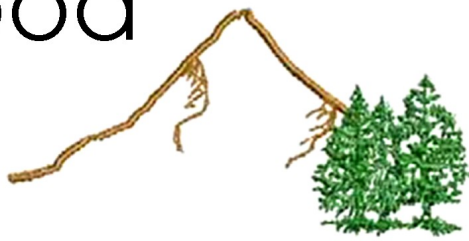


Mt. Hood Quilt Guild

News from the Hood



December 2019

Next meeting: December 10th at **6:00 pm**

President's Message

Did you all see the story in the Gresham Outlook about the Mt Hood Quilt Guild, highlighting all the charity work we do! A reporter was at our November meeting to help us celebrate making and giving our 1,000th quilt to local charities! Kudos to Delleen Kompkoff for her never-ending charity work promotion to keep us on track making all those charity quilts. Also, a big thank you to Staci Wendland for putting together a list and video presentation of all the kinds of volunteer work our guild members do.... But sadly we didn't get to see the video, there was technical difficulties and we were not shown the video.... *(We'll try again at the December meeting ~ Staci)*

My year as President of the guild is quickly coming to an end and we have someone special in mind to replace me – Wendy Sternberg. If you know of anyone else interested in the position, please let me know, we'll be nominating and voting at the January meeting and 'whomever' is elected, will take over the President's office following the January meeting!

Laura Rom has agreed to stay on as the treasurer for another year, but we are still looking for a new person for membership lead. As Kim and Debbie did this past year, it can be a co-lead position, where you can share the work load with a friend or relative!. Is anyone interested in taking on the membership role for the coming year? My father used to be in an organization that had a 'tail twister' position (for you city kids, sometime you had to twist a cows tail to get them to mind/move). We may have to start twisting tails, if we don't get a volunteer!!!

By the time you read this I'll be back from a weeks vacation/cruise with my son, his wife and their 6 kids, so I had to get this written before I left. I'll be full of stories of our adventures when I get back, but I had to get this written before I left!

Merry Christmas everyone! Try not to rush to much, take some time to relax and enjoy your family. Think about volunteering a couple hours at Human Solutions for their Christmas Bazaar, where their clients come pick out Christmas gifts for their families. The most memorable story from last year was a lady that was thrilled to get a hand made quilt, that the guild had donated. She'd always wanted a hand-made quilt and 'we' made her dreams come true!

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Vice President's Message

Hello Quilters.

I am busy getting ready for Thanksgiving as all you are . Just some reminders about our Christmas party, if you want to bring a gift that is not a mug and rug there will be a separate table for you to set your gifts on and a separate table for the mug rugs. Also this year there will be a savory and salad pot luck and two cakes for us to enjoy. Hope to see you all there.

Linda
Vice President



2019 Mt. Hood Quilt Guild Holiday Party



We're starting the party one hour early this month, at 6pm. Please bring (if you'd like to participate):

- a savory dish or salad to share
- a mug, mug mat, and notion, or other exchange gift—\$15 limit
- thirty 2 1/2" wide fabric strips for game

Message from Membership

Our membership continues to grow. We expect to have an increased number of guests over the next few months, in light of the publicity in the Gresham Outlook. Please let us know if you would be willing to serve as a greeter/host to introduce new members to the guild upon their arrival.

We are looking for at least two people to take over the membership position for the guild. Its fun, and a great way to get to know fellow members

108 regular members attended the November meeting. We hosted 7 visitors, and signed up 1 new member and 4 returning members.

Everyone should have a membership card. Please visit the membership desk if you haven't yet picked up your 2019-2020 card.

If you, or anyone your know, is looking for transportation to and from the guild meeting, please [refer to the car pool list](#).

See you next month!

Best,

Debbie Stoffer



Mt. Hood Quilt Guild

"STASH SHUFFLE"

March 21, 2020
Mountainview Christian Church
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Rent a table for \$20 and bring your items to sell. Here are some ideas of what to sell:

Fabric
Books & Patterns
Sewing & Quilting Supplies
Kits, Quilts, UFOs
Vintage Sewing Machines
Craft items

We will advertise with other quilt guilds, fabric stores, FaceBook Quilt Groups, etc. Each person renting a table will be responsible for pricing their items, for having change, or accepting checks.

There will be other quilt related activities going on during the Stash Shuffle, stay tuned for more info!

Contact Susan Ainsworth Smith for more info, or to reserve a table - 503-577-1434

Mt. Hood Quilt Guild Minutes

November 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and President Donna Taylor drew some on-time door prizes. Donna also announced that a reporter from Gresham Outlook was present tonight to get the story on our Guild donating 1000 comfort quilts to surrounding community.

The Snow Policy was also reviewed by Donna. If there is ever a doubt whether the Board Meetings or Guild meetings will be held due to inclement weather, please see our Facebook page or we also follow Gresham Barlow School District. If evening activities are cancelled for Gresham Barlow, then our meetings or activities are also canceled.

Vice President Linda Shaull came up to explain the December Meeting/Holiday party process. Due to the fact that we will have several cakes to celebrate our 1000th donated Comfort Quilt, the theme for our party will be Savory & Salad. Also bring a gift of a Mug & a Mug Rug or something else sewing related. There will be an exchange table for each type of gift. We will also play Strip Poker again this year, so each member is asked to bring at least 30 strips (2 1/2" x WOF) to exchange during the game.

Linda then introduced the speaker for the evening; Carol Hattan. As a retired high school math teacher, Carol has gone on to become a certified instructor for Judy Niemeyer's quilting company, Quiltworx <http://www.quiltworx.com/>. Carol specializes in paper piecing using such techniques as smart corners and floating points. She is currently teaching at Cedar Ridge Quilts in Oregon City, Sharon's Attic Quilt Shop in Hillsboro and Just for Fun Quilting in Vancouver.

Donna mentioned that due to Heidi's closing for the evening on December 3rd, the December Board meeting will be held at Elmer's in Gresham at 7:00 p.m.

Delleen Kompkoff thanked all members who responded to her email requesting information on other organizations that people donate time. This information is helpful to the Outlook reporter to show that we are not just committed to our guild but to our whole community. The 1000th comfort quilt went to Pregnancy Resource Center. There got very emotional to know they were the recipient. The Baby Box has been cleaned out and replenished along with the Hawaiian Box and both are ready for members to check out. Orphan blocks sewn together by Shirley Wilson made great quilts. Also we have had lots of donations of batting which helps our funds go farther.

After a 10 minute break taken at 8:03 p.m., the birthday drawing was done.

Tomme Fent says she is working on a "How to" notebook for the next quilt show in 2021.

Pat Miles is organizing a Travel Quilting group. A meeting held on Sunday November 17th at the Gresham Library will help identify how this group will be made up and what activities it pursues.

Debbie Stoffer from Membership stated there were 107 members, 7 visitors and 4 renewals in attendance. Membership is also looking for new committee members.

Linda Wood got up to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and best wishes. She remains cheerful and optimistic as she enters the next phase of her treatment.

Lori Oathes explained that even though there was less participation in the 2019 UFO Challenge, it just means a better chance for participants to win. We had 19 participants and 61 projects completed. This challenge was a 50/50 fundraiser raising \$95 for the Guild. Winners were as follows: 1st place Jan Brown, 2nd place Susan Ainsworth Smith, 3rd place Eileen McCloskey and 4th place Suzi Grunau.

Show & Share had a lot of participants including some more quilting barn boards and small group projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Marie Rears



First Sunday Open Sew

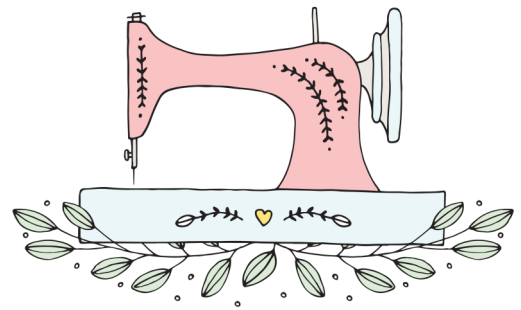
When: December 1, 2019

Where: Parkview Christian Retirement Community
1825 NE 108th Ave, Portland, OR 97220

Community Room

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5



Bring your sewing machine and notions needed for your projects, including rulers and cutting mat. We have 2 ironing boards and 2 irons. I have several long extension cords, it is helpful if you bring your own plug strip. Bring a sack lunch, or there are several eateries on Weidler. There is a small parking lot or street parking.

IMPORTANT NOTE: There will be construction at Parkview beginning in late July and will take place until about January 2020. There will be times that the parking lot will be closed, or we will have to park further out and come in the back entrance. I will pass on any information given to me about possible changes.

This is a great time to work on UFOs, get help with a challenging project, bind your quilts, work on donation projects, or you can bring your hand work. Come join us! If you arrive at 11:00 a.m., please be prepared to help set up tables and arrange cords, etc.



Free Table!

Visit our free table! Please feel free to bring items you no longer can use but are in good condition. If you bring something and it fails to find a happy home, then you will be responsible to take it at the end of our meeting.

Treasurer's Report

November 17, 2019

Opening Balance – Checking \$16,697.47

Deposits:

Commissions Skip A Week	\$40.40
2020 Retreat Registrations	\$550.00
Dues and Guest Fee	\$185.00
Open Sew	\$55.00
Quilt Show Boutique Sales	\$348.75
Quilt Show Silent Auction	\$30.00
<u>UFO Income</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>

Total Income \$1,249.15

Expenses:

Comfort Quilts	\$73.60
Door Prizes	\$15.00
Speaker	\$273.40
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$362.00</u>
Current Balance	\$17,584.62
<u>Less 2020 Quilt Registrations</u>	<u>\$3,375.00</u>
Net Balance	\$14,209.62

Petty Cash (balance) \$68.25

Human Solutions Donations Needed

Boxes for donations will be in the back near Stitching Comforts.

- New socks & underwear (all genders and sizes)
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Hairbrushes
- Soap/Body wash
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Sanitary Pads



Susan Ainsworth Smith
Human Solutions Liaison

Calling All Longarm Quilters!



We have charity quilt bundles ready for you to quilt!

The bundles include a top, backing and batting, and are a bit bigger than the usual charity size (40" x 60")

Help us out by taking a bundle! They are available at the Stitching Comforts table, or you can check with Susan Ainsworth Smith or Colleen Anthony.



Stitching Comforts

Community Outreach

I hope you all shared [the Gresham Outlook article](#) with a non-quilter to help explain what we've been up to the last few years. I think it helps people understand why we find joy in using fabric.

A few quilts that have been donated lately have been backed with fleece. I haven't tried that yet, but the ones I've seen are certainly soft. Depending on the sale price, it is a good way to eliminate both the batting and the backing in a quilt. If you have smaller pieces of fleece in your stash, you may want to slice it into scarves (8" or 9" by 60") for a donation to **Human Solutions**. When I did this, I just rolled up the scarves and tied them with a ribbon.

Occasionally I get smaller pieces of fleece donated that don't seem to fit either purpose. Last month I was able to pass those smaller pieces on to another group to use in a unique project. There is a group in Happy Valley that uses 1" strips in Snuffle Mats for dogs at the **Clackamas Animal Shelter**. If you have random fleece scraps to pass on, I would be glad to take them just like your other fabric donations. The funny part of this story is how they shared the fleece bits too small for mats, that I could pass on to a contact who uses filler for dog beds. I'm continually amazed at the opportunities for recycling and repurposing the donations the guild receives.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, enough time to finish all your projects, and a chance to help someone else. Enjoy everything this season has to offer you and your family. Thank you for the gifts of time you give to others.

Support our Business Members

Barbara's Bobbins and Threads

Barbara Belgrave, 25525 SE Hoffmeister Rd, Damascus, OR 97089, 503-421-8496
bjb1955@gmail.com

Craft Warehouse

Gresham Station Shopping Center, 687 NW 12th Street, Gresham 97030, 503-907-3137
craftwarehouse.com and [Craft Warehouse on Facebook](#)

Crafty Staci

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Debbiez Quilting

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Heidi's Garden Quilting

Heidi Oliver, 16474 Swan Ave., Oregon City 97045, 503-432-4327, jrtiluv@comcast.net
heidisgardenquilting.com and [Heidi's Garden Quilting on Facebook](#)

Kelly Creek Studio - Longarm Machine Quilting Service

Susan Ainsworth Smith, 503-577-1434, susan@kellycreekstudio.com
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Marie's Custom Quilting

Marie Anderson, 59 NE 3rd St., Gresham 97030, 503-481-5117 marieanderson0@hotmail.com
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Montavilla Sewing Center

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My Quilting Loft

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Quilting by the Fence

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quiltingbythefence.com and [Quilting by the Fence on Facebook](#)

Save Stores

1900 McLoughlin Blvd, Oregon City, OR 503-655-4414 or 6701 SE Foster Rd, Portland, OR 503-775-7283
savestores.com and [Save Stores on Facebook](#)

Shepherd's Garden Quilting

Rebecca Tellez, 775 NE 9th Street, Gresham 97030, 503-888-3415
rebecca@shepherdsgardenquilting.com
shepherdsgardenquilting.com and [Shepherd's Garden on Facebook](#)

We follow the Gresham-Barlow School District schedule when it comes to weather—if they're closed, our meeting is cancelled!



December Birthdays

Colleen Anthony	1
Gabrielle Gibson	5
Barbara Hundahl	9
Ellen Hemmert	11
Heidi Oliver	11
Bev Meyer	13
Sarah LeCain	14
Stephanie Harland	22
Martha Bachler	23
Carol Peters	24
Rebecca Tellez	24
Dian Zumwalt	25
Nancy Toupin	30
Jana Ince-Carey	31
Laurie Tolson	31
Louise Bird	

We welcome any guild member who would like to join us at our board meetings! The December meeting will be at Elmer's on Burnside.

Next meeting: December 3rd, 7pm

We still need someone to take the Membership Chair position in February, so this meeting would be a great opportunity to see what that's about and ask questions!

Secret word:

Holidays

...and here's a bonus secret for you—click on the quilt on the upper right corner of page 1 to get the free pattern for that quilt!

Small Group Update

If you have formed a small group, please let Elizabeth Sheeley know so we can include the info in the newsletter.

Appliqué group, **NEEDLE TURNERS**, meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. at Jackie Parks's house. Contact Jackie for more info. 503-512-7665, jmillerparks@comcast.net.

GENERAL FOCUS small group meets at Laura Rom's house on the 4th Monday of each month from 10:00am-3:00pm. Contact Laura for more info, 971-244-2305, puma01.laura@gmail.com.

Evening small group, **SEWCIAL CLUB**, which meets on the 4th Wednesday evening of each month, is currently full and closed to new members. Contact Debbie Johnsen for more details, 503-680-6494, debbie.johnsen@yahoo.com.

Open! **LAST WEDNESDAY OPEN SEW** meets the last Wednesday of each month from 11:00am to 3:00pm at First Baptist Church, 224 W. Powell in Gresham, across the street from the Gresham post office. Bring a project of your own or work on charity quilts. Contact Nancy Toupin, 503-381-8543, or nancytoupin53@gmail.com, with questions. Open to new members.

WOOL GATHERERS meets the 1st Friday of each month at 10:00am at the Gresham Library. For more info, contact Tomme Fent, 503-674-4464, tommequilts@gmail.com

PIECEMAKERS group (general quilting) meets the third Monday of each month from 9:00am-2:30pm at the home of Barbara Belgrave, 503-421-8496. The group is full and closed.

ALL ABOUT ME group (machine embroidery) meets the second Saturday of each month from 9am-2:30pm at the home of Barbara Belgrave, 503-421-8496. The group is full and closed.

New group! **THE TRAVELIN' QUILTERS**, meets second Sunday of each month at 2:30pm at the Gresham Library.

New Small Group!

The Travelin' Quilters met for the first time in November. We decided to continue meeting on the second Sunday of the month, at 2:30 pm, at the Gresham branch of the Multnomah County Library (on Miller).

If it falls on a holiday, the meeting will be one week later. The next two meetings will be on December 8th and January 12th.

We identified several group opportunities in the near future, including an exhibit of the Oregon Quilt Project (through 12/23), a couple shop hops in February, and the Willamette Valley Quilt Festival 1/31-2/1.



Quilt Trivia

The word **quilt** comes from the Latin *culcita* meaning a stuffed sack, but it came into the English language from the French **word** *cuilte*.

Garfield Skip-a-Week Quilt Club tables at MHQG!

Come visit the tables for some really good deals! Remember the money made from the two tables goes to both clubs, 60% to SAW and 40% to MHQG.

With the holiday season upon us, a quick and easy way you can support the guild (at no extra cost to you) is to designate the Mt. Hood Quilt Guild as your favorite charity when you shop at Amazon and Fred Meyer!

Scroll to the bottom of the [home page on our website](#) for details!





Some of our members volunteered at the Human Solutions Holiday Store last year, and really enjoyed the experience!

If you're interested in sharing your time with them this year, [click here to sign up](#) or email toydrive@humansolutions.org for more info.

Join our newest challenge! Each month we will be doing a new Block of the Month, which will allow quilters of all levels to learn or practice piecing skills, and maybe use some scraps. The blocks will then be raffled off to a lucky winner!

- How it works:**
- 1) Make the block following the requirements in the instructions.**
 - 2) Bring block to the MHQG meeting & turn in.**
 - 3) Each block gets one entry into drawing**
 - 4) A name is drawn & blocks are awarded to a winner!**

NOTE: if there are a large amount of blocks, more than one winner will be drawn.

BOM January 2020 – Floating Winter Star block

This challenge provides practice handling bias edges, sewing 1/4" seams and flying geese.

Fabric choices: Think sparkling winter blues. The star will be blue with a white-on-white background. For the blue, please use true blues avoiding teal, turquoise or purple shades and prints with other bright colors- the colors should read as blue.

Makes one 12" Floating Star Block (12 1/2" unfinished)

Background fabric: cut **4** - 4" x 4" squares and **4** - 4" x 5 1/2" rectangles

Star: **1** - 5 1/2" x 5 1/2" square and **8** - 3" x 3" squares

Construction: See example pic below. Tips: light starch, and careful pressing helps avoid stretching bias edges.

- 1) Draw a light diagonal line corner to corner on wrong side of all 3" squares.**
- 2) Lay down a 4 x 5 1/2" background rectangle with long side nearest you, right side up. Place a 3" star square on bottom left corner- right sides together so line runs diagonal down from left to right. Stitch on the drawn line. Trim off the extra corner piece 1/4" from the seam. Carefully press towards corner. Repeat with another 3" square on lower right side of the rectangle- line should run diagonal down from right to left. Sew, trim & press. Now you have a star point rectangle. Repeat with remaining three background rectangles to complete all four sides of the star points.**
- 3) Stitch two star point rectangles to opposite sides of the 5 1/2" square to make a center row. The V of the star point rectangles should point towards the 5 1/2" square after sewn. Try to avoid sewing through the point of the "V". Press towards the center square.**
- 4) Stitch a background 4"x4" square to the short sides of the two remaining star point rectangles. This makes two more rows. Press toward the white squares.**
- 5) Stitch all three rows together with the row with 5" square in the center, Line up seams- use pins if needed. Try to avoid sewing through points. Press towards center. Your block should be 12 1/2". Do not square up.**

