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## Biography – Bev Gulley



I have been happily married to Jim Gulley for almost 35 years. I'm also the mother of one daughter, Cate, and I have three young-adult grandchildren. Cate and the kids live in North Carolina, so I don't see them often.

I grew up in a very small town in New Jersey, attended college in West Virginia, and graduated from the University of Delaware. I worked for DuPont in Wilmington for 15 years (that's where I met Jim), and for San Francisco based McKesson as a computer analyst and project manager until 1995. About 9 years ago, we decided we'd had enough of Bay Area traffic and congestion, and moved to Yosemite Lakes Park in the Sierra foothills near Fresno. We've been out

of the workforce for nearly 20 years now.

Jim and I are Habitat for Humanity volunteers, and have helped to build houses in Fresno, Sheridan WY, Las Cruces NM, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, China, Thailand, and Guatemala. While the foreign builds are exciting and I wouldn't miss them for the world, I particularly enjoy US-style construction and have become very comfortable with chop saws and drills.

We love traveling, and spend a lot of time away from home in our RV, generally visiting national parks and other wilderness areas, where we enjoy hiking. When I'm at home, I'm a quilter and needleworker, and always have 4-5 projects going.

Along with my own quilt projects, I make a number of small charity quilts each year for the SJFWA cradles. Some club members may also have seen the quilts I made for raffle cradles. Until my election as SJFWA Secretary for 2014, my primary involvement with the club and with woodworking has been helping to build and assemble toys, attending meetings, and eating donuts.