

# Seams Like News!



Our monthly meeting on Zoom:  
Mon, August 16, 2021 @ 6:30 PM  
Watch your e-mail for details.

## August 2021 Issue:

### A Note From our President...

Right now is a busy time for our Membership Chair, Chase Lawrence. I found it a relief to pay my dues and fill out my membership form online. It took just a few minutes - and it was done. I know last year I dragged my feet to put the check in the mail (I so rarely use snail mail - I had to buy stamps!). I'm hoping all of you have been able to renew your membership — whatever method works best for you.



It is a good time to reflect on what your membership dues “gets” you from the guild. We offer programming all year - many guilds take the summer off. Each month we offer Sewing Saturdays, and once a quarter a Sewing Weekend (my personal favorite). And the retreats and the workshops -- These are offered you at cost (we don't want to make a profit on these activities). We hope our members are taking advantage of all of these activities. And don't forget our speakers each month - I always learn something new.

At our most recent meeting we were all impressed by Trudy Cleveland - she didn't just teach us about taking good pictures of our quilts - she taught us tricks to using our cell phones for taking pictures at any time, Her workshop was jam-packed with more ideas. Thank you to Sue Hauser for arranging for this amazing speaker.

For me, summer means family time. I'm looking forward to a weekend to see my brother and his family in Seattle. I'm excited to be meeting baby Geo, and taking him his quilt I just finished. I'm hoping you all have time to fit a little sewing in-between the fun summer activities.

Marianne Greenley, WQG President

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## Garlic Festival Volunteers Needed

*We need volunteers for several 2 or 2½ hour shifts as alcohol monitors on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.*

*Please contact Sue Nichols or JudyQ Block to sign up.*

*Note: This activity earns our guild about \$1200, so it's a substantial contributor to our fund raising efforts.*

## August Program: Jaimie Davis

Jaimie Davis began quilting as a young mom who needed a creative outlet, and her passion has since grown into making and selling patterns, teaching, and conducting workshops with students. She lives in Tigard, Oregon and spoke to our guild several years ago about the history of Baltimore Album quilts. This versatile quilter will be back in August to speak about landscape quilts.

### How to Build a Landscape Quilt from the Ground Up (If You Don't Know How to Draw)

Have you ever wanted to make a landscape quilt but thought it was out of your reach? Join Jaimie for an insightful look at how to create a one-of-a-kind quilt even if you've never thought of yourself as an artist. Follow along as she shows you how she uses Google Images, a copier and a light box to "build" a pattern and enjoy lighthearted stories of her less-than-successful landscapes and the principles for success she discovered along the way.

Jaimie Davis of Loopy Tulips Designs: [www.loopytulips.com](http://www.loopytulips.com)



LAYERED LANDSCAPES CLASS KIT

#### Quilting: An Olympic Sport!

Events may include:

- ◆ 500 Yard Fabric Dash
- ◆ Batting Storage High Jump
- ◆ Needle Threading Relay
- ◆ Basting—The Floor Exercise
- ◆ The Template Toss
- ◆ Free Style Fabric Cutting
- ◆ Two-Woman Speed Sewing
- ◆ Double Wedding Ring Slope
- ◆ UFO Ski Jump
- ◆ Doubles Strip Cutting Heat



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## New to Our Guild or Don't Know Many of Our Members?

The best way to make some new BFFs is to participate in guild activities: Sewing Saturdays, Sewing Weekends, No Machines Required, Retreats, Workshops... The list is long. And all provide perfect opportunities to get to know other members while working on your projects.

If you've not attended any activities, challenge yourself to do it in the next couple of months. You'll be surprised how much fun you'll have! And you might even learn something!

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## Visitors at our Meetings

Do you have friends that would like to attend our meeting as a guest?

Please e-mail Chase Lawrence ([WQGMemb@gmail.com](mailto:WQGMemb@gmail.com)), so she can send your friend a link to our Zoom meeting.

*(Please don't forward the link to them yourself!)*

We're happy to have them visit twice, then we'd love to have them join.

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## Membership Renewals

A huge thank you to all for your patience in navigating the new membership renewal process on our new website. I'd like to mention a few points:

1. Membership Renewals are \$48, no matter when you renew.
2. New Members have prorated dues, depending on when they join.
3. You **MUST** submit a form with payment, either online or a hardcopy. Both options can be found on the website.
4. Please send me a picture to include in the directory. Updated pics are welcome.
5. **In order to be included in the PRINTED Directory, you must renew/join by Sept 1. After Sept 1, you will be included in the online directory only.**
6. We plan to distribute the Printed Directory when we are able to meet again in person. However, if you would like a directory mailed to you, please indicate that on the form and pay the additional \$3.00.
7. In order to participate in guild **meetings** and activities such as workshops, retreats, etc., you must be a member in good standing (your dues are up to date).
8. Please let me know if you have any questions. [wqgmemb@gmail.com](mailto:wqgmemb@gmail.com)

Much appreciated,

Chase, WQG Membership Chair

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## Free Entry Into Latimer Quilt and Textile Center

Just in case you missed this last month... Our guild is now a member of the Latimer Center. WQG members may receive free admission **if you follow these rules:**

Make a reservation one week in advance.

At least 4 people must be in your party (less than 4 and you pay). If any of the members of your party are not Latimer Center members, they must pay admission (a maximum of \$5).

To show proof of WQG membership, you each must show either a current membership card, or instead, show your entry in our current membership directory. You must provide one or the other of these IDs to avoid paying the admission.

You may request a bed turning for your visit when you make your reservation, if you choose. You may request a certain style of quilts for this. For example: double wedding ring, applique, paper pieced, 1930s, etc.

For reservations: call 503-842-8622, email [latimertextile@centurylink.net](mailto:latimertextile@centurylink.net), and for more information on current exhibits see [www.LatimerQuiltAndTextile.com](http://www.LatimerQuiltAndTextile.com)



**LATIMER QUILT & TEXTILE CENTER**

2105 WILSON RIVER LOOP ROAD, TILLAMOOK, OREGON 97141

Summer Hours:

- Monday, Wednesday & Saturday open to the public 10 am-5 pm,
- Sunday 10-4

## Sewing Saturdays and Sewing Weekends

Are you new to WQG? Are you wondering what Sewing Saturdays and Sewing Weekends are all about? Well, let me tell you a bit about them...

On the Second Saturday of each month (except in August, when it's the third) and four times a year on the Second Weekend, we have free, drop in sewing days. These happen at the North Plains Senior Center. We have the center to ourselves, with spaces upstairs and downstairs.

Our guild provides: large tables for sewing (to share if we are full, otherwise one per person), extension cords, ironing boards, irons, Best Press sizing spray, cutting mats, rulers (you provide your own rotary cutter), advice on projects if wanted, show-n-tell opportunities, conversation, fun, and an occasional free table of things those attending no longer need.

You bring: your projects (because we all know we will get more than one done, at least that's what we think when we leave home), sewing machine, notions, rotary cutter, lunch (or you can support the local restaurants). If you want to hand sew or just visit, this is great too.

It is a wonderful way to meet others and share ideas. Please think about joining in the fun. The Saturday hours are 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and the Sewing Weekends are Friday 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

I always appreciate a volunteer or two who can arrive 45 minutes early to help set up. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Heidi Nesheim.

### **Sewing Saturdays:**

*August 21*

*October 9*

*December 11*

### **Sewing Weekends:**

*September 10—12*

*November 12—14*

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## Fall Retreat—Cannon Beach, October 15—17

We will be retreating at the [Hallmark Resort and Spa](#) in Cannon Beach from October 15-17, 2021 this year. The resort is located right on the beach with a view of Haystack Rock. The resort has a spa if you would like to pamper yourself and is located a short walk from [Center Diamond Quilt Shop](#). Check out the amenities at the resort and the quilt shop at the links above.

Registration is open for our Fall Oct 15-17, 2021 Beach Retreat. Due to the **maximum limit of 20 attendees**, we ask you to register first on-line with Carol Sayles, our registrar. Seats in the retreat will be filled on a first come first served basis. If you are interested, [click here to complete the registration](#) and **respond ASAP**. Final payments will be due by Sept 10th, 2021. Cost for the retreat is \$355 for double or triple occupancy. (All single rooms are filled.)

The retreat includes 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, and 1 brunch. There will be an option to extend your stay at the Guild lodging rate and details will be shared when your registration is confirmed and payment is made. Please be sure to renew your Guild membership before you register for the Retreat. You must be a member in good standing and have paid your dues for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to be eligible to attend the Retreat.

Once we have received your request, if there is a seat available, we will contact you via email with a link to pay online by credit card for your deposit of \$50 to officially hold your spot. We will have future follow up contact for balance payment.

There are  
a few  
seats left.  
Sign up  
today!

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## Featherweight Fanfare:

Is your featherweight sluggish, do you have to push your foot controller through the floor to get it go, or is it just getting slower and slower or is it racing too fast? If this is occurring with your Featherweight it could be one of four issues. Three of these issues are simple to fix yourself and I have offered solutions below. The fourth cause of the slow or racing speed is a little trickier and you may want to get a tech to check it out for you. However, there is a do-it-yourself solution and video in the Featherweight Schoolhouse which I have included in case you would like to try it.

Slow or hesitant power and or flickering light could be attributed to one of the following:

**Motor and belt need to be adjusted** – This is a simple adjustment, but it does take two people to do it. Featherweights have a simple, but elegant, design which makes them relatively easy to maintain and perform minor repairs. If you think your featherweight motor needs adjustment follow these steps:

1. Loosen the motor mount screw (see picture below for location). There is only one and it can generally be loosened easily, just don't remove it unless you are planning to remove the motor. I recommend using a long flathead screw driver. Unfortunately, flat head screws strip easier than Phillips head and featherweights only have flathead screws installed throughout the machine. I purchased a long, coated flathead screw driver from the Singer Featherweight Shop (see picture below). I have also heard that similar screw drivers may be found at Harbor Freight and other places. It is called a "Safety Screwdriver" and often used by electricians. If you don't have a coated screwdriver, I would wrap whatever tool you are using so that if you slip when loosening the screw, you don't scratch the finish on your machine.
2. You can adjust the speed of the motor by shifting the motor position turning it toward you or tilting it away from you or moving down/up. Once you have the motor mount screw loosened, have a helper push the foot controller to operate the machine. Adjust the position of the motor slightly until the machine is running at peak. You can tell by the sound of the machine and pace of the needle bar motion when you have reached peak performance.
3. Retighten the motor mount screw.

**Machine Belt is Worn Out** – sometimes featherweight belts were replaced with vacuum cleaner belts. I purchased a couple of featherweights that had a neon green and pink belt which were also round. This was my indication that it was not correct for the machine. They also fit much too tightly. I have also seen belts that are flaking off or thin and worn in places. Incorrect belts may put too much drag on the motor pulley. A correctly fitted belt will have a small amount of slack and will fit firmly, but not so tight that it pulls on the motor pulley. Correct belts are "V" shaped belt and will appear slack until the machine is operating. It is really simple to replace the belt. I use the "Super Belt" which I have purchased from the Featherweight Shop and have been very pleased with how it operates. Once you have a new belt, follow these steps to replace your current belt. This video is also very helpful to walk you through changing the belt [How to Remove/Install a Featherweight Belt](#). (Continued on next page)



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## Featherweight Fanfare (continued)

1. Take the bobbin out and remove thread spool before changing the belt.
2. Be sure to take a good look at your motor pulley to determine if it is metal or plastic (which is actually Bakelite and it gets brittle with age making it more prone to breaking).
3. Unless you have a machine manufactured in Canada or the UK you probably don't have a Bakelite motor pulley. However, if you have a Bakelite pulley, which looks like plastic, then you will need to remove the pulley first by removing the small screw which is in the pulley and taking it off before removing the belt from the hand wheel.
4. Use the instructions above to loosen your motor mount.
5. Lift the motor up as high as it will go and slip the old belt off the back pulley and then off the hand wheel.
6. Place the new belt on the hand wheel first, ensuring that it seats fully and does not get caught on the lip. If your belt appears too short when you try to attach it to the motor pulley then it is probably not seated correctly on the hand wheel.
7. Now place the belt on the motor pulley by raising the motor up and placing the belt on the outside of the pulley. Slowly rotate the belt and slide it in from the pulley until it seats in the groove and runs smoothly when the hand wheel is rotated.
8. Use steps two and three above to adjust the motor.

### Terminal Receptacle Pins Are Loose

If the plug is loose when you plug it into your featherweight or falls off and/or you light flickers when you run your machine it may be because the receptacle pins need to be adjusted. This is a very simple fix.

1. Unplug your machine.
2. Take a small screw driver and place it in each pin carefully to widen the pin gap.
3. Adjust as necessary until the pins are making good connection with the plug.



### Foot Controller Needs Adjustment

The last cause of low power that I will touch on is that your foot controller needs to be adjusted because the resistors are not making good contact. This fix will require you to take the foot controller apart and to make adjustments within it. I have done this before, but it is challenging to get the foot controller back together correctly. So, if you are unsure about doing it, please take your machine to a technician. Also, do not dispose of an old foot controller! They can be rebuilt, but are getting rarer to find. I made that mistake early on, based on the recommendation of someone, and purchased a reproduction which I did not like. This is the link to the video on adjusting your foot controller at the Featherweight Schoolhouse if you would like to make this adjustment yourself [Foot Pedal-Controller Adjustment](#).

That's all for this month! Happy Quilting. Robbi Berg

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### Free to a Good Home!

I was just given a Dritz Quilting floor frame. If you would be interested in this frame (for free!), please let me know. LoisMarie Mayer

## Help Wanted—Quilt Guild Volunteer Positions

Both positions are excellent opportunities to get involved, to give back to the guild, to express your creative writing side, and to challenge your outreach skills.

**Please contact Jean Lasswell for more information.** She's happy to answer your questions and to teach you what you need to know to be successful in either position.

### Grant Writer

The guild will be writing two grants, this fall and next spring, for our 2022 quilt show. If you have experience in grant writing or are motivated to learn, the job could be yours. In the past, we have always had a team of two working together. We plan to continue this format, which allows for better content and editing.

### New Publicity Chair

If you have the time and skill to do this job, we would love to have you on board. Most of the time it is pretty simple, but we are gearing up for the fall 2022 quilt show. This is the perfect time for a new person to take over this job. Jean Lasswell has done this since the guild's beginning, and she is ready to pass the position to a newer brain with fresh ideas. Jean will be available to advise and assist as needed. We already have a member who has offered to do graphics for us, so the job is just announcements, signage, and creating and distributing information about our guild.



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## Block of the Month: Sunlight & Shadows

**This month's block is "Sunlight & Shadows."** You can check our e-mail blast from July 21<sup>st</sup> for pattern details, or use this website: [Sunlight & Shadows \(quilterscache.com\)](https://www.sunlightandshadowsquilterscache.com)

- Color 1: Sunflower yellow OR a red sunflower, your choice.
- Color 2: Black small print
- Color 3: Cream print or solid cream



If you have questions, please contact Deborah Bolton. (See WQG Directory for contact information.)

**To enter, e-mail Deborah by Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>,** with the number of blocks you completed. (Do NOT send a photo—it will go to her spam folder!) Deborah will reply when she gets the e-mail. **If you don't get a reply, it means she didn't get your e-mail;** and you need to follow up with her.

After the winner is drawn during the August 16<sup>th</sup> guild meeting, Deborah will email all entrants with details about who won, so blocks can be mailed directly to the winner.

Stitch on! .Deborah Bolton

Please submit articles to Sharon Kennedy. (WQGNews@gmail.com, or see WQG Directory for contact information.)  
Articles are due by the Friday after the first Monday of the month. (AKA the Friday after the Board meeting.)



## Happy Birthday to You!

### August Birthdays

Claire Gottschalk.....Aug 2  
Diane Pettibone .....Aug 4  
Kathy Eriksen .....Aug 7  
Susan Vosburg .....Aug 7  
Mary Laase .....Aug 8  
Jennifer Ann Portune.....Aug 14  
Carol Hattan.....Aug 11  
Flo Christiansen .....Aug 18  
Sue Hauser.....Aug 26  
Chris Torgeson .....Aug 29

### September Birthdays

Kathryn Braeme-Burr ..... Sep 2  
Martha Long..... Sep 3  
Jana Patterson ..... Sep 4  
Marianne Greenley ..... Sep 5  
Marta Lansing ..... Sep 5  
Ann Laffin ..... Sep 7  
Laurie Hopper ..... Sep 12  
Donna Fairchild ..... Sep 15  
Connie Gaebel ..... Sep 24

### Our birthday lists are shorter!

Is your August or September birthday missing? There could be two reasons:

- ◆ You did not include your birthday on your membership form, and/or
- ◆ You have not renewed your membership for the new fiscal year (which began in July)

Fortunately, both of these reasons are easily corrected!

*To renew your membership, see page 4.*

*To update your membership form, send an e-mail to [WQGMemb@gmail.com](mailto:WQGMemb@gmail.com)*

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## August Meeting Show-N-Tell

### Please submit your photos by Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

Jane Hogue puts together a slide show. Please send her 1-3 pictures (front, back, label and/or close-up) of each quilt that you would like to talk about. You may also include details like quilt size, pattern name, pattern designer or inspiration, fabric information, etc. She will incorporate that into your slide. You will talk about your piece, just as we do when we meet in person.

Is it a charity quilt? Let Jane know, so she can note it on the slide.

**Send your pictures to Jane by the Friday before the meeting.** (See the WQG Directory for contact information, or send an e-mail to [VPProg@gmail.com](mailto:VPProg@gmail.com))



## WQG Calendar of Events

Mon, Aug 2	WQG Monthly Board Meeting, 11:00 AM @ Sue Nichols' house (note change of venue)
Mon, Aug 9	TArts (Art Quilt Group), 11:15 AM at Aloha Sew & Vac
Mon, Aug 16	WQG Monthly General Meeting, 6:30 PM on Zoom
Sat, Aug 14	Sewing Saturday (See details on page 5), 9 AM—6 PM
Wed, Aug 25	No Machines Required, 3—5 PM @ North Plains Senior Center
Wed, Sep 1	<b>Last day to renew membership dues and be included in the <i>printed</i> directory. (Renewals after this date will be online only.)</b>
Wed, Sep 1	WQG Board Meeting and Retreat, 10 AM—4 PM @ Sherry Smith's house (note change of date and venue)
Fri—Sun Sept 10—12	Sewing Weekend (See details on page 5), 9 AM—6 PM
Mon, Sep 13	TArts (Art Quilt Group), 11:15 AM at Aloha Sew & Vac
Sat, Sep 18	Mystery Quilt Workshop with Joyce Gieszler ( <a href="#">See details on website</a> )
Mon, Sep 20	WQG Monthly General Meeting, 6:30 PM on Zoom
Wed, Sep 22	No Machines Required, 3—5 PM @ North Plains Senior Center
Sat, Sep 25	Featherweight Maintenance Class with Robbi Berg ( <a href="#">See details on website</a> )
Sat, Sep 25	Snack Bag Zipper Bags Class with Linda O'Brien ( <a href="#">See details on website</a> )
Fri—Sun, Oct 15—17	Fall Retreat @ Cannon Beach. (See details on page 14)

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### Calendar: Repeating Events—All Are Welcome!

**Challenge yourself to try one of our interest groups. Make new friends while you have fun!**

- ◆ WQG Board meetings: 1st Monday @ 1 PM (see calendar for venue)
- ◆ TArts (Art Quilt Group) meetings: 2nd Monday, 11:15 AM @ Aloha Sew & Vac
- ◆ Sewing Saturdays and Sewing Weekends: 2nd weekend, North Plains Senior Center
- ◆ WQG membership meetings: 3rd Monday @ 6:30 on Zoom (link sent through e-mail)
- ◆ No Machines Required gatherings: 4th Wednesday @ 3—5 PM, North Plains Senior Center

## Member Survey Says...

This month's survey is brought to you by our members whose first names begin with M—S.

This month's question: **What favorite quilt shops have you discovered while traveling, and what makes them special? How did you find them?**

**Margaret McConnell:** Finally Together Quilt Shop in Lebanon, OR. Very large and nicely arranged, lots of natural light. They always have a large selection of R/W/B patriotic fabrics. Found them several years ago while visiting family in the area. Last two OG retreats, I made the extra trip. ([www.finallytogetherquilt.com](http://www.finallytogetherquilt.com))

**Marianne Greenley:** I have recently discovered Sister's Quilt Shop in Chehalis, Washington. It is about an hour and half drive from Portland - and a nice half way stop on the way to Seattle. The shop has a beautiful collection of fabrics including Kaffe Fassett and Tula Pink, plus lots of batik. The staff has always been friendly and helpful. (<https://www.sistersquiltshop.com/>)

**Another fabric store?  
Looks like someone set the GPS to "quilt shop" mode!**

**Patty Weightman:** My three absolute favorite quilt shops:

- "Friends & Company" in Cody Wyoming. When we were vending at shows, we traveled a lot; and Cody was easily our favorite. I met her at quilt market, and she carried my patterns and notions. Then at our first show in Cody, I found her shop. This store is amazing—so much to see. So many nooks and crannies overflowing with everything quilting and sewing related. She has so much stuff you never knew you needed! Different "themed" rooms of fabrics seem to go on and on. I can spend all day and too much money there! (<https://friendsandco.net/>)
- My second favorite you may consider local, but we are not from here, so... "Cool Cottons" in downtown Portland! It is a smaller shop, but the owner is so kind. Modern fabrics is not something I am drawn to, but hers are outstanding. I have NEVER left her store empty handed. (<https://www.coolcottons.biz/>)
- 3rd..."Material Magic" in Scappoose (formerly known as Fiber & Stitches). She carries a lot of Halloween, which is one of my favorites! Jamie, the owner, is a real character! She is one of the nicest people I have EVER met. She will do anything she can for you. She does a "live" sale on Tuesday afternoons that I have my timer set for so I don't miss it! She is currently having her anniversary sale the entire month of August. Headed there Saturday! (<https://www.coolcottons.biz/>)

**Martha Long:** One of my favorites is Stash in Walla Walla WA, went there when visiting family. The people working there were very helpful and welcoming as well, and knowledgeable, too. (<https://www.myfabricstash.com/>)

**Renee Friburg:** Easy question! Hancock's of Paducah in Kentucky. It was fantastic. There's a great men's lounge out front and they lured me in with beautiful sale fabrics right up front. After that is row after row of everything you'd ever want to see. It's a bit overwhelming. Go with a plan. After all that and one full cart, I asked where the restroom was. The friendly person pointed about a mile away and said "look for the 2 white doors" and I did find them. Entering the 2 white doors, I was in another room just as big as the one I had just been in full of precuts and kits. What was the question? Oh yes! My favorite quilt shop on the road! Hancock's of Paducah. (<https://www.hancocks-paducah.com/>)

**Marta Lansing:** The Fabric Patch in Ephrata, Washington. It has an amazing selection. It reminds me a bit of Country Manor - shelves overflowing and bolts stacked in the hallways. And they have discounted prices. And they do mail order. One of those places that you could spend a few hours browsing around. I found it when visiting my cousin and aunt who live in Ephrata. (<https://www.fabricpatch.net/>)

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## Member Survey Says... (Continued)

**Mona Woo:** As I travel about, whether locally or out of state, I visit these quilt shops. Hope you get a chance to visit them!

- Boersma's Sewing in McMinnville, OR. A big shop that carries a great selection of solids, prints, brand name designer fabrics and quilt books. Popular selection of sewing machines and long arm machines. Downstairs are sale fabrics, notions, etc., where I sometimes splurge a bit! Who doesn't love a good deal! (<https://www.boersmas.com/>)
- Center Diamond in Cannon Beach, OR. When visiting the coast, always pop into this shop. Great selection of fabrics, local logo, fabrics of coastal images. Always find FQ's or yard-age. Next door is a wonderful gallery of glass works that I also pop in for a great find. (<https://www.centerdiamond.com/>)
- Pioneer Quilts in Milwaukie, OR. This shop has a lot of my go to stuff: Kaffe, Japanese taupe, solids, just a bit of everything. I sometimes get my threads and quilt patterns from here. (<https://www.pioneerquiltshop.com/>)
- Golden State Quilting in Campbell, CA. Great small shop with a lot of Kaffe and batiks. They cram a lot of fabrics in the space. (<https://www.gsquilting.com/>)
- Gossypium Quilt in Issaquah, WA. They have great name brand designer fabrics. I love their linen fabrics. They also have fabrics on clearance which are super finds. (<https://www.gossypiumquilt.com/>)

**Patti Dobbs:** The Purple Frog in Jefferson I found by accident. It isn't far off I-5, but it seems like there wouldn't be enough quilters around to keep it going. It's a nice shop with quite a bit to offer for a variety of fabric styles. The last time I was there, they had even added a sales room for discounted fabric, books, patterns, and scrap bags. <http://www.purplefrogquiltshop.com/>

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## Quilty Tips & Tricks—Arranging Your Quilting Workspace

Recently I acquired a new custom sewing table. That led me to thinking about how arranging the pieces of your workspace can make a difference in ease of use. It may also make a difference in how much time you want to spend in your sewing room! I'm fortunate to have a large, sunny space to arrange, but there are some basic things to consider, even in a small space.

One way to think about it is as a triangle. This is analogous to basic kitchen space arrangements: sink, stove, fridge. Those are the places you want nearby. The same principle can be used for the arrangement of quilting/sewing spaces: sewing, ironing, cutting. While it's good to get up and move about, you probably don't want to walk too far to access those areas. Additionally, think about an arrangement where you are not facing a blank wall when sewing – it can feel isolating or closed in. If you do have that configuration, consider adding a mirror in front of you to reflect the light.

Lighting is important, especially as we get older. Having natural light is a bonus, but if you don't have large windows and you are in a bedroom space, consider replacing the ceiling light with an LED natural temperature light fixture. My husband and I did that in my space, and it makes a significant difference! A task light is also helpful, again with that LED bulb giving the sunlight spectrum, since you want to see the actual fabric colors you're working with.

Julie Mason



## New Website: <https://www.WestsideQuiltGuild.com>

Thank you to everyone that has taken advantage of our new WQG website:

<https://www.westsidequiltersguild.com>.

Many of you have used the online feature for Membership Renewal and also to sign up and payment for upcoming Retreats and Workshops.

We have many wonderful options for you to explore: calendar of activities, online membership directory, Quilt Barn Trail, view/print options for newsletters, block of the month, reviewing meeting minutes, and even viewing those wonderful show-n-tell slide shows that Jane Hogue presents at our ZOOM meetings.... Plus a whole lot more!!

Please do not be afraid to try the site out. Please contact me, and I can walk you through any troubles that you might have. JudyQ at [wqjudya@gmail.com](mailto:wqjudya@gmail.com)



## History Mystery, Chapter Four

*Notes from the talk Jean Laswell provided during our meeting last month...*

Why do we have a strong North Plains connection? There are many good reasons:

- ◇ Two of our first officers were from the area: Roni Andrews, our secretary, was from North Plains, and Julie Mason, our treasurer, is from Banks. Our board chose both our bank and post office addresses to make them easier for them to access. (*Did you know that all post office boxes are not created equal? We save about \$100 a year by having our PO box with the mailing address in North Plains instead of Hillsboro.*)
- ◇ Roni Andrews' husband, Jim, was a member of the Glencoe chapter of Knights of Pythias in North Plains. The Pythians run the beer garden at the North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival. Jim talked them into hiring us as alcohol monitors, required by the state, both to help the Pythians, and to help us out financially.
- ◇ After working our first festival, we were able to buy pipe and drape for our quilt shows and exhibits. That relationship has continued, and every year of the festival, our guild earns about \$1000 for two days of staffing the garden. If you haven't done it, it is fun and has live music.
- ◇ The Pythians allow us to sell our guild raffle quilt tickets while at the festival. We have even participated in the Garlic Festival Parade. Our float theme was, "These Honeys Can Quilt!"
- ◇ In addition, the Pythians allowed us to hold events and workshops in the Pythian Hall. We continued this until the connection was made at the North Plains Senior Center, where we have met most recently. The switch gave us easier stairs and air conditioning!
- ◇ We occasionally hold events at Jessie Mays Community Center, in the same location as the Garlic Festival. It has a large open space on one level, but no air conditioning. If you are in the area, stop by to see one of our Quilt Barn Trail Blocks on the building. It is our only block with a dedication plaque and is attributed to Roni and Jim Andrews, for their volunteer work with North Plains and Westside Quilters Guild.
- ◇ We have also made and donated a small quilt commemorating North Plains' centennial year.
- ◇ In the past, we have provided our member's quilts on a rotating basis to display in the North Plains library. The library frequently asks for one of our charity quilts to raffle, a small price to pay to continue maintaining our relationship with our neighboring town.

Jean Laswell

## Keeping Up With the WQG...

Did you know that the Westside Quilters Guild is active on multiple social media platforms?

- ◇ Blog: <http://www.westsidequilters.org/>
- ◇ Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/hillsboroquilts>
- ◇ Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/westsidequiltersguild/>
- ◇ E-Mail: [WQGPres28@gmail.com](mailto:WQGPres28@gmail.com)
- ◇ And just in case you need our mailing address:

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## Two Rewards Programs that Support our Guild

We have two rewards programs that you can use to help earn money for guild projects: Amazon Smile and Fred Meyer Rewards. Please consider participating in these.

This last quarter, we received \$67 and some change from Fred Meyer Donations. We are signed up with Fred Meyers Reward Program and Amazon Smiles. It all adds up, and we should be doing this especially now that we are losing out on some income while we cannot meet together at our regular general meetings. Your family and friends can also specify that their donations go to Westside Quilters Guild, if they aren't already donating through either of the organizations. Let's not let those dollars go to waste!

We are also getting signed up with Bottle Drop Give. (Thanks to Heather Perez for bringing this to my attention!) Your bottle deposits can go to the guild, once we're on board; so if this is something you'd like to participate in, you can start saving your bottles and cans. All or a percentage of your deposits can be donated. More information to follow...

Below is what you need to get set up with Amazon Smile and Fred Meyer Rewards.

- \* **Amazon.com:** If you shop at Amazon.com, you can choose Westside Quilters Guild as your charity, and as you shop, the guild gets a little bit, too.

Here is the link: [AmazonSmile: You shop. Amazon gives.](#)

Once you're signed up, you just shop as you normally would. **Make sure your web address bar reads "smile.amazon.com,"** and your purchases will count toward our quarterly earnings.

- \* **Fred Meyer Rewards:** Register your Fred Meyer Rewards card and choose Westside Quilters Guild as your Charity of Choice. That's all there is to it! You still get your Rewards and gas discounts, and the guild gets a little in our coffers.

Here's the link to sign up: [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards)



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