



Willamette Valley Quilters

Willamette Valley Quilters meets the 3rd Wednesday, 10 AM, Dayton First Baptist Church, 300 Flower Lane Dayton, Oregon
Willamette Valley Quilters, PO Box 1468, McMinnville, Oregon 97128, WillametteValleyQuilters.com

Cynthia Brunz ... September Program ... “How to Turn Scraps into Head Turning Quilts”



Hi there! I'm Cyndy. I've been serious about quilting since around 2003. Even though I sewed with my grandmother when I was young, I really didn't start learning good techniques and habits until I started taking some classes and getting some difficult quilts under my belt. I love fabrics with lots of color so I tend to quilt toward the more contemporary spectrum. I am drawn to simple lines and allowing the colors and fabrics to do all the work. I think that is reflected in my work.

After working for years in high stress management jobs, I decided in 2006 that I wanted to make a change and do

something I really enjoyed. After exploring a number of small businesses, I kept going back to the idea of the longarm quilting industry. I purchased my APQS Millennium quilting machine in 2007, and I haven't looked back.

Now I spend my days at my home quilting for others and designing and sewing my own quilt patterns. I also lead a group of very gifted quilters that meet monthly and produce some wonderful projects - all of which are donated to various organizations in the area. The group is called Project:Quilt

One of my strengths I think is the use of scraps. I am always trying to come up with new ways of using them. I teach classes on occasion and I regularly blog about my projects and patterns. I meet so many wonderful people doing what I do and get to see so many beautiful quilts. I feel quite blessed.

I would love to hear from you! You can email me at: cynthiabdesigns(AT)gmail(DOT)com.

WVQ Events

September 15, 2021 ... Cynthia Brunz, “How to Turn Scraps into Head Turning Quilts”

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

November 17, 2021 ... Kathie Kerler, “What Were the Judges Thinking?” ... “WVQ Paint Chip Challenge Rules”

December 15, 2021 ... “Share Your Favorite Winter/Christmas Quilt and Favorite Christmas Cookie”

January 19, 2022 ... Robin O'Neil ... “Tick Tock, No Time for Stress”

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

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

October Program...

*Dawn White ...
“Give Me the Simple Life: The Story behind the Quilt”*



I'm Dawn White: quilter 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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President's Message . . .

Welcome to the first meeting of the Willamette Valley Quilters. The eight founding members have worked hard to bring you a new quilt guild that will provide learning and sharing opportunities in all types of quilting, both in the large group and in small groups. We will offer occasions to give back through community service projects, as well as build on a positive atmosphere where all are welcome to attend, learn and share ideas.

The program committee has worked hard to bring you interesting teachers and opportunities to learn; the Willamette Valley Quilter's newsletter committee will keep you informed; the Food Bank Liaison and Compassion Care Quilts committee will help you give back to those in need; and the membership committee will make sure you get signed up to join this new adventure. If you ever have any questions, we're all here to help you.

I look forward to meeting you, learning with you, and building new friendships as we begin this journey as the Willamette Valley Quilters.

Thank you for attending and your support.

Peggy



Circles

“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 guild meetings and include Beginning Quilters, Foundation Piecing, Wool Work and more to come based on interest and our growth.

All Circles are open to members and sign up clip boards are on the membership table.



Stash Builder

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

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



WVQ Website ...

WillametteValleyQuilters.com

Membership Welcomes You!

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.

BUT, if you join in September, October, November or December 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:

Willamette Valley Quilters
PO Box 1468
McMinnville, OR 97128

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!



Many guild members have allergies. Please do not wear perfume, cologne, or scented lotions to the meetings and work-shops. Your cooperation is appreciated and makes our gatherings pleasant for all.

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.

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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 palettes, 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.



**20 of the Best Quilting
Websites and Blog**

[www.homestratosphere.com/
quilting-websites-and-blog/](http://www.homestratosphere.com/quilting-websites-and-blog/)

SHOW AND TELL

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.



September Birthdays ...

Kathy B. ... September 14

Gail N. ... September 19



Peggy Gelbrich

Quilt Maker and Teacher



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WVQ Board & Committees

April 2021 - December 2022

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