

Quilting Along the River

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President's Message:

Happy Spring!

Spring is such a difficult time for me, especially this year. The extra sunshine has the yard and garden calling loudly for attention! It's hard to think about making warm quilts when the temps are warmer. However, spring is also cleaning time. I am motivated to dig through my stash hideouts and see what fabrics I've forgotten about!

Our May meeting will get you inspired to use those hidden fabrics in a new way. Take a short drive down the freeway to the Cascade Locks School and enjoy the scenery. Plan to spend a bit of time on the Quilt Block tour – you can walk or drive. Be sure to bring a friend who has not attended our meetings before – it's a great way to introduce people to our favorite hobby!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Hood River Blossom Fest Quilt Show such a success. A special thanks to Jean Stone who coordinated the event and worked every day! Next year we need more quilts to display and more blocks for the Harvest Quilt project. Spend some of this outdoor time thinking about what YOU will be making for next year!

Happy Sewing!

Kim Vogel, President

Next Meeting - May 16, 2015

Registration: 9:30 am Meeting: 10:00 to 12:00 noon

Where: Cascade Locks Elementary School

Program: **UFO'S: Start to Finally Finished**

A humorous look at those projects that have us stumped.

Presenter: **Joyce Giezler**

Joyce's life-long love affair with sewing began when she was four years old. She told her mother she knew why the sewing machine was called a Singer—because it hummed! One of the greatest joys of quilt-making for Joyce is helping students recognize their talent and instilling in them a love of quilting. Her favorite times are when a student, of any age, insists they cannot be successful. The more skeptical, the better! She hasn't met a student yet that couldn't be successful given enough different ways to sew the same unit.

Joyce has been teaching quilting for 15 years and designing quilt patterns for 10. Joyce was honored to be the featured quilter at a show in her adopted hometown of Hillsboro, Oregon. Joyce published her first book, *Then and Now Quilts*, with Kansas City Star in July 2014. Her second book is forthcoming.

Workshop: 1-4pm **Grandma's Surprise**

There are multiple design, size and ruler options for this project. For fabric lists, ruler options and all supply details you must go to Joyce's supply list online at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3NHPTdje5a6bV9iZmhLZ1U5VGc/view?pli=1>

Just copy and paste the above address to go direct.

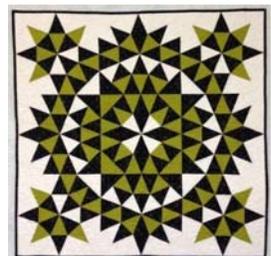
Cost: **\$35 members \$45 for non-members**

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Dates to Remember:

- May 5: Charity Sew
- May 12: Board Mtg.
- **May 16: Guild Mtg.**
- May 18: Sit & Sew
- April—Wearable Art Show—See p. 3
- **Oct. 23-24: Quilt Show**

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August Guild Meeting

Dawn White

Design Inspiration: Where Do You Find It?

Workshop: Going in Circles
Barb will have samples at May Mtg.
Or look on www.firstlightdesigns

Please bring checkbook to sign up for workshop at May Meeting.

Also in May:

Plan a visit to Cascade Locks to explore the Bridge of the Gods Quilt Block Trail. 50+ painted quilt blocks are hung throughout the town on various homes and businesses. The Second Quilt Block Trail in Oregon is a collection of traditional and original designs chosen by the individuals who purchase them. You can enjoy the trail by driving or walking throughout the town. Trail maps can be picked up at Lorang Fine Art and other locations around town or at cascadelocks.net under "Things to Do". Share in the tradition and love of quilting while enjoying a day in the gorge!

Please register for workshops so we have an accurate head count. If you wait until the last minute and are not counted, workshops may be cancelled.

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Ideas for quarterly meetings?

If you have an idea for a future presentation, presenter or teacher, please call or send an email to Barbara Frasier, barb7130@gmail.com, 541-352-6774

Name Tags

Reminder: Quilted name tags that YOU have made are required to be eligible for door prizes. Create your own design or use the pattern found on our website.

Suggested evening class for Men: DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LAUNDRY BASKET AND FLOOR. Practicing with hamper (pictures and graphics included.)



New for 2015

Our membership has been divided into 4 sections, one section for each meeting in the year. **If your last name begins with a "G-L"**, you may be getting a call to donate refreshments, or to spend 15 minutes to help with room set up or room clean up. OR, you can call me ahead of time to volunteer!

Thanks, *Barb Frasier*, Vice President
541-352-6774

"Beyond the Block"

Gorge Art Quilters

Meeting: Monday, May 18th at 4 p.m.

Parkdale, OR

Call Barb Frasier for exact location

The Art Quilt Group now has an official name and a new sense of who we are as artists and what we want to accomplish individually and as a group. We have been meeting monthly and we are busy planning our involvement in a November fiber show entitled:

"Altered Threads"

Gorge Fiber Artists

At each meeting we discuss artist development, use of social media, learn techniques by watching demos by group members, share ideas (and fabric!), and bring projects for show and tell and for constructive input from the group. We also plan and go on field trips to other guilds' art groups. We are making great progress and are enjoying ourselves and each other's company. If you're interested in joining us please contact Barb Frasier for more information on our next meeting.

Kay Skov, kkskov@gmail.com

A mattress pad on top of your cutting table makes a terrific ironing surface!

Placing tissue paper under the seam when sewing a mitered border helps prevent stretching of the bias.

Something New . . .

We now have membership gift certificates available! Have you been trying to get your sister to come to guild activities with you? Give her a membership for her birthday. What about that neighbor that keeps procrastinating? Give her a gift certificate. \$25 for four meetings—four interesting and informative lectures—is the best deal around. Easy for you, good for her!

See Treasurer Pat Pauly at the membership table. Your sister/neighbor/mom will *love* you and your guild will thank you.

Quilt Show News

Our 2015 Quilt Show has a name...

Discover Quilting! It also has new dates and a new home! It's moving to October and it will be a two-day show, Friday and Saturday, October 23-24. And, it's new home will be the Hood River Armory at 1590 – 12th Street (where 12th and 13th merge). Mark your calendars **NOW!**

We will be promoting our show as part of Saturday's activities for the Fruit Loop Heirloom Apple Festival. Situated right on the Hood River Fruit Loop, the Armory location places our show in perfect position to take advantage of the heightened tourist traffic for the orchards and wineries harvest celebrations.

More details to come about featured artists, vendors, classes and demonstrations, as well as the return of the super popular "Quilt Market". **We need you to finish up those quilts in progress to display and perhaps have judged.**

Call for Quilt Entries

September Exhibit: Stevenson Library Community Room
Theme: The Colors of Autumn

We will once again be taking over the walls of the large community room in the Stevenson Library with an exhibit of quilts. Last year's exhibit received very high praise and introduced a large number of visitors to the colorful, beautiful world of quilting. All forms of quilting will be on display – traditional, modern, folk, and art quilts. We will be displaying up to 60 quilts, any size and shape, but no longer than 60". Registration forms and more information will be available at the May meeting.

Another Art Quilt Opportunity:

**Columbia Art Gallery
Hood River, November 2015**

"The show is in Nov. 2015. Charlene Ford, the curator, has asked me to help with the quilts. It is an invitational show; art quilters and fiber artists are invited. I would like to see many if not all of our art quilters take part. Pieces need to be high quality, original, made by the artist. Size may be limited; color, design, technique are at the artist's discretion. There is no theme; thus, it is wide open; 3D items, i.e. bowls are included; off-the-wall quilted items also."

**Marbe Cook,
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NEW CHALLENGE!!!!

"Make Mine With Lime"

is the title of our next challenge. Here are a few details. You will get a "fat third" (18" x 12") of lime. Your challenge is to add two solid colors or a fabric that "reads" solid. Make a 24"x24" quilt of your choice, blocks, applique, arty, paper piecing, 3 D, Get inspired by the theme, one color, three color quilt or what not.

A few more details. You can use any shade or multiple shades of your three color ways, light to dark. If you add red as one of the two extra colors, the red to pink range works. You can add shades of lime to the fat third. Trade for more lime as needed. The original lime must be clearly visible on the front of the quilt.

We know our members are creative and love a challenge. We know our members are traditional quilters and art quilters. Start thinking.

Join in the fun, \$5.00 participation fee will get you a "fat third," months of fun and possibly a prize. Sign up at the May meeting, *cash only*. Don't share until the reveal at the February 2016 meeting.

Thanks to the group that helped me come up with this plan—Elizabeth, Kathleen, Susan.

*Marbe Cook, Challenge Chair
marbeboer@gmail.com*

Remember to Save for Quilt Market

The Quilt Market at our August Quilt Show was a HUGE success, sooooo successful we're hoping to do another one this year. As you spring clean your sewing space, please start saving the items you would normally give away somewhere else. Don't forget those closets, nooks and crannies you didn't get to last year.

The quilt market wants anything *sewing or quilting* related. Please, no "white elephant" items not related to sewing.

Consignment Items

We will also be accepting consignment items that *you have made*—potholders, quilts, placemats, etc.

Gayle Jacobson, gayle97058@charter.net
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Co-chairwomen, Quilter's Boutique

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Thank you to Nancy Howard for all her work on our Facebook page!

Profit and Loss Statement

Jan. 1-April 20, 2015

	<u>Jan 1 - Apr 20, 15</u>
Income	
Contributions and Support	136.00
Interest Earned	4.10
Membership Dues	1,475.00
Notecards	22.50
Quarterly Workshop Fees	800.00
Retreat Income	2,332.50
Misc. Inc.	-112.50
Total Income	<u>4,657.60</u>
Gross Profit	4,657.60
Expense	
Charity Quilts	21.94
Corporation Fees	60.00
Memberships	50.00
Professional Services fees	450.00
Quilt Show Expense	
Quilt Show Awards	53.03
Insurance	328.00
Total Quilt Show Expense	<u>381.03</u>
Rent	
Storage	240.00
Total Rent	<u>240.00</u>
Retreat Expense	3,904.74
Mtg Lecture Fees	100.00
Mtg Site Expense	110.00
Mtg Prizes	74.64
Mtg Teaching Fees	595.00
Mtg Travel,Meals,Lodging	128.26
Postage and Delivery	19.60
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Total Expense	<u>6,135.21</u>
Net Income	<u>-1,477.61</u>

Pat Pauly, Treasurer
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Retreat Report

Hello everyone,

Tomme and Nina have volunteered to take over as co-chairs of the guild retreat. I know they will do an excellent job.

This year's retreat went well and was a lot of fun. The weather was beautiful. For the first time ever we didn't have a fire in the wood stove. Nobody was cold or hot; it was just great. Of course, there was plenty of food and shopping. We had lovely raffle prizes. Our new chef was a success; Food is important!

The yoga classes were a big success; thank you Tomme. There was a mouse incident but we'll let Tomme and Nina tell you about that. Very small mouse with cute white face and lots of big guild lady hunters. It was all good!

Please consider going next year. You'll love it. Thank all of you for making it a success.

Rena Andrews, Retreat Co-chair



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sit 3-5 minutes; the longer it
sits, the lighter it gets. Rinse
in cold water to stop the
process.



The only
place where
housework
comes be-
fore quilting
is in the dic-
tionary!!!



Charity Quilt Program Updates:

Hello from your charity quilt committee: Kathy, Robin, and our new volunteer, Pam Maylee of White Salmon.

Last week I delivered the last of our finished quilts—17 total. We have a lot of tops and now that the Robin's hope quilts are finished and delivered, we can move on to twin (or almost twin) quilts for the AIDs camp at Suttle Lake. We have five finished so far.

A charity sewing day is scheduled for May 5th at the Hood River Fire Station from 9:00 to 4:00. Bring your lunch and sewing supplies. A couple extra mats and ironing boards and irons would help. There are a variety of jobs to be done. Pre-cut kits have been requested. Many tops may need pressing, borders, backing and batting. Lots of ideas and fabric to take home and work on. Bindings will be needed after quilting. Machine binding is just fine. Camp is in August so that leaves a few months to get this done.

Of course we always need baby and children's quilts too. Please come and have a fun day with other quilters. See you there!

Kathy Anderson, jvaland@gorge.net

Robin's Hope Update

Robin personally handed out more than 100 quilts to the soldiers being deployed along with her daughter. You can watch this beautiful ceremony and see the joy written all over Robin's face in a YouTube slide show of the event. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XveYASMKnYM> or Google YouTube Deployment Slideshow. Congratulations Robin on making this unbelievable dream come true! Robin thanks everyone who worked so hard to help her make this happen.



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This, That and the Other Thing . . .

Remember to save unwanted SEWING items for the Quilt Market at the Quilt Show in October. Last year's market was a life-saver to our budget.

Finished consignment items you have made for sale also accepted. See page 3 for more details.

Newsletter Advertising

Want to advertise in the newsletter? For just \$10/issue or \$40/year, your business card-sized ad will be placed in the newsletter. Don't forget - the newsletter goes out to approx. 100 guild members and is posted on the website for all to see!

Magazine Exchange

Please bring the magazines you're finished with and maybe pick up some new ones to peruse.

Jean Stone,
Exchange Chairman



ATTENTION: ALL GUILD MEMBERS Has your email address changed?

If anyone has any changes to their contact info, please help me keep the membership roster up to date. Who knows when we'll need to notify you that you've won a prize?

Thanks, Nona
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Know of a guild member in need?
Please contact Linda Jones so she can send her a word of encouragement.
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