



Willamette Valley Quilters

Willamette Valley Quilters meets the 3rd Wednesday, 9:30 AM, Dayton First Baptist Church, 300 Flower Lane Dayton, Oregon
Willamette Valley Quilters, PO Box 1468, McMinnville, Oregon 97128, WillametteValleyQuilters.com

Winter Quilting Celebration



For our December meeting please bring your favorite winter/Christmas quilt to share and tell us about. This will be in addition to the regular Show and Tell. December will also be the kickoff for our Circle groups. Please see additional Circles information in the newsletter on page 4.

We will also be drawing for the Christmas Raffle Quilt at the meeting.

WVQ Events

December 15, 2021 ...
"Share Your Favorite Winter/Christmas Quilt" ...
"Circles Kick-Off - Let's Get Started!"

January 19, 2022 ...
Robin O'Neil ... *"Tick Tock, No Time for Stress"*

January 22, 2022 ...
Robin O'Neil ... *"Stepladder" Workshop*

February 16, 2022 ...
"Presentation of Paint Chip Challenge Quilts"

Compassion quilts



The Willamette Valley Quilters compassion quilt program is ready to begin. To get things started we are requesting any quilts that you already have on hand and intended to donate to a worthy cause. Quilts should be new and unused, quilted, and bound. They can be unwashed or washed. Please donate them to our compassion quilt

committee. Donations will be collected at the Stash Table during meetings. We will begin distribution to: Yamhill County Public Health, The Dayton Food Bank, Project Linus Portland and Salem chapters, or The See You Later Foundation.



WVQ Mission Statement:

Willamette Valley Quilters formed to:

- promote the art of quilting
- provide education through programs, classes and activities
- sponsor and support charitable projects to provide encouragement to those in need
- inspire creativity and friendship

Robin O'Neil

January 2022 Program ...

“Tick Tock ... No Time for Stress”



My name is Robin O'Neil. I started making traditional machine pieced quilts in 1973. After several decades of matching points, limited color palates, 1/4 inch seams, I decided to abandon my pursuit of perfection.

Now I make quilts without patterns or templates or rulers or seam guides. Sometimes I have an overall plan, but generally I just cut fabric with scissors and sew it back together. Surprise is a big part of the fun!

I frequently make baby quilts but I am most partial to making things king size. AND I almost always hand quilt with red thread.

President's Message . . .

Dear WVQ Members, As we approach the end of 2021 I want to thank each of you for joining us in our quilting dream of a new guild. When we started planning in April 2021 we had no idea what to expect. We planned with all our heart and efforts but weren't sure if it was a situation of "build it and they will come". Thank you for believing in the Willamette Valley Quilters and joining the founders on this fun adventure.

Our 2022 calendar is planned with great speakers, classes and programs. Our Circle groups will get started with everyone getting to know each other, learning and sharing in a smaller, more intimate setting. I look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season with family and friends. The very best to you in 2022.

Happy Quilting!
Peggy

Workshop with Robin O'Neil

January 22, 2022

“Stepladder”

A scrappy combo of stripes, checker boards & mountains.



Robin O'Neil will be offering her class, Stepladder, with her improv technique. If this is something that you have been interested in or curious about, this is your chance to give it a go!

Class will be held here at The Dayton First Baptist Church, on Saturday, January 22, from 9 am – 4 pm.

Members fee is \$40.00 and nonmembers fee is \$50.00. Bring a sack lunch and a beverage. Be sure and pick up the material requirements sheet at the sign-up table! We had such a great time at our last class, this one will be fun and a good learning opportunity, too!

"Joyful" Raffle Quilt

Size 86" X 94"



\$2 each or 3 for \$5

Drawing will be held December 15, at the Willamette Valley Quilter's meeting.

Need not be present to win.

Willamette Valley Quilters, PO Box 1468,
McMinnville, OR 97128

Remember...

Please set your phone to silent while the meeting is taking place.

Be courteous when someone has the floor and refrain from other conversations.

Logo imprinted shirts and hoodies are available to order at the Membership table. If you ordered in October or November, please stop by to pick up your order. We will continue to collect new orders at meetings. Next delivery will be in February 2022.



Stash Builder

There will 3-5 auction items per monthly meetings. Tickets are available at the door before the meeting & during intermission. Tickets are \$1 each.

Monies collected from the Stash Builder are to be earmarked for Programs.

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“CIRCLES KICK-OFF”

During our December meeting, we will be meeting in small interest groups to get our CIRCLES started. Joining a small group is a good way to meet other members, and to learn and share from each other!

These are the CIRCLES that we are starting now:

Appliqué --- Peggy Gelbrich

Beginning Quilting --- Sally Eagleman & Peggy Gelbrich

Compassion Quilts --- Sally Eagleman and Gail Norby

Landscape Quilts ---

Long-Arm Quilting --- Sue Capell

Paper - Piecing --- Gail Norby & Lynette Horn

Trying New Techniques --- Sarah Spady

Wool Appliqué --- Kathy Bower & Lauri Nichols (start date TBD)

Definition:

- Function --- meet people, make connections, sense of belonging, more engaged, building a community of quilters!
- Focus - Quilting! Based on quilting interests, current or new interest, lots of experience, or in the learning process, with some experience.
- Structure - Let it evolve, not a class but may be teaching each other; if new to CIRCLE focus, let contact person know ahead of time to see if first visit can be a “teach along.” This does not refer to “new quilters’ group.
- Keep it simple!

WVQ Guidelines:

- Circles are under the WVQ bylaws & policies and guidelines
- Must be a member of WVQ to attend
- Everyone is included
- Be kind
- Report to/Share with large group when asked
- Be flexible & keep calm!

Discussion Suggestions:

Type of CIRCLE

- Where to meet --- Locations (Yamhill Co or beyond or both?)
- Homes & capacity, parking, ease of entrance
- How often will you meet? Time?
- Structure --- Working on own projects, group project, book study, show and tell, other possibilities?
- Contact person --- a volunteer from the group to communicate with the Program Committee and with the other members of the CIRCLE.

Willamette Valley Quilters Paint Chip Challenge

Join your fellow WVQ quilters for the Paint Chip Challenge. Below are the guidelines to follow in making your challenge quilt. The quilts are due back at the February meeting, along with your paint chips so we can see how you've used your colors.

Guidelines

- Choose two paint chips at the November or December meeting.
- Use both colors to design a small quilt. You may add one additional fabric of your choice. A background fabric would be considered that choice.
- Use prints or solids.
- Finished size suggestions 18"-24"
- Project must be quilted and bound
- Paint chips must accompany finished project
- Your quilt is due back at the February 16th meeting for display.

Questions?

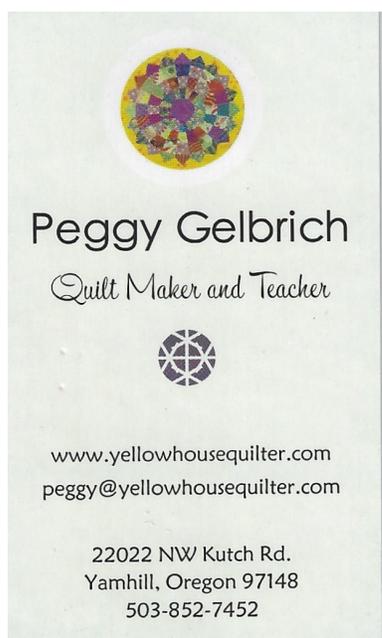
Peggy Gelbrich – 971-237-5330

Pam Tate – 503-550-2949

From Janet D.

At our November meeting we began our Paint Chip Challenge by drawing two small paint sample cards from a paper bag. The challenge is to stretch ourselves and come up with a small, finished, quilted and bound project using whatever "card" colors we were dealt in addition to one additional color of our choice.

If you were not at that meeting and want to participate, it's not too late to do so! We will have the paper bag with all the remaining paint chips available during the break at our December meeting. All of our projects will be displayed at our February meeting!



Bring your completed quilts and share them with members.

You may bring 2 quilts to show each meeting.

We love seeing what members are creating ... it's always an inspirational part of the meetings.

The History of Pearls

... by Fred Ward

Long known as the "Queen of Gems," pearls possess a history and allure far beyond what today's wearer may recognize.

Throughout much of recorded history, a natural pearl necklace comprised of matched spheres was a treasure of almost incomparable value, in fact the most expensive jewelry in the world.

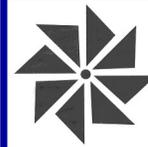
Now we see pearls almost as accessories, relatively inexpensive decorations to accompany more costly gemstones.

Before the creation of cultured pearls in the early 1900s, natural pearls were so rare and expensive that they were reserved almost exclusively for the noble and very rich. A jewelry item that today's working women might take for granted, a 16-inch strand of perhaps 50 pearls, often costs between \$500 and \$5,000. At the height of the Roman Empire, when pearl fever reached its peak, the historian Suetonius wrote that the Roman general Vitellius financed an entire military campaign by selling just one of his mother's pearl earrings.

No one will ever know who were the earliest people to collect and wear pearls. George Frederick Kunz, whom I like to call America's first gemologist, in his 1908 masterpiece, *The Book of the Pearl*, states his belief that an ancient fish-eating tribe, perhaps along the coast of India, initially appreciated the shape and lustre of saltwater pearls, which they discovered while opening oysters for food.

Welcome New Members ...

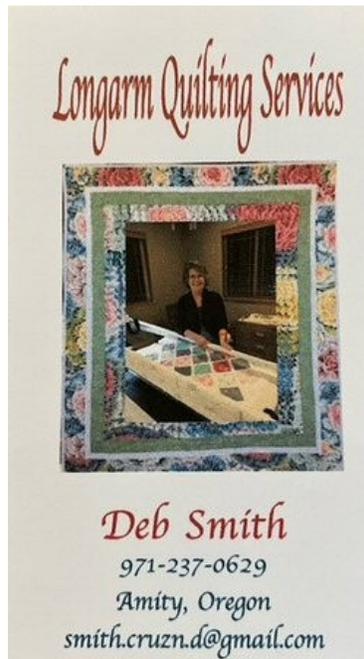
Sue. A	Martha M.
Lín C.	Vicki M.
Sue D.	Shari P.
Connie G.	Carol S.
Barb K.	Berta S.
Laurie M.	Barb W.



Willamette Valley
QUILTERS

**Please wear your name
badges at meetings!!**

A magnetic logo name badge was included in your New Member folder (right pocket with notepad and pen). Replacements are available at the Membership table for 50 cents.



“One
kind word
CAN WARM
THREE
winter
MONTHS”

-Japanese Proverb

WVQ Board & Committees

April 2021 - December 2022

President ... Peggy Gelbrich

Vice President ... Pam Tate

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Quilt Show ...

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Website ... Peggy Gelbrich & Lauri Nichols



Membership Welcomes You

**We are excited to announce the addition of 11 new members!!!!
A special Thank You to each of you for joining Willamette Valley Quilters.
Our Guild continues to grow strong with 84 members.**

If you have not joined yet, we would love to have you join our guild of quilters and share all the benefits of membership. Stop by the Welcome/Membership table to see Cristina & Kathy.

Our yearly membership fee is \$50, due annually in January. All current members are paid in full through December 2022.

Visitors are always welcome! The 1st visit is free of charge, subsequent visits without membership are \$10 guest fee per visit. Visitor forms are available at the sign-in table as you enter.

Membership forms are available at meetings. In addition, our Membership form is available online at www.WillametteValleyQuilters.com. You may print, fill out and bring to the membership table at our meetings or mail at any time.

Benefits of membership include:

- monthly meetings with featured speaker or educational quilting-related program
- monthly informative newsletter available by email to members only beginning January 2022
- opportunity to participate in projects to help those in need
- learn new techniques and share ideas
- participate in any of our Circles (small interest groups)
- participate in workshops and retreats
- fellowship with the friendliest group of quilters found anywhere