

# FAT QUARTER NEWS



November 2013

Editor: Kathleen Ritzman

## OCQG TO BE HONORED

Our Guild has just been invited to be the featured Local Guild at the Northwest Quilting Expo in September 2014! The Board has unanimously accepted the invitation. We will be forming a committee to decide which 40 to 60 of our quilts will be displayed at the event. We want to showcase the best of our talents. If you want to help on this committee, contact Jane Szabo. Watch for more details about this event next year in the newsletter.

Also, we need your help to keep our Guild operating. Please consider helping the Guild with the job openings for next year. SECRETARY has reserved seating at all Guild meetings. I provide great notes for your minutes. You only need to attend the 2 meetings each month. Several committees also need members to volunteer: Block of the Month, Advertising, Membership, and the Quilt Show. Two members could easily share any of these positions. You and a friend will find the jobs are really more fun than work, I think. Please talk to the retiring board members about the duties or check the directory for job descriptions. Just let me know if you are willing to volunteer.

Happy Quilting,

Jane Szabo, President



Next Quilt Guild Meeting:

NOVEMBER 14

Table Walk at 1:00

Program:

Special show and share: bring your quilts, table runners, clothing, etc. with any holiday themes

S.A.B.L.E. Color:

*RUST*



## Community Quilts

*Next month begins a new year for Quilt Guild committees. Our committee will remain the same except that Joan Johnson will be taking over pet beds, so contact Joan if you have pet beds and/or pillows to donate. Everyone has been wonderful donating quilts, pillows & pet beds to the community. If you have any questions, give the committee members listed below a call; they will be happy to help.*

**November 7 is First Thursday at Quilters Cottage in Toledo (333 N. Main St.) beginning at 10 AM. Come join us for a day of fun, working on various projects: pet beds, quilt tops, pillows, or cutting and packaging kits. Bring a lunch or purchase one at a local eatery. Give Norma a call if you have any questions.**

*The committee is encouraging members to donate quilted AND  **tied**  quilts! Yep, tied quilts are a new addition. Our goal is to deliver more quilts of all sizes to our community for the upcoming cold weather months.*

*Community Service coordinates all OCQG community service and charity activities for the Guild. The chair of this committee is Norma Horn. We donate many quilts, pet beds, and pillows during the year. We have kits available for members to take home at all General Quilt Guild Meetings. Feel free to take one or more. . . to complete at home, and then return to Norma when quilt is finished. Norma Horn (541-563-7083;) Ann Flescher (541-867-3774)Joan Johnson (541-547-5498) Janet Baldwin (541-867-3550)*

## NOVEMBER WORKSHOP

Spaces are still available for our “Back to Basics” Workshop taught by Guild Member, Mechelle Johnson. The workshop is \$38 for members and \$48 for non-members and will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2013, at the Atonement Lutheran Church. Because we haven’t met our minimum number of participants yet, the workshop is open to the public also. Contact Becky Mershon (541-547-5346) for more details.



## November Program

Remember that our Guild Meeting on November 14 will showcase holiday projects. Just for this occasion, we’re expanding the definition of *quilts* so projects merely have to have been made by members themselves of cloth or other fibers or textiles. Besides Christmas, the holiday items can include Halloween, Thanksgiving, Valentines Day, Easter, Independence Day, etc. Small prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- (1) **FOR THE BED**—Quilts, throws, matching shams, etc.
- (2) **FOR THE WALL**—Wallhangings, banners, swags, etc.
- (3) **FOR THE TABLE**—Table toppers, runners, placemats, etc.
- (4) **FOR THE TREE**—Tree skirts, small stockings, ornaments, etc.
- (5) **FOR THE FURNITURE OR MANTEL**—Three-dimensional decorations including pillows, wreaths, trees, large stockings, baskets, ornaments, etc.
- (6) **FOR THE PERSON**—Wearables and totables for the person).

We hope to have a wide variety of items to “ooh and ahh” at and look forward to seeing **YOUR** project there.

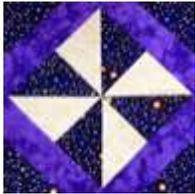


## Block of the Month Spotlight

At the November meeting, sign up for “A Candle in the Wind”, the last block in the series **Pinwheel Party** from Jean Amundson. The star-studded background fabric glows in the dark—How cool is that! This block will be turned in at the December meeting when we hope that someone else will have more creative blocks in store for you.

**HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?** You can still pick up pins to plant in your garden pin cushion at the November meeting. But don't forget to bring your pin cushion to the meeting and we will have a display of our 'gardens' and a celebration to mark the end of the Guild year.

Jean Amundson (pieced) and Nan Scott (appliquéd)

	Pieced Pinwheel Party
<b>Turn-in</b> Autumn Breeze	
<b>Pick up</b> A Candle in the Wind	
<b>Jean and Nan bid adieu and look forward to new leadership!</b>	

Our wish for you is to continue to grow in your quilting skills, creativity, and friendships. We have certainly enjoyed our two years on the BOM committee.

Consider being a BOM co-chair. It is fun, challenging, and really gets the creative juices going. ...plus you get to shop for fabric!

### AND JUST A NOTE:

The Center for Ethics in Health Care at OHSU provides hand-made quilts that are placed on the beds of terminally ill patients at University Hospital. The family may then take the quilt home as a loving keepsake after their loved one dies. Every quilt is a gift of love, and offers incalculable comfort to patients and their loved ones during this sacred time. If you or a group you know would like to contribute a quilt (or quilts) to this program, please note the following details:

1. Lap size quilts are ideal (42-44” wide and 46-50” long). **The organization is flexible about the size;** use what works best for your material.
2. **This can be a simple “envelope quilt” (two pieces of material and batting sewn together with a few ties).**
3. Of course the organization welcomes more artistic ones (i.e., pieced, quarter yard designs, applique) but these are not necessary.
4. Theme quilts are great in a variety of areas and colors (for men and women).
5. We need around 400-500 quilts per year. Every single quilt makes a difference.

If you are interested in contributing to or learning more about this program, please contact the Center for Ethics in Health Care: 503.494.4466, or [ethics@ohsu.edu](mailto:ethics@ohsu.edu)

## Minutes of General Membership Meeting

October 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Jane Szabo at 6:33 PM.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Documentation Quilt:** Dorothea presented a quilt from her family and discussed the information they were able to receive about it because it had been documented at the Nebraska Quilt Project in 1987.

**Lisa Hall** thanked the members for all the donations of sewing materials to her church youth group.

**Quilt Guild Challenge 2014;** Joan, Bev O., and Yvonne will have details in the Newsletter about the 2014 Challenge, "Wonderfully Wicked Witches." Quilts will be due by June 2014.

**Raffle 2015:** There were several ideas submitted, with the winning Raffle 2015 idea developed by Twy; the quilt will be in blues, with a "Sea Life" border and center.

**PROGRAM:** Michele Christiansen was introduced by Becky. Michele presented a well-received program on "Tools for Patchwork in 19th Century America."

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Membership:** Pat reported that we have 67 present including 3 guests. We now have 183 members.

**Budget:** The budget will be in the November Newsletter with a vote planned for the General Membership Mtg.

**Community Quilts:** The committee has donated 24 dog/cat beds and 21 quilts with 12 from Leta's Legacy.

**Quilt Challenge:** Joan presented a challenge to members. Those making quilts from the kits will have their names submitted for prize drawings at the end of the year. The hospital also needs pillows donated.

**Nan reported** that the Quilt Show disks will be available, hopefully, at the November meeting. Also, she needs full payment for the **Retreat** by the December meeting.

### DRAWINGS AND PRIZES:

**Quilter's Surprise:** Michele Christiansen

**Nifty Notions:** Linda Goebel

**Blocks of the Month:** Bev H.

**SABLE:** Bev H. and Twy. The color for November is **rust**.

**Projects Anonymous:** The last meeting for 2013 will be on October 24.

**Programs and Workshops:** The Committee has new procedures for signing up for classes, and a new form. Classes require a \$5.00 deposit.

**November's Program:** "Show and Share" with holiday quilts. Small prizes will be awarded for the individual categories.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS and ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ballhorn, Secretary

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### Executive Board Meeting

October 17, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by President Jane Szabo.

The minutes of the Executive Board minutes contained an error; the Special Projects bills had all been turned in. The refreshments bill should have come from the Hospitality/Hostess budget. The corrected minutes were approved with a motion by Rose, seconded by Jean.

Yvonne reminded all that all bills must be turned in by the end of November, and for people to please cash their Boutique checks from the Quilt Show.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Jane reviewed the needed positions for the 2014 Board and committees, and asked all present to please encourage members to volunteer..

The budget will be submitted in the November newsletter. The only change is to rename, under OCQG Operating Expenses, "Quilt Show Graphics for 2015" to "Graphics for 2015."

Jane asked if we would like to do another Special Project for 2015. The idea will be tabled until the November meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**NW Quilting Expo:** Jane reported that they would like to feature our Guild at the 2014 EXPO in Portland. This would consist of the Guild's submitting 40-60 juried quilts for display during this special show. A committee would be needed to make the selections; there is also the possibility that we would be able to do raffle quilt sales. We accepted the invitation with much enthusiasm, with a motion by Jean, seconded by Yvonne. Jane will submit an article for the November Newsletter.

Wilma reported on alternative larger meeting areas. There are few meeting rooms available. More research will be completed with involvement of the Hospitality committee.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Each year we donate \$700 to a non-profit organization that is quilt-related. Nan proposed the Museum as they allow many monthly meetings in the Carriage House at no charge throughout the year. Twy made a motion seconded by Joan to donate to the Museum.

#### **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Programs/Workshops.** The Committee will be purchasing new power bars for workshops. April 2015 Program and Workshop will be Rob Appel; we will be partnering with the Florence Guild to bring him to Newport

Next **Documentation** The final documentation will be October 26; we will have 5 visitors from Medford County who want to observe our documentation process.

**Historian:** Yvonne needs more pictures.

**Library:** We will review our need for the library and how much use it receives.

**Membership:** Still needs a committee for 2014. The Committee asked that all members please renew in December so they will be included in the Directory. Deadline for renewal is January meeting.

**Newsletter:** Kathleen will do a reduced version for December, especially to remind members dues are due.

**Publicity:** Jean Amundson will continue in this position for 2014.

**Quilt Show:** Meetings will begin in February 2014. The Featured Quilter for 2014 will be presented to the Guild in December.

**Retreat:** Nan reported that she has one space available due to a cancellation. Oregon Gardens has completed the electrical renovation in our sewing area there.

**SABLE:** Bring 1-3 fat quarters in RUST.

#### **INFO/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT:**

***NOTE: IN THE NOVEMBER MEETING WE WILL BE VOTING ON THE SLATE OF OFFICERS AND THE 2014 BUDGET.***

**The Guild** has presented a \$700.00 check to the Museum.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ballhorn, Secretary

# WANTED!

Block of the Month Volunteer(s)!

One or two chairpeople are needed if Block of the Month is to continue next year. There are lots of possibilities for how you might conduct it—an applique and a pieced block each month; alternating months of applique and pieced; just pieced/just applique (only one drawing per month); a combination, etc.! There are no rules except not to violate copyrighted directions/diagrams/photos. For many years there was just one BOM each month—it's only in the last few years that there have been more than one. You don't need to make EQ7 patterns (Jean certainly wouldn't have been able to; she just sent Nan her hand-drawn diagrams and the Microsoft Word directions!). Anyways please consider taking on this part of the Guild's offerings. Call or e-mail Nan Scott or Jean Amundson to accept, and prepare to have a lot of fun! Thanks in advance, Jean and Nan

**TREASURER'S NOTES:** We are fast approaching the year end for the Guild. It is very important that all of this year's business be concluded by November 30, 2013. If you have any outstanding reimbursements for the fiscal year, please have them to Yvonne Erickson by the General Meeting in November so she can write you a check.

The second issue is the checks that have already been written. These must also be cashed by November 30, 2013. There are a number of members who have not cashed their checks from the Quilt Show Boutique or for other expenses paid out in August and September. CASH THOSE CHECKS! The board has discussed and passed a policy that checks not cashed by the end of business for the Fiscal year will be voided. Thanks one and all for your cooperation.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**December 1, 2012, through October 16, 2013**

**Total Income                    \$44,593.06**

**Total Expenses                \$31,604.69**

**Annual Budget                 \$44,482.00**

*Printed copies of the full monthly report are available at the General Board Meeting, the General Meeting, or upon request.*

Oregon Coastal Quilt Guild 2013-14 Proposed Budget			
Income	2012-2013 Budget	2013-2014 Proposed	
Advertising Income	1,100.00	805.00	-
Current Raffle Quilt Tickets	3,500.00	3,500.00	
Documentation	450.00	450.00	
From Contingency	5,127.00	5,240.00	+
Library	40.00	100.00	+
Membership	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Income from Merchandizing	200.00	200.00	
Membership Scholarship Donations	200.00	200.00	
Total Miscellaneous	15.00	15.00	
Quilt Show	11,650.00	17,500.00	+
Quilter's Surprise Raffles	700.00	600.00	-
Retreat	12,000.00	15,000.00	+
Workshops	5,000.00	5,000.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>44,482.00</b>	<b>53,110.00</b>	<b>+</b>

Expenses		2012-2013 Budget	2013-2014 Proposed
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
	Capital Improvements	250.00	250.00
	Donations	700.00	700.00
	Filing Fees	50.00	50.00
	Friendship	50.00	50.00
	Insurance	416.00	416.00
	Memorial Scholarship	200.00	200.00
	Misc. Expenses-Unbudgeted	75.00	75.00
	Officers Supplies	80.00	100.00 +
	Post Office Box Rent	46.00	54.00 +
	Rent-Meetings	1,560.00	1,560.00
	Special Projects: Community	2,500.00	0.00 -
	Treasurer's Expenses	75.00	75.00
	<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>6,002.00</b>	<b>3,530.00 +</b>
<b>OCQG Committee Expenses</b>			
	Advertising	0.00	10.00 +
	Audit	10.00	10.00
	Block of The Month	970.00	1,050.00 +
	Challenge	50.00	75.00 +
	Community Service	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Documentation	450.00	450.00
	Historian	150.00	150.00
	Hospitality	400.00	400.00
	Library	200.00	200.00
	Membership	700.00	700.00
	Newsletter	1,500.00	900.00 -
	Program/Workshops	8,993.00	8,885.00 -
	Quilt Show	10,107.00	15,000.00 +
	Graphics for 2015	0.00	3,800.00 +
	Quilters Surprise	500.00	500.00
	Raffles-Future Quilt	600.00	600.00
	Raffles-Current Quilt	650.00	650.00
	Retreat	12,000.00	15,000.00 +
	<b>Total OCQG Committee Expenses</b>	<b>38,480.00</b>	<b>49,580.00 +</b>
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>44,482.00</b>	<b>53,110.00 +</b>
	Net Income	0.00	0.00



### **JANUARY JELLYROLL WORKSHOP**

Registration is now in progress for our January Workshop. Jean Amundson is teaching a class on using jellyroll pre-cut packs (or you can put together your own collection of 2-1/2-inch strips) to create a lap-size quilt. The workshop will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2014. The cost is \$34. The "Daybreak" pattern from Cozy Quilts looks complicated, but it's a fun, easy quilt that will brighten any day. (Participants will be able to purchase the pattern at a discount). Start with your jellyroll colors, an accent color, and one or two light backgrounds in order to make a lap-size quilt. (More jellies/strips/scrap, yardage are, of course, needed to make larger sizes.) Extra hints and "making it easier" directions will make this a satisfying workshop. Suggested skill levels are those who are "Confident Beginner and Beyond." See the Workshop Table at the November meeting for a picture of the quilt project pattern.

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**A BUS IS AVAILABLE** for the retreat at the Oregon Gardens in January for those of you who don't want to drive or take a chance on our January weather to get there. The bus is comfy, has lots of windows to see the views and carries 13 people. It'll take your luggage, pillow, and a sewing machine as well. We can work on other transportation if you are afraid to send your machine via the bus. The total cost is \$50. It is a very reasonable price for the two 2-1/2 hour trips. The bus will leave when the passenger majority suggests (ie., 11 AM in order to arrive in time to take in the Quilt Show at the Gardens and. . .returning we will make a stop at the Purple Frog (or ??) if the majority is interested.

Rose Shaw will have a sign-up sheet at the November meeting. Sign-up will just be your intent to go so we know how many to plan for. At the December meeting, we'll need the payment in full. It is non-refundable but transferable should you be unable to attend the retreat and can get another friend to take your space. If it is your desire to leave the driving to someone else and relax along the way, please take this opportunity to ride the bus to the Retreat. You are welcome to email or call Rose should you have other questions. Thanks. Rose Shaw

## Seven Workshops in 2014 Will Feature a Variety of styles, Skills and Techniques.

Please mark your calendars:

SATURDAY, JAN. 11—Love those jelly rolls? Here is an opportunity for you to use those gorgeous Bali Pops and jelly rolls. Jean Amundson will teach this workshop featuring the use of 2.5-inch strips. Sign-ups for this workshop begin at the October meeting.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14—**"Fearless Free Motion Quilting."** **Christina Cameli, author of *First Steps to Free-Motion Quilting***, will teach a workshop focused on quilting with a domestic sewing machine. Participants may create either a set of 3 nesting buckets or a Width-of-Fabric (WOF) quilt that they quilt themselves.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11—**"Indian Summer" or "Three Ducks in a Row."** **Participants will have a choice of either of these Judy Niemeyer paper-pieced designs in this class taught by certified Judy Niemeyer Instructor, Jan Bressler. Lou Schaefer will also be on hand.**

FRIDAY, JUNE 13—**"Piecing Gentle Curves."** **Karla Alexander's website** ([www.saginawstreetquilts.com](http://www.saginawstreetquilts.com)) shows *Dynamic Quilts With Easy Curves* as her latest book. Karla, of Salem, Oregon, will show participants how to put together a quilt with easy curves that can be drawn with a ruler or with a straight line cut.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13—**"Simple Fabric Coloring and Dyeing."** **OCQG member Judy McCoy** will feature some simple techniques for getting color onto fabric, such as using permanent markers, textile inks and colors, and low-immersion dyeing, including the use of resists.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10—**"Feathers are Flying."** **Kathy McNeil, nationally known quilter, pattern designer, and instructor,** will teach a class on applique techniques to create a quilt. Participants will choose from among four applique quilt designs featuring birds—a heron, quails, hummingbirds, or puffins.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14—**"Chicken Challenge."** **It's birds again, though of another feather. Ann Shaw, endorsed and certified by Ruth McDowell, will teach Ruth's techniques. In this class each student will choose one of several chicken patterns designed by Ann. Participants will be introduced to Ruth's straight line paper piecing techniques. They will be shown how to prepare a freezer paper template and how to select fabrics for their design. Also covered will be sewing methods and sewing order.**

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### **TOP TEN EXCUSES FOR BUYING FABRIC**

1. You don't smoke, drink, or gamble and this is your only vice.
2. Your house might get termites someday and you need enough fabric to make a test to cover it.
3. You can make three skirts for less than it would cost to buy one ready made. (Of course you never make a skirt but they don't need to know.)
4. You plan to use the fabric for wallpaper when you redecorate.
5. You're working with ?David Copperfield on his next magic trick in which he will make Cleveland disappear.
6. You have volunteered to make sleep mats for every kindergarten kid in the state.
7. You are a test site for a fabric manufacturer to determine how long fabric can be left in a plastic Bag before it disintegrates.
8. You are writing a book titled "One Thousand Years of Fabric," and need several samples of fabric for each year.
9. You had stockpiled fabric in preparation for Y2K and are now stuck with it.
10. The Number one Excuse for so much fabric—It was on sale!!!

**S.A.B.L.E. Janet and I are looking for an additional member to add to our committee. Duties are simple—just exchange fat quarters for rickets and announce the happy winners! Any member looking for an easy way to become involved in the Guild, please contact Jan Hoffman (forestsea40@yahoo.com or 541-563-8315. If you sign up soon you can help choose colors for 2014. The November color is **RUST**.**