

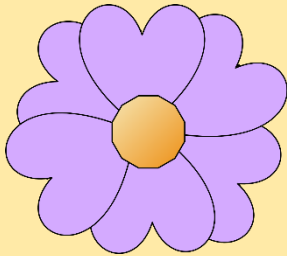
OCEAN WAVE QUILTERS



Fort Bragg, California – www.oceanwavequilters.com

MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Welcome May!



FBQS Reminders

* Quilt Walk quilts
due at Sew n Sew by
May 11th

* Sign up to volunteer
at the show at May
general meeting

* Register quilts for
show by May 26th

* Turn in quilts for
show at Sew n Sew
on June 16th

COUNTRY STORE

* Turn in items at Sew
n Sew on June 9th

SILENT AUCTION

Brand new Kangaroo
sewing cabinet and
Antique White sewing
machine and oak
cabinet – put in your
bid at the show!

Happy Spring, Quilters!

May is a wonderful time of year! On the Northern California Coast, it's a perfect time with the sunshine, flowers, whales, baby animals, and quilting. I have been thinking of the beauty of nature and how it relates to quilting. I thought about summarizing the history of nature designs in quilting, but that just seemed a bit overwhelming and maybe a bit too much research for now.

My next thoughts are about the Ombre Bargello Class that was offered April 27th. The class was something that caught my attention when it was first introduced. Bargello quilts have such a cool look to them, and there are so many variations. The Ombre Bargello looked like an easy way to avoid rows and rows of sewing. I couldn't sign up because of work conflicts, but before long that conflict was resolved and I was able to attend, and I'm so glad I did. I was educated in a two-room elementary school where part of learning survival was to be good at reading and following instructions on your own. So, for me a class has less to do with learning how to make something and more about the social aspects and picking up tips that are not actually written down anywhere from the teacher and others. I really enjoyed seeing the fabric combinations which were chosen for the class. Focus fabrics of flowers, leaves, swirls and dragons were some of those picked. It's fascinating how many different styles of Ombre fabric there are and the different effects they can have. The teacher simplified the written instructions and added several helpful tips. Now a whole new world of options and possibilities has opened up for me because I chose to take a class.

I know there are some of you who are adventurous and take classes for the joy or challenge of learning something new. OWQ offers classes at such a good rate to the members that I want to encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities, if you can. For some of you, the task of loading all your quilting supplies and bringing them to a class is more than you want to take on, but maybe you can stop by and say Hello to everyone. This summer, we're going to have a class on Barn Quilts. You won't need a sewing machine for this one. But whether it's in a class or at home, I want to challenge you to try something new.

While spring is still new and the fog is still out, take time to try a new quilting pattern.

'Till next month,

Nadine Schultz, OWQ President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ocean Wave Quilters 2026 April Treasurer's Report

Starting balance 3/17/2026 \$4,238.89

WordPress annual fee	\$96.00
Annual rental fee - storage-Sew n Sew	\$1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,096.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00

Ending balance 4/1/2026 \$3,142.89

Submitted by Sharon Lau, Treasurer
Approved at the 4-15-2026 Board Meeting
Sharon Lau, OWQ Treasurer

Fort Bragg Quilt Show 2026 April Treasurer's Report

Starting balance 3/17/2026 \$14,047.94

Dept of Justice (2026 raffle permit}	\$30.00
VIP ribbons	\$71.06
Featured Artist plaque	\$50.76
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$151.82

Raffle Quilt	\$375.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$375.00

Ending balance 4/1/2026 \$14,271.12

Submitted by Sharon Lau, Treasurer
Approved at the 4-8-2026 FBQS Committee Meeting

Proposed 2026-2027 Budget - Sharon Lau

According to our bylaws, each year the proposed budget is printed in the May newsletter and voted on at the May General Meeting. Please take the time to review the budget that is attached. (Please see budget at the end of the newsletter.)

A couple of comments:

Yes, we show that we will have greater expenses than income.

- One of the reasons for that is that we did not budget donations (because cash donations are not a sure thing!) However, past experience tells us that we can expect to receive donations in the coming year; last year we received more than \$1100 and in prior years, we have received as much as \$5000.
- Another reason we are not concerned about this discrepancy is that we are actively seeking grant support for some of our charitable activities. We have received a grant in the past from the Community Foundation, and we continue to look for other opportunities.
- Finally, we do have a significant balance in the FBQS account that we can draw from; hopefully we'll be adding a good amount to that balance after this year's show. (You can help by volunteering to sell raffle tickets for this year's quilt and by spreading postcards advertising the show everywhere you go!)

In conclusion, our Committee Chairs, each of whom now has a year of experience in their role, continue to be acutely aware that they need to be judicious in their spending.

COMMUNICATIONS

Check out the FBQS calendar under the show section and remember all the important dates!
Also, don't forget to be prepared to vote on next fiscal year's budget at the May meeting. Amended bylaws will be available in the June newsletter and will be voted on at the June general meeting.

Shari Lyons, Communications Chair

My problem isn't that I
buy too much fabric.
My problem is that I
shop faster than I sew.

Contributed by Nadine Schultz

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Hi Quilters,

The donation numbers for April are as follows:

4 Community Quilts
6 Warm Welcome Quilts
0 Pet Beds
0 Dress A Girl dresses
22 Port Pillows
0 Pillowcases

Don't forget to join us at May 24th Sew Sunday for a group effort to get some touch quilts made! These are small 12" x 24" lap sized and fun to put together. Material will be provided. Please bring your sewing machine. Look forward to seeing you there!

Kathy Demetri, Service Committee Chair

When finishing texture quilts, we put the back fabric and the top right sides together, then stitch all around the edge leaving an opening to turn them right side out. TIP: Reinforce the corners with a small piece of light interfacing (see photo)
This prevents distortion in the corners.
(Contributed by Dee Goodrich)



EDUCATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

MAY INSTRUCTOR: Evelyn Harris

Instructions for blocks from July 2025 until April 2026 BLOCK OF THE MONTH can be found on the OWQ website or get a copy at Sew n Sew in the BOM binder on the OWQ shelf. May's BOM pattern will be available after the May 10th general meeting.

UPCOMING CLASSES

QUILT BARN ART– Instructor: **Anelie Belden – Monday, July 13, 2026** – Join us in painting a 24"x24" wooded barn quilt to take home. We will have the option of 4 different patterns to choose from. Sign-ups for this fun painted creation will be available at the May & June General meeting: \$35 for OWQ members plus \$38 fee for kit that includes all supplies. If the class is not full by June 13th, we will open it up to non-OWQ members. 10 students max.



"The Carolina Bag" Tote Bag Class - Instructor: **Paula Perelstein – Sunday, August 23, 2026** – Sign-ups and more information coming in May. Paula will be teaching us how to make this lovely and very useful bag.



ROUND ROBIN Round Robin Quilts will be displayed at the 2026 FBQS!



The Round Robin(RR) is now complete. If you plan to have your RR quilt displayed at the quilt show, you will need to register it (no fee) by May 26th and have it completed by the quilt show quilts due date of June 16th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The committee will be working on dates for upcoming events like the Annual BBQ, next year's BOM, Fall Quilt Retreat (we have dates for that: OCTOBER 7-11, 2026, at the Albion Field Station) and fun ideas like School House, etc. for our general meetings.

Elizabeth Foster, Education & Special Events Committee Chair

Committee members: Steffany Baroni, Kathy Demetri, and Lisa Carter

QUILT GUILDS of the NORTH QUARTER

Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter - QGNQ - is an organization that is made up of the smaller, more rural quilt guilds in Northern California and gives us an opportunity to network, share ideas, and classes, etc.

OWQ will be hosting the **QGNQ meeting on Saturday, July 25th** – Please let us know if you would be willing to volunteer for organizing, set-up, and take-down of this meeting! WE NEED HELPERS, please! E-mail Elizabeth Foster – JJefoster@yahoo.com or call/text 510-292-7833.

QGNQ

The Appreciation Luncheon and Ombre Bargello class taught by Yvonne Phenicie were both great fun! Please enjoy the photos



Thank you, for all you do!



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HOSPITALITY

Some new ideas will be tried this year for the monthly name tag drawing and the quarterly raffle prizes. Some of the "nicer" (worth more \$) donated items will be included for the name tag drawing prizes, and one or two larger items will be up for the quarterly raffle prizes. The next quarterly raffle is in June when the last bag full of goodies will be up for the prize. September will begin with fewer but more desirable items to win. I hope that makes sense. The boxes of kits available for service projects are moving to the back of the room on a round table next to the closet door, so don't forget to look there for those items to take home and make. On Sunday, May 24th, our regular Sew Sunday will be open from 10:30 until approximately 3:00. On that day, members will be there making texture quilts. If you would like to help with that, please bring your sewing machine. Otherwise, bring whatever you need for your own personal project. We hope to see you there! - Cindi Jo

Cindi Jo Willey, Hospitality Committee Chair

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Shirlee Paoli	May 1
Paula Perelstein	May 2
Charlene Younker	May 4
Priscilla Adams	May 6
Suzanne Salter	May 9
Sharon Lau	May 17
Steffany Baroni	May 21
Becky Bright	May 21
Ginny Cooper	May 23
Christine Hartesveldt	May 25



FORT BRAGG QUILT SHOW

Next Quilt Show meeting will be
Wednesday – May 6, 2026 - 10:30 am at SEW N SEW

Our Quilt Show is coming up fast. Your committee members are working hard to make this a wonderful show.

Be sure to enter your quilts for the Quilt Walk, the Country Store and the Quilt Show by the required dates. **May 26, 2026** is the last day to register your quilts for the Quilt show. **May 11, 2026** is the last day to drop off your quilts for the Quilt Walk at Sew & Sew.

Susan C. is still in need of a few individuals to help deliver the quilts to the merchants downtown (delivery date is May 19th), please consider helping.

Please remember we still need volunteers to help: intake quilts, deliver racks and quilts, set up the show, work at the show, return quilts, take down, and clean up. The sign-up sheet will be at the May meeting.

We hope all of you are as excited about this year's show as we are.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Carole

Carole Poma, 2026 Fort Bragg Quilt Show Committee Chair



Important Reminders

❖ *Here are some important informational highlights and dates regarding the upcoming show:*

- We will have 10 to 15 VIP judges this year.
- We will not have a paid judge.
- There will be no Challenge quilts sponsored by Sew n Sew.
- New this year will be the **Country Store**. Items for sale will be made by our members.
- Silent auction of Kangaroo sewing cabinet and White Family Rotary antique sewing machine with solid oak sewing cabinet.
- Susan Collins is our **Quilt Walk** Chairman for 2026, so please contact her if you have any questions regarding the quilt walk.
- All quilts for the **Quilt Walk** are due by **Monday, May 11, 2026** (at Sew n Sew).
- Quilts will go out to Merchants starting **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**.
- Merchants are to have all quilts hung by **Saturday, May 23, 2026**.
- Last day to register your quilts for the **Quilt Show** is **Tuesday, May 26, 2026**; forms are available online at our website.
- Items for the **Country Store** must be turned in at Sew n Sew on **Tuesday, June 9, 2026, before 4:00pm**.
- Quilts for the **Quilt show** need to be turned in at Sew n Sew on **Tuesday June 16, before 4:00pm**.
- Set up for the **Quilt Show** to begin **Thursday June 25, 2026** - more information to follow.
- **Quilt Show** opens Saturday **June 27, 2026** and runs through Sunday **June 28, 2026**.
- Please sign up to volunteer to work at the show at one of our Sunday Monthly meetings.
- Pick-up of all quilts will begin at **5:00pm on Sunday June 28, 2026**.



May 2026

FBQS PLANNING

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 QUILT WALK QUILTS DUE AT SEW N SEW	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 QUILT WALK QUILTS GO OUT TO MERCHANTS	20	21	22	23 FINAL DAY FOR MERCHANTS TO HANG QUILT WALK QUILTS
24	25	26 FINAL DAY TO REGISTER QUILT SHOW QUILTS	27	28	29	30
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Notes

THE QUILT WALK WILL TAKE PLACE FROM MAY 23RD UNTIL JULY 6TH. PICK UP QUILT WALK QUILTS AT SEW N SEW ON JULY 7TH. PICK UP SHOW QUILTS 5PM ON JUNE 28TH. IF YOU CAN NOT DROP OFF OR PICK UP ANY OF YOUR ITEMS ON THE ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE ARRANGE WITH ANOTHER TO DROP OFF OR PICK UP FOR YOU.



June 2026

FBQS PLANNING

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 DROP OFF COUNTRY STORE ITEMS AT SEW N SEW	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 DROP OFF QUILT SHOW QUILTS AT SEW N SEW	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 BEGIN QUILT SHOW SET-UP	26	27 FORT BRAGG QUILT SHOW 10 – 5 PM
28 FORT BRAGG QUILT SHOW 10 – 4 PM 5 PM PU QUILTS	29	30				

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The 29th Annual
Fort Bragg Quilt Show
“Quilts for All Seasons”



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Member Bio - Lony Marlene Fiduccia

I grew up in Southern California. My parents bought a house in Anaheim, down the street from Disneyland, in 1957. My mother was from Berlin, Germany, and grew up during WWII. She came to California in 1954 and got a job as an operator for Pacific Bell, where she met my father. My father grew up in Glendale, California, and was raised in a very traditional American family. After my parents married and settled down in Anaheim, most of my mother's family also migrated from Germany to Southern California. With German war survivors on one side and good old apple pie, football, and hot rod cars on the other, my childhood provided a very diverse view of the world. Coupled with Disneyland as my playground, I was never bored. As a kid, I spent a lot of time with my dad in the garage, helping him work on his cars. I also spent an unusual amount of time at Disneyland, so much so that the rides were no longer interesting to me. What became more interesting was trying to figure out how they worked. I asked lots of questions: Why didn't people fall out of the Matterhorn ride? How did the teacups spin? The place became a wonder of engineering to me.

In seventh grade, I met my best friend, Donna. Donna's mom was a master seamstress. She had a sewing room with three sewing machines set up and ready to use. Most days after school, Donna and I would spend our time with her mom sewing. Donna's mom, Anne, first taught us to make clothes from a pattern; then she taught us to make alterations to patterns, and from there we began to design and make our own clothes. This after-school sewing with my friend and her mom continued through the end of high school. Learning to sew provided a great outlet for my need to figure out how things worked, to create, do math and measure, and design. This was all just another form of engineering. I loved it. I didn't know at the time that I was heading for a career in engineering, and I don't think anyone else would have guessed it either.



After high school, sewing fell to the wayside. At 17, I got a job at an electronics firm in the stockroom. This was my first introduction to engineering. I saw how a factory worked and thought that I could do that; it felt familiar, like hanging out in the garage with my dad working on cars. I enrolled in the local junior college and got an AA degree in electronics technology. I was the only female in all my classes. A representative from McDonnell Douglas was told that a female had just graduated with a degree in Electronics Tech. They interviewed me and offered me a job as a technician at the space division, working in the engineering lab with design engineers. I was 19 years old at the time, and I was the first female technician to ever work in the engineering lab.



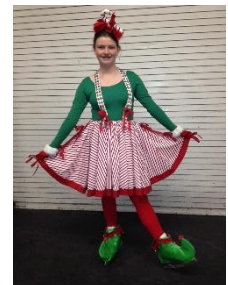
I went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in Engineering Technologies from Long Beach State University. McDonnell Douglas promoted me into the Quality Engineering department, and from there I went on to have a 40-year career in engineering and program management for space products like satellites, Delta rockets, the Space Station, and space crew vehicles. I also met my husband while working on the Delta IV launch vehicle program. After I got married is when I began sewing again. This time, sewing was for making ice skating costumes for our youngest daughter, and I also found it to be a

wonderful escape from the pressures of work schedules, business trips, and endless meetings.

The first time I ever saw a quilt was as a young teenager, when my mom and my Aunt Lony took me on a shopping trip to a small town a few hours away from home. The main street of this town was lined with quilt shops. I was amazed at all the quilts on display. My Aunt Lony bought me one of those quilts, and I still have it with me



today. I made a few quilts back when I was still working, but I never really had the time to focus on the craft. When Mark and I retired, we bought a home here in Fort Bragg because we loved it here, and our middle daughter lives here with her family. One of my requirements for my retirement years was to have my own space to sew and create. The home we bought here has a separate studio from the main house. It was a woodworking shop for the original owner of the home. We donated all the woodworking tools and have made this space into my dream sewing space. We call my studio the "Yurt" because of its unique octagon shape.



I feel very grateful for the life experiences, and the people in my life who have helped me be successful on this path to a happy retirement. I plan to spend many years ahead creating and learning more about the craft of quilting.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 2026	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
May 6 th	Wed	10:30 am	FBQS Meeting	Sew n Sew
May 10 th	Sun	1:30 – 3: 30 pm	General Meeting	Senior Center
May 20 th	Wed	10:30 am	Board Meeting	Sew n Sew
May 24 th	Sun	10:30 am – 3:00 pm	Sew Sunday	Senior Center
May 27 th	Weds	Midnight	Newsletter due date	JJefoster@yahoo.com
JUNE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
June 3 rd	Wed	10:30 am	FBQS Meeting	Sew n Sew
June 14 th	Sun	1:30 – 3:30 pm	General Meeting	Senior Center
June 17 th	Wed	10:30 am	Board Meeting	Sew n Sew
June 27 th & 28 th	Sat & Sun	10:00 am – 5:00 pm 10:00 am – 4:00 pm	30 TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW	Dana Gray Elementary School

Please see the FBQS section and FBQS calendar for dates

JULY	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
July 1 st	Wed	Midnight	Newsletter due date	JJefoster@yahoo.com
July 12 th	Sun	1:30 – 3:30 pm	General Meeting	Senior Center
July 13 th	Mon	10:00 – 3:00 pm	Quilt Barn Art Class	Sew n Sew
July 15 th	Wed	10:30 am	Board Meeting	Sew n Sew
July 25 th	Sat	11:00 am -	QGNQ Meeting	Veteran's Hall
July 26 th	Sun	10:30 – 3:00 pm	Sew Sunday	Senior Center
July 29 th	Wed	Midnight	Newsletter due date	JJefoster@yahoo.com

Monthly Activities:

Hand quilting: Every Tuesday/Senior Center – 1:00-3:00 pm

Sew Sunday: 4th Sunday of the Month – 10:30 am – 3:00 pm

***Hand Sewing: Every Wednesday/ZOOM – 1:00 – 4:00 pm – Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81292075496?pwd=bldtVHFerRghpTTVxUGEraEFFc2hvQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 9207 5496

Passcode: HandSew

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NEWSLETTER – Next newsletter articles/items are due May 27, 2026. The Newsletter will be sent out by May 31, 2026. Thank you, Elizabeth Foster, OWQ Newsletter Editor

**Ocean Wave Quilters
Proposed 2026-2027 Budget - INCOME**

INCOME		Budgeted 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027 budget
Hospitality	Raffles	650.00	650.00
Education/ Special Events	Classes	600.00	700.00
	Brown Bag	200.00	80.00
	Sew n Sew Challenge	120.00	120.00
Administrative	Donations	500.00	-
	Dues	1,600.00	1,600.00
	Quilt Show	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTALS		8,670.00	8,150.00

**Ocean Wave Quilters
Proposed 2026-2027 Budget - EXPENSE**

EXPENSE		Budgeted 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027 budget
Hospitality	Food Table Supplies	100.00	-
	Name Tag Drawing	120.00	-
	Greeting cards/flowers	150.00	20.00
	Raffles	100.00	200.00
Education and Special Events	Classes, speakers, BOM	2,000.00	3,000.00
	Block of the Month	75.00	-
	Retreats	900.00	840.00
	BBQ/Luncheon	700.00	250.00
	Appreciation Luncheon	(in above)	700.00
	Brown Bag	200.00	80.00
	Sew n Sew Challenge	120.00	-
	Holiday party	100.00	150.00

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Ocean Wave Quilters
Proposed 2026-2027 Budget - EXPENSE
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EXPENSE		Budgeted 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027 budget
Service	Batting	1,150.00	1,150.00
	Supplies	30.00	200.00
	Dress-a-Girl	45.00	45.00
	Fabric	200.00	-
Communications	Supplies	100.00	-
	Website	120.00	120.00
	Domaine registry	20.00	20.00
	Zoom	159.00	160.00
	Newsletter	25.00	50.00
Administrative	PO Box	250.00	250.00
	Postage	50.00	50.00
	Senior Center donation	750.00	750.00
	Supplies	50.00	50.00
	OWQ Guild Pins	200.00	-
	QGNQ Dues and Travel	450.00	200.00
	QGNQ Hosting Meeting	-	50.00
	Other Expense	100.00	100.00
	Annual CA Corp. filing fee	100.00	100.00
	President's quilt	250.00	250.00
	President's petty cash	100.00	100.00
	SCCQG Dues	50.00	50.00
	Liability Insurance	400.00	500.00
	Yearly Sew n Sew Storage	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Storage Facility	-	-
	NCQC dues	-	-
TOTALS		10,164.00	10,435.00

Submitted by Sharon Lau, Treasurer
 Approved by the OWQ Board 4/18/2026