



Ocean Wave Quilters

We meet at the Senior Center, 490 North Harold Street, Fort Bragg.

Our guild's mailing address is PO Box 2687, Fort Bragg, CA 95437

GENERAL MEETINGS: are on the second Sunday of the month at the senior center from 1:30-3:30 pm. Doors open around 10:30 for sewing and socializing before the meeting; members bring snacks.

Beginning at 1:30 pm we discuss business, community service projects, activities, and the upcoming quilt show, and during the second half of the meeting, we have a "show and tell" where members can share what they have made. We also hold several drawings: one for wearing your name tag, and one for a raffle basket full of goodies (four times a year)—for the baskets, tickets cost 1 for \$1.00, 6 tickets for \$5.00, 15 tickets for \$10.00, 40 for \$20.

BOARD MEETINGS: are at 10:30 am on the third Wednesday of the month at Sew n Sew. The board consists of our officers, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, as well as the chairs of each of our committees. All members are welcome to attend the board meetings.

SEW SUNDAYS: is held on the fourth Sunday of the month at the senior center, from 10:30am (sometimes a bit later) to 3pm. Bring any projects you wish and enjoy a day of sewing and visiting with the group. Sometimes we have group sewing projects or educational instruction.

HAND QUILTING: is a group of women who meet on Tuesday afternoons at the senior center 1-3 pm, and quilt together on one quilt at a time (on a quilting frame). These women are encouraging and eager to teach others the art of hand quilting. You may also bring your own hand quilting projects.

HAND SEWING (via Zoom): This group meets on Wednesday afternoons 1-3 pm to work on hand sewing projects and socialize.

OCEAN WAVE QUILTERS' SERVICE PROJECTS

For all of our quilting service projects, the club provides the batting, and we have members who will quilt quilts on their long arm machines for you. We also have a stash of donated fabric that you can use for projects located in the back room of Sew n Sew. Kits can be picked up at each guild meeting. Bring your finished project to a meeting, and a member of the service committee will take it and deliver it. **NOTE: Do not drop off projects at Sew n Sew! Bring them to a meeting.**

WARM WELCOME: We make a quilt for every new baby in our community. These are distributed by the local pediatricians' offices. This is a project that was initiated in 2003 by one of our quilters, Shirlee Paoli. Recommended size for baby quilts: 36"X 42-44", or 45"X45" but this is not a strict rule.

TEXTURE QUILTS: We make lap-size quilts using fabrics that have differing textures – nubby or furry or shiny – anything that provides an interesting "feel" for dementia patients. We give these quilts to community organizations that care for them. Research has shown that feeling the various textures calm them. The club provides kits of fabric to use. Recommended size: 24"X36" to 36"X36".

CANCER THERAPY AND INFUSION CENTER: We make a few quilts for the patients who are getting chemotherapy or other treatments. Recommended size: 45"X60."

PORT PILLOWS: We make small (2" x 6") cushions for patients who have an implanted port for chemotherapy or other treatments. These pillows velcro to a car shoulder strap to protect the port and prevent irritation.

PROJECT SANCTUARY AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHO HELP FAMILIES: We make quilts for organizations who help house families fleeing from domestic violence. Recommended size: 60"X90" or larger.

FOSTER CHILDREN: we make quilts to give to foster children in December. Recommended size: Anything from 36”X36” to 60”X90” – kids come in all sizes!

DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD DRESSES: We make dresses for a project led by Hope 4 Women International. This project aims to give every girl in 90 countries around the world at least one new dress. Instructions/patterns and fabric are provided.

PILLOW CASES: We make pillow cases for Safe Passages, Project Sanctuary, Hospitality House, and children in foster care in Mendocino County. These agencies all support women and children who are dealing with issues like homelessness, domestic violence, or other life challenges, and a cheerful pillow case lets them know someone cares.

PET BEDS: With all of our scraps, we make pet beds for local pet charities. All sizes are welcome. We also have fabric we hand out at meetings to use as the cover.

OCEAN WAVE QUILTERS EVENTS

ANNUAL LUNCHEON/SPEAKER: This is a fun event held at the Senior Center and intended to provide an opportunity for members to socialize. We have a guest speaker who does a trunk show and/or shows a particular technique. This is often followed by a class on that technique the following day.

RETREATS: We have retreats twice a year, in October and in March. This is a fun event where you can bring your unfinished projects, or start a new one. We set up our sewing machines, etc., and leave everything at the venue for four days – from Wednesday through Saturday. Doors open at 9am and most leave before 5pm. We bring snacks and enjoy lots of talk, quilting ideas, and laughter.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: We hold a holiday party at the general meeting in December to enjoy each other’s company and share the holiday spirit. We show off items we’ve made from our Brown Bag Challenge and vote on our favorites, and we also have an ornament or a cookie exchange.

NEWSLETTER: A monthly newsletter is sent out to all of our members; it contains information on upcoming events, agendas for general meetings, birthday announcements, etc.

CLASSES: We offer classes several times a year – sometimes taught by an invited instructor, other times taught by one of our members. Non-members are welcome to attend these classes (if space allows and for a higher fee than for members). Information about classes is in our newsletters.

Ocean Wave Quilters Committees – 2023-2024

Hospitality/Fellowship <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set up welcome table and design wall, distribute/collect raffle tickets, check members in• make packets for new members, maintain membership folder• give “Sunshine” reports• conduct monthly name tag drawing• conduct quarterly raffle
Education/Special Events <ul style="list-style-type: none">• organize classes and projects– find teachers both within the membership and from outside• inform members of quilt shows/other opportunities to show our quilts• attend Quilt Guilds of the North Quarter and report back• plan annual luncheon• organize Brown Bag Challenge• organize retreats twice a year• organize Round Robin challenge and/or other group challenges
Service

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm Welcome quilts • Texture (“Touch”) quilts • Dress a Girl dresses (patterns, labels, mailing) • Special quilts (e.g. member, memorial, requests) • Other projects (e.g. pet beds, Port pillows, pillowcases, etc.)
Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media • Newsletter • Maintain membership database and communicate with new/current members • Send notifications to all members as needed • Maintain website
Quilt Show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity quilts • Sew n Sew challenge • OWQ booth and raffle baskets
Documentarian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain digital scrapbook, take photos, collect paper memorabilia

THE OCEAN WAVE QUILTER'S CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:
oceanwavequilters.com

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