



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

November Program

Kathie Kerler ...

“What Were the Judges Thinking?”



Kathie began quilting in 1988 and judging in 2002. She is certified through the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges and as a Qualified Instructor teaches the association’s Two-Day Introduction to Judging Seminar.

She is a national award winning fiber artist who has completed rigorous courses in design and embroidery through the City and Guilds Institute of London, England and the Lesage School of Needlework in Paris, France.

In 2009 she completed a public commission for Clackamas County for Oregon’s sesquicentennial, the state’s 150th year anniversary. In 2011, Kathie had a solo exhibition at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum in Golden, Colorado. She has also been a featured artist for The Oregon Garden as well as two quilt guilds.

Over a seven-year period, Kathie worked as a contributing editor to American Quilter magazine, writing and contracting over 115 articles and patterns. Currently, she freelances.

WVQ Events

November 17, 2021 ... Kathie Kerler, *“What Were the Judges Thinking?”* ... *“Introduction of Paint Chip Challenge”*

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”*

February 16, 2022 ... *“Presentation of Paint Chip Challenge Quilts”*



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 pieces 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.

Workshop with Robin O'Neil **January 22, 2022**



"Stepladder"

A scrappy combo of stripes, checker boards & mountains.

President's Message . . .

We are excited to welcome Kathie Kerler as our guest speaker for the November 17th meeting. Kathy is a certified National Quilting Association judge and will share with us what judges look for in a well-designed and constructed quilt. I'm anxious to hear what I can do to make a better quilt.

Following our mission statement "to provide education through programs, classes and activities", I hope you enjoy Kathie's talk and learn a few ways to improve your quilting experience.

Happy Thanksgiving! Wishing you the happiness of good friends, the joy of a happy family, and the wonder of the holiday season.

Peggy



"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.

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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.

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, page 4.



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.

October Winners

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LET'S TALK "CIRCLES"

How many people does it take to start a CIRCLE?

At least three.

How often will a CIRCLE meet?

That will be decided by those in the CIRCLE, probably about once a month.

Does everyone have to join a CIRCLE?

No! This is for those who are interested and have the time. It is a way to get acquainted with others in the guild who have a similar quilting interest, in a small group setting.

Will we take our sewing machines to our CIRCLE?

You might, depending on what your group decides.

CIRCLES might also include sharing projects, books, YOUTUBE videos. Your CIRCLE might choose to do a book study or a group project or learn a new technique. A shop hop might be fun! Lots of options! And maybe you will decide to sew on your machines! The focus is to fellowship and learn from each other. Each CIRCLE will be unique due to the quilting focus and those in the group!

Will there be a teacher in charge?

No teacher. We hope that someone in your group will agree to be the contact person. This person would get the information concerning the CIRCLE out to the group members and communicate with the WVQ Program Committee and BOARD, when asked.

Does it cost extra to join a CIRCLE?

One of the privileges of membership in WVQ is to participate in CIRCLES. There is no extra cost.

May I join a CIRCLE as a beginner?

Call the contact person and let her know that

you are interested. Ask if there is someone there who would help you get started. I bet there would be, just understand that this is not a class and you would be working on your own project. I have a feeling that the members of Circles will be willing to help newbies!

Where will we meet?

CIRCLES will be held in homes. Hopefully, someone in your group will offer their home as a meeting place.

Hopefully, once we get CIRCLES up and running, the members will make decisions about their group and what that looks like. It will be a bit different for each CIRCLE! We are asking that CIRCLES share occasionally with our whole group during a monthly meeting.

During part of our December meeting, we will be meeting in small groups to launch CIRCLES! FYI --- We are watching COVID numbers and restrictions.

CIRCLES that are ready to launch:

Wool Applique --- Kathy Bower & Lauri Nichols

Paper-Piecing --- Gail Norby

Long-Arm-ers --- Sue Capell

Beginning Quilters --- Peggy Gelbrich & Sally Eagleman

Exploring New Techniques --- Sarah Spady

You can start a CIRCLE! If you have another area that would better fit your needs, contact Pam Tate, ptate03@msn.com. We are open for suggests and want to give you an opportunity to be a part of a small friendship group, centered around quilting.

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.

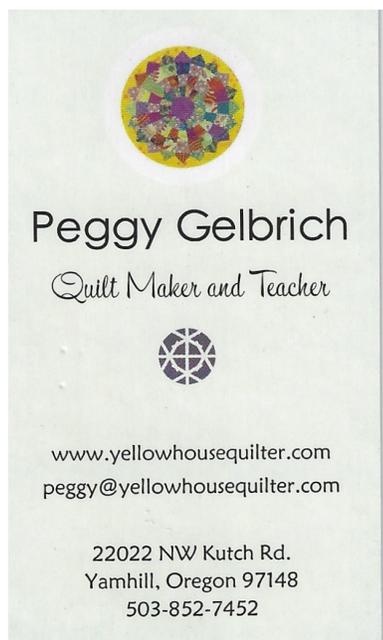
Guidelines

- Choose two paint chips at the November 17 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



Quilting Tips ...

from Janet D.

USING A "CHALLENGING" FABRIC

- Set it aside. Your brain will keep it on the back burner and suddenly you may realize you've found the perfect use for it.
- Use it for lining a bag or purse.
- Cut it into smaller pieces for a scrap quilt.
- Use it on the back of a quilt.
- Make a non-quilt project out of it: fabric bowls, zipper pouches, masks, pillowcases, stuffed animals and so on.
- It might work for a disappearing 9-patch or hourglass. Experiment.

Sometimes it helps to just ask another quilter what they would do with it. A fresh pair of eyes with a different vision may yield an idea you never thought of. And we quilters love to help and share ideas, don't we? Or just donate it. Someone else out there will just love it!

Cynthia Brunz workshop ...
 “Two Bit Mixology Series”
 “A learning and fun workshop for participants”



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“One
kind word
CAN WARM
THREE
winter
MONTHS”

-Japanese Proverb

Out & About Events & Activities ...



- 2021 Quilting at the Grange ... 9am-4pm
 - Canby Sew Days will meet at the Maplewood Grange in Aurora ... 25480 S. Hwy 99E, Aurora ... November 18 & 19 ... December 16 & 17.
 - Columbia Grange ... December 8 & 9.
 - Tigard Grange ... December 1
 - McMinnville Grange ... November 11 & 12.
- December 2 -4 ... Quilt, Craft & Sewing Expo ... quiltcraftsew.com/Portland



Membership Welcomes You

We are excited to announce the addition of 23 new members!!!!
A special Thank You to each of you for joining Willamette Valley Quilters.
Our Guild is 72 members strong.

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. Joining now secures membership through all of 2022.

Visitors are always welcome! The 1st visit is free of charge, subsequent visits without membership are \$10 guest fee per visit.

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