ukraine. These 16"x16" would be a by the International Quilt Museum. Nine of our members submitted 16" x 16" quilts to this project. These

nine raised almost \$1,000 of the total \$27,000 raised for this project. Big Thank you to these nine. There was a poster display at the quilt show of the quilt that were submitted.

Daisy W shared with the club that at the dinner for the judges, both of the judges expressed appreciation for the warm welcome they had received by the group.

Sherry W and Becky B shared their thoughts and thank yous to everyone that participated in the Quilt Walk around town. There were 96 quilts on display all over town plus the Library and the Hospital. Almost all the quilts have been returned to their owners. Thank you, thank you for all the help, they felt the set up and take down went very smoothly this year.

Sharon G reported the quilt raffle brought in \$3266.

5. **New Business:**

Committee signups are on front table. Please sign-up during break

Sharon L shared with group of meeting Eric, who does silk screening and embroidery work on hats, jackets, etc. He is willing to do the Ocean Wave logo on hats for the group for \$20 each. How many members are interested? Many! A question was then asked, would he do patches and sell them so we could put them on jackets and such. Sharon L will ask him. Also, if anyone knows of a place to rent, he and his wife need a place. His wife is an artist.

Dues are due reminder-- Last year's membership was 77 at present we have 40. Please submit your dues.

Challenge Quilt- Linda reported on a concern from Paula P at Sew n Sew regarding the Challenge Quilt. Members buy a package containing 3 different kinds of material donated by the shop and along with other material they make a small size quilt, name it; it is then judged by all who come into the Sew n Sew shop and ribbons are handed out. She felt there was very few turned in and very little voting done. Wondered if it was worth it. After much discussion the consensus is, it is worth it and would suggest that she have a "Kickoff party" on the 1st Friday to bring people into store.

Brown bags available, \$5, Dee G car trunk.

6. **Show and Tell:** The following shared quilts or works of art. I did not get all the comments made by the presenters as I was too busy looking and admiring everyone's work and appreciating their talent.

Presenters were:

Sharon G , Dee G , Bobbie K - Kathy M – .Lony F - Kim R - Cindi Jo - Daisy W, Shari L

Just as a note--

Nancy Y – Shared a rug that is part of the Oaxacan Tapestries and Rugs on display at Pacific Textile Shop on Alger St. from Teotitlan Del Valle, Mexico this month. Something you might want to check out.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:21.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Rowan
Secretary, Ocean Wave Quilters

