



Ocean Wave Quilters

November 2022 Newsletter

President's Message



Autumn is the season to teach us that change can be beautiful.

I can't believe how dark it is at 7 am now! It makes me want to hide under the covers until it is light. I have spent way too much time thinking how I need a remote control to turn up my heater before I get out of bed. Is that already an invention and I am behind the times? If so, will you let me know?

I love the change of seasons. The colors this time of year are spectacular. The crisp reds, oranges and browns are magnificent. I have many maple trees on my property all with different fall patterns due to the coolness of the nights. And there is one tree whose leaves are so pretty but so annoying as they clutter the yard. I once had a gardener threaten to quit over this tree!

But, I have to admit that I am not a lover of change in general. I find it harder and harder as I get older. I just like the stability and predictability of constancy. It is this time of year that reminds me to appreciate the seasons, their beauty and color. And to be grateful and be thankful.

As we move into one of the favorite fall holidays, Thanksgiving, I hope you can embrace the idea that change can be beautiful.

Speaking of change, the Fall Retreat did just that... we relaxed the luncheon potlucks for a simpler time of sharing. We all had such a good time! Thank you to the Events Committee for coordinating this time. It was so much fun to see long time members interact with newer members. Some machine sewed, some hand sewed, and some just visited. And a few shared a glass of wine or two and some chocolate. It really was a great time!

Happy Thanksgiving one and all!

Service – Grace V.

October Service Report

Dress-a-Girl Dresses	
Warm Welcome Quilts	13
Chaplain Quilts	
Other Community Quilts	
Texture Quilts	
Infusion Center	5
Pillowcases	
Pet Beds	15

We always need more so just let me know if you have made any for us and we will pick them up at Sew n Sew or at the next meeting.
Thanks, Grace V.

Special Events - Dee G./Susan B.

The fall retreat was a great success! Lots of projects are now finished, and we all learned a few new tricks and enjoyed lots of treats.

The holiday party is coming up—to be held at our December meeting. It will be potluck, and we'll be having a “fashion show,” so please bring “fashions” that you've made (clothes/toys/purses, etc.) to show off.

Some interest (5 people) was expressed at the last meeting for a holiday lunch at a restaurant as well. I will send around a sign-up sheet at the November meeting.

Susan B

Education – Martin W.

Block of the Month

November 2022-Sherry W

December 2022-No Block-Holiday Party

January 2023-Daisy



Retreat – Linda W

The October 19 -22,2022 Retreat at the Grange felt like a homecoming and a return to a more comfortable form of normalcy. Over the course of the four days twenty-two members attended including a few surprise visits by people who popped in for a bit of camaraderie.

Dee G gave demonstrations of quilt sandwiching, use of electric scissors when trimming quilt batting and how to cut a Puzzle Quilt.

Ginny C "crumb" (small scraps) method of piecing was an inspiration for several quilters. In the best retreat way, we fed off each other's energy. At one table I was sashing .thirty crumb blocks from the free table, Ginny was creating a different method of scrappy piecing which Stella, who was sitting across from us, decided she wanted to try. She began cutting pieces for her first block. Down the table Kim was doing her own riff on the crumb method with monochromatic 12.5" blocks. Jeanne K was next to Kim and the two of them talked about color combinations. Others admired the results and commented that they'd like to give it a try.

The Wonky House Block for the 2024 Raffle Quilt was another shared creative experience. Sharon L suggested we make it an I Spy quilt and much discussion ensued as to just what we should put in the fussy cut window. Let's just say there were some fantastical suggestions and leave it at that. Fortunately, several members brought boxes of scraps that provided fodder for our creations. Scooby-Doo will turn up in at least one window compliments of one of these scrap collections.

Nancy Y entertained us with the variety of quilts she was finishing off with a rolled back to front finish. She used the large tables to do all the pinning so that she could hand sew later as she enjoyed watching TV. It will be an exciting Christmas for Nancy's family.

Friday afternoon a group of hand stitchers gathered at a back table and enjoyed a nice visit with each other. They have been meeting at the Tuesday Zoom but there's nothing to compare with in person conversation.

The size of the Grange Hall was just right for this particular retreat. Big enough to spread out but small enough that we could have group discussions or consultations without shouting. I came away inspired and energized by my fellow quilters.

We brought our own lunches but each day there were salads and desserts to share. It was a very informal arrangement that made cleaning up a snap.

Many thanks to the Activities Committee and all who made this retreat possible,



Dee G and Linda W share a TaDa! at the October Retreat. Linda made this top with squares from the free table. Photo by Kim R

Marcia W. - Infusion Center

When I made my monthly visit to the Infusion Center to drop off quilts, the clerk asked me to wait a minute. Then the RN (traveler I did not know) showed me a small album and told me they take pictures of every quilt we bring; the patients can look through the pictures and make their decision on which quilt speaks to them. The staff voiced again how appreciative they and the patients are with the quilt donation.

Keep quilting and giving!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Nadine S
8	Georgia F
9	Marcia W
20	Lony F
25	Elisabeth W



Happy Birthday



November

- 2 Quilt Show Committee Meeting
- 3 Education/Special Events Committee Meeting
- 13 General Meeting & Choose UFO bags (due April 2023)
- 27 Sew Service Sunday
- 29 Board Meeting and Newsletter Articles Due



Hand Sewing Group via Zoom every Tuesday 1-4
Hand Quilting Group every Tuesday 1-4 at Senior Center

December

- 1 Education/Special Events Committee Meeting
- 2 Newsletter Distribution Deadline
- 7 Quilt Show Committee Meeting
- 11 General Meeting & Holiday Party
- 16 Holiday Restaurant Lunch Party
- 27 Board Meeting and Newsletter articles Due
- 30 Newsletter Distribution Deadline



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January

- 4 Quilt Show Committee Meeting
- 5 Education/Special Events Committee Meeting
- 8 General Meeting
- 22 Sew Service Sunday
- 31 Board Meeting and Newsletter articles Due



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February

- 1 Quilt Show Committee Meeting
- 2 Education/Special Events Committee Meeting
- 3 Newsletter Distribution Deadline
- 12 General Meeting
- 26 Sew Service Sunday
- 28 Board Meeting and Newsletter articles Due



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