



## FROM THE PRESIDENT- *BETTY LERNER*

### President's Message: December

*The Holidays are approaching faster than I would have thought possible. Have you finished your shopping and sewing? If not, here are a few ideas.*

*When I shop for Holiday gifts, I like to buy a gift that will do some good for the maker as well as the recipient. I love to shop for Fair Trade items. Fair Trade Certification means that the seller*

*is buying directly from artisans and co-operatives in countries where need is great. Every unique gift and item you buy helps to support an artisan. Fair Trade USA explains it this way:*

*Fair Trade Certification empowers workers to lift themselves out of poverty by investing in their farms and communities, protecting the environment, and developing the business skills necessary to compete in the global marketplace.*

*We are very fortunate to have several Fair Trade shops in our area:*

- ◆ *Fair Trade for All, 8730 W. North Avenue, Wauwatosa <http://www.fairtradeforall.net/>*
- ◆ *Four Corners of the World, 5401 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee <http://www.fairtrademilwaukee.org/contact/>*
- ◆ *Plowshare Center, 219 West Main St, Waukesha <http://www.plowsharecenter.org/>*

*If you shop on the internet, NOVICA is affiliated with National Geographic and has a wonderful mission: Artisans from around the world (many living in rural communities) don't have the means to sell their work on the international market. NOVICA gives them a free platform to do this, and reach customers on a global scale.*

*Gifts you buy from NOVICA are shipped directly from the artisan and, in turn, the money goes to the artisan. You also have the opportunity to give grants the artisans to start their own businesses.*

*[www.novica.com](http://www.novica.com)*

*Do you love coffee? Visit <http://www.cafecampesino.com>. They sell Fair Trade coffees for all over the world and roast the beans just before shipping them to you.*

*Etsy ([www.etsy.com](http://www.etsy.com)) and Artfire ([www.artfire.com](http://www.artfire.com)) are forums for artisans and artists to sell their creative work. You purchase directly from the artisan who ships directly to you. You can find almost anything on these sites and you are supporting an artist.*

*I've discovered a new site this year. A Monster to Love (<http://amonstertolove.com/>) was created by a father and his sons. When you buy one of the monster dolls they make, they will also donate one to a child in need who could really use a monster to love.*

*There are innumerable causes that are really worthwhile. These are some of my favorites for those of you who want to shop for good.*



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- Guild meeting date –December
- December Program—Schoolhouse
- \* WSQG –Quilt Show March 14 & 15, 2014

# West Suburban Quilter's Guild

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<u>Library</u>	Mary Markert        Lynda Soderstrom
<u>Door Prizes</u>	Ruth Anne Hall        Cheryl Anderson

## Sunshine

Birthdays we honor in December. When you see any of these women, wish them a Happy Birthday.

- 1 Cathy Helgeson
- 2 Marcia Dalkert
- 9 Vicki Spiering
- 12 Monica Hestiken
- 19 Julie Cozad
- 20 Leslie Thorkelson
- 23 Melissa Peterson
- 28 Vicki Wolf
- 29 Vicky Krause



In this hectic season of preparations, we hope you can carve out a moment for yourself to have a calm, relaxing birthday.

**WSQG** meets on the second Wednesday of each month at **Brookfield Christian Reformed Church**, 14135 Burleigh Road (Burleigh and Lily) in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Meetings start at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted. Take time to meet and greet friend's new and old, beginning at 6:30 P.M. Be sure to sign in for Show and tell. *Don't forget to wear your name badge for door*

The WSQG Newsletter is published monthly, September through May. Your input is always welcome. The deadline for submission is the 28th of the month, prior to publication. Contact: Linda Valiga at 262-5493061 (home) lindaquiltcook@yahoo.com

## West Suburban Quilters Guild Minutes

November 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by the president Betty Lerner.

Announcements: Be sure to pick up your raffle tickets; Gloria Volland is sponsoring a bus trip to the Chicago Quilt Show at Rosemont leaving the Thursday of the show, staying two nights at the Embassy Suites. The cost is \$223.00 for a double room. Contact Gloria by the end of November if interested. Our newest guild member is opening a quilt shop in Richfield called Sew Many Pieces; projected opening date is February.

Show and Tell- the following items were shared by guild members:

A full-sized Christmas quilt

A Patterned Gardens appliqued quilt

A purse

A Christmas tree skirt

A hobo bag

A snowman wall hanging

A block-of-the-month embroidery sample

A monster truck children's quilt

Finished projects from Wendy Rieves classes

A Christmas quilt

A red, white, and blue quilt

A hexagon quilt

Bibs for the boutique

A Winter Pines quilt

A quilt for a son

An appliqued wall hanging

A bubbles quilt for a grandchild

A Kaffe Fassett-inspired quilt- "Stones on the Beach"

EQ quilts for the quilt show- patterns will be available for sale there

A quilt for a brother who survived lung cancer

Boutique items-luggage tags, eye glass cases, snap-it bags

A purple jelly roll quilt

An "Ups and Downs" quilt

A Mariner's Compass quilt

A 5,000 piece "all Around the House" quilt which took 1st place in a Jefferson, Texas quilt show

Sock puppets for the boutique

A hand-appliqued leaf wall hanging

Presenter: Sue Wojcechowski, a crazy quilter who also works in wool and teaches her techniques. She shared that she was always a sewer who tried many crafts before settling on quilting. She showed her first quilt and also shared many of her quilts exhibiting her varied techniques.

Charity Quilt- no report

Treasurer- no report but finances continue to be a concern.

Program- next month, Schoolhouse with four demonstrations. Bring your UFO's in a brown paper bag. Four quilt shops will be present so purchases can be made.

Block of the Month- 30 blocks were turned in. The winner: Cherie Allen. The new block should be made of Christmas fabrics.

Hospitality- December sign up is ok.

Newsletter- see Linda Valiga to verify email addresses if you are not receiving the newsletter.

Quilt Show- Demos are needed, see Laura Krasinski. The large indoor signs need to be located. Information for volunteering will be available at the December meeting. There will be a meeting for chairs Wednesday following the January guild meeting. The categories for quilt entries have been redone. There will be online registration for submitting quilts on the website. It is encouraged that everyone submits 3 quilts.

Door Prize winners: Stephanie Strad, Betty Lerner, and Ann Walker.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitzi Horning,

WSQG Secretary



## Quilt Tip (Fons and Porter website)

### Non-slip Templates

To keep templates from slipping, use adhesive-backed sandpaper. Cut ½"-wide strips from the sandpaper and use a paper punch to punch out little dots. A stiletto comes in handy for removing the paper from the back of those little pieces of sandpaper. You can also use scrapbook punches to cut cute shapes like butterflies, hearts, and flowers.

Send in your quilt tips and ideas to me for printing and as I have space I will use them.

### Quick Holiday Treat (Kraft website)

Melting Snowman Cookie Balls

1 pkg. (8 oz.)  
PHILADELPHIA  
Cream Cheese,  
softened



24 NUTTER BUTTER Cookies, finely crushed  
(about 3 cups)

3 pkg. (4 oz. each) BAKER'S White Chocolate,  
broken into pieces, melted

48 Mini OREO Bite Size Cookies

2 Tbsp. decorating icing

### Directions

MIX cream cheese and cookie crumbs until well blended.

SHAPE into 48 (1-inch) balls; place in single layer in shallow pan. Freeze 10 min. Dip balls in chocolate; place in shallow waxed paper-lined pan, allowing excess chocolate to pool at bottom of each ball. Decorate with remaining ingredients as shown in photo.

REFRIGERATE 1 hour or until firm. Keep refrigerated

## Hospitality

2—2 liter bottles Soda : Laura Krasinski, Mary Weber

Water : Lynne Thomas

Ice: Betty Polcyn

Snacks: Mitzi Horning, Judy Valentino, Linda Valiga, Sonja Pavlik, Terri Sankovitz, Cheryl Anderson, Stephanie Strand, Cindy Vick, Chris Day, Cheri Allen, Jeanne Kissane, Lilita Lukach (*spelling— unsure as I could not find the name in the book so I am sorry if I goofed up on this one*), Joanne Sheahan



WSQG -Quilt Show

Mark your calendars

“Putting the Pieces

Together”

March 14 & 15, 2014

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# West Suburban Quilter's Guild

November 13 2013, - 7 PM

Meet and Greet 6:30 PM

Christian Reformed Church

14135 Burleigh Road ( Burleigh and Lily)

Brookfield, Wisconsin

