



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

October Program... *Dawn White ...*

“Give Me the Simple Life: The Story Behind the Quilt”



I’m Dawn White: quiltmaker and teacher, sewing enthusiast, Scrabble nut, and the face behind First Light Designs, a small quilt and home sewing pattern business.

I live in Portland, Oregon with my husband Charlie and our calico cat Princess Cordelia (Coco for short).

I hope you’ll visit often to see what I’m working on and dreaming about.

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WVQ Events

October 20, 2021 ... Dawn White, *“Give Me the Simple Life: The Story Behind the Quilt”*

November 6, 2021 ... WORKSHOP with Cynthia Brunz *“Two Bit Scrap Mixology Pattern”*. More information and sign up on page 3.

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”*

Order WVQ T-Shirts

At the October meeting members can order the WVQ Logo T-Shirts. Shirts are black with white logo, 100% cotton & available in various sizes.

Sign up & pre-pay at the Membership table. Shirts will be available at the November meeting.

Short sleeve with V-neck \$20
Long sleeve with a round neckline \$25.



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

Kathie Kerler ...

November Program ...

“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.

President's Message . . .

Welcome again to the Willamette Valley Quilters. Our new guild is off and running with a great start at our launch meeting of September 15th. Thank you to those who became members. The board is working for you to provide quilt education and growth opportunities in all of areas of our quilting lives. The speaker, Cynthia Brunz was so well received we've decided to bring her back to teach a workshop on Saturday, November 6th. Look for that information in this newsletter. She has a great eye for using scraps and making “head turning” scrap quilts. I hope you can join us for the class. We will be taking sign ups at the October 20th meeting.

There is a lot going on this month with the class signups, Stash Table raffle opportunities, a raffle quilt and a great speaker, Dawn White. Enjoy the meeting, sharing the love of quilting and making new friends. Again, thank you to those who have become members of the Willamette Valley Quilters. I look forward to seeing you at the October 20th meeting.

Peggy Gelbrich

Quilting Tips ...

- Find background yardage you can buy in bulk. The majority of quilters naturally gravitate toward either muted tones that look best with off-white, or clearer color ways that work best with a bright, crisp white. Once you figure out which of these two you gravitate toward, find clearance fabrics with white or off-white characteristics and buy in bulk. Rita Hodge at Red Pepper Quilts redpepper-quilts.com uses high contrast black and white text prints to back all her quilts.

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Cynthia Brunz Workshop "Two Bit Mixology Series"

Saturday, November 6, 2021

9 AM - 4 PM

\$40 for WVQ Members

Dayton First Baptist Church

With all of the positive comments and interest from Cynthia Brunz's visit last month, we have booked her to teach a class! There will be a sign up table at the WVQ October monthly meeting.

She will be teaching her **TWO BIT** pattern, from her strip Mixology Series. This class is perfect for beginning quilters, as well as experienced quilters!

November 6, 2021, 9 am-4 pm

Dayton First Baptist Church,
300 Flower Lane, Dayton, OR 97114

* Fee: \$40.00 for members, due at sign up.

(Non-refundable, but you may find another member to take your place. If we do not meet our max number of participants, non-members may sign up for \$50.00)

Class Max: 25 participants

Cutting and ironing stations will be provided. Bring your lunch, sewing machine, sewing notions, class supplies and material. A few strips will be available in a variety of colors to add to your quilt as needed. (You will receive the supply list at sign up.)

Masks required to be worn.

Have you checked out Cynthia's website?

quiltingismorefunthanhousework.blogspot.com

* Price of class goes to pay class instructor's fees and her mileage.

Class Description:

The Two Bit Scrap Mixology class is a wonderful way to make a lovely quilt from the scraps you already have.

Cynthia will walk you through creating the blocks and then choosing the best layout to create a unique scrap quilt. The pattern can be used to make dozens of different designs.

The block is great for both the beginner and the seasoned quilter (who usually have a lot of scraps!). Time to sew up those leftover bits!



Robin O'Neil

January 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.

What is a Quilt Guild?

During the months of organizing Willamette Valley Quilters, the question was asked “What is a quilt guild?” For those still wondering here is an explanation.

A quilt guild is an organized group of individuals coming together who share the love of quilting.

A guild has structure of bylaws and an elected board of directors and committees that set direction for the guild. Any paid member can participate through volunteering for committees or board participation.

A guild has a membership who pays dues with most of those funds being used to hire outside speakers that educate and bring new ideas about quilting to the membership. A much smaller portion of the dues go to fund the operation of the guild like the post office box, website hosting, printing costs etc.

Occasionally the guild will hire a quilt teacher to hold a class for those interested. That teacher is funded through class fees paid by the individuals who participate in the class. A class is not funded by membership dues.

It is also part of our bylaws to help others through charitable projects supporting those in need by making compassion quilts, donating to the food bank or other projects as deemed worthy.

The Mission Statement for the Willamette Valley Quilters is “The purpose of this guild shall be to promote the art of quilting, provide education through programs, classes and activities, to sponsor and support charitable projects to provide encouragement for those in need and to inspire creativity and friendship.”

WVQ Board & Committees

April 2021 - December 2022

President ... Peggy Gelbrich

Vice President ... Pam Tate

Treasurer ... Sally Eagleman

Secretary ... Lauri Nichols

Birthday Fat Quarters ... Sally Eagleman

Community Service... Sally Eagleman & Gail Norby

Food Pantry Coordinator ... Janet D.

Hospitality . . .

Membership & Roster ... Kathy Bower & Cristina Creigh

Newsletter ... Lauri Nichols

Programs & Circles ... Peggy Gelbrich & Pam Tate

Quilt Show ...

Stash Builder ... Sally Eagleman & Gail Norby

Website ... Peggy Gelbrich & Lauri Nichols

We are Happy to Support the Dayton Food Pantry . . .

Willamette Valley Quilters is headquartered at Dayton First Baptist Church which has been so generous and supportive of our WVQ launch! The Dayton Food Pantry, a branch of YCAP Food Bank, is a separate entity from the church but shares their campus. In support of the Food Pantry, we will be collecting non-perishable food donations in one of their shopping carts which we will have available at our monthly meetings.

So before you run out the door to come to the monthly meeting, grab a can, box or bag from your pantry and bring it with you to donate. Thank you for your support!

For more information on the Dayton Food Pantry, go to their website at daytonfoodpantry.com.

"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.

Money earned from this sale of raffle quilt tickets will go into our programs fund.

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Out & About Events & Activities . . .

- October 1-31, 2021 ... Oktoberfest 101 Halloween Shop Hop at the Coast
- 2021 Quilting at the Grange ... 9am-4pm
 - Canby Sew Days will meet at the Maplewood Grange in Aurora ... 25480 S. Hwy 99E, Aurora ... October 28 & 29 ... November 18 & 19.
 - Columbia Grange ... November 10.
 - Tigard Grange ... October 27.
 - McMinnville Grange ... November 11 & 12.
- December 2 -4 ... Quilt, Craft & Sewing Expo ... quiltcraftsew.com/portland



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Membership Welcomes You

**We are excited to announce the addition of 41 new members!!!!
A special Thank You to each of you for joining
Willamette Valley Quilters.
Our Guild is 49 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. However, if you join during the remainder of 2021, your membership will include all of 2022!

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

You can find our Membership Form online at www.WillametteValleyQuilters.com. Forms will be available at meetings or you may print, fill out and bring to the membership table at any meeting or mail with membership dues to:

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Benefits of membership include:

- monthly meetings with featured speaker or educational quilting-related program
- monthly informative newsletter
- 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, included with membership or at discounted rates
- fellowship with the friendliest group of quilters found anywhere
- learn, make new friends, create, have fun!



Circles Kick-Off ...

Circles are an important part of WVQ! These small groups have a definite place & purposes. We describe them as *"Members that gather together in small groups with a common interest in quilting and textiles"*

Circles are small interest groups that hold sewing days separate from monthly guild meetings and include Beginning Quilters, Foundation Piecing, Wool Work, and more to come based on Interest & our growth.

Willamette Valley Quilters will kick off "Circles" at the December meeting. Stay Tuned for more information to follow in the November Newsletter and at the November meeting. Be thinking about what kind of small quilting group that you might want to be involved with!

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