

OCEAN WAVE QUILTERS

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AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Ocean Wave Quilters,

July has been a very busy month for me. I do hope you have kept busy, but also have taken some time to relax and to quilt, or sew, or do something creative. I have enjoyed the foggy and the sunny days. One day in Ukiah at 103 degrees was enough to send me home filled with gratitude for the lovely coastal weather – clouds, sun, fog and all.

I have had a request for some information about how I longarm quilt. So, my goal here is to share what equipment I have and some of the process both mental and physical which goes into my long-arming. This information may sound a bit technical, but it might also give you some new insights.

I really love my Bernina Q24. The 24 stands for the 24" throat, which on the frame will sew a depth of about 16". I have a frame which will accommodate quilts up to 120" wide, but it can have greater length. I have a computer attached which can drive my Q24 but I also love to free motion and use rulers.

When loading a quilt onto the quilting frame, I need to have extra backing because I have to attach the backing to the leaders which are on the roller bars. I use "red snappers" to attach the backing to the leaders and that uses about 1" of material, plus the Q24 can't sew right next to the red snapper and thus I need at least another 1". The nature of fabric makes it so having another 1-2" to play with as the fabric can stretch or shift disproportionately between the backing and quilt top, is a good safe guard for making sure the top fits nicely on the backing. It also is important to have 3-4" on each side because I don't want the machine accidentally going off the quilt when the computer is running and having the quilt or the machine damaged. Having extra length on the sides also allows me to attach clips to help hold the backing taut to decrease pleating on the back. If the backing is pieced, I like to put the major seam running parallel with the quilter roller bars. This creates a more even rolling of the backing fabric onto the rollers. Having a nice edge is very helpful in loading the backing, so, I like to put the selvage on the leaders which helps to keep the quilt square.

When laying on the batting, I like to line it up with the top and one side of the backing. If there's a little extra, I let it hang over the right side, but if there's a lot extra, I cut it off to make it easier to manage. It's nice to have the batting a little larger than the quilt top, but smaller than the backing but I do work with larger pieces. I'd rather work with a larger batting piece than one that is cut to the exact size of the quilt top. It's important to make sure the batting isn't cut crooked and is placed well under the quilt top. I have quilted with many kinds of batting. Lower quality batting creates a lot of "dirt" on my machine, so obviously, I like higher quality clean batting.

I put the quilt top on last, centering it on the rails. (Some quilters load the backing, top, and then the batting between them). My computer likes the top centered. I try to leave enough space at the top edge to comfortably put in a basting line. Some quilt edges are neat and straight, some are not. If I am having trouble with creating a straight edge to start with, I might put in a basting line on the inside of the border before I baste the outside edge. This inside basting is often a 1 spi (stitch per inch) line which is very easy to pull out but helps greatly in creating a straight beginning to the quilting. If there are many seams on the edge of the top, it's nice to have a ¼" or 1/8" seam around the edge of the quilt top before it's loaded to keep the seams from pulling apart in all the handling that gets done. Factors which influence exactly how I load the quilt top include, quilt pattern to be used, backing (whether pieced or not), size and alignment (if the quilt needs to be centered on the backing or not). Next month maybe I can explain some of my approach to pattern and thread selection. In the meantime, enjoy your creative process. Whether you are a beginner or a skilled professional, your work is special and valuable and a part of you!

'Till later, **Nadine S, OWQ President**

COMMUNICATIONS



MENDOCINO COUNTY FAIR & APPLE SHOW

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 M)

TREASURER'S REPORT

In lieu of a monthly Treasurer's Report this month, given that June 30 is the end of our fiscal year, I've chosen to share the year-end financials instead. You'll find them attached to this newsletter - one for the Ocean Wave Quilters and one for the Fort Bragg Quilt Show.

Notable are a couple of things:

While overall, we underspent our expense budget for the Ocean Wave Quilters, you can see that the budget we set for education was inadequate. This just confirms that, if we are going to bring in teachers, we are going to have to pay for them. Note that the single most important source of income for Ocean Wave Quilters is the Fort Bragg Quilt Show - If we have no show, we have no money for instructors (or retreats or special events or batting...etc.) Keep this in mind when we ask for volunteers to staff the show.

We had not yet, at year end, transferred money from the Fort Bragg Quilt Show in to the Ocean Wave Quilters account; this transaction was approved for the 2026-2027 budget year, so the money was transferred on 7/15/2026. That's why the checking account balance for OWQ appeared to increase over the figures listed in the table.

For the Fort Bragg Quilt Show account, we did not do a budget for 2026 (my error), so we applied the 2025 budget numbers. This shows a significant drop in sponsorships (although some of this was corrected in Basket Raffle sales, as some sponsors, in these lean times, prefer to donate goods/services rather than cash).

The Silent Auction and the Country Store both did well. But a caution was advised at the recent QGNQ meeting that we need to be cognizant of the effects our Country Store may have on vendors - we may find that we compete too closely with some of the items the vendors sell, and we may lose vendors because of it. Just something to keep in mind.

If you have questions about these reports, let me know! **Sharon L, OWQ Treasurer**

SERVICE COMMITTEE

I hope you have all recovered from the quilt walk and quilt show, and that you've been able to enjoy some fun in the sun this summer. I personally will be holding on to summer as long as possible!!

However, as we approach autumn, I ask you to think about the colder months ahead and the need for quilts in our community. Project Sanctuary is due for a donation and The Mendocino Coast Children's Fund will have both their Back-to-School and Winter Warmth events where they distribute quilts and pillowcases. I am still hoping we can supply the Hospitality House (HH -237 N. McPherson St.) with a twin quilt for each of their **24 beds before winter sets in**. This will be the 2nd year I've been collecting twin quilts and hope this will be the year I can gift them. The manager told me that the quilts will be the property of the HH so they can be used for years to come. (Please consider donating used quilts, in good condition, for this particular project).

The donation numbers for **July** were **3 quilts** given to the infusion center at Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital, and **6 Warm Welcome quilts** were distributed to local pediatricians' offices.

Thank you Quilters, for all you do! Sincerely, Kathy

Kathy D, Service Committee Chair

EDUCATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

OWQ ANNUAL BBQ



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!

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!

Starts at AUGUST GENERAL MEETING – Aug 9th.

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



UPCOMING CLASSES

"THE CAROLINA BAG" Tote Bag Class - Instructor: **Paula Perelstein** – **Sunday, August 23, 2026** – Sign-up now to create this fun and functional tote bag! We still have 3 spots open! Paula Perelstein will be teaching this class at Sew n Sew. **\$ 25** for OWQ members and **\$75** for non-members

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





Brown Bag Challenge 2026

BROWN BAG CHALLENGE

It's that time of year again! We will start the sales of our BROWN BAG CHALLENGE bags at the AUGUST 9th General 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!

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

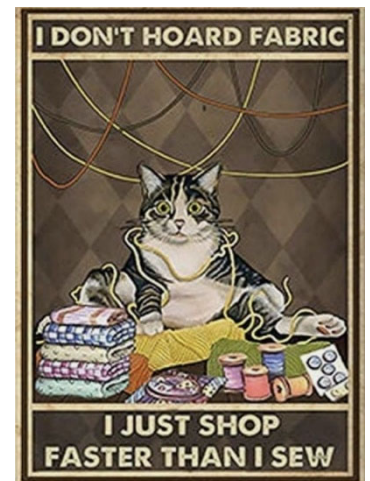


UPCOMING EVENTS:

HOLIDAY PARTY – December 13, 2026

Elizabeth F, Education & Special Events Committee Chair

Committee members: Lisa C & Sue S



QUILT GUILDS of the NORTH QUARTER

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!
(at the July quarterly meeting)

QGNQ

The meeting went really well per reports by attendees. There was a comment that the wristlet keychains were a huge hit! Thank you all for taking the time to create this special gift item.

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality- Thanks to all of you that filled out my little survey about quarterly raffle drawing prizes and monthly nametag drawing prizes. Working within the budget we have, most people liked the idea of having Sew n Sew gift certificates for the nametags at \$5.00 each, interspersed with donated items for other months. We are putting a call out again for donations of new, or clean and gently used items to use for any of the prizes we give away. Those may be left in the hospitality box on our storage shelves at Sew n Sew, or you can text, email, or call me for pick up or delivery.

The Wednesday Zoom group is having a mini retreat at the Veteran's Hall in Fort Bragg on Friday, August 14th, Saturday, August 15th, and Sunday, August 16th. All are welcome to join us!

Cindi Jo W, Hospitality Committee Chair

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1	Catherine S
August 16	Nancy L
August 24	Sandy B
August 26	Connie M
August 28	Dianne S
August 29	Carole P



FORT BRAGG QUILT SHOW

PHOTO REVIEW WILL BE ON OUR OWQ Website, when I am able to get them on there. I spent hours putting them into the newsletter, but it created a file that was too large to send via email





30TH Annual Fort Bragg Quilt Show

**“THANK YOU VERY MUCH”
to our 2026 Sponsors & Donors**

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Fort Bragg Furniture Mart

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Huck's Sliderhouse

It's a Shore Thing

Lee's Chinese

Northpacific Designs

Ocean Wave Quilters

Roundman's Smokehouse

Tan & Ivy Nail Salon

The Larkin Cottage

2026 FBQS Vendors

Sorry no BIO this month. Still trying to catch up following the quilt show



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
August 9 th	Sun	1:30 – 3:30 pm	General Meeting	Senior Center
August 19 th	Wed	10:30 – 11:30 am	Board Meeting	Sew n Sew
August 23 rd	Sun	10:30 – 3:00 pm	Sew Sunday	Senior Center
August 23 rd	Sun	10:00 – 3:00 pm	TOTE BAG CLASS	Sew n Sew
SEPTMEBER	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
September 2 nd	Wed	10:30 – 11:30 am	FBQS Meeting	Sew n Sew
September 13 th	Sun	1:30 pm-3:30 pm	General Meeting	Senior Center
September 16 th	Wed	10:30 – 11:30 am	Board Meeting	Sew n Sew
September 27 th	Sun	12:00 – 3:00 pm	ANNUAL BBQ	Cindi Jo's Place
OCTOBER	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
October 7 th	Wed	10:30 – 11:30 am	FBQS Meeting	Sew n Sew
October 7-10 th	Wed-Sat	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	FALL QUILT RETREAT	Albion Field Station
October 11 th	Sun	1:30 -3:30 pm	General Meeting	Senior Center
October 21 st	Wed	10:30 – 11:30 am	Board Meeting	Sew n Sew

Handwork: Every Tuesday/Senior Center – 1:00-3:30 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

2026-2027 Board Members and Committee Chairs

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Hospitality	Cindi Jo W		
FBQS Chair	TBD		

NEWSLETTER – Next newsletter articles/items are due August 26, 2026. The Newsletter will be sent out by August 30, 2026. Thank you, Elizabeth F, OWQ Newsletter Editor

30th Annual



Fort Bragg Quilt Show



Welcome to the Photo Review!
More photos to come on our
OWQ Website!