

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

March President's Message

Did you know March is National Color Therapy Month? I think that is very fitting, since we can all get plenty of color therapy at our upcoming Quilt Show. Like many of you, I am getting very excited about the Festival of Quilts show happening very soon! We will be at a fabulous new place with many of the returning features that are loved by all, such as Build a Block, the Small Quilt Raffle, a featured guilter (Kathleen Swick for this year). There will be so many guilts to see, with lots of color combinations admire - for that color therapy. I

get so inspired when I see what others have created; it invariably makes me want to try something new. There will be many vendors at the show; be sure to visit their booths and give them some business as support. A special thanks to Montavilla who is the sponsor for our show this year!

Our quilt show is like a jigsaw puzzle - it has many pieces that fit together snugly to create a wonderful picture. We have many people who will have spent hours planning the show to make it a success. The show also requires many volunteer hours at the show; as of this writing I know we still

had many volunteer spots to fill. Please consider signing up if you haven't already, or perhaps sign up for additional spots. The success of the show depends on all of us.

My message is short this month - I still have some work to do on the quilts I am showing! If you see mine, please don't be too critical of my workmanship. I am still learning and have embraced the attitude that done is better than perfect.

See you all - and your quilts - at the show!

Paula Connell, President

MARCH PROGRAM:

Our program for the March General Membership meeting should get your mouth watering for colorful combinations as Christina Cameli will give the presentation: Color Wisdom Beyond the Color Wheel. She is a local quilter, speaker, author, designer and teacher. Please check out her website: www.christinacameli.com for a vivid gallery of quilts as well as inspiration for free motion quilting. Evelyn Eason, Program Coordinator



Certificate of Appreciation

It's time for nominations for this year's Certificate of Appreciation, an award given to a guild member who has provided outstanding service during the past year. Only one award is presented each year, although there have been some years without nominations. The nomination process is easy: write a short letter to the President with the reasons you think this person should receive the award. Then find one or more other members who agree with your choice and have them sign the letter as well. The letter can be mailed or emailed. The Board considers all nominations and determines who will be awarded the certificate. A list of previous recipients may be found in our Membership Guide and Roster. The nomination deadline is March 31, 2023. If using postal mail, your nomination must be received by this date. Please mail (electronic or postal) to Paula Connell - contact information is in the roster.

Program Coordinator(s) Needed

The Northwest Quilters guild is looking for one or two members who would like to coordinate future programs and workshops. The job entails contacting speakers in the area for in-person talks or within the country for virtual presentations; setting up the date and time; signing a contract; contacting the treasurer for deposit and/or payments and contacting the webmaster with speaker details, if needed for virtual lectures.

As for setting up workshops, the options are plentiful as well. Setting up virtual classes or in-person workshops is a fun way to get to know a teacher and the participants. Setting up an in-person workshop involves renting the space, setting up cutting tables and ironing boards as well as supplying the electrical cords for machines, if needed. I am more than happy to share what I have learned doing the coordinating the past few years as well as helping as needed for workshops.

It has been an interesting and rewarding job volunteering in this way for the guild! If interested, please contact Evelyn Eason or Paula Connell.

Evelyn Eason

Virtual Meeting Assistance

We are in need of some assistance with the virtual meetings in two positions.

The first is to work with the speaker for the month, scheduling a test meeting and spending approximately an hour or less on line with the speaker to make sure she/he understands the use of Google Meet, how to present the slides they will be using for their presentation, and going over the agenda for the meeting.

The second is to be the projectionist at the meetings, setting up the projector and PA system.

Please contact <u>Jane Ratcliff</u> if you are interested or have questions.

NORTHWEST QUILTERS PASSWORD - For "Members Only" Webpage

The "Members Only" area on the NWQ website is for current NWQ members. It contains an archive of the *ePatchwords*, BOM archive, Member roster, forms and more. Go to the homepage,

https://www.northwestquilters.org/

Click on the link "Members Only" on the main menu.

On the "Members Only" page, click on the "Log In" link and, in the prompt box,

enter this Password: **Stashbuster23** (*Password as of August 1*). If you have any problems logging in, email the webmaster, Jane Ratcliff iratcliff@northwestquilters.org

COMFORTING QUILTS

February proved to be a quiet month for Comforting Quilts (CQ) in a couple of ways: fewer helpers at our workday, and no quilts sent out to our recipient agencies.

On the workday we were only 17, the lowest attendance we've had since our year began in July. This slowed down our productivity significantly because of a shortage of pinners, the nimble fingered workers who pull out and pin the sides of the serged, turned edges of the quilts in readiness for edge stitching. So our straight stitch machinists made lap backs, a vital layer in every quilt that we need in large numbers.

On the last day of February, the CQ team will be busy getting everything ready for our next workday, so please join us at 9:30 on March 1st. Be ready to fit in wherever help is needed, take your lunch to enjoy at noon, and I think you'll have a satisfying, sociable few hours with us.

We have not sent out any donations in February. Our inventory department has been short staffed for a while but is now back up to strength. The closet is fully inventoried; we have 386 quilts in sizes ranging from doll (120) to twin (26), and several

donations will go out at the beginning of March.

How can you currently help Comforting Quilts? By making **lap quilts** that are completely finished, or Hal lap quilt tops that we will finish; by making **throws**, fully finished or just the pieced top, for adults or older children; or by making the small **doll and infant** quilts that we need to receive fully finished.

Comforting Ouilts is often approached by members of the public who have fabric to donate. Sometimes these offers pan out, oftentimes they don't. Some donations are wonderful, some are less so. However, we are always grateful because we need so much fabric for the kits we put together and for the backs we make. If any guild members have yardage that isn't needed, please think of giving it to CQ.

As usual, our thanks go to everyone who has helped us in any way to continue making the quilts that will comfort others in our community. We have the fun of making a quilt that will benefit someone else. Win, win!

Sue Hatt nwqsuehatt@gmail.com

Groups and Guilds

For three centuries, American women have guilted in formal and informal groups. Elizabeth Huntington wrote in her 1802 diary, "I have a quilt or two to piece and I want your help extremely, it is a dull business for me alone." Quiltmakers find that quilting with others serves a variety of purposes from speeding up a tedious process providing some economic security.

-World Quilts the American Story

Quilter's Horoscope



Pisces - February 19 and March 20 Pisces are dreamers. When they quilt they usually are creating poetry. Although they are kind and make projects to bestow on friends and family they are most likely envisioning themselves snuggled beneath the very quilt they are working on. Although they can lack self-confidence their imagination and intuition makes them artistic quilters. Their sensitivity can lead them to shy away from displaying their creations. Generally you will find that a Pisces has more than one project on the go and can easily manage both. Whatever choose to work on they need a project that requires plenty of variety. Patchwork that includes embroidery or other needlework is well liked by them.

Pauline Rogers-author

QUILT SHOW - 2023

By the time you read this issue, we will be just a week away from our 46th Festival of Quilts! There will be 33+ vendors and 298 individually entered quilts for display! Our Featured Quilter, Kathleen Swick, has beautiful work to share, and the Yuki Sugiyama quilts will not disappoint! Then we add all the eye candy in vendor booths! Well over 300 quilts to take in. Our guild should be proud of this accomplishment!

Northwest Quilters Annual Quilt Show!

March 10 & 11, 2023



Westside Commons in Hillsboro, Oregon

for all the details visit www.northwestquilters.org

Quilt Show March 10 & 11, 2023

Volunteers Still Needed for our Quilt Show!

We still need some vital spots filled up to make our show a success!

Go to i-volunteer and sign up to help! It's a great way to get to know more members and make friends!

https://northwestquilters.ivolunte
er.com/quiltshow is the link to follow to sign up!

Bring a friend or family member!

Quilt Show FAQs and Answers

Many hands make light work!

Q - What about parking?
A. - Let's face it, we live in a metropolitan area where Free Parking is not easy to find. Fri. & Sat, parking is \$10 per day with no leaving w/ re-entry. No parking fee on Thurs, our set up day! We are working out a plan for folks who will be volunteering at least 2 shifts on our show days which should allow you to have a \$5 parking pass (rather than \$10). Discount passes are limited. MAX is just a couple blocks away, so you could always use that option.

Programs and Workshops

A big THANK YOU to **Robbie of SAVE Stores** for an informative
and fun hands on tutorial for the
care and maintenance of our
Featherweights. He did an
excellent job of showing us how
to keep our little beauties
humming!

As for the June workshop with **Katie Pederson**, I am still working on the details. She will speak at our June meeting and teach a class the following day. She is visiting us from Seattle. You can find out more about her on her website: www.sewkatiedid.com. Keep your eye on our website as well as the next *Patchword*.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending the workshop, Improvisational Triangles on 13 June! The class limit is 30. Registration will be available in April.

Evelyn Eason
Programs and Workshops Chair

2024 New York Beauty Raffle Quilt

Our 2024 Raffle Quilt is still coming together, but we are nearing the end of getting the New York Beauty blocks completed. That means it is time to find someone to do the long arm quilting for this bright, happy quilt. We are looking to have edge-to-edge style quilting done. Are you interested? Please contact Paula Connell or Denise Gies to express your interest or for questions.

Quilt ShowFAQs and Answers

Q - Do I get Free Admission for helping out with the show?
A - Yes, A 3 hour volunteer shift will get you free entry into the show. You can now fill out a volunteer form online. Link is on our home page (right hand side) using i-volunteer.

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PUZZLED?

Whether you are a puzzler who quilts or a quilter who puzzles, we have something new for you at our general meetings. We will provide space for a Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange. It is a take a puzzleleave a puzzle affair. If you have a jigsaw puzzle you don't want any longer, you can bring it to our monthly meeting and trade in for what someone else has brought. These are take at your own risk gifts; there may or may not be a piece missing, may be from a home with pets or smokers, and may have been touched by human hands! If we get too many puzzles, we may have to put some kind of parameters on it; but for now it's a free for all. Sandy Murphy will take any unclaimed puzzles and return them to the next meeting, if you have any questions contact Sandy, at her number in the roster.



NWQ Spring Retreat, March 27-30

Thirty-two retreaters are registered for our spring quilting retreat at Camp Tilikum, located near Newberg, OR. We are looking forward to making new quilting friends and sharing our projects.

There are several fun activities planned for this retreat and we look forward to being treated by the dedicated Tilikum staff during our retreat. At the time of this writing, there are two spaces available due to unexpected cancellations. If you are still interested in attending the 2023 NWQ Spring Retreat, please contact Barbara Mason or Traci Kienberger immediately. All of the will be registered retreaters detailed information receiving (schedules, what to bring, room assignments, etc.) at the beginning of March.

If you aren't able to attend our spring retreat, the Summer Retreat is planned for June 26-29, 2023. Registration for this retreat will begin April 1. NWQ members will have priority during the month of April. Beginning May 1. will registration be open additionally to nonmembers.

(Our Summer Retreat is usually held in July but this year Camp Tilikum has family camps scheduled during July.)

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Traci Kienberger, traci@mac.com, or (503) 312-6777

New York Beauty - Our 2024 Raffle Quilt - More Information

The blocks that came back at the February meeting were exciting to see! This is going to be a gorgeous quilt!

We still need to have about 15 or so blocks stitched so that we can assemble the quilt for the final stages. We will have block kits at the March meeting, so if you missed getting one earlier, it's not too late! PS... it's ok to stitch more than 1 block...

We will begin putting the blocks together after the Quilt Show, so there is still time to take one home to work on. Traci will be checking blocks in and signing them out.

You can still join this work group by contacting Denise Gies.

NEW MEMBER PROGRAM

NNWQ's New Member Program continues to grow. We now have 70 members who've joined NWO in the past 12 months. Wowza! Our membership growth is a compliment to the guild as a whole. NWQ offers a smorgasbord of fun, educational and meaningful activities that provide something for everyone. In addition, we've evolved into a very friendly and welcoming group. What's not to like?! Well done, NWQ!

The New Member Program focuses on the first 12 months of membership to ensure that newbies have lots of opportunities to meet other new members as well as established members, and to learn about all the guild has to offer. The goal is for everyone to feel welcomed, oriented and integrated to the fullest extent of interests. their Our monthly luncheon meetings support these goals and are lots of fun (and the food is yummy!). In February, Evelyn Eason joined us to share information about quilt show volunteering tips and tricks. It's great to have a now familiar face to connect with at our upcoming show. Congrats go to Ellen Gehringer for being the lucky door prize winner of a beautiful Moda jelly roll.



Please mark your calendars with the dates of upcoming meetings; here are the next 3:

March 18th April 15th May 20th

Basic Information about the NWQ New Member Program:

This signature program focuses on members during the first 12 months of membership to welcome, orient, and help integrate new members into NWQ. New Members are offered 1) dedicated seating at the "New Member Table" at NWO General Meetings and 2) monthly, informal, small group meetings which focus on friendship and information about our guild. NWQ committee chairs are often invited to be a guest speaker and describe their activities. Established members are invited to attend these gettogethers as a means of getting to know and supporting our newest members. New members are eligible to win a door prize(s). Questions? Contact Member Program Coordinator Joyce Swift (503) 887-7766

If you're a new member and don't yet feel connected to our New Member Program or would simply like to chat individually please phone, text or email me. My goal is to get to know every new member and I'd love to hear from you (yes, that means you). Don't hesitate to contact me: Joyce Swift, New Member Program Coordinator (503)887-7766;

jccswift@gmail.com.

Singer didn't invent the first sewing machine, but the one he patented on August 12, 1851, was the most practical — and the most commercially viable. Its success was a testament to Singer's industrious spirit: he'd worked variously as an actor, a ditch digger and a cabinetmaker before striking it rich in the sewing field.

KNOW?

Singer himself cared less about the usefulness of the device than about the wealth it brought him. He was perhaps fonder of his other creation: the first payment plan, which allowed his customers to pay in installments for a machine too expensive for most to afford as a lump sum.

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Gresham - March 15, 10am - 4pm Portland - March 16, 10am - 4pm

Lake Oswego - March 17, 10am - 4pm Beaverton - March 18, 10am - 4pm

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Lake Oswego - March 8, 9am - 1pm Lake Oswego - March 8, 2pm - 6pm Beaverton - March 10, 9am - 1pm Beaverton - March 10, 2pm - 6pm

StitchWise: Q-Matic Discovery

In this hands-on event, you'll discover how easy quilting can be with BERNINA Q-Matic. Learn how to quilt your quilts quickly with the edge to edge guilting, explore custom guilting for squares, borders & more. \$29.95.

Lake Oswego - March 9, 2pm - 6pm Beaverton - March 11, 2pm - 6pm

Sign up at www.montavillasewing.com, or by contacting one of our locations.

MONTAVILLA SEWING CENTERS

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 13, 2023

Northwest Quilters General Meeting - Monday, February 13, 2023

The hybrid meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Paula Connell.

She welcomed all members, especially new members, as well as guests. Paula shared that today was Galentine's Day and National Cheddar Day.

Mary Fitzgibbons announced that there were 6 new members and 7 guests in attendance both in person and online.

Speaker: Evelyn Eason - Evelyn introduced our speaker, Julie Silber. Julie has been a quilt curator, appraiser, and dealer for 50 years with an emphasis on quilts made between 1780 and 1950. Her "Keep 'Em in Stitches" presentation brought smiles and laughter as she shared some of America's funniest quilts. Her photos illustrated how quilts throughout history have enriched our lives.

Committee Reports & Announcements:

Comforting Quilts:Shauna Sonoda

- Shauna thanked everyone who brought in quilts today. She remarked how she was in awe of our auilters who do such remarkable work for total strangers. The need is continuous, especially for finished lap quilts (at present there is an abundance of unfinished Hal quilts). There is also a need for throws and they do not have to be guilted. Thanks to volunteers for who have already signed up to help Build a Block at the Quilt Show. More volunteers are needed. Sign up through iVolunteer or contact Denise Gies.

Business of the Month: Denise Gies - Denise introduced Colleen
Dahlman of Coco's Quilts. She does
longarm quilting and has been a
business member of NWQ for
several years. Colleen always gives
members of NWQ a 15% discount.

2024 New York BeautyRaffle
Quilt: Denise Gies - Tracey
Kienberger has blocks in the back.

2023 Ouilt Show: Denise Gies - The Quilt Show is 24 days away! Vendors are still coming in. Just today, Knotty Stitches was added to bring our total to 34 Vendors. There are 294 guilts entered. Thank for vou clothespins. There are Save the Date bookmarks and posters available for members to pass out. Check out the Facebook and Instagram pages. Volunteer on line or see Denise at break to sign up. You do not have to be a member to volunteer.

Membership: Mary Fitzgibbons -

After many years, Mary is resigning her position and announced that Betty Moore has agreed take over the chair. Mary thanked Tracey Dunlap for all of her help in the past as roster chair. There is a need for a new roster chair and a new greeter to take Mary Nelson's place. Betty is delighted to take on the membership chair but will be needing help. See Mary or Betty if you are interested in finding out more.

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NEW MEMBERS

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March Birthdays

Linda Waite 2 Jean Morado 5 Nedra Lihs 5 Gail McCarthy 10 Liz Williams 11 Betty Moore 14 Kevin Jones 17 Barbara Mason 18 Rosanne Paulson 18 Kathleen Swick 19 Rosemary Chapman 20 Pat Craig 22 Lisa Bach 22 Carrie Perkins 23 Christeene Buzza 24 Robin Hill 25 Pat Barr 26 Vonnie Ballew 27 Phyllis Barker 27

Barbara Crane 28

Quilts Are...

What defines American quilts? Fabrics? Patterns? Techniques? Workmanship? The people who make them? Those who sleep under them? Quilts have become quintessentially American objects, but they have not always covered Americans' beds. Once they got started making them, Americans developed a special relationship with quilts. They have produced them in a multitude of formats and have used them for a variety of purposes, from practical to symbolic. Whole cloth, mosaic. medallion, block style, Crazy, utility, prizewinning, political, crib, bed, wall -Americans have done them all.

Quilts serve as a lens into American history and traditions—our memories and our myths. The study of quilts reveals important aspects of industrialization, consumer culture, community engagement, everyday creativity, utility, aesthetics, nostalgia, domesticity, and globalization.

Article from: Quilts Are... | World Quilts: The American Story (quiltstudy.org)

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)

Workshop Signups: Evelyn Eason -

The Featherweight workshop is scheduled for 10:15 on February 20. Let Evelyn know if you are interested in attending. Evelyn is also the volunteer coordinator for the Quilt Show so see she her if you would like to help.

Retreat Information: Barbara Mason - The March Retreat is full with 34 people. If interested, see Barbara to add your name to the waiting list.

Boutique: Kathy Anderson - At this year's Quilt Show we are selling new items made by members. You can bring items to the show if you bring them early.

In kind donation forms are available.

Raffle Quilt Travel Agent: Lori Stephens - Sign up on *iVolunteer* to help sell raffle tickets at the Quilt Show.

Challenge Quilt: Melody Burchyski

- Challenge Quilts need to be turned in tonight.

2023 Raffle Quilt: Carrie Perkins-Tickets on sale at break.

Free Table & Puzzles: Paula Connell - There is a Puzzle Table where you may take a puzzle and/or leave a puzzle.

Free Table - There have been a lot of items brought to the free table. Joyce Reyman is trying to distribute leftovers to various organizations. Help by taking home your items at end of the night.

Quilt Show: Joyce Swift - Joyce is in charge of demonstrations at the show. Please get her any suggestions for demonstrations and/or volunteer to demonstrate at the show.

New Members: Joyce Swift -

Joyce welcomed new members and invited them to the New Member meeting on the third Saturday of the month at Joyce's house.

Small Quilts: Joyce Reyman - Please get them turned in before the quilt show.

Volunteer needed: Looking for a volunteer to help with contacting the speaker and prepping them on Google Meets before the

general meeting. See Jane Ratcliff or Paula Connell if interested.

BOM Drawing: Liz Hinze - Myra Turley won 6 Heart blocks for the February Block of the Month. The March Block of the Month, Irish Chain, was on display. Patterns are in the *Patchword*.

Show & Tell: – Joan SpencerThere were 6 beautiful quilts shared for Show and Tell.

Door Prizes: Deidre Meaney - This meeting's door prizes were won by Barbara Mason, Michael Scott, and Jeannette Gent.

The next general meeting will be Monday, March 13, 2023 at 9:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned by Paula Connell at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Morado, Secretary



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Quilts of Valor: Despite what the groundhogs and my favorite weatherwoman say, I'm thinking Spring is about here, and with it, our long-awaited quilt show and everything that goes with it!

Thanks to all those who joined in any way in the celebration of the Ouilts of Valor Foundation's annual National Sew Day on February 4th. At our house, we had our traditional chili lunch and a great group of volunteers: Rita **Buckley, Bob Eldred, Denise** Gies. Chris Julhes. Helene Knott, Mary Laase. Diane Labrecque, Carrie Perkins, Mary Picucci, Jane Ratcliff, Sharon Rub, Kathleen Schmidt, Pamela Spang, Polly and Rick Sprague, Charel Walker. In addition, we know of several who sewed at home that day, including Kathy Anderson, Phyllis Barker, Maria Fenstermaker. Tom Korn. Marsha Renander. Joyce Reyman, Dawn Sharafi, Joyce Swift, Ann Torgerson, and Marian Williams.

It is rumored that **Dawn Sharafi** won a door prize from the national QOV Foundation - can't wait to see what that is.

It was especially wonderful to award two QOVs on that day (picture in this issue). Thank you to Kathleen Schmidt, Tom Korn, Bob Eldred, and Jane Ratcliff for making those guilts and to **Denise** Gies and Sharon Rub for the participating in award ceremony.

Our QOV Sew Days this month will be on Monday and Tuesday, March 27th and 28th, from 10:00 – 3:00.

If you are interested in attending, please contact me in advance. We know that this will conflict with the NWQ Spring Retreat, but all of us will be enjoying our quilting wherever it may be.

Special thanks to Barbara Curran, Jane Ratcliff, Mary Picucci, Joyce Reyman, and Charel Walker who turned in completed tops or completed quilts during February.

Maureen Orr Eldred, moequilts2@gmail.com 503-706-5064 cell; 503-646-5970 home



A Quilt of Valor is...

From the beginning, Catherine Roberts had definite ideas about standards of excellence for Quilts of Valor:

I knew a Quilt of Valor had to be a quality-made quilt, not a "charity quilt." A Quilt of Valor had to be quilted, not tied, which meant hand or machine quilting. It would be "awarded," not just passed out like magazines or videos, and would say unequivocally, "Thank you for your service, sacrifice and valor in serving our nation."

Catherine Roberts
Founder and Director 2003-2012



If you know a veteran or someone who is currently serving, consider nominating them to be awarded a Quilt of Valor. You can do so by going to the Quilt of Valor Foundation website. www.QOVF.org



Quilts of Valor Presentations





The highlight of our February 4th QOV National Sew Day was awarding Quilts of Valor to two wonderful veterans. John L. served in the US Marine Corps 1986-2008 as a Heavy Equipment Operator for ten years, working alongside Combat Engineers building roads and assisting in construction projects. After promotion to Gunnery Sergeant, John served in leadership roles for the rest of his career, including a term in Iraq in 2003 with the 6th Engineer Support Battalion. Amber D. served in the US Army 2004-2007 as a Mortuary Affairs Specialist out of Fort Lee, Virginia. She searched and recovered remains during Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita Reliefs and performed funeral detail for the fallen in the state of Virginia. Amber now works at the Hillsboro VA to continue helping veterans get the benefits they deserve. It was an honor to be able to acknowledge the service of these two veterans.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - February 6, 2023

NWQ Board Meeting - Monday, January 2, 2023

The virtual meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Paula Connell, President. Paula began by sharing that today was "Oatmeal Monday" day. Present: Paula Connell, Joan Spencer, Sandy Murphy, Jean Morado, Denise Gies, Sue Hatt, Maureen Orr Eldred, Mary Nelson, Joyce Swift, Mary Fitzgibbons, Evelyn Eason, Linnie Thomas, Barbara Mason, Traci Kienberger, and Jane Ratcliff. Guests: Virginia Janzig and Betty Moore.

Executive Board Reports:

Treasurer: Sandy Murphy - Sandy reported that treasurer reports have been sent to the board. The bank statement has been reconciled with the checking account. We are receiving funds for the Quilt Show and she is hoping it will be a great success similar to but much bigger than the Super Sale.

Secretary: Jean Morado - Jean will not be returning as secretary for the 2023-24 year due to family needs. She introduced Virginia Janzig who has agreed to take over but will be out of the country from May to August. Jean will continue the duties of secretary until Virginia is back. Jean and Virginia will be working together to make a smooth transition.

Vice-President: Joan Spencer - Joan shared that we are looking for someone to fill the VP position for the 2023-24 year. Please let her know if you are interested or know someone who may be.

Budget: Paula Connell - Paula shared that the new microphone/sound system was purchased by Maureen Orr Eldred and was used very successfully at the last general meeting. During the Quilt Show it will also be used for announcements and demos

Standing Committee Reports:

Business Liaison/Business of the Month, Denise Gies - Denise shared upcoming businesses of the month: February - Coco's Quilts, March - Aloha Sew & Vac, April - Feather Your Nest.

Challenge Quilts, Melody Burchyski

- Challenge quilts are due by 9 pm on February 13. Quilts will be displayed at the Quilt Show and voted on at the April and May meetings and online. The winner will be announced at the May meeting.

Comforting Quilts, Sue Hatt - Sue reported nothing of note to add to what she reported in the newsletter. With the increase in workday attendees, extra activities are being planned so that everyone will feel their time is being used productively.

Community Outreach, Maureen Orr Eldred - Maureen reported that their QOV National Sew Day gathering was on Saturday, February 4th, with 17 members and six guests present. There were at least five members sewing on QOVs at home at the same time. They awarded QOVs to two veterans and had their traditional chili lunch. One of the at-home members, Dawn Sharifi, received a door prize from the Foundation! They expect to have a good showing of QOVs in the Quilt Show and to award two QOVs during the show.

Meeting Set Up/Clean Up, Joyce Swift - The volunteer group is running smoothly thanks to the willingness of six various volunteers who pitch in for 10-20 minutes post general meetings to clean our meeting room. Joyce organizes a clipboard sign-up sheet and designated tasks for future months, as it is desirable and easy to schedule ahead.

Membership, Mary Fitzgibbons - As of February 1st, membership stands at 242 regular members and 14 business members. Betty Moore was introduced as the new membership chair. She will be working closely with Mary Fitzgibbons to learn all the aspects of that position. Betty will be sitting with Mary at the membership table on February 13th to see how the operation works. Tracey and manning Marv will be membership table all three days at the quilt show with Betty invited to sit with them to see that aspect of the job. After the Quilt Show, Mary will be turning over the chair to Betty with the understanding that Mary will assist with the membership renewal campaign that starts in April. Betty will be seeking to include more help (Continued on page 16)

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after she has learned all the job entails.

New Member Program, Joyce Swift - NWO has 63 members who've joined in the past 12 months, including 15 who've joined in January 2023. This represents over 25% of our guild. Several members are inviting their friends to join, which is a lovely compliment to NWO. In addition, four new members "graduated" from the new member program (i.e. they have been members for more than one year) and are now considered "established members". The new member program is functioning smoothly. The January new member meeting was attended by 14 new members plus four established members. significant increase from prior months. The program motto is "There's always room for more."

Patchword Editor, Jane Ratcliff - Reminder - articles for the *Patchword* are due on the 20th of each month, please.

Programs/Workshops, Evelyn
Eason - Evelyn connected with
Robbie of SAVE Stores for the
featherweight workshop later this
month. She has contacted by email
ten people on her list who expressed
an interest in doing this. In lieu of
charging members for this workshop,
donations are requested to Robbie.
Members are also encouraged to buy
any supplies from his store. He is a
very loyal business member and we
should be supporting him as best we
can.

Evelyn is trying to contact Kris Howett of Feather Your Nest in Gresham for a Laura Heine workshop. Kris is accredited to teach a class and Evelyn is hoping to share details for a workshop in April or later in the year. Kathie Kerler has given Evelyn the contact information for StoryTellers, a group of quilters who love doing trunk shows. Evelyn also wondered if there is interest in helping out Comforting Quilts with a sew day after the guilt show. There is going to be a Build a Block booth at the show and there may be a good number of blocks ready to sew and we could do it at our April meeting.

Quilt Show 2023, Denise Gies - Plans are shaping up! We have just over four weeks to show time. There are 27 vendors and we have covered our rent with vendor fees. Quilt registration closes February 6th with the hope of having up to 250 - 300 guilts to display. Denise has requested that we have members make some new clothespins for holding the tags to the quilts. We need to really drum up volunteers, especially among our newer members. It might take some personal phone calls to reach out to them. If we think about it nearly half of our membership has never been through a quilt show cycle with us. Even our president hasn't been involved in helping at one of our shows. There was a Quilt Show meeting last night and Denise will send a slide deck to interested board members.

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales, Carrie Perkins - #Tickets Sold \$ Collected General Meeting 01/09/23 6 \$ 20.00 On-line Sales in January 9 \$ 30.00 Salem Quilt Show 1/26-28/23 46 \$165.00 Total 61 \$215.00

Raffle Quilt 2024 - New York Beauty, Denise Gies - We still need to have about 15 or so blocks stitched so that we can assemble the quilt for the final stages. We will have block kits at the February meeting. Traci Kienberger will be checking blocks in and signing them out.

Retreats, Barbara Mason, Traci Kienberger -**Spring** Retreat (Barbara) We have 34 retreaters registered for the Spring Retreat. We were able to host an additional 2 people when an additional room became available at Camp Tilikum. Our retreat is at capacity, and we will begin taking names for a waiting list. Virtual Retreat (Traci) It was a Sewin' Good time for our Annual Virtual Retreat 2023. The Virtual Retreat was held on January 27th-29th, 2023. We had 28 Quilters join us on Friday the 27th, 35 people on Saturday and 27 on Sunday. We had four fun tutorials. On Friday, we had Debbie Phillips show us how to make an Origami Fabric Lined Drawstring Bag. It was surprisingly easy! On Saturday we had Jane Ratcliff show us how to make a hanging sleeve for all those guilts we will be entering into the Ouilt show. It was so informative!

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Then in the afternoon we learned how to make a tea wallet by Traci Kienberger (myself). I didn't realize how many tea drinkers there are in NWQ. On Sunday we had Paula Connell show us how to make bowl cozies! I hear that was a great tutorial. There were quiet times with everyone sewing and there were times with a lot of chatting. All in all a great time was had in the sewing rooms of Northwest Quilters. Thank you to Jane Ratcliff for her help with the computer and internet. Thank you to Joan Spencer and Paula Connell for being the hosts! Thank you to Debbie Phillips for all your help.

Looking forward to next January's Virtual Retreat.

New Small Quilt Group, Denise Gies - Bonnie Hunter Mystery Lovers! There has been some interest, but no meeting is planned until after the Quilt Show.

Website/Social Media, Jane Ratcliff - Jane has been in touch with the February speaker so she can be prepared for the meeting.

Old Business

Oregon Quilt Festival, Paula
Connell - Paula brought up that
there was a NWQ booth selling
raffle quilt tickets at the Oregon
Quilt Festival on January 26-28 in
Salem. Many Save the Date
bookmarks for our Quilt Show were

given out and we acquired some new members of NWQ.

Clark County Quilt Show, Denise Gies - Clark County Quilters will have no show in 2023 but will be having their 2024 show in April.

New Business

Membership, Mary Fitzgibbons -

Mary requested that we re-address the half-year membership guidelines. We have had two former general members, and two former business members that did not return during the spring campaign but want to come back now, at half the membership price. She would like to be able to offer them that option

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Northwest Quilters, Inc FY 2022 Financial Overview Report

Northwest Quilters Patchword Report - February 6, 2023

		Actual			Budget		
Budget Heading	In	Out	Net	In	Out	Net	More/-Less
Administration	\$746.94	-\$4,989.93	-\$4,242.99	\$35.00	-\$5,501.88	-\$5,466.88	\$1,223.89
Member Programs	\$11,680.65	-\$5,262.72	\$6,417.93	\$11,125.00	-\$3,795.00	\$7,330.00	-\$912.07
Workshops	-	-	-	-	-\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Retreats	\$14,878.00	-\$13,675.21	\$1,202.79	\$16,900.00	-\$16,050.00	\$850.00	\$352.79
Quilt Show	\$14,193.50	-\$13,805.91	\$387.59	\$31,050.00	-\$25,250.00	\$5,800.00	-\$5,412.41
Raffle Quilt	\$270.00	-\$119.59	\$150.41	\$2,000.00	-\$325.00	\$1,675.00	-\$1,524.59
Comforting Quilts	\$550.00	-\$4,776.59	-\$4,226.59		-\$7,000.00	-\$7,000.00	\$2,773.41
Community Outreach	\$350.00	-\$262.20	\$87.80	-	-\$500.00	-\$500.00	\$587.80
Total	\$42,669.09	-\$42,892.15	-\$223.06	\$61,110.00	-\$63,421.88	-\$2,311.88	\$2,088.82

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adding that asking them to pay full price, while letting others join at half price, could lose us their membership forever, instead of making them feel welcomed back. A discussion among the board followed during which it was brought up that this would require changing the NWQ Standing Rule Article II. Membership, Section 4: Dues 4b. A motion was made by Jean Morado that we revise the part of that rule relating to discounts to read "Member dues for those who join between January 1st and March 31st are discounted 50%. Members who join between the date of the Quilt Show and June 30th will receive the last 3 months of the membership year free when they pre-pay the full membership price for the next membership year." Sandy Murphy seconded the motion, and it was passed by a vote of 12-1. Members who have joined in 2023 in the time frame referenced and paid full price will be reimbursed.

Free Table, Paula Connell - Paula asked the board for suggestions regarding the many items leftover at the free table at the end of our general meetings. Joyce Reyman has been working hard to find resources to take the leftovers and repurpose them rather than have them thrown away. Many suggestions were offered including having members bring items in ziplock bags and also asking them to retrieve their donations at the end of the night if they hadn't been taken by someone. Paula will be writing a request for the weekly blast.

Puzzle Exchange, Sandy Murphy - Sandy brought up the idea of a Puzzle Exchange Table at our general meetings. The idea was met favorably by the board and Sandy offered to facilitate it at the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Morado, Secretary

2023 UFO CHALLENGE

Can you believe it's March already (or soon will be). The random number for March is #6. The deadline to submit your "before" and "after" photos of this project is 4/30/23 (once the number has been drawn, you get two months to work on it). That means you still have another month to work on the February project (#1), which is due by 3/31/23.

You can join the challenge at any time. Gather your UFOs (UnFinished Objects). Give them each a number from 1 to 12 (but not #9 because it was drawn in January). Next take a "before" photo of each project; include the project number in the photo.

Each month a random number will be drawn and listed in the *Patchword* (and on the guild's Facebook page). That is the UFO you will work on for the month. When you have completed the project, take another photo (the "after" photo). Submit both the before and after photos to me, via email, by the deadline.

For each UFO project submitted before the deadline, you earn one chance to win one of several prizes at the end of the challenge. The odds of winning a prize depend on how many UFOs you complete during the challenge (up to 12), the number of members participating, and the number of UFOs each of them completes. If you need more details about the challenge, take a look at the December and January issues of the Patchword. The completed UFOs have started to arrive in my email in-box. I love seeing your work.

Linda Robinson lrobinspdx@comcast.net

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - March, Lets make an Irish Chain

Due Date: March 13th meeting

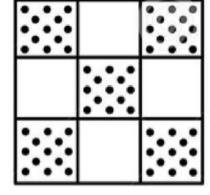
Bring your completed block(s) to the March meeting, or if you won't be attending the meeting, email a picture of completed block(s) to hinzeliz@yahoo.com by the Sunday prior to the meeting.

Fabric choices:

Green and Light Background

All Squares:

Green - 3" x 3" Cut 5 Light - 3" x 3" Cut 4



Assemble:

Sew together in rows and sew rows together to make the 9 patch.

Unfinished size: 8 x 8" quilt block.

Call me Liz Hinze if have any questions 503-522-9867 (call or text) or email me at: hinzeliz@yahoo.com



Basic Information about the Block of the Month Program:

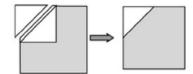
If you choose to participate, make the block as described in the *Patchword*. Send a picture of your completed block or blocks to Liz Hinz via email or text or bring it to our in-person meeting March 13th. Your name will be put in a drawing - you will have one chance for every block you make. The winner is chosen during the general meeting. After the meeting, the other participants are instructed to send their blocks to the winner. The winner gets to use the blocks to create something wonderful!



BLOCK OF THE MONTH - April, Pineapple

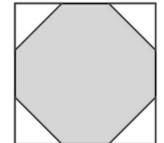
Due Date: April 10th meeting

Bring your completed block(s) to the April meeting, or if you won't be attending the meeting, email a picture of completed block(s) to hinzeliz@yahoo.com by the Sunday prior to the meeting.



Fabric choices:

Green leaves and Light Background Floral print for pineapple



All Squares:

Green - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"	Cut 2
Green - 2 1/2" x 8 1/2"	Cut 1
Pineapple - 8 1/2" 8 1/2"	Cut 1
Light - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"	Cut 8
Light - 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"	Cut 1

Assemble:

Snowball the pineapple block. Make flying geese block and modified flying geese block. Sew together in rows and sew rows together to make the pineapple block.



Unfinished size: 8 1/2" x 12 1/2" quilt block.

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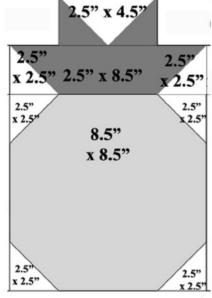






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Business of the Month Raffle

Aloha Sewing and Vacuum is offering a gift certificate for the labor portion of service on any sewing machine or serger (multi-needle embroidery machines are excluded). Value to \$250. All parts are extra. We will sell a total of 250 tickets at 6 for \$5. Or \$1 each. **Tickets will be available at the March general meeting** on March 13, 2023. Drawing will take place at 10:45 am.



NorthwestQuilters, Inc. PO Box 82158 Portland, OR 97282

BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 6, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting link found on <u>Members Only</u> webpage

GENERAL MEETING

Monday, March 13, 9:30 a.m. (opens at 9:00 a.m.)

In-person Meeting and Virtual

Immanuel Lutheran Church 7810 SE 15th Ave, Portland, OR

COMFORTING QUILTS

March 1, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Workday

Mill End Store - Upstairs 9701 McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie OR

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