

JUNE 2026

Quilters on the Rock

Whidbey Island, Washington

P.O. Box 1152, Coupeville, WA 98239 www.quiltersontherock.com Like us on Facebook



Please join us!

3rd Monday of the month

**Coupeville Methodist
Church, Fellowship Hall**
608 N Main Street
Coupeville, WA 98239

6 p.m. Gathering
6:30 p.m. Program &
Meeting

Exceptions!

Jan, Feb & Mar

Mtgs held via Zoom

Aug

Auction held offsite on a
Sat in lieu of Mon mtg

Nov & Dec

- Mtg dates may vary
when they conflict with
holidays

SUNSHINE ~ We care a great deal for our guild members and want them to know we are here for them in their time of need. Please contact Vicki Matzen, vimatzen@comcast.net, 360-672-5547 or at our meetings, if one of our members needs some comforting, i.e. get well or sympathy card.



A Message from Our President

In May I participated in two QOR events on the same day - the Memorial Day Parade in Coupeville and the Community Quilts Work Party. The parade was fun and all the attendees were very friendly and encouraging. Lynn Scoby made a great display on a wagon with quilt samples and signage of all the organizations that we support.

The work party was not my first, but eye-opening as to the number of tops needing to be measured, matched with battings, backings and bindings, then bundled for members to take home and finish. If quilting is more than you can handle, check the table to see if there are quilts that just need bindings and labels added. Many hands make light work!

Sally Howard

Program Information

In June we are going to have Kathy McNeil talking to us about Quilting, The Happiness Project. She is famous for hand appliqueing thousands of little scraps of fabric together, where she creates quilts that look like paintings. Kathy shares tips on design, construction and quilting from her 20 years of award-winning work. This lecture is fun, educational, and has real scientific studies supporting the benefits of a creative quilting life. Quilting is good for you! Come learn how creativity in you work affects your joy in life. She is coming to speak to our in-person meeting!!

For the July QOR meeting, we'll once again welcome our quilting friends from the Fidalgo Island guild, namely the Quilting Divas! Here's more information...

The Divas: Wearable Art Designers are enthusiastic garment makers on a mission to be expressive through the innovative use of textiles and surface design in wearable art clothing and accessories. Work produced might use any combination of hand or machine stitching, knitting, crochet, needlework or woven fibers. Up-cycling is encouraged. Monthly meetings at the Anacortes Senior Activity Center are about learning from one another and supporting each other's creative endeavors while having lots of fun. This Style Show will feature Divas modeling the garments and accessories they have made over the past year.

Piper Bazemore - Vice President

piper.bazemore@gmail.com

Community Quilts June 2026

Greetings Quilters

Welcome to summer isn't it lovely.

WOW is the best word to describe our May meeting donations!!!! There was a total of 40 finished quilts turned in!!!! **THANK YOU ALL** for the work that you do to make Community Quilts a success.

The great thing about making quilts for Community Quilts is that you don't have to make a complete quilt from start to finish, you can pick and choose what you want to contribute to the quilt. You can use up your scraps and piece the top, then for those that just want to quilt the quilt you can pick up a quilt package(s) and quilt away, then there are those who like to sew on the binding (you know who you are) and we have those quilts all ready for you to pick up and sew your heart out, and last but not least the labels, we can accommodate those of you who like to sew on the labels as the finishing touch. We have something for everyone in making a community quilt, it truly does take a village. Just stop by our table at the next guild meeting and we can hook you up.

We were blown away at what we received at the May meeting. Here are the numbers:

40 finished quilts

3 completed tops turned in already for being made into quilt packages

2 quilts that still need binding and labels

6 quilt packages were taken

Community Quilts project recipients:

Budget for Baby We have given a total of 22 quilts this year!!!

Military Gratitude Collecting quilts

Opportunity Council Families in Transition – Melissa is checking with staff on quilts needed

Veterans program - They need 10 quilts, so we are working on getting more patriotic quilts finished

Puget Sound Kidney Center There were 8 more quilt turned in at the April meeting which makes a total of 30 quilts that we have given so we have 10 more quilts to meet our goal of 40 quilts for Puget Sound Kidney Center, **THANK YOU!!!!!!**

Whidbey Health MAC – Gave them 5 quilts **Gift shop** – all good

PLAY DAY May 23 There were 6 of us, Kim Martin, Kathy Vass, Rosa Merrill, Mary Stewart, Sally Howard and Marilyn Egler. We were working on putting together patriotic quilt packages and we got 10 complete packages made which will be available at the June meeting for pickup, unless you want to have a package sooner and we will be happy to make that happen just let us know. We feel that we could get more packages made if there were a total of 8 people helping so stay tuned for our next Play Day and come and play making quilt packages.

Please let either Linda or Marilyn know if you need labels, we will get them to you.

Thank you all for your generosity, it takes a village.

Linda Nienhuis and Marilyn Egler

Community Quilts Linda's email: flygogo12@gmail.com Marilyn's email: minimae67@gmail.com

The Auction is Coming – Save the Date

August 15th, Saturday, 3-6pm Our biggest fundraising event of the year and also a really fun time. Silent auction, live auction and some drinks and appetizers. What a lovely way to spend a summer afternoon.

The event is held at the Horkey's home that has a level driveway with lots of on street parking and afternoon shade.

Donations are ready to be received at our meetings or contact Louise to make other arrangements.

The auction is in place of our regular meeting at the church.

Signup sheets will be at the June meeting for help at the event.

"Not Really a Panel" Challenge Information

I still have 4 panels to give away to anyone wanting to join the challenge. It is not too late to join the fun.

Diane Mannie dmannie@whidbey.com

Welcome to the Guild

Welcome to new member Jeana Dominguez. She lives in Langley, is a new quilter and really enjoyed Marcia's studio presentation and Show & Tell during the May meeting.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

<i>Sally Wolff</i>	6/7
<i>Tamara Oakes</i>	6/19
<i>Cheryl Haigh</i>	6/21
<i>Louise Horkey</i>	6/22
<i>Ginny Mayer</i>	6/29



JULY BIRTHDAYS

<i>Joann Nishioka</i>	7/4
<i>Lynn Vaughn</i>	7/15
<i>Barb Moen</i>	7/21
<i>Nicole Hoekstra</i>	7/22
<i>Evelyn Blair</i>	7/
<i>Gina Holle</i>	7/

Hospitality

Now that we will be meeting in person (yay!), the time for treats is back (also yay!). Since there are several months when birthday members do not have to bring treats, the following schedule was devised for fairness (and more treats. Yay!).



April: January and April birthdays
May: February and May birthdays
June: March and June birthdays
September: July and September birthdays
October: August and October birthdays
November: November and December birthdays



Whidbey Island Fair

The world-famous Whidbey Island Fair 2026 is next month - July 23 - 26th, 2026. On-line registration for quilts is slated to open on June 8th <https://www.whidbeyislandfair.com/exhibitor-entry> More motivation to get those UFOs finished, just in time.



UFO Challenge Update

Five months in and the team is making progress. Stats may look a bit different: had a couple of modifications on project lists, switched out a couple of team members and added a couple of late joiners. We're a rather fluid group this year!

We are also a productive group: 194 finishes. Group completion rate is hovering right at 41%. A few of the team are creeping up on 8 and 9 tasks done. They'll hit 100% soon. Keep up the good work and keep sharing your achievements.

The project number to work on this month (if you need a gentle nudge) is #7.

Pacific NW Quilt & Fiber Art Museum

703 So Second St La Connor, WA 98257

360-466-4288 Wed – Sun 11am – 5pm

<https://www.qfamuseum.org/> Facebook: qfamuseum

QOR Guild Members can get a Guild-Exclusive discount on Individual Membership to the museum and on regular daily admission.

Current Exhibits

Binding Botany

Kristen Spiros interprets the permanent collection.

March 25 – June 14, 2026

Gain a deeper awareness of how plant life was sewn into 19th century quilts and coverlets. These historic quilts offer a glimpse into women's education, material resources, scientific inquiries, and interest in the natural environments they inhabited.

Beneath the Boughs

Terry Shinn

May 13, 2026 – July 26, 2026

Shinn's 3-dimensional fiber art vessels celebrate the textures and colors of trees. Using hand-dyed fabrics and a combination of hand and machine stitching, Shinn's detailed and tactile works honor nature through textiles.

Pieces for a Piece

Curated by Youngmin Lee and Miran Lee

June 3 - August 23, 2026

Bojagi is a Korean textile artform created by piecing together small scraps of fabric. Bojagi artists and experts, Youngmin Lee and Miran Lee will bring together an incredible selection of bojagi by contemporary artists.

Quilt Show

Quilt & Fiber Arts Festival

September 25 – 27, 2026

La Connor, Washington

Upcoming Quilt and Sewing Shows

Western Washington shop Hop 2026

June 15-28, 2026

Get a carpool together and go have a grand adventure.

Star Spangled Quilt Show Extravaganza

July 31 – Aug 1, 2026 Fri & Sat 10am – 4pm

Anacortes Middle School 2202 M Ave

Presented by Fidalgo Island Quilters

Oh the Quilts We'll Sew

August 14 -15, 2026 10am – 4pm

Port Susan Middle School

7506 267th St NW Stanwood, WA

Presented by the Camano Island Quilters

Quilt & Fiber Art Festival

September 25 – 27, 2026 La Connor, WA

Presented by the Pacific NW Quilt & Fiber Museum

Quiltfest Northwest Golden Jubilee

October 8 – 10, 2026

Thursday – Saturday 10am – 4pm each day

Clark County Events Center

Presented by the Clark County Quilters

Quilters on the Rock General Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2026

Call to Order: Sally Howard, President called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. due to technical difficulties. 55 members were present and Sally H. asked for guests and new members to please stand. Guests were Janet; Leone Wilson's sister, Caroline Shell as well as her daughter Ellen Wilson; Becky Quinlan, guest of Linda Postenrieder; Chris, friend of Susan Miller, Debbie Koehnen's daughter and new member Jeana Dominguez.

Program: Piper Bazemore, Vice President introduced the speaker, fellow QOR member Linda Postenrieder, 1982 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and President of the United States Naval Academy Women (USNA Women). Linda spoke about the idea behind and the creation of a quilt that celebrates 50 years of women in the U.S. Naval Academy. The quilt hung in the front of the membership. In getting the idea, Linda went back to her roots and her hobby of quilting and the collaboration that quilting can inspire. Linda thought it would be a wonderful way to express the history of women at the Academy. In the summer of 2024, a call went out for quilters. 11 quilters were chosen, which encompassed four decades of female naval officers that had headed the call. Becky Quinlan (in attendance), a fellow Naval Academy attendee was one of the quilters and ended up doing the top stitching of the quilt among other things. In April, the USNA Women had their 50th Year celebration and auctioned off the quilt. Barb, the high bidder, was a female retired Naval officer and the quilt went for \$18,000.00 and the money will go various USNA organizations. Barb has agreed to lend the quilt back to the USNA Women so it can be shown around the country. Linda stressed that the whole process was very fulfilling and meaningful.

Memorial Day Parade: Lynn Scoby spoke about the Coupeville Memorial parade this coming Saturday at 11am; the parade is part of the Happy Birthday Celebration of America's 250th. Not very many people had signed up to participate and she asked if people still wanted to do the parade. The consensus was that members, however small the group would be, still wanted to participate. She had a sign-up sheet for people to sign up. She said people could wear blue jeans and a patriotic top. Dogs are welcome. The start of the parade will be on Wilks Road. Members can meet at the Church parking lot at about 10:30am. Directly after the parade there will be hot dogs and music in the park.

Field Trip to Marcia Derse: Piper Bazemore, Vice President reported that a field trip had been planned to

visit Marcia Derse's studio. A sign-up sheet was available or members could contact Piper. It will be on May 30th at 1pm.

Happy Birthday: The members sang Happy Birthday to all May birthdays, including four members who were present.

Break: Sally H. called a 20-minute break at 7:21 p.m.

Call to Order: Sally H. resumed the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Secretary Report: Ingrid Schwalbe, Secretary, asked the member ship if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes; there were none. Ingrid asked for a motion to approve the minutes and Leone Wilson made a motion and Sally Wolff seconded. Sally H. asked for the motion to be passed and the motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Sally Wolff, Treasurer reported the following:

Balance on hand March 31, 2026	\$17,918.80
Income	\$ 70.45
Expenses	\$ 909.39
Balance on Hand April 30, 2026	\$17,079.86

Vice President/Programs Report: Piper Bazemore, Vice President thanked Linda and Becky for their presentation. For June, Kathy McNeil from Kathy McNeil Art Quilts will present "Quilting the Happiness Project" over zoom during the in-person meeting. Piper told the membership that no audio or visual recording of her lecture will be permitted, so the presentation will not be able to be shared via zoom. Kathy will be presenting her design and applique techniques and her process. July's membership meeting will be our annual Ice Cream Social "with toppings!" The Anacortes Divas will once again present a fashion show. Piper reminded the members that the August Auction will be on Saturday, the 15th of August. She also reminded members to sign up for the Marcia Derse tour.

Membership: Kim Martin, Chair reported that we are doing well with membership. Kim reported that we have a new member, Jeana Dominguez. Kim also said that if anyone doesn't have a new membership card, to please let her know.

Retreat Chair: Kathy Vass, Chair asked that if you've only paid the deposit for June's Staycation to please pay Sally W. the remainder. Kathy reported that she, Kim and Rosa have put their heads together and have come up with some great ideas and plans for the Staycation. Kathy said that If you want to see if you can still join, you can sign up on the waitlist.

Auction: Sally H. asked the membership to think about what they want to donate to this year's auction.

Community Quilts: Linda Nienhuis and Marilyn Egler, Chairs, asked members to show some of the quilts that had been handed in this evening and to walk around the room with them. 11 people showed the quilts and Marilyn said that more quilts were handed in than were shown. Marilyn said that medium size quilt tops and batting were also available to be picked up. Marilyn reminded the members that their playday is this Saturday from 1-5 at the library and more volunteers would be appreciated. At this playday they will take tops that people have made and put them together with backings and batting to make quilt kits.

On the giving side, Marilyn reported that Teresa Kelsey had reported to her that she had given out 22 Budget for Babies quilts this year so far. Marilyn reported that the Kidney Center had received 22 quilts and she believes that we will match the 45 that were requested without a problem. They have given 5 quilts to the MAC unit and that they are still collecting quilts for the Gratitude Quilts Program; which will be given away soon. Marilyn reported that the Opportunity Council is well stocked, but with the number of quilts that are being handed in, they might have enough to give them more in the fall. Marilyn also showed the newest Size Requirements sheet that is in the Newsletter but also can be picked up by the door. A Total of 39 quilts were turned into Community Quilts today.

Placemats and WAIF Beds: Nancy Nielsen, Chair explained for the new members that we make placemats for Meals on Wheels recipients. We make them all year long and in November they are given out with the Thanksgiving meal. Nancy said it is a great way to make a small quilting project and people use orphan blocks and scraps to make them. The only thing that they ask is that they are not holiday specific, however, patriotic is okay. The size 12"x18" or around is appropriate. They collect them through October and Nancy announced that this year we will be wrapping them up instead of the Meals on Wheels people having to do that. They will be rolled and put in plastic.

Sally H. announced that Nancy Nielsen would like someone else to take over the Pet Beds for WAIF Program as Nancy has her hands full. Nancy explained what WAIF wanted in terms of cat beds and dog beds. Valerie Hooten volunteered to take over the program. Thank you Valerie!!

UFO Challenge: Kim Martin, Chair reported that the UFOs are going well and at a 30% completion rate. Kim said that it was great to see the preview of what members will be presenting at the meeting when she gets pictures sent via email.

Block of the Month: Debbie Koehn, Chair did a raffle for the spinner blocks and Coleen Jones won. This month's BOM is called Garden Blooms. The books that were Debbie's inspiration are "Spring Walk" by Virginia Brimhall Snow and "Poppy's Own Spot" by Guido Van Genetchen. Debbie explained how to create the Garden Bloom block. Debbie also reported that since people are coming up to her with ideas, she has decided to have "guest" BOM presenters, however, if you want Debbie to do the presenting for your block, that would be fine.

2026 Quilt Challenges: Diane Mannie, Chair reminded members of the ongoing challenges, "Find Your Old Pattern" and the "Panel Challenge". Diane also has four panels left and that the panel challenge is not due until the end of the year.

Raffle Drawings: Lisa Morrison, Chair held five drawings and Kathy Bradford won the name tag raffle. Sue Murry won the large raffle. Lisa asked if members were interested in bag making stuff to be part of the raffle and members responded that they would be.

Other topics from the group: Louise Horkey talked about the auction and that members can start bringing items for the auction to the meetings in June and July. She said that members could also bring things to her house, just let her know beforehand. She is accepting cotton quilting fabrics, quilting items, quilting kits that haven't been finished, fat quarter stacks but please, no books or magazines.

Show and Tell: 15 members presented their quilts. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ingrid K Schwalbe, Secretary



Remembering a Special Quilter

Mary Lou Hart's service will be Saturday, June 20 at 11:00 a.m. at Whidbey Presbyterian Church. It would be lovely if we had a good representation from QOR. Mary Lou was a very active member for many, many years and was very instrumental in getting Community Quilts going.



**QUILTERS ON THE ROCK
TREASURER'S REPORT
MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH MAY 31, 2026**

BALANCE ON HAND March 31, 2026	\$17,918.80
INCOME*	
Special Events	\$ 110.00
Membership	\$ 20.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 110.00
EXPENSES	
Program	\$ 100.00
Office Supplies	\$ 19.59
Refund of overpayment of dues	\$ 1.25
Equipment	\$ 41.17
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (162.01)
BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 2026	\$ 17,027.85

Respectively submitted,
Sally Wolff
Treasurer

*Interest Income not available as of June 1.

Free sewing machine.

Does not have a foot pedal or electric cord. I bought it at a thrift store because I liked how it looked. Now it is time to pass it on.



From Ingrid Schwalbe ~

I don't know if you remember, but a few years ago I made the Hobbit robe from Lord of the Rings for my daughter, which is a quilted robe, and she wore it to a Comic Con in Denver and her picture was taken with some of the actors from the trilogy - I thought the you might get a kick out of it.

**2026 QUILTERS ON THE ROCK
WHIDBEY ISLAND**

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	Teresa Kelsey - NMCRS Budget for Baby
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Challenge Quilts	Diane Mannie
Block of the Month	Debbie Koehnen
Raffle	Lisa Morrison
Show & Tell Slideshow (Zoom)	Dorothy Waite

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Quilters on the Rock Whidbey Island
Guidelines for Community Quilt Projects
Effective March 31, 2026

Whidbey Health Medical Ambulatory Clinic (MAC)

45" x 60"

Male and female themes – young adult to senior themes

Whidbey Health Hospital Gift Shop

24" x 36" through 40" x 50"

All types of designs and themes

Puget Sound Kidney Center

45" x 60"

Male and female themes

Front – medium to dark multi color busy designs. **No white fabric**

Backing – cotton fabric. **No fleece or flannel**

Opportunity Council, Island County

Families in transition

30" x 40"

Baby theme fabric

45" x 60" through 50" x 65"

70" x 90" through 63" x 87"

Youth, teen and adult theme fabrics

Veterans in transition

45" x 60" through 58" x 68"

70" x 90" through 63" x 87"

Patriotic theme fabrics

Military Gratitude Event

45" x 60" through 50" x 65"

70" x 90" through 63" x 87"

Any and all types of theme fabrics.

Please tag your quilt if you want it to be used for Military Gratitude

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Budget for Baby

Width 30" – 32" Length 30" – 32" (Size must be precise)

Fabric – baby theme

Please use sew-on label only (do not use the "in the binding" style")

Placemats - Island County Senior Services Meals on Wheels (MOW)

Dimensions: 12"-14" top to bottom and 18"-20" wide

WAIF Animal Shelter -

Cat beds: 12" x 18" - Blanket, or pillow stuffed with fabric and batting scraps

Dog beds: 24" x 36" - Blanket made of flannel or fleece or towels (no more stuffed beds for dogs)

NOTES:

To ensure the long life of these gifts which may be handled and washed often, please give them a final quality control check:

- o Pieced Seams – All seams joined completely - no gaps?
- o Binding – Completely catching/covering raw edges and sturdily sewn on? Each seam backstitched?
- o Quilting – Quilting lines are 2" to 4" apart with secure start and stop points?
- o Label – Sewn into the binding seam or securely sewn on all 4 sides?



Thank you. Your generosity
makes a difference.



QOR June BOM 2026 - Garden blooms

Finished block = 9", unfinished = 9 1/2"



Fabric: dark green background, medium green leaves, medium & light flower colors
Think pansies, geraniums, iris, rhodies, fuschias, petunias, your favorite flowers

Cut:

Dark green: four 2" x 6 1/2" rectangles

Medium green: four 2" squares

Medium flower: one 3 1/2" square & four 2" squares

Light flower: four 2" x 3 1/2" rectangles



Sew:

1. Put a medium green square on the end of each dark green piece. Press toward dark.
2. Put a light flower piece on each side of the large flower square. Press toward large square.



3. Put a small flower square on each end of 2 light flower pieces. Press toward small squares.
4. Assemble the flower strips, placing the small squares in the corners. Press away from center.
5. Partial seam: match the leaf to the flower **on the left side**, & sew onto the center, starting about 1" from leaf along dark green piece.
6. Add the outside strips



clockwise one at a time around the outside. Press away from center

7. Finish sewing the partial seam from the first outside strip.