



Ocean Wave Quilters

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December 2015 Newsletter

Message from the President - Sharon L

At this time of year, it is traditional to count one's blessings. And so many blessings there are to count! The lovely rain we've been having, the beauty of the North Coast, the friendships of our fellow quilters, the opportunity to participate in the projects to help this wonderful community we live in. Just imagine, a call came out for quilts on October 23rd for the Middletown children and on November 8th our club members brought 38 quilts to our meeting for that effort - that's just 16 days! Amazing! Except that it's not really amazing, if you know this club. It's what the Ocean Wave Quilters do. We rise to the occasion. We see a need and we step up. And for that, I want to say a huge THANK YOU to each and every one of you for the contributions you make. It is an honor to be part of this group.

I hope you will participate in our holiday festivities, including bringing an item to help keep members our community's homeless warm this winter.

Happy Holidays!



November 8th Meeting Notes,

Summary - Dee G, Recording Secretary

1. The Ocean Wave Quilters are now officially a California Corporation and we are progressing on our journey to become a 501c3 non-profit.
2. We will be voting at the December meeting on approving the expenditure of \$300 for a Mendocino County Quilt Trail block to hang in the atrium of the Senior Center. The money goes to the Soroptimists

International of Noyo Sunrise's scholarship program.

3. 38 quilts made by OWQ members, many using Teri Scott's donated fabric, were taken by Dee G to Broadway Quilts in Sonoma as part of the effort to give a quilt to every Kindergarten through 2nd grade child in Middletown to help ease the trauma of the fire. Thank you to all who participated.
4. The annual OWQ holiday pot-luck party will be on Sunday, December 13th with a "Sew Sunday" format from 10:30 am -3:30 pm. See the agenda in this newsletter. See also the list of what to bring on the back page of this newsletter.
5. An additional get-together will be held on Thursday, December 10th at La Playa restaurant at 11:30 am. Please sign up with Lonna if you plan to attend.
6. A *Fire and Ice* quilt exhibit will occur in April 2016 at the Odd Fellows Hall in Mendocino. Members are encouraged to enter.
7. The Quilt Show Committee will have its first meeting on January 10th at 3:30 pm following the OWQ general meeting. We welcome anyone who would like to participate. Make sure you have the show dates - June 25-26, 2016 - on your calendar!

Christmas Quilts - Judy W

Sharon and I hung Christmas quilts at the library on the 4th and I would like to thank those who shared their quilts. The librarians were delighted to have them decorate the library for the holidays.

Service Committee members report - Sandi S, chairperson

Judy Whitlock: I am checking with OB weekly and took 4 quilts in yesterday. They now have 10 and I have plenty more at my house for a while.

Marcia Weeks: I took Texture quilts (about 15- did not count, but close enough) to Sherwood Oaks.

Sharon Lau: I dropped off 15 dog beds at the *Humane Society* in mid-November.

Dee Goodrich delivered 38 quilts to the Sonoma Quilt shop which is collecting quilts for the children in Middletown affected by the fires there.

Grace Van Doren: I continue to turn in 3 dog beds every month to the *Second Chance* dog charity as usual. I have made and donated 54 pillowcases to the following organizations: 30 flannel pillow cases to Safe Passage for their "Celebration of Bed Time Stories" on Oct 7th, 2015 and 24 cotton pillow cases to Redwood Community Services for foster children (12 for their summer camp and 12 in December)

Connie Mitchell: Her daughter delivered 18 "goodie bags" to the lady who fills them for the Shriner Hospital children.

So, we have enough baby quilts and texture quilts for a while, but don't let that stop you from making them or any other of our projects.

Special Events Committee report - Dee G, chairperson

We will be having our Annual Holiday Pot Luck on our regular meeting day, Sunday Dec. 13th from 10:30 to 3:30 (I will be there at 10:00 am to set up tables and be ready for sewing.) Lunch is planned around 12:30, and I encourage you to bring special hors de oeuvres, or desserts. We should make this a special celebration. -

Additionally, we will continue the tradition of bringing socks/hats/gloves and scarves to donate. And bring **3 fat quarters** for a game of Left, Right and Center.

We are fortunate to have Arlene Arnold confirm to be our special guest/speaker at our Annual Tea, April 24, 2016. She will present a fabulous trunk show of 50 antique quilts from 1830-1880 and dress in period costume. More information on the *Brown Bag Challenge* and table settings /decorations as we get closer to the event.

Education Committee report - Sharon L, chairperson

The Education Committee distributed a survey in November. Eighteen members completed and returned the survey. There were clearly some "favorite" classes - free-motion quilting, different ways to bind a quilt, quilt-as-you-go techniques, thread painting. The committee will be working to put together a "schoolhouse" program for the January meeting where there will be 4 demonstrations of different techniques. Members will rotate through the demonstration stations. Details will be coming in the next newsletter, so stay tuned!

Hospitality Committee report - Lonna O, chairperson

Food table supplies are stocked and there is a guide in the food table box with the supplies needed and in the greeting table box with instructions on how to set up the table for a meeting.

A sympathy card was sent to Nobe, Colette's husband. Let me know if any other cards need to go out.

Special Raffle Item at December meeting - Karen L

Before she left, Sue Ellington gave away several embroidery machines that she had been given. I took one of those. Frankly, it is missing some parts and I had to "gerrymander" it a bit to get it to work, but I was able to embroider our names on the heart squares that we made for her. However, now that I am moving, I've decided that I do not want to keep that machine, and I'd like to offer it to the OWQ as a raffle item at the December meeting.

*****Personals/Comments*****

From Dee G - FREE. Two Ottlight Swirl CFL bulbs. One 13 watt, one 28 watt.

From Sandi S - My sister Robyn teaches at University of Michigan. She sent me this flyer about an interesting quilt exhibit there.

Exhibit: Stories of Mothers Lost

The White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood

Every minute of every day, a woman dies of pregnancy related complications. Stories of Mothers Lost, an exhibit of handmade quilts from around the world now on display in Lane Hall, memorializes some of these women.



The exhibit was initiated by the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood (WRA), a non-profit membership based organization, whose goal is to reduce rates of maternal and child mortality. The initiative to obtain these stories was made possible by a United Nations Population Fund grant to the WRA. Following a global call, there was an overwhelming response of 120 panels from 46 organizations. Stories of Mothers Lost - a collection of internationally sourced, hand crafted panels commemorating mothers lost - allows families to express grief and also plays a powerful role as a mechanism for advocacy and communication on an issue that transcends country borders and impacts us all.

Stories of Mothers Lost is supplied by the UM Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and its Program in Sexual Rights and Reproductive Justice. The exhibit is hosted by the Women's Studies Department and the Institute for Research on Women and Gender.

November Treasurer's Report For 11/1/15 -11/30/15

Starting Balance 11/1/15:	\$7,833.18
<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>YTD: \$3,628.99</u>
Total Expenses:	\$368.79
<u>Income:</u>	<u>YTD: \$7806.83</u>
Total Income:	\$105.00
Total/Ending Balance 11/30/15:	\$7,569.39

Please note...

Our club year runs from 7/1/15 to 6/30/16; YTD does not reflect income or expenses prior to this club year.

Agenda - OWQ Holiday Sew Sunday - Sunday, December 13th

10:30-12:30	Sew, sew, sew and socialize
12:30-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:30	Short Business meeting Umbrella blockette raffle Blockette by Sharon Brayton Raffle for Embroidery Machine Game: Left, Right and Center Gift Exchange Show and Tell
2:30-3:30	Sew, sew, sew and socialize



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1 Board Meeting at Senior Center 1:30pm
 10 Lunch at La Playa Restaurant at 11:30am
 13 Holiday Celebration - Sew Sunday

January 5 Board Meeting at Senior Center 1:30pm
 10 General Meeting at Senior Center 1:30pm
 24 Sew Sunday anytime from 10am to 4pm

February 2 Board Meeting at Senior Center 1:30pm
 14 General Meeting at Senior Center 1:30pm
 28 Sew Sunday anytime from 10am to 4pm

December Birthdays



1 Carol F
 14 Bobbie
 27 JulieRae

OWQ Board

Officers:

President: Sharon L
 Vice-President: Marcia W
 Secretary: Dee G /Karen L
 Treasurer: Paula P
 Communication: Lonna O
 Club Historian - Miriam C

Committee Chairs:

Service - Sandi S Hospitality - Lonna O Special Events - Dee G
 Education - Sharon L Quilt Show - Judy W



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Checklist for the Meeting



- :: Show and Tell Projects
- :: Holiday Potluck Item :: Umbrella Blockette
- :: 3 fat quarters for a Left, Right, Center game

Item	Need	Don't need
Texture quilts		X
Warm Welcome quilts		X
Chaplain quilts		X
Goody bags	X	
Knitted baby caps	X	
Chemo caps		X
Dog Bed Material	X	