



Lewis Clark Quilts of Valor August, 2022

**August Sew Day –
TOMORROW** starting at
9AM (no awards), at First

Church of God in Clarkston. Bring your project, tools, materials. There will be lots of handwork available— labels to be sewn onto quilts and the corners finished. Bring your lunch, and beverage to enjoy in a day of sewing. See you there!

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER – It's important to reach out to our members in difficult times—loss of a family member or close friend, personal or family health issues/complications, etc.—or to rejoice in the good times. Generally, I depend on our members for the news to share and ask for your continued help in this area. We can only support each other if we know the need, while also keeping discretion and privacy in mind, so please contact me (Becky). Karol Kirkland is our new SUNSHINE person!

AL LIND QUILT TOPS – The tops which Sharon and Alice brought back from Royal City, WA, several weeks ago were pieced by Al Lind of Quincy, WA. We believe these are some of Al's earliest quilts, which were stored at June Moore's home. The "Al Lind's Legacy" article was part of the QOVF Brochure for many years. Between February 2007 and September 2010, when he passed away at the age of 92, he pieced over 450 QOV tops. "Get off your duff and get started!" is a quote by Al to inspire others to take up the QOVF mission. This is a VERY shortened version of Al's story: Al was held as a POW of the Germans for almost two years during WWII (22 months and 11 days). He went from 160 lbs. when drafted to 80 lbs. when he returned to American soil. His service in the U.S. Army included the Allies campaign in Africa, then in Italy. Taken as a POW in Italy, Al and fellow prisoners were eventually loaded into cattle boxcars and shipped to German, and from Stalag to Stalag during his months of captivity. His POW experience is a story of courage, sacrifice, determination and survival. Once back in the United States, Al returned to his farming way of life and kept busy. Upon retirement,

he continued to look for something to do. That's how he began cutting cotton strips for his neighbor, a quilter. Through her, he was introduced to June Moore and her work with Quilts of Valor. June taught him how to make foundation, string-pieced blocks and to put them together to complete a top. As in the early history of quilt making, Al used bits and pieces of whatever type and design of fabric he could find!

It is our privilege to now complete his mission, to care for his tops, to add borders/quilting/bindings, and to make the QOV awards. We know Al's watching over our hands and our hearts as we work.

LCQOV UPDATES – Our LCQOV Hospice awards will now be handled by Sandy Berg/Barb Boland for SJRMC Hospice and by Dawna Glenn for Elite Hospice. Thank you for taking on these responsibilities and going through the necessary paperwork and training. Betty Kendrick/Samy Owen continue to make the LCQOV awards for the Nez Perce County Veterans Court.

CRAZY 8 SHOP RUN – August 4, 5, and 6: Thursday & Friday 9AM-6PM, and Saturday, 9AM to 4PM. Participating shops include Becky's Fabrics (Lewiston), Home Grown Quilts (Lewiston & Grangeville), Rather-Be's (Pomeroy), Stitches & Petals (Moscow), The Wild Hare (Orofino), and Your Best Friends Quilt Shop (Kooskia), Palouse River Quilts, (Colfax). Let's support our shops!

RECENT MOVES – **Jane Hile** and her husband sold their house in Asotin and bought a home in Cortez, CO. Jane plans to stay a "contributing member" of LCQOV, and says she may even surprise us at a sew day (when they're here to visit relatives). We wish you fun times with your grandchildren!

Sharon Ledbetter did a MAJOR downsize when she moved to Colfax in late July. She's excited for a new chapter in her life. She moved into an INDEPENDENT Senior Living Center—with the emphasis on INDEPENDENT! They serve two meals a day, so NO MORE COOKING! She says she'll remain a member with LCQOV because she "wants to know what we're up to, and I'm not that far away." A "Thank you for all you've done" Party will be planned for the fall.