

Seams Like News!



Our monthly meeting on Zoom:
Mon, September 20, 2021 @ 6:30 PM
Watch your e-mail for details.

September 2021 Issue:

A Note From our President...

Happy September everyone! This past month I've done some traveling to see family and had family come to me. Such joy in this family time - I hope you also have found the same joy.

Recently, I met with the WQG board in a mini board retreat. We talked about our goals and hopes for the guild in the next year. One of our big goals is to welcome new members in a more purposeful way. We discussed many ideas we plan to see implemented soon. We are asking for help from our membership. We are hoping to gather volunteers who will become our own "Welcome Wagon". You will see more details in this newsletter on how you can help..

Thank you to all who renewed your membership. We currently have 165 members!

Happy Fall sewing to all!

Marianne Greenley, WQG President



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Meet & Greet

Are you missing seeing your fellow guild members?
The WQG board would like to invite the membership to gather for a casual in-person meet and greet on **Wednesday, September 22 at 10:30am.**
Find us at one of the pavilions at **Rood Bridge Park.**
We will provide coffee and snacks.

WQG Ambassador Program

That's what we're calling our new welcome program. It will include a membership package, orientation program, and check-ins to ensure our new members are fitting in. Want to volunteer to be part of that team? Contact Chase Lawrence (WQGMemb@gmail.com).

Details to follow, so stay tuned...

September Program: Kim Jamieson-Hirst

Kim Jamieson-Hirst of Chatterbox Quilts, zoom to us from Alberta, Canada. She will speak about **"How to Conquer Your Fear of Free Motion Quilting"**. What are most quilters afraid of? Free motion quilting! In this presentation, Kim addresses the reasons behind this fear and how to overcome them and actually enjoy free motion quilting.

Kim is a teacher and creator of several quilting courses, such as First Steps into Free Motion Quilting, and Stitch Composer Basics. Kim shares her quilting knowledge through her YouTube channel, Chatterbox Quilts' Facebook group, and her private online membership, The Quilter's Way, where the focus is on free motion quilting. Kim's patterns and articles have been featured in various quilting magazines, and she has been a guest on several quilting podcasts. Her YouTube videos have been viewed by thousands of quilters who appreciate her upbeat personality and easy to understand tutorials.

Kim believes that quilting is more than stitching an accurate ¼" seam, that chocolate is an essential quilting tool, and that "practice makes improvement."

Connect with Kim at:

Chatterbox Quilts: <http://www.chatterboxquilts.com>

The Quilter's Way: <http://thequiltersway.mpgs>

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/chatterboxquilter>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/chatterboxquilts>

Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/chatterboxquilts/>

Pinterest: <http://www.pinterest.ca/cbquilts/>



A Note From "Ways & Means"

Our 2022 Raffle Quilt is soon to be unveiled for our 2022 Quilt Show "A Quilted Paradise." The Quilt has been pieced, quilted, bound and will soon be labeled; and it is now in the stages of photography and having raffle tickets printed.

We would like to start ticket sales as soon as possible. If you have ideas about locations for showing and selling tickets please advise either JudyQ or Sue.

We'd also love to have anyone interested in being involved with us in our Quilt Raffle to please let us know... Our [website has designated a page](#) to the history, with visuals and storyline of this beautiful quilt. Pop on and read for yourself.

Are you a little OCD?... Feeling like being sorta a Sherlock Holmes? If so, we could use some help sorting through our treasure trove of donations that we have under lock and key in storage. Sorting fabrics, wonderful items that we quilters would love to make use of, and, in the process, make them available for use in appropriate areas for charity quilts and fundraising.

Please contact JudyQ Block or Sue Nichols to join in the fun. (WQGWMean@gmail.com)



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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), 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.

Membership Renewals

Thank you to everyone for getting your membership status updated. As we prepare for the printing of the directory, I am asking that every member visit the online directory (you will need a username and password) and make sure I have all your information correct. If there are any errors, corrections, or additions then please email me wqgmemb@gmail.com.

Chase Lawrence
Membership Chair

Give a lady a quilt and she has
a cherished, priceless gift.



Teach a lady to quilt and she
will buy fabric, a sewing machine,
needles, thread, seam rippers,
bobbins, quilting rulers, pins, pin cushions,
cutting mats, rotary cutters, batting, patterns,
and more fabric!

I rescue
fabric
I'M KIND OF A
HERO

**My sewing machine
is smarter than
your honor
student.**



Education Corner: Quilters' SOS

Quilters' S.O.S.: Save Our Stories

This month's Education Corner comes from a recommendation by Sharon Kennedy:

Quoted from The Quilt Alliance website:

“Quilters' S.O.S. – Save Our Stories (QSOS) is the largest oral history collection about quiltmakers in the world. Our archive for the original audio recordings and photographs is the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

The project was co-founded in 1999 by a dedicated group of Quilt Alliance board members and volunteers who identified an extraordinary gap in the quilt world: no one had ever created an oral-history project to capture the history, craft tradition, and personal experiences of America's quiltmakers. They envisioned QSOS as a grassroots effort and designed the interview process in ways that would make it accessible to interviewers and quiltmakers at all skill levels and backgrounds, allowing them to explore the central question: “if this quilt could talk,” what would it say? Now, almost twenty years later, the collection includes over 1,200 recorded interviews with quiltmakers from novices to professionals.”

The website, at [Quilters' S.O.S. – Save Our Stories | Quilt Alliance](https://www.quiltalliance.org/quilters-sos) also has links to sample recordings and the podcast *Running Stitch*, hosted by Janneken Smucker, Professor of History at West Chester University. Be sure and check out this interesting collection of quilt stories!

Susan Greathouse



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:

October 9

December 11

Sewing Weekends:

September 10—12

November 12—14

Fall Retreat—Cannon Beach, October 15—17

Registration is now CLOSED for the fall retreat.

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.

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 after the September 10th.

Should you have additional questions, please email Carol Sayles at wqgprog@gmail.com.



There are NO rules in quilting!

If you think there are, then it's time you tried breaking a few!

Featherweight Fanfaire:

What's in a Light Bulb?

Ever since I received a third degree burn on my hand by grabbing my first featherweight to put it away, light bulbs have been of interest to me! Needless to say, the original bulb on the Featherweight may have historical and collectible value, but it gets very hot. So, I have replaced all of the bulbs in my Featherweights with LED bulbs, which give better light and will not burn me if I grab the machine around the harp to put it away. I have saved the original bulbs and could put them back in if I needed; but they are safer sitting in my drawer than on my machine.

So, what do you need to know about replacing your light bulb on your Featherweight? Select the correct bulb, so that it fits in your socket. The bulb you select needs to fit in the socket and must be able to be turned to lock it in place. Some LED replacement bulbs have a flange at the bottom that may prevent you from pushing in and turning the bulb to lock it in place.

This is particularly problematic on the white or mint green machines. You also need to decide if you want warm white or bright white bulb. This is a matter of personal preference and you may be influenced by the types of lighting you choose for your home. I prefer the bright white LED bulb.

Lastly, you need to select the correct voltage for the bulb, which is 110V in North America and 220V for the rest of the world. This is the bulb I purchase from the Featherweight Shop, but other places also carry the LED bulbs.



If you have never replaced your bulb in your Featherweight, you may find that removing the original one is challenging. This is due, in part, to the age and time the bulb has been in the housing and the size of the bulb, which makes it challenging to grip and turn it to remove it. The following step-by-step should help you replace the bulb.

Step 1

Turn off the switch and unplug your machine. On a side note, the switch only controls the light. You can still operate your machine by simply plugging it in. So, it is really important to always unplug the machine before performing any type of maintenance on it.

Step 2

Lay the machine on the hand wheel so you can see the light bulb socket better. It is always a good idea to place a soft towel down to protect the machine from scratches when working on it. A three-inch section of rubber tubing will make the process of removing the old light bulb much easier because it will help you grip and remove it easier. You can find rubber tubing at most hardware stores. Once you have your tubing, use a an X-ACTO knife or box cutter to cut slits in one end $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " long. If you would prefer to get the tubing already prepared, the Featherweight Shop has this tool for purchase:

Step 3

Place the rubber tubing on your thumb with the slits toward the bulb and push it onto the old bulb. Turn the tubing and bulb away from you or counter-clockwise a quarter turn and the bulb should come out. You may need to gently push on the tubing as you turn the bulb to ensure that it releases. You can store your original bulb in a small cardboard tube or old toilet paper roll wrapped in spare fabric or a paper towel.



Featherweight Fanfaire (continued)

Step 4

Remove the new bulb from packaging and place it in the socket. You may be able to turn it a quarter turn toward you or clock-wise without the aid of the tubing since it will be smaller in diameter than the old bulb. But if not, use the rubber tubing to grip the new bulb and turn it toward you until it locks in place.

Enjoy your machine and the new lighting!

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

Wanted: Quilters Newsletter, July/Aug 2007

Carol Sayles is looking for the July/Aug 2007 Quilters Newsletter magazine. I would like to borrow it and will return it to you. You can find Carol's contact information in the directory (printed or on-line), or send an e-mail to WQGNews@gmail.com.

Quilter's Fabric Garage Sale: Oct

HUGE FABRIC SALE!!! Over 100 bolts of cotton fabric & over 50 bins, bolts of quilts fusible for watercolor quilts and applique! Flannels, theme fabrics, blenders, farm, Christmas, Asian, 30's reproduction, and much, much, more. Plenty of scraps and vendor samples. Almost all at \$3 per pound. Cash only, masks required.

Friday Oct. 8 & Saturday Oct. 9, 9:00 to 3:00. For more info, please contact Patty Dobbs.

Workshop: Christmas Tree Skirt/Table Topper

We are now LIVE on our website for registration for JudyQ's Christmas Celebration Tree Skirt/Table Topper Workshop which is a two-session workshop (**Oct 30 & Dec 4th**). JudyQ will be available at the October 9th Sewing Saturday (from 9-6pm) to hand out the patterns and do a refresher on paper piecing, plus assist with registered students with color planning for fabrics and early prep needs if they wish. This class has a maximum of 10 students that will receive a FREE Quiltworx pattern (value \$39.50)



To register and then complete workshop fee, go to <https://westsidequiltersguild.com/workshop-registration/>. scroll down to this Workshop offering and click the button to JudyQ's Sign Up Form. Our Registrar, Carol Sayles will confirm by email with a PAY NOW link.

PS You may notice a slightly different PAY NOW appearance as we have changed banking institutions. NOTE: When you click the link from Carol for the PAY NOW button.. it may take 3-5 seconds on your computer screen.

Let's have a Quilty Holiday Season. Register Now!

Workshops—Mystery Quilt, Featherweights & Snack Bags

Register online: <https://westsidequiltersguild.com/workshop-registration/>

2021 WQG Mystery Quilt Workshop with Joyce Gieszler

You asked for her- and she's coming! Since WQG member Joyce Gieszler moved, she has been greatly missed. We loved her annual mystery quilt. She's visiting from her new home in Yakama to do one last mystery workshop for us. As always, Joyce does this as a fundraiser for our guild- donating all of the teacher fees right back to the guild to help fund our wonderful programs. For the fee of \$25, we hope to see you at the workshop. If you can't make it in person, you can still receive the pattern for the same cost. Please select "attend workshop (pattern included)" or "Pattern only"- same price.



Saturday, September 18, 2021
North Plains Senior Center, 9-4
\$25 for class with pattern OR pattern only

Questions about fabric selection or cutting? Joyce is happy to hear from you! Joyce Gieszler's email address is quilterchick@comcast.net

Featherweight Maintenance with Robbie Berg

Join us on Sat, Sep 25, 9 AM—4 PM with an hour for lunch. Cost is \$45.

Would you like to learn how to refurbish your featherweight case so it shines and looks almost new? Do you want to be able to identify the parts on your featherweight so you can explain issues to your technician effectively? How about learning how to perform basic and advanced maintenance on your featherweight? All of these topics will be covered in this six-hour workshop. This class is designed to teach basic maintenance and includes instructions for expanded maintenance, if desired. Join Robbie Berg, from Phoenix Rising Creative Design, for a day full of information about refurbishing and maintaining your featherweight. Many tips and tricks are shared as you learn how to keep these magnificent machines in top working order.



Snack Bags with Linda O'Brien

Join us on Sat, Sep 25, 10:30—4 PM with an hour for lunch. Cost is \$30.

Fans of Linda's popular bag classes are gonna love this one! Linda is back with the coolest, most fun project ever! Leave it to Linda to turn the empty bags from chips, cookies, and candy into little zipper bags. She teaches how to use iron-on clear vinyl and turn those bags into quilted "fabric"! Then she helps you lose your fear of inserting zippers and you'll go home with a "one of a kind" zip bag. These are fun to own- and they make wonderful gifts. And just like potato chips- you can't make just one!

If the class is popular (we know it will be), Linda is willing to schedule additional classes.



Help Wanted—Quilt Guild Volunteer Position

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.



This position is an excellent opportunity 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 this position.

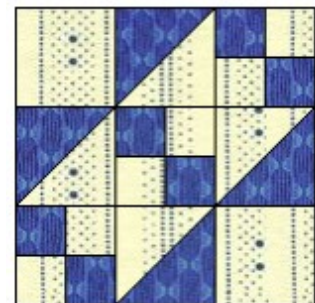
Grant Writer—Update—Position Filled

Thank you, Susan Greathouse, for volunteering for this position!

Block of the Month: Brocken Dishes

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

- Color 1: Red medium print
- Color 2: Solid white



If you have questions, please contact Deborah Bolton. (See WQG Directory for contact information or send an e-mail to WQGEduc@gmail.com)

To enter, e-mail Deborah by Friday, September 17th, 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 September 20th 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!

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
Penni Eagan	Sep 15
Jessica Cutright	Sep 20
Connie Gaebel	Sep 24
Marlene Thomas	Sep 26

October Birthdays

Lauri Nichols	Oct 5
Carrie Townsend	Oct 6
Jeri Adams	Oct 6
Mary Van Loo	Oct 7
Cheryl Kraft	Oct 10
Jayne Gallagher	Oct 10
Marilyn Alexander	Oct 13
Carole Richardson	Oct 15
Renee Friberg	Oct 15
Ginny Rice	Oct 21
Linda Coulter	Oct 23
Barbara Lane	Oct 25
Clara Mashek	Oct 26
Vickie Musgrove	Oct 26
Dixie King	Oct 27
LoisMarie Mayer	Oct 27
Deborah Bolton	Oct 30



September Meeting Show-N-Tell

Please submit your photos by Friday, September 17th

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 WQGEduc@gmail.com)



WQG Calendar of Events

Wed, Sep 1	Last day to renew membership dues and be included in the <i>printed</i> directory. (Renewals after this date will be online only.)
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 (See details on page 8)
Mon, Sep 20	WQG Monthly General Meeting, 6:30 PM on Zoom
Wed, Sep 22	Meet & Greet @ Rood Bridge Park, 10:30 AM
Wed, Sep 22	No Machines Required, 3—5 PM @ North Plains Senior Center
Sat, Sep 25	Featherweight Maintenance Class with Robbie Berg (See details on page 8)
Sat, Sep 25	Snack Bag Zipper Bags Class with Linda O'Brien (See details on page 8)
Mon, Oct 4	WQG Board Meeting, 1 PM @ Sue Nichols' house
Sat, Oct 9	Sewing Saturday (See details on page 5), 9 AM—6 PM
Mon, Oct 11	TArts (The Art Quilt Group), 11:15 AM at Aloha Sew & Vac
Mon, Oct 18	WQG Monthly General Meeting, 6:30 PM on Zoom
Fri—Sun, Oct 15—17	Fall Retreat @ Cannon Beach. (See details on page 5)
Wed, Oct 27	No Machines Required, 3—5 PM @ North Plains Senior Center
Sat, Oct 30, Dec 4	Christmas Celebration Tree Skirt/Table Topper Workshop @ North Plains Senior Center (See details on page 7)

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 member survey is brought to you by our members whose T – Z, plus our board members and a few extras.

This month's survey question is: **What holiday gifts are you planning to make?**

Teresa Scollard: Yikes! Winter holidays? I'm still trying to figure out my Halloween wall hangings and bench pillow projects! Guess I better get thinking!

Tricia Russell: I cannot believe Christmas is right around the corner. I just upgraded my Bernina and got the embroidery module. I hope to experiment with some small tea towel projects that could make some simple gifts. I also have a stack of batting that I hope to turn into soup bowl cozies. I keep seeing cards made with little scrappy blocks and I want to try making a few of those too. So that's about as ambitious as I'm going to get. Can't wait to see what others come up with!

Robbie Berg: I'll be finishing a quilt for my daughter for her bed, some wall hangings for friends, and some table runners.

Joyce Greenfield: I have two quilts "in the works" - one a king size (wedding gift) and one a queen size (holiday gift) that I hope to have completed for the holidays. Time will tell! I also usually knit winter items for friends and family, so there are probably handknit scarves, hats and mittens on my to-do list as well.

Sue Hauser: I'm going to take Linda O'Brien's class to learn how to make zippered bags out of snack food bags like pretzels and cookies. Then I'm going to make one for everyone in my family out of bags from their favorite snacks and put them in their Christmas stockings. I'm also making advent calendars for my grandkids and a few table runners

Syrena Glade: I might paint some bookmarks. I haven't been very creative these last couple years.

Cheryl Kraft: Well, my mind is constantly running thru so many ideas, But the questions you want an answer for is what do I REALLY PLAN on actually getting done??... I will be making: 2-5 Christmas stockings, a Christmas tree skirt to be done before Christmas, but it is a Christmas present. (going to Chase to quilt to save time); one, maybe 2 table runners planned, and one is started; a child's robe is ready to cut out. microwave bowls for my 87 year old mother who cooks exclusively by microwave; I have a quilt planned for my son-in-law, and the quilting to be completed for my 18mo grandchild's quilt; and, if I'm honest, I would like to also get a baby boy quilt done for the new baby brother arriving around Turkey Day. That's all I am committing to at this point.



(Editor's comment: Think she typed that last sentence with a straight face?)

JudyQ Block: I am making a 100x100" Judy Niemeyer Dahlia Quilt for my family in Christmas Colors that will hang in our home during Holiday time. I am also making a Judy Niemeyer Christmas Celebrations 60" diameter tree skirt for our tree. For neighbor and friend gifts, I am making Quilted Snack Bag's that I will be learning in Linda O'Brien's Workshop.

Susan Greathouse: I am going smaller this holiday season with mug rugs, table runners and pillows. Just got several gnome themed patterns for these and plan to make them for all my "gnomies"!

Sharon Kennedy: Remember Shrinky-Dinks? I revived them last year with rotary cutter ornaments that I made for my two sisters that quilt. They are about 3" square, so perfect for hanging on a tree. Had a great time making them! I think I'll do some quilt blocks this year. Those could be really cute, and there is an endless variety to choose from!



Christina Todd: I hope to make a hexagonal tree skirt for my youngest daughter! I've been collecting fabrics for a few years, it will be hard to limit the fabrics I use for it!

Tech Tips—Play Your Quilting Videos on Your TV

Do you watch quilting or other how-to videos on YouTube and other streaming services on your phone or iPad? Ever wish you were watching on a bigger screen? If you have a "Smart TV" then you're in luck! You can watch those great demo videos, videos from the International Quilt Museum, or whatever floats your quilt. There are several different ways to do this, so read on:

Smart TVs today let you transmit videos from your laptop, smartphone or tablet. The setup depends on the kind of TV you have; just make sure the device that has the video you want to cast is connected to the same Wi-Fi network as your Smart TV. Using Facebook Watch TV as an example:

1. **Open the Facebook app** on your mobile device or computer and find the video you want to watch.
2. **Tap the video** to expand it to full screen mode.
3. **Look for a small icon** in the top right corner of your screen to tap or click. It looks like a TV screen with a Wi-Fi logo in the lower left corner.
4. **Select the TV** where you would like the video to play.



That's it. You should see the video starting to play on your TV screen.

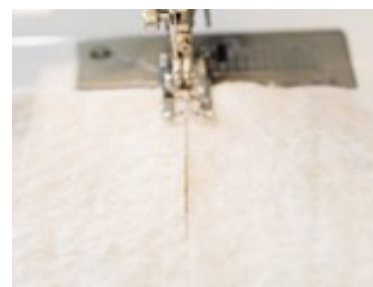
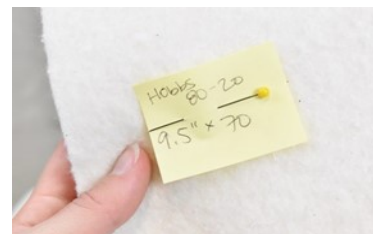
Depending on your TV, this technology may be called DLNA or Miracast. Or your TV might have a streaming player connected to it, like Apple TV, Chromecast or Roku. Apple's version is called AirPlay.

The process should be similar for all: Choose a video on your mobile device and then tap the **Share icon** and select the appropriate option for it to appear on your TV.

Quilty Tips & Tricks—Using Your Batting Scraps

Use up similar pieces of leftover batting by piecing them together. It works for scrappy quilts and pieced backs, and it will work for batting, too.

- * Use the same kind of batting. For example, if you have a favorite batting, you'll probably have scraps of it, but don't use polyester and a heavy cotton and a wool batting pieced together.
- * Square your pieces so that there are nice straight edges to work with.
- * It's helpful to measure and label them for sizes with a safety pin and a sticky note as you store them up to use.
- * Use a wide zig-zag stitch on your machine, and stretch out the stitch length, too. Butt the edges together and stitch away, being careful not to stretch the batting.
- * An option is to purchase the adhesive tape that will fuse the pieces together. This is best with cotton batting, but I have used it with micro-fiber polyester and that also worked.
- * Use a pressing cloth over it.
would not try it with "fluffy" polyester. Cotton/poly blends will also work well using this method.



Julie Mason

Keeping Up With the WQG...

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

- ◇ Blog: <https://www.WestsideQuiltersGuild.com/>
- ◇ Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/hillsboroquilts>
- ◇ Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/westsidequiltersguild/>
- ◇ E-Mail: WQGPres28@gmail.com
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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



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