



## Lewis Clark Quilts of Valor March 2024

**National Vietnam War  
Veterans Day  
March 29**

### National Quilting Month!!

Quilters, wind your bobbins and celebrate because March is National Quilting Month. It's the time to honor quilters and your favorite hobby at once. The National Quilting Association celebrated its first National Quilting Day on the third Saturday of March in 1992. Three decades have passed since then! Its influence has expanded over the world.

So mark your calendars on **March 16, 2024**

- it's **National Quilting Day**. Whether you find quilting your favorite creative escape or it gives you a sense of accomplishment, celebrate the warmth and the stories behind your quilts.

### March 4 – Monthly Sew Day

First Church of God in Clarkston from 9- 3 pm. Bring your lunch, projects, and come join us for a day of sewing. There will also be labels and bindings to do. Many of you like doing hand work at our sew days. This will shift from stitching the LCQOV label/corner on a quilt to completing quilt bindings. Several members have offered to machine stitch the bindings, and we'll have them available for hand stitching. If this is a fit for you, remember to bring your own supplies.

**Group Leader in Training/Transition** – We will have a new group leader as of May 1. The Guidance Group is excited to announce Connie Lorenz has stepped up to lead LCQOV forward. She has our full support and has started her homework and the transition to Group Leader. Connie will fill the responsibilities specific for local group leaders (financial, membership, and QOVF policies) and will continue to build and strengthen the LCQOV teams (Administrative, Fabric/Kits, Quilt and Activities/Events). Way to go, Connie!

**Change on LCQOV Service Labels** – When the LCQOV Guidance Group met on 2/5, we decided to no longer make and add the LCQOV labels to our QOVs. While these labels have been a nice addition, there are challenges with them. At the national level, there are current QOVF Board discussions toward disallowing any labels other than the Makers Label on any QOV. Beginning on April 1, the QOVF Makers Label will be the only label we use on an LCQOV quilt.

### Sandy Berg Mystery Quilt!!

Are you keeping up with this? The pattern has 5 weekly instructions. The fabric requirements for this are posted online. The set of instructions can be found at <https://govmystery.weebly.com/>

### Upcoming events:

**March 4** – Monthly Sew Day 9 am at the First Church of God

**March 29** - Elks Vietnam War Veterans Event/LCQOV Awards – 5:00 PM, Lewiston Elks Lodge.

**April 24** – Spring Luncheon – Holiday Inn Clarkston

Seaport Quilters Guild  
Presents the 39th Annual  
**Festival of Quilts**  
APRIL  
27 TH & 28 TH  
GAMES  
RAFFLE BASKETS  
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VENDORS  
ADMISSION \$5.00  
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**April 27-28** – Seaport Quilters quilt show – our own Barb Boland is the featured quilter! Get a chance to win the quilt pieced by the late Cindy Ecles!

**Gratitude Corner** – The “Gratitude Corner” returns to the newsletter. Trying to track and share lots of pictures of recipients, along with the makers’ information, is overwhelming and needs to be reduced in number. Equally important are the comments (written or verbal) and expressions of gratitude from our recipients. We want to share those with you instead. This note was sent to LCQOV and is a “first” following a Hospice award, and it included a check for future quilts. It is especially touching as it was written during a time of family grief:

*“Lewis Clark Quilts of Valor Members,*

*I wanted to write and thank you for honoring my husband Doug with a Quilt of Valor. It meant so much to me and our family who were present in his room. Doug passed away 2 days after receiving the quilt, but I know he was award of your kindness. We’ll forever be grateful – we will forever treasure the quilt. May God Bless You All, Vickie.”*

## Quilt Awards!

*Tony Gaylen USMC  
1979-1985*



*Richard Surry  
US Air Force  
1962-1965*

Both of these quilts were made by Sylvia Demaris, quilted by Susan Schlenz and bound by Sandy Hawks – all of Dayton, WA

The First Church of God in Clarkston became the center of activity for **the LCQOV-QOV National Sew Day on Saturday, 2/3/24**. We had a great turnout for this event, and goals accomplished. Special thanks go to Alice Gwinn, Kelly McKeehen and Shelley Nagel for planning this fun day, for lunch of soup, bread and cookies, and for wonderful, thoughtful door prizes; to Samy Owen for giving our LCQOV Awards comments; to Barb Boland and Dawna Glenn who wrapped our recipients; and to **ALL** of our amazing volunteers who participated.



At 10AM, we made 12 QOV awards to veterans, whose service dates spanned 1961 to 2023. Following the award ceremony, many recipients and guests visited our work space for cookies and to express thanks to those who made their quilts.

*Harry J. Hart, U.S. Air Force, 1961-1982 – pieced/quilted Corla Hughes; bound Pam Brooks/Glenda Benn  
Albert “Ed” Whitehead, U.S. Navy, 1964-1986 – Susan Lawson; quilted/bound Judy Howard  
Jerri Lake, U.S. Army, 1966-1970 – Sharon Ledbetter; Kelly McKeehan; Betty Kendrick/Barb Boland  
James Wiggins, U.S. Army N.G., 1977-1983 – pieced/bound Corla Hughes; quilted Cindy Hardin  
Robert Mahal, U.S. Army, 1981-1986 – Becky Mahurin; quilted/bound Nancy Sattler  
Willis Knapton, U.S. Army, 1981-1987 – pieced/bound Sue Krueger; Kelly McKeehan  
Janice Spickelmire, U.S. Navy, 1981-1993 – Ruth Hamrin; quilted/bound Judy Howard  
John Spickelmire, U.S. Navy, 1982-1989 – pieced/quilted/bound Pam Brooks  
Patrick Schlagen, U.S. Army Reserves, 1985-1986, U.S. Air Force, 1986-1990 – Sandy Berg; quilted & bound Nancy Sattler  
Colleen Schlagen, U.S. Army N.G. 1985-1991 – Bonnie Schacher; quilted/bound Nancy Sattler  
LaDale Patton, U.S. Navy & Reserves, 2000-2023 – Kay Schyphers; quilted/bound Judy Howard  
Sarah White, U.S. Navy, 2006 – Bonnie Schacher; quilted/bound Nancy Sattler*