# Seams Like News!



Our monthly meeting on Zoom: Thurs, April 14, 2022, 6:30 PM @ <u>Aloha Faith Center</u>

#### April 2022 Issue:

## A Note From our President...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Westside Quilters Guild!! We are celebrating 15 years since our first meeting on April 9, 2007. Led by President Jean Laswell and Vice President Paula DiNovo, the first meeting was held at Cornell Estates with 12 people in attendance. The origins of the guild began earlier that year with a conversation at Sharon's Attic between Steve Rice and Amelia Endorf. It is



AMAZING what those charter members began. We currently have 187 members!!! (We were over 200 members before COVID hit. I hope we'll see that number again soon.)

At our first in-person meeting in over two years, we will be celebrating this milestone birthday. For this meeting, we want to *CELEBRATE* coming together. Please bring ONE project that represents your COVID life AND bring a small quilting tool. We want to take a photograph of all of us holding a quilting tool. I know I'm not alone in my excitement for this meeting - I look forward to seeing everyone and celebrating!.

Happy sewing everyone! Marianne

#### Join Us in Person to Celebrate Our 15th Birthday! Note new meeting day and location.

WQG General Meeting—beginning this month, we meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

- Day: April 14th (2nd Thursday)
- Time: 6:30 PM
- Location: Aloha Faith Center
  <u>20227 SW Tualatin Valley Hwy #2302, Aloha, OR 97003</u>

This will be a "hybrid" meeting, with an option to watch on Zoom. Check your inbox for the link. Masks are optional, but recommended Visitors are welcome.

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## **April Program: Your COVID Projects**

# Our April program will be one large show-n-tell, featuring you!

Please bring the one project that best represents your COVID life. Any type of sewing project qualifies, so there could be a wide variety of items. It should be quite the show-n-tell.

Please also bring a small quilting tool. We'll take a group photo, with each of us holding our quilting tool. We haven't taken a group photo in years, so it's a great way to celebrate coming back together after two years of Zoom meetings. Smile and say "rotary cutter"!

Note: Please also bring your charity quilts for donation. There will be a separate snow-n-tell for charity quilts. Please bring *ONE* project that represents your COVID life.

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Please also bring a quilting notion to hold in our group photo.

### Thank You: We Only Missed One Meeting!

Thank you to all the WQG Executive Board members that served during our two years of COVID shutdown. Because of their dedication, aggressive pursuit of appropriate technology, and willingness to put forth the time and effort, we only missed one meeting (March 2020) during this time. We were also able to book some amazing speakers that normally do not travel to guild meetings, to provide on-line registrations and payments, and we continued to host workshops and retreats—all while complying with a moving target of health and safety guidelines. That's quite the accomplishment!

During this time, we also expanded our appointed positions to include a technology specialist to distribute our communications and provide background support during our Zoom meetings and trainings. Beginning with this month's meeting, we will have a technology team to provide on-site AV support for our meetings. (If you are interested in joining that team, please contact Susan Greathouse.)

### **April: Show-N-Tell Times Two!**

**Our show-n-tells this month will be \*in person!** No need to send photos ahead of time. Just show up with your quilts.

We will have two show-n-tells this month:

- Our April program will be one large show-n-tell. Please bring the one project that best represents your COVID life. (See article above for details.)
- A separate show-n-tell will feature your charity donation quilts.

\*Currently, show-n-tells are in-person only. Please be patient as we navigate our new world of hybrid meeting technology.



## Quilt Barn Trail

Road Trip! It's that time of year again. Check out all 60 of our quilt barn blocks, along with the spring flowers.

Link to Website for Maps/Directions: <u>http://quiltbarnswc.blogspot.com</u>

> If you walk a mile in my shoes, you'll end up at the fabric store!

## Date Change: Sewing Saturdays/Weekends

**Beginning in June, we move to the 1st weekend of the month**: The change in our general meeting date (to 2nd Thursdays) allows us to hold our speaker's workshops on the following weekend—right on top of our usual Sewing Saturdays/Weekends. Talk about unintended consequences!

So... **April and May will still be on the 2nd Saturday**. Beginning in June, our Sewing Saturdays/Weekends will be held on the first weekend of the month. Check out the full list of dates for the rest of this year.

There will *NOT* be a Sewing Saturday in October, because the WQG Quilt Show is that weekend.

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Have projects you want to finish or start? Join us for a day of sewing with friends. Are you hesitant because you are new? No worries, you will leave with lots of new friends.

You only need to bring your sewing machine, project, rotary cutter, your meals (or order from local restaurants), and mask. We provide a cutting station, rulers and ironing stations—and lots and lots of free advice!

Please come a little early if you are able, to assist with setting up tables and chairs. Heidi would appreciate the help.

Note: There is NOT a "freebies" table on Sewing Saturdays. (You are welcome to participate in "freebies" on Sewing Weekends.)





#### Sewing Saturdays:

April 9 May 14 July 2 August 6 December 3 9 AM—8 PM

#### Sewing Weekend:

June 3—5 September 2—4 November 4—6 Fri: 3—8 PM Sat: 9 AM—8 PM Sun: 9AM—3 PM

## All-Star Quilt-Along: Are You Keeping Up?

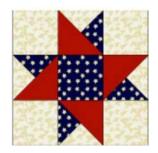
All-Star quilt blocks are sent out to members via the Wednesday Patch. The patterns are all different star blocks, and all finish at 12 inches (12.5" unfinished).

The Quilt Along will run January-June, then it's up to you to decide how to put your blocks together. We hope to be able to show some of the completed quilts at our quilt show in October, if space allows. We can share block progress on the Westside Quilters Guild Facebook page in the meantime.

The choice of fabrics is totally yours, but based on my calculations, you will need 1.5 yards (some overage included) of background fabric for the blocks. *Note that this does NOT include fabric for sashing, borders, etc., but only the blocks themselves.* 

Here are links to the first six blocks (Jan – Mar):

Block 1:Party HatsBlock 2:Square in a StarBlock 3:Spinning StarBlock 4:Moonlight StarBlock 5:Meadow StarBlock 6:Sunshine Block





### Charity Sewing Day on April 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Register on our website.

#### Charity Sewing Day with Helene Knott: Courthouse Steps Round Robin

- ♦ Date: Saturday, April 30th
- ◊ Location: North Plains Senior Center
- ♦ Lunch: Bring your own, or visit a local restaurant
- ◊ Time: 10am 4pm
- Cost: FREE! But registration is required to ensure we have enough of everything.
- Supplies list: Details will be e-mailed to you after you register.
- Fabric: Details will be e-mailed to you after you register.





April 2022

#### Happy Birthday to You!

#### **April Birthdays**

Patty Dobbs ·····Apr 1
Jane Hogue ·····Apr 4
Cherryl Kaddumi ·····Apr 4
Megan Woolery·····Apr 4
Deborah Jones ·····Apr 6
Julie Mason·····Apr 6
Westside Quilters Guild ·····Apr 9
Marcia Callender ·····Apr 10
Pearl Halvorson ·····Apr 17
Beverley Hess ·····Apr 19
Pauli Long ·····Apr 20
Wilma Hawkins ·····Apr 27
Linda Hiatt-Wahl·····Apr 27
Robbie Berg ·····Apr 28
Susan Rembecki ······Apr 28

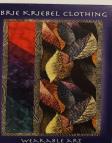
#### **May Birthdays**

Maryanne Weed May 1
Jane Fouste ······ May 2
Diane Snyder ····· May 3
Terese Scollard ····· May 4
Trudy Wilson ······ May 7
Anne Marie Tomlin ······ May 10
Pat Kimball May 10
Toni Beattie ······ May 11
Sue Nichols ······ May 15
Shirlene Harrington May 18
Becky Leitl May 18
Terry Hodges ······ May 21
Patty Weightman ······ May 27
Tricia Russell ······ May 28
Judy Block ······ May 31



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Articles are due by the Friday after the last Monday of the month. (AKA the Friday after the Board meeting.)

#### **WQG** Calendar of Events

Sat Apr 0	Sowing Saturday (Sac dataile on page 2)
Sat, Apr 9	Sewing Saturday (See details on page 3)
Mon, Apr 11	TArts, 11:00 @ Aloha Sew & Vac
** Thurs, Apr 14	** WQG Monthly General Meeting, 6:30 PM at Aloha Faith Center
** Mon, Apr 25	** WQG Board Meeting, 10 AM on Zoom
Wed, Apr 27	No Machines Required, 3 PM @ North Plains Senior Center
Sat, Apr 30	Charity Sewing Day with Helene Knott @ North Plains Senior Center (See article on page 6)
Thurs, May 12	** WQG Monthly General Meeting, 6:30 PM at Aloha Faith Center
Sat, May 14	Sewing Saturday (See details on page 3)
Tues, May 31	** WQG Board Meeting, 10 AM on Zoom
Jun 3—5	** Sewing Weekend (See details on page 3)
Thurs, June 9	** WQG Monthly General Meeting, 6:30 PM at Aloha Faith Center
Mon, June 27	** WQG Board Meeting, 10 AM on Zoom
Sat—Sun, Oct 1—2	WQG Quilt Show @ Hidden Creek Community Center in Hillsboro

#### \*\* Note Meeting Day and/or Location Changes

Please be patient as we go through these date/time/location changes. The benefits of having speakers for a Thursday evening meeting, then hosting workshops on the following weekend, are well worth the inconvenience of the transition.

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

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

- TArts (The Arts Quilt Group) meetings: 2nd Monday, 11:00 AM @ Aloha Sew & Vac
- \*\* Sewing Saturdays and Sewing Weekends:
  - April, May, 2nd weekend, North Plains Senior Center
  - Beginning in June: 1st Weekend, North Plains Senior Center
- \*\* WQG General Meetings: 2nd Thursday @ 6:30 at Aloha Faith Center
- No Machines Required gatherings: 4th Wednesday @ 3-5 PM, North Plains Senior Center
- \*\* WQG Board meetings: Last Monday @ 10 AM on Zoom

#### Member Survey Says...

This month's survey is brought to you by our WQG members whose first name begins with a letter between M and Z, plus a few extras. Thanks to all who participated.

This month's survey question: What are your best tips/tricks for curbing your stash? Let's hear your best ideas! What has worked for you, what do you have the best of intentions of trying, and also what did NOT work!

- **Tracy Russell**: Great question! I have donated and sold at a garage sale fabric that was passed on to me from family fabric lovers. I save and have found ways to use the pieces that spark my joy and interest. I try to set mini challenges to finish a few works in progress before buying more. I have also used larger cuts to piece on charity guilt backs. I have made small dog beds with unusable batting and fabric crumbs. I also love the block of the month challenges because that's a fun way to make use of smaller pieces in your collection that you might not have enough to make an entire project with. In general, I try to also look for patterns that make good scrappy quilts, with the intent to use my stash. The church I go to also often has opportunities to sew small items, so I use fabrics I have to contribute when I can.
- Martha Robertson: This tool is my favorite, and it's free: the plastic sock-hanger-deely you get when you buy a new pair of socks. I have hooked 4-5 on a closet clothes hanger. Each sock hanger is designated for a single color, and this is where I keep my 2 1/2 inch strips. So I have all my red strips on one sock hanger; all my black & whites on another, etc. Right now, my sock hangers are at max volume - time for another scrap quilt!
- **Marian Spencer**: Went thru stash and threw away all that I knew I would never finish or use. Gave some away and some to Goodwill. By-product: it was organized when I finished. Good luck.
- **Ruth Voelker**: I do find it difficult to 'let go' of all the beautiful pieces of fabric I've accumulated; but, that being said...
  - I donate to our small local thrift store, which keeps prices low for those that are in need, though I have been known to turn around and purchase other pretty pieces off their racks. I guess that's supporting the local economy too, right?
  - I bring some to share with fellow guild members; what doesn't interest me anymore often is just what someone else loves.
  - I'm teaching my granddaughter to sew and quilt, and she's had so much fun diving into my scraps and fat quarter bin. I have no problem letting her use what she finds to practice her stitching.
  - I keep collecting scrappy quilt patterns with the intention of making that pile smaller, and • have been cutting 1-1/2", 2", 2-1/2', 3' pieces and sorting them in small bins. So far, I have too many unfinished projects to consider adding these to my tasks. This is the category that is not so successful so far!
  - I've started making little zip bags and found fat quarters and scraps just perfect for these. •
  - I have donated to the guild's annual sale in the past and would continue to do so when that's an option. I no longer want to store piles for months waiting for that, though.
- **Peggy Gelbrich**: When my fabric and book shelves get too unruly I clean out and create a pile of fabrics and books I'm sure I won't use, and share it with others. At Quilting at the Grange and our guild, Willamette Valley Quilters, we have a free table. As they say "one person's trash is another's treasure." If there is anything left at the end of the day, it goes to Goodwill.
- **Marta Lansing:** Curbing my stash?!! Not possible! I think the fabrics multiply all by themselves. I add more shelves... although I am planning on doing more scrap quilts now that I am retired (and I have all that extra time.... (Not!) I have given some fabric away to friends and relatives when they need some. And I built a whole workshop with a loft to hold the fabric. Guess I just need to see some more!



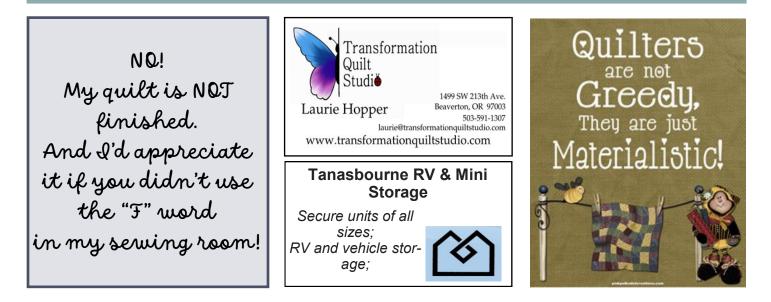
### Member Survey Says... (Continued)

- **Nancy Stober**: There are several Lutheran churches that accept fabric for Lutheran World Relief. They make quilts for missions all over the world. They accept fabric of cotton and cotton/ polyester and would prefer pieces a yard or larger but they would also love to have precut blocks. Their quilts are quite simple, usually 10" to 11" blocks sewn with sashing and tied with perl cotton. These quilts are made for warmth and utility, and they are prized by the recipients all over the world effected by natural disasters to refugees fleeing war. I do not donate much fabric to Goodwill because I have noticed that it mostly gets trashed. I have learned from Becky LietI that the Goodwill in Forest Grove actually puts the fabric out for sale. I also make mostly scrap quilts, but I still can't keep up with it all.
- **Martha Long**: I don't have any good ones, my one is to stop buying anymore fabric and that has not worked well yet, Goodwill would be a good place for me to start.
- Sherry Smith: My container of solids was unused for a long time. I used our Go! Cutter to cut out 3x6" (finished) flying geese pieces layering off-white in equal numbers 2 layers color, 2 layers off-white put through at the same time. The stack of pieces sat by my sewing machine. I did a few each day low stress sewing. I quickly made enough for a quilt and used up a lot of solids. Occurs to me that I could also do scrappy prints colored and off-white to tans.
- **Megan Woolery**: Fun question! I have two answers: one for when your stash is too big and one for how to keep your stash from getting out of control (while still being able to buy stuff!).
  - When I can't put fabric away because there isn't any room, I go through ALL of my fabric and pull out fabrics I know I just won't use. Maybe they aren't my style anymore, maybe they don't work with anything else I have, maybe a thousand different reasons. Then I offer to friends, destash online or donate!
  - While I haven't tried this myself yet, something a friend does that I am eager to try once my SewJo returns, is a sort of "no growth" fabric policy. She tracks how much fabric she uses in a finished quilt, and then makes sure anything she buys is always less than or equal to that amount. This way, she can still support local quilt shops and buy fun, new fabric, but she doesn't let her stash grow out of control!
- **Patty Dobbs**: It's easier to build a stash than it is to bust it. I cut up my scraps into squares and strips, which works great except now I have boxes of squares and strips. It's neater, but still the same volume. I've revved up my charity quilting and give baby quilts to people I hardly know, but I still won't turn down free fabric. I need an intervention!
- **Melinda Fish**: Stop buying more. If I do buy, the goal is only to finish a project. Make something and donate it. Reorganize in a way that all will fit. Donate to a friend. Just a few things I have done.
- **Patty Weightman**: I don't try to "curb" my stash. I find that there is always an ebb & flow. I make A LOT of sewing related items for my charities of choice. I buy fabric when I have a specific need or I simply LOVE it (then I buy the bolt!). During the pandemic I ran out of only a few things in my sewing room. If I had curbed my stash, I don't think I could have made so many masks or scrub caps.
- **Mona Woo**: Lately, I've been using fabrics from my stash to make several baby/toddler size quilts. I'm also cutting 2 1/2" squares to sew charity quilts with my small quilting group. Sewing squares and half square triangles is great because there are so many quilt patterns using that design and I found it goes quickly. I'm also constantly clearing out my stash so have been giving out to quilty friends. I'm trying to down-size my stash, but somehow it still hasn't made a big dent!
- **Tina Todd**: Well......I'm lucky enough not to have run out of room yet! But I did recently reorganize my fabrics. and I have a few that will probably go to the Guild/Goodwill/Garage sale.
- Miechelle Pape: I just quit buying fabric, and I put a lot of my fabric in tubs.

#### Member Survey Says... (Continued)

- **Marilyn Alexander**: The best tip is to move (really). Once you see how much fabric you actually have, and the best friend who volunteers to pack your sewing room says "no more fabric buying for you," then it's time to take notice. Of course... once settled I reserve the right to change my mind!
- Marilyn Hickman: I do anything I can: give away to friends, to Quilt Guild for sale, take to Sewing Weekend, donate to Goodwill, organize my scraps and bins, "try not to bring any new fabric home!"

This was a popular one. Thank you to Patty Dobbs, who submitted the question.



### "Blooming Boutique" Returns to Quilt Show

Your Guild is going to have a quilt show October 1 and 2! We will once again have a Boutique at the show to raise money for your Guild's activities. The Boutique needs one-of-a-kind, handmade items of all kinds to sell. Please consider making something to donate to the Boutique, i.e. sewing related items, holiday tree ornaments, stocking stuffers, home décor, kitchen and bath items, baby accessories and toys, holiday specific décor such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentines, Halloween or whatever else your imagination can conjure. We like to keep items in the \$1 to \$20 value range, but some higher priced items are good, too.



The Guild has holiday fabrics in storage that you are welcome to use to make Boutique items and we have lots of patterns, fabric and supplies to make all

kinds of crafts. If you want fabric from the storage unit, give me a call or email to arrange a time. I really want to hear your ideas and encourage you to make something to include in this year's Blooming Boutique.

Please let me know what you are planning to make for the Boutique so that we can coordinate with others to ensure the widest variety of merchandise. I will be at most Sewing Saturdays. I look forward to working with all of you.

Nancy A. Stober (See contact information in the directory)

### Keeping Up With the WQG...

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

- Blog: <u>https://www.WestsideQuiltersGuild.com/</u>
- Facebook: Moved to a WQG Group Page <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/1457581371289730/</u>
- Instagram: <u>https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/westsidequiltersguild/</u>
- E-Mail: <u>WQGPres28@gmail.com</u>
- 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.

We are signed up with Fred Meyers Reward Program and Amazon Smiles. It all adds up! 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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#### **Membership Directories**

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Want to attend our WQG general meeting as a guest? Please e-mail Chase Lawrence (<u>WQGMemb@gmail.com</u>), so she can send you a link to our Zoom meeting. We're happy to have you visit twice, then we'd love to have you join.

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## WQG Business Members

