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JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



**WELCOME
TO THE
NEW YEAR
2026!**



**We had a
great
time at
the
OWQ
2025
HOLIDAY
PARTY!**

**ENJOY THE
PHOTOS THAT
CAN BE
FOUND AT
END OF THE
NEWSLETTER!**

Happy New Year!

And some thoughts on Quilts, Gifts, Memories and Stories...

In my house, I have a sturdy curtain rod on which to hang my quilts. At times, there is one large quilt hanging there, but at others, there may be one or two small quilts. Today, there are 7 (see next page). While decorating for the holidays, I pulled out a stack of smaller quilts and decided to hang them *all* up on the quilt rod. This was done, of course, for my own enjoyment. However, last night, when my son was commenting on them, I realized that each quilt is a story worth telling—no matter if it's short or long, easy or complex. My stories all involve my mom. On the far right is Sunbonnet Sue. This was a gift from mom. It was probably made in her early days of making quilts. I remember having it in college or shortly thereafter, certainly before I had any appreciation for Sunbonnet Sue. I usually hung it from the top of a door with thread and a thumb tack. It's puffy from the polyester batting, but I love the simplicity of it – certainly a favorite.

The pair of candy canes was a Christmas gift from mom about 15 years ago. I love candy canes. Maybe it's the red and white contrast, maybe it's just the red—I have always loved red. I never asked her about them; I just accepted them as a beautiful gift. I'd like to hear her story about them now...

The two quilts between the candy canes, the "Christmas Tree" and the "Christmas Manger", were kit gifts from my mom during the 10 years in Indiana. The Christmas tree pattern she gave with tiny pieces of pre-cut fabric she had chosen. This was not a kit I would have purchased myself, but I found myself really enjoying the process of creating this tiny quilt. I added buttons and ribbons. There are gingerbread buttons on the tree representing the people in my family and buttons of toys beneath the tree. The train wheels are buttons, and buttons decorate the border. Lovely memories.

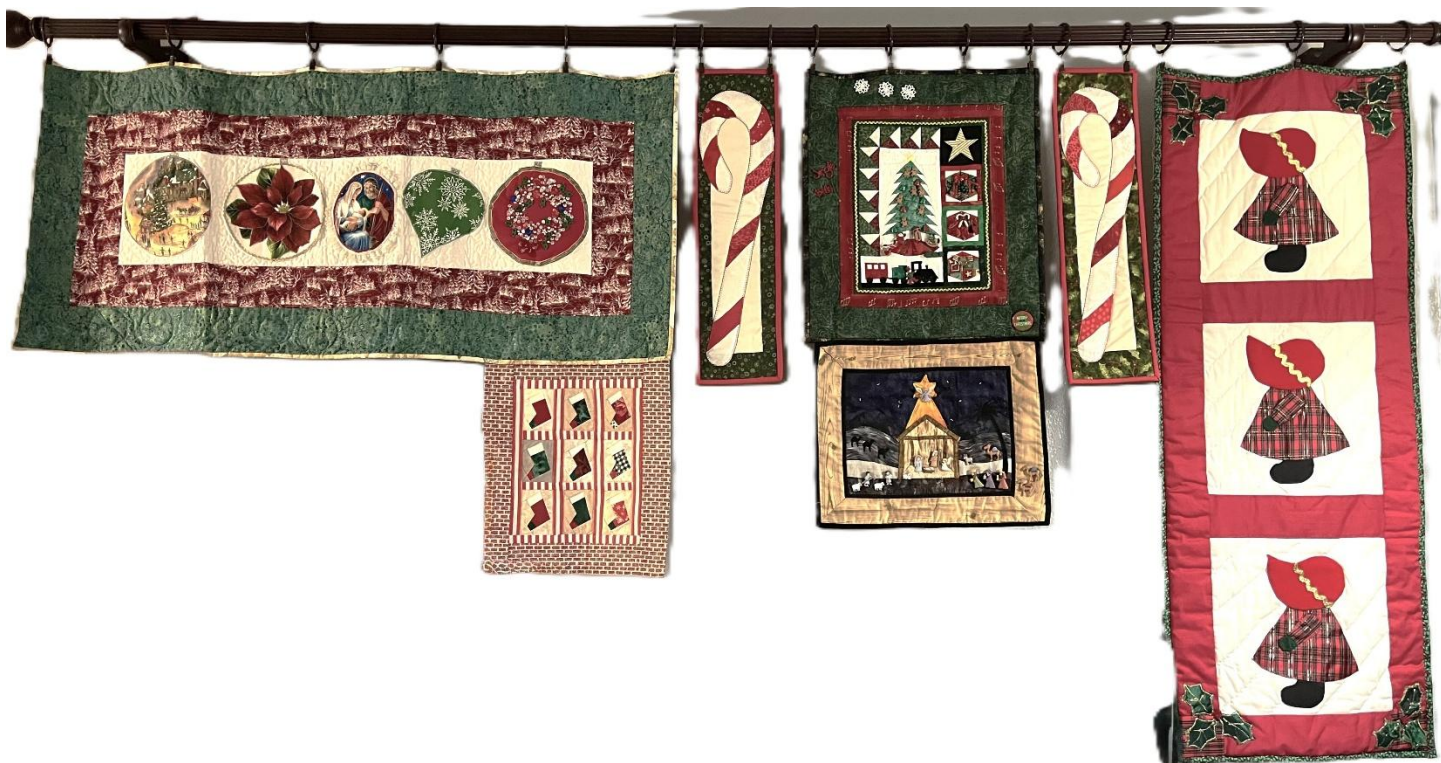
The "Christmas Manger" just came as a pattern with Nativity and shepherd buttons. I remember working on part of it while spending Christmas with my aunt (the one I made the African quilt for), my parents, and my family in Sarasota, FL. It was a very special Christmas. My aunt was a fantastic hostess—but that is another story. We went fabric shop-hopping looking for the right fabric for the star. Later, I found wise men and camel buttons, so there are lots of camels in the scene.

"Christmas Stockings" was a gift made by mom. Once again, I don't know the story. It is cute, I love the brick fabric, but am unaware of her story. Now I wish...just one question could have opened up a whole world of information...

But I do know the story of the final quilt. When mom moved from Indiana to California, she had to downsize significantly. My sister-in-law really wanted the Christmas ornament quilt. I was feeling generous and let her take it, but I felt sad afterwards. I finally expressed my sadness to mom and she said, "I'll make you another one!" And, she did. I like it even better. She even cut up one of her Christmas sweatshirts with a wreath on it to make an ornament. And it has more memories--it was one of the first quilts I used my new Bernina longarm to quilt. I was just learning, and now I laugh at how difficult it was to make that computer do the simple thing I wanted it to do.

Quilts, gifts, memories, stories.... Do you share your quilt story with those you gift a quilt to? Maybe they don't ask. So, maybe *you* can ask, "Would you like to hear the story about this quilt?" It might not be complex; it could be as simple as, "I know you like candy canes and I thought of you when I saw this pattern and make it for you". Happy Quilting during 2026!!

Nadine S, OWQ President



TREASURER'S REPORT

Ocean Wave Quilters

2025 December Treasurer's Report

Starting balance 11/19/2025	\$4172.25
Insurance for Albion Retreat	\$10.00
Insurance for meetings at Senior Center	\$25.00
Insurance for meetings at Senior Center - resubmit	\$25.00
Printer stock for labels for community quilts	\$145.36
Brown bag prizes (from money paid)	\$80.00
Holiday party door prizes	\$100.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$385.36
Donation - Stella Regalia memorial	\$1,000.00
Quarterly raffle basket	\$162.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,162.00
Ending balance 12/16/2025	\$4,948.89

Fort Bragg Quilt Show

2025 December Treasurer's Report

Starting balance 11/19/2025	\$13,764.99
2026 Quilt Show Pins	\$297.00
2026 Quilt Show Postcards	\$265.05
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$562.05
Raffle Quilt Tickets	\$470.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$470.00
(was \$490, but check was not accepted at CFCU)	
Ending balance 12/16/2025	\$13,672.94

Submitted by Sharon L, Treasurer

Approved at the 12-17-2025 Board Meeting

Sharon L, OWQ Treasurer

COMMUNICATIONS

Susan C., Chair of the 2026 Quilt Walk, wants to remind the guild members to begin making small quilts and blocks to enter into the Quilt Walk. Time is flying by, and we need 100+ small blocks by May! She will be bringing a sign up sheet to the next meeting so you can create a block for a specific business, if you choose.

The next Quilt Show meeting has been rescheduled to Friday, January 9 at 10:30 at Sew-n-Sew. Please come and join the team!

Shari L, Communications Committee Chair

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Hello Quilters!

Hope you all enjoyed the holidays! The donation numbers for December 2025 were:

12 Warm Welcome quilts
16 Chemo Port Pillows
14 Pillowcases
3 Pet Beds

If anyone has any suggestions for creating new donation items, or can suggest a new organization to donate to, please let me know!

Happy New Years to all!

Kathy D, Service Committee Chair



Warm Welcome Quilt

EDUCATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

UPCOMING CLASS

MONDAY - APRIL 27, 2026 – YVONNE PHENICIE – OMBRE BARGELLO ONE DAY CLASS

Sign up for Yvonne's class will be available at the January 2026 General Meeting on Jan 11th. This will be a one-day class using "Two Fabric Bargello" pattern by Susie Weaver. The cost will be \$35 for OWQ Members plus \$10 for the pattern (available from Yvonne at the class). Once you have signed up and paid, you will be provided with the class supply list. The sign-up will be available for OWQ members in January and February; following that, if there are still vacant spots, we will open up to outside of OWQ membership. If you have questions or want to view the quilt samples in person (at Sew n Sew) please contact Steffany B, Education and Special Events.

Here are two samples of the quilt possibilities:

OMBRE BARGELLO (light -dark-light)



OMBRE BARGELLO (light -dark)



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

JANUARY INSTRUCTOR: Martin W

Instructions for the DECEMBER 2025 BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Can be found on the OWQ website or get a copy at Sew n Sew in the BOM binder on the OWQ shelf. January's BOM pattern will be available after the January 11th general meeting.

SPRING QUILT RETREAT

The Spring Retreat will be from Wednesday, March 25th until Saturday, March 28, 2026. It will be located at the Albion Field Station in Albion.

SPRING APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Yvonne Phenicie will be our guest for the April 26, 2026 Appreciation Luncheon. She will also be doing a one-day Ombre Bargello class on Monday, April 27, 2025 (see above)
Sign-up for the April 27th class will be available at our January 11, 2026 General Meeting.

ROUND ROBIN



We are in the 3rd Round of the “Round Robin”! 2 more to go! Target completion date is April 12, 2026

The next switch will take place at the **January 11, 2026 general meeting** ❤️ ❤️

Elizabeth F, Education & Special Events Committee Chair
Committee members: Steffany B, Kathy D, and Lisa C

HOSPITALITY

The Quarterly Raffle at December's meeting was won by Susan M! I hope she is enjoying all the goodies that were packed in the bag.

Because of all the gifting at the December meeting, we skipped the nametag raffle for the month. Be prepared next meeting by wearing your nametag as we will return to drawing a name for a prize (or two).

Our next Sew Sunday at the Senior Center is on Sunday, **January 25th from 10:30 until about 2:30.**

If you know of a member that is under the weather or might need a pick-me-up, please contact me to send them a card.

Thank you, Cindi

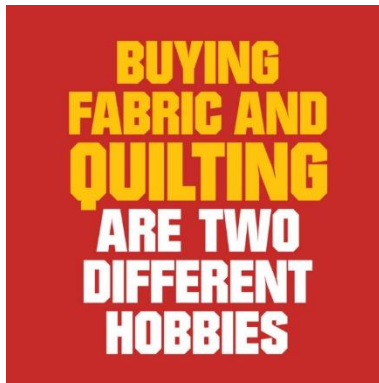
Cindi Jo W, Hospitality Committee Chair

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Janet N	January 2
Shari L	January 4
Linda M	January 4
Teresia Z-H	January 16
Tracy S	January 18
Phoebe G	January 26
Daffy H	January 30



QUOTE OF THE MONTH



Submitted by Kate R-G

FORT BRAGG QUILT SHOW



Next Quilt Show meeting will be

Friday, January 9, 2026* - 10:30 am at SEW N SEW

***PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR JUST THIS MEETING**

We will have more interesting items starting next month. The fun will begin with this new year!

Carole P, 2026 Fort Bragg Quilt Show Committee Chair

**The 29th Annual
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Oh, Baby!

And THANKS to our Raffle contributors:

Purity, Imaginations, Reynolds, Cucina Verona Mercato, Sew-n-Sew, Fabled (Frame Mill), Pippi's Socks, The Bookstore & Vinyl Cafe, Hot Pepper Jelly, Roundman's Smoke House, Lunar Tide, Safeway, Harvest Market, Hare Creek Nursery, Highway 20 Feed, Simply Succulents, Zho Cellars, Larkin Cottage, Harbor Lite Lodge, FBQS Vendors, and OWQ members



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 2026	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
January 9 th *	Fri (one time change)	10:30 am	FBQS Meeting	Sew n Sew
January 11 th	Sun	1:30 – 3: 30 pm	General Meeting	Senior Center
January 21 st	Wed	10:30 am	Board Meeting	Sew n Sew
January 25 th	Sun	10:30 am – 3:00 pm	Sew Sunday	Senior Center
FEBRUARY	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
February 4 th	Wed	10:30 am	FBQS Meeting	Sew n Sew
February 8 th	Sun	1:30 – 3:30 pm	General Meeting	Senior Center
February 18 th	Wed	10:30 am	Board Meeting	Sew n Sew
February 22 nd	Sun	10:30 am – 3:00 pm	Sew Sunday	Senior Center
MARCH	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
March 4 th	Wed	10:30 am	FBQS Meeting	Sew n Sew
March 8 th	Sun	1:30 – 3: 30 pm	General Meeting	Senior Center
March 18 th	Wed	10:30 am	Board Meeting	Sew n Sew
March 22 nd	Sun	10:30 am – 3:00 pm	Sew Sunday	Senior Center

Monthly Activities:

Hand quilting: Every Tuesday/Senior Center – 1:00-3:00 pm

Sew Sunday: 4th Sunday of the Month – 10:30 am – 3:00 pm

***Hand Sewing: Every Wednesday/ZOOM – 1:00 – 4:00 pm – Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81292075496?pwd=bldtVHFrRGhpTTVxUGEraEFFc2hvQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 9207 5496

Passcode: HandSew

2025-2026 Board Members and Committee Chairs

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Education & Special Events	Elizabeth F
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FBQS Chair	Carole P

NEWSLETTER – Next newsletter articles/items are due **January 28, 2026**. The Newsletter will be sent out by **February 1, 2026**.

Thank you, Elizabeth F, OWQ Newsletter Editor

OWQ 2025 HOLIDAY PARTY

