

OCEAN WAVE QUILTERS

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SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

**OWQ ANNUAL
END OF SUMMER
BBQ/POTLUCK!**



**JOIN US SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27TH
12:00 – 3:00 PM**

**Sign-up with
SIGNUP GENIUS or
email Elizabeth**

**FALL
QUILT
RETREAT**



**Weds October 7th
To
Sat October 10th
At the ALBION
FIELD STATION
9:00 – 5:00 PM**

Greetings Fellow Ocean Wave Quilters,

Is it really September already?! It's a great time of year here on the coast. I hope you enjoy the month of September – get to know another quilter better, do some hand sewing or hand quilting at the Senior Center on Tuesday, attend a quilt meeting, learn a new pattern, make a pillow case, share a quilt... There're so many things to do. Don't forget to walk along the coast and enjoy the smells, the feel and the sight of the sea. The ocean is such a lovely thing. Also, don't forget to come to the BBQ/potluck at Cindi Jo's house at the end of the month.

Last month, I talked about loading a quilt on my long-arm frame. This month, I thought I would talk a little bit about pattern selection. There really are so many variables, it's hard to make it simple, but I'll try.

If the quilt has a "square" pattern, I first look for a circular or curvy stitching pattern to use. For example, a log cabin pattern does well with a stitching pattern which flows with circles or curves. If the quilt pattern is circular, I might look for more of an angular stitching pattern to balance out the movement. Sometimes I look for a pattern in the fabric to copy, for example, if there are paisleys in the fabric, I might find a stitching pattern with paisleys. If there are leaves or flowers in the fabric, I try to find a similar leaf or flower pattern to use. If the quilt is very plain, then selecting a fancy stitching pattern can look good. There are endless stitching patterns available online to buy, but even so, sometimes it's hard to find a fit.

I also have to look at the size of the pattern. My machine can adjust the size from tiny to very large. I try to keep the patterns under 14" high. There's a rule of thirds which can help in size selection – maybe the pattern is about 2/3s of the quilt blocks, or maybe the pattern is 3/4s for the block size. But the size is dependent on how complicated the stitching pattern is and the size of the piecing in the quilt top. If there are tiny pieces on the quilt top, I might try a smaller pattern so the small blocks can get some of the quilting. If the pieces are larger, I try not to use tiny patterns, but something larger. Really there is no hard and fast rule to follow but just lots of things to consider (shape, pattern, size, angles, open space, etc.).

Selecting the color of thread can also be challenging. Maybe I want the thread to blend into the quilt, so I see the quilt and don't notice the thread/quilting pattern too much. In that case I match thread color to the dominant fabric color. Or maybe I want the quilt pattern to "pop" out of the quilt. If the quilt top is very plain, having a fun color as well as pattern can add some interest to the quilt. I like the look of variegated "rainbow" thread on black fabric (but I can't find a good rainbow thread anymore). There are challenging situations such as a black and white quilt top – do I use white or black thread? The results can be very different in each case.

I do think that explaining patterns and thread colors would do much better with pictures and examples; so, I hope you didn't get too lost but did learn a little bit.

Until next month, **Nadine S, OWQ President**

COMMUNICATIONS



MENDOCINO COUNTY FAIR & APPLE SHOW –

LAST CALL FOR QUILTS! Boonville, September 18-20, 2026

If anyone is interested in putting any quilts into the fair. Here is some information. The Fair is Sept 18th to Sept. 20th, in Boonville. To register your quilts: In paper form - due Aug. 21st deliver form to the fairgrounds OR **online registration until Sept 2nd at midnight** [ONLINE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Go to mendocinocountyfair.com. Scroll down to the bottom of page. Under Fair Pages, click on Exhibitors Guide Book 2026. On the Exhibitors Guide Book page, click on #11 Home Art-Baked Goods-Preserved food. It will take you to Section 25. Scroll down to Section 27 Home Arts-Clothing & textiles. Scroll down to division 507. The classes are listed there for your item. It took me awhile to figure it out where to go. The guide goes over rules and how to enter] You can drop off your quilts at **Sew n Sew Sept. 8th and Sept. 9th from 11:00 to 3:00**, someone from the Fair will come and get them. You can drop of your quilt at the fairgrounds **Wed Sept. 9th and Thurs. Sept. 10th, 9-6:30**. You can go online to mendocinocountyfair.com for more information. You can pick up your quilts at the fairgrounds on these dates: Sept. 21, 12:30 to 7:00, Sept. 22, 12:30 to 4:00, Sept 23, 8:00 to 2:00. Contact information for the office is 707-895-3011. (Courtesy of Connie)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ocean Wave Quilters 2026 August Treasurer's Report		Fort Bragg Quilt Show 2026 August Treasurer's Report	
Dues	625.00		
Class fees	250.00		
Brown bag sales	80.00		
QGNQ lunch payments	360.00		
Donation	100.00		
Transfer from FBQS account	5000.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,415.00	TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00
2026-2027 PO Box fee	250.00	Paint/supplies for wooden kiosk frames	130.88
Stamps for birthday cards	65.15		
Supplies for QGNQ, barn quilt class	28.89		
Instructor fee - barn quilt class	625.00		
Lunch for Anelie Belden	14.20		
Travel reimbursement - Anelie Belden	226.93		
Lunch for QGNQ	496.83		
Sawhorses for hand quilting	109.23		
Hard drive for OWQ/ FBQS file storage	145.62		
Secretary of State - copy of SI-100	5.00		
Insurance - BBQ at Cindi Jo Willey's	10.00		
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,976.85	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$130.88
Ending balance 8/18/2026	\$8,222.04	Ending balance 8/18/2026	\$15,493.23
Submitted by Sharon Lau, Treasurer		Submitted by Sharon Lau, Treasurer	
Approved at the 8-19-2026 Board Meeting			

Sharon L, OWQ Treasurer

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Hello Quilters!

Donations given out during the last month are as follows:

12-Pet Beds
14-Warm Welcome
2-Community Quilts

We currently donate to Adventist Health (various locations including the Oncology/Infusion Center), Mendocino Coast Children's Fund, Sherwood Oaks Heath Center, Heavenly Home Living, Project Sanctuary, Children's Protective Services, Humane Society, Hospitality House, Dress A Girl Around the World, various pediatricians' offices, and Parents & Friends/Mendocino Coast Services. If there is an organization or non-profit that we are missing or a new one that could use our donations, please let me know and I would be happy to establish a relationship with them. Thank you for all you do!

Kathy D, Service Committee Chair

EDUCATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

OWQ ANNUAL BBQ/POTLUCK

Come spend some fun & relaxing time with your fellow Quilt guild members!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 – 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Cindi Jo W's Place – Please see [SIGNUP GENIUS](#) to RSVP and sign-up food items to bring. If you are unable to sign up in this format please contact Elizabeth for assistance. Thanks! *More information, including directions, will be sent via email*****



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Evelyn H will lead our 2026-2027 BOM project. We're really excited to see what creative blocks she'll share with us!

Next block to be presented at the SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING, Sep 13th.

We will have a 2025-2026 BOM reveal at the OCTOBER general meeting.



UPCOMING CLASSES

Next scheduled class will be in APRIL 2027

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT CLASS REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL YOU HAVE PAID. Also, you can now find an updated class policy on our website.

FALL QUILT RETREAT

The Fall Quilt Retreat will take place from

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH to SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

Location: **Albion Field Station location.**

More information to come next month – See October Newsletter for details!





Brown Bag Challenge 2026

BROWN BAG CHALLENGE

It's that time of year again! Sales of the **BROWN BAG CHALLENGE bags** started at the AUGUST General meeting. Bags will be available for purchase at each general meeting ending at the November meeting. Your Challenge item may be entered for voting at the HOLIDAY PARTY on December 13, 2026. Please follow the rules of the Challenge that are included with your brown bag of perhaps Challenging fabric!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

HOLIDAY PARTY – December 13, 2026

Elizabeth F, Education & Special Events Committee Chair

Committee members: Lisa C & Sue S

HOSPITALITY

Our quarterly raffle prize for September is a Sew 'n Sew gift certificate and our name tag drawing is a little bag of quilting goodies. Please take any donations for prizes to the hospitality box on the storage shelves at Sew 'n Sew, bring them to a meeting, or contact me and I will pick up the item(s).

The meeting room will be regularly opened up at about 12:30 on meeting Sundays and there may be some changes with sew Sunday coming up also. Stay tuned!



Cindi Jo W, Hospitality Committee Chair

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 2	Susan B
September 13	Anne T
September 27	Lonna O



FORT BRAGG QUILT SHOW



Please join us on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 for the 2027 Fort Bragg Quilt Show meeting -10:30 am at Sew n Sew

PHOTOS from the 2026 Fort Bragg Quilt Show can be viewed on our OWQ Website. More will be added in the coming weeks.

Thanks again for your patience.

“Country Fair”

2027 Raffle Quilt

Tickets are available at Sew n Sew

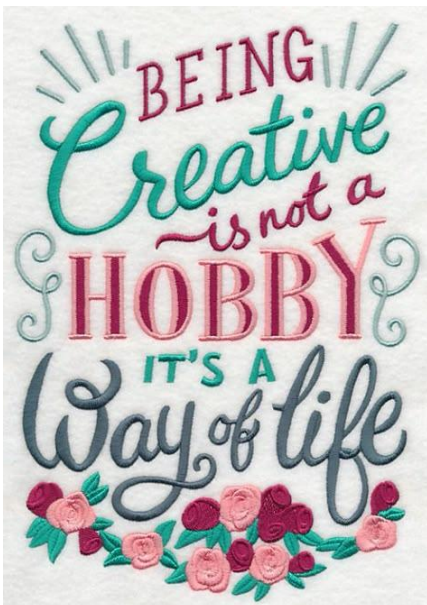
1 Tickets \$5 or 3 Tickets for \$10

80 x 80 inches



CALLING FOR 2027 Fort Bragg Quilt Show Chairperson

Unlock the inner leader in you!





30TH Annual Fort Bragg Quilt Show

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to our 2026 Sponsors & Donors**

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Feet First

Fort Bragg Furniture Mart

Highway 20 Feed

Huck's Sliderhouse

Laurel Deli & Desserts

Northcoast Artists Gallery

Noyo Center

Pacific Pearl Upcycle

Spunky Skunk

Tan & Vy Nails Spa

The Larkin Cottage

2026 FBQS Vendors

New Member **BIO** coming to you next month...stay tuned!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
September 2	Wed	10:30 – 11:30 am	FBQS Meeting	Sew n Sew
September 13	Sun	1:30 pm-3:30 pm	General Meeting	Senior Center
September 16	Wed	10:30 – 11:30 am	Board Meeting	Sew n Sew
September 27	Sun	12:00 – 3:00 pm	ANNUAL BBQ	Cindi Jo's Place
OCTOBER	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
October 7	Wed	10:30 – 11:30 am	FBQS Meeting	Sew n Sew
October 7-10	Wed-Sat	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	FALL QUILT RETREAT	Albion Field Station
October 11	Sun	1:30 -3:30 pm	General Meeting	Senior Center
October 21	Wed	10:30 – 11:30 am	Board Meeting	Sew n Sew
October 25	Sun	10:30 – 3:00 pm	Sew Sunday	Senior Center
NOVEMBER	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
November 4	Wed	10:30 – 11:30 am	FBQS Meeting	Sew n Sew
November 8	Sun	1:30 – 3:30 pm	General Meeting	Senior Center
November 18	Wed	10:30 – 11:30 am	Board Meeting	Sew n Sew
November 22	Sun	10:30 – 3:00 pm	Sew Sunday	Senior Center



OTHER MONTHLY ACTIVITIES JOIN US!

Sew Sunday: 4th Sunday of the Month
Senior Center – 10:30-3:00 pm

Handwork: Every Tuesday
Senior Center-1:00-3:30 pm

Zoom - Hand Sewing: Every Wednesday
1:00 – 4:00 pm – Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 812 9207 5496

Passcode: HandSew

2026-2027 Board Members and Committee Chairs

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FBQS Chair	TBD



NEWSLETTER – Next newsletter articles/items are due SEPTEMBER 23, 2026. The Newsletter will be sent out by September 27, 2026. Thank you, Elizabeth F, OWQ Newsletter Editor