

# West Suburban Quilt Guild

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Dates**—1st meeting at WCTC September 10 in the Anderson center
- **Workshops at WCTC** Sept 11, 12, 13



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## From the President— Betty

### ARE YOU READY?

It's almost time to meet again. We have a lot to look forward to for the coming year. Our year starts off with the lecture we have all been waiting for. The Pat Sloan Lecture will be September 10 at the Richard T. Anderson Center WCTC, 800 Main St., Pewaukee. The lecture will begin at 7 pm. It is free for members in good standing, and there is a \$10 fee for non-members of the sponsoring guilds.

September 10 would have been our regular meeting night. Our first meeting is usually devoted to organization and program information,

so we are scheduling an extra meeting for Tuesday, September 16 at 7 pm. We had to work around events at the church and apologize for the odd night. I hope all of you can make it, but if you can't we will be sending out the information after the meeting. It is also the first meeting at our new location. Good News: Brookfield Road is open again. Be careful with the new traffic circle. Not everyone is used to the rules.

Our fall/winter programs will include the Schoolhouse, a lecture or two and the Auction. The auction will be before Christmas so it will be a

great opportunity to shop for the Holidays. We will invite the church members, and we are counting on each of you to bring a friend and some contributions for the auction. If you are working on any fun projects, maybe you could make 2.

We still need a Chairperson or Co-Chairs for the 2016 Quilt Show. If you are willing to volunteer, you will have lots of help. Many of our positions have been filled already, and the former Chairpersons will be on hand to assist and advise.

It's going to be a great year! I can't wait to see you all!

Betty

## Pat Sloan—Speaker

Pat Sloan has been creating since she was a child. From the first shoebox dioramas to sketches for a fabric line, there has always been creative energy flowing. When she tried her hand at quilting in 1985, she never looked back.

Now, owner and founder of the quilting design and publishing company Pat Sloan & Co., she has published over 25 books, more than 100 patterns, nearly 10 fabric lines, and has had her work featured in all the major Quilt magazines.

New Pattern Series from Pat Sloan  
**Girls In The Garden**

pat Sloan.com

Nicole's Autumn Pumpkins Patch Ann's Winter Plumtree Amelia's Spring Delight Chelsea's Summer Garden

All patterns 22" x 45" - Pattern \$89 \$10 - Batik Fabric Kits Available

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# New Location for WSQG Meetings

Brookfield Lutheran Church  
18500 W. Burleigh  
Brookfield, WI 53045  
Office: (262) 783-420  
Meetings begin at 7 pm,  
social time begins at 6:30

The newsletter is put together by Linda Valiga. All items must be submitted by the 25th of the month at- lindaquiltcook@yahoo.com



## Board Member's 2014-15

**President:** Betty Lerner  
**Vice President:** Renee Henning  
**Secretary:** Leslie Thorkelson  
**Treasurer:** Carole Kobach\_  
**Committees: Program:**  
1. Judy Valentino  
2. Judy Hensley  
3. Lynne Thomas  
4. Terri Kirchner Sankovitz  
**Block of the Month:** Terri Thomas, Johanna Fritz  
**Charity Quilts:** Therese Bergholz & Kelli Effinger  
**Hospitality:** Sandy Wisler, Joy Zuerner Holle Kelley, Jan Heintz Rie Grimm  
**Newsletter:** Linda Valiga  
**Directory:** Judy Valentino  
**Photographer:** Cathy Helgeson / Vicky Krause

**Pattern Library:** Lisa Garms & Mary Hartwig  
**Door Prizes:** ---Barb Minnich & Judy Hensley---  
**Sunshine:** Susan Johnson  
**Show and Tell:** 1) Gerri Diedrich  
2) Karen Lorenz  
**Telephone:** Ruth Ann Hall  
**Web Page:** Kay Batta  
**Nominating :** Patty Martin  
**Quilt Show 2016 :** ???????????

Hospitality—Treats will be supplied by the board members for the September 16th WSQG meeting

Celebrate Good Times Offer Support



## Sunshine

Sunshine – Welcome back! As this glorious summer winds down, we can't forget to wish the August and September babes a Happy Birthday!

- August
- 3 Caren Zimmerman
  - 4 Lynette Fennig
  - 6 Maryjo Busch
  - 8 Betty Breen
  - 11 Mary Weber

- 18 Ann Walker
  - 30 Mary Hartwig
- September sunshine:
- 9/4 Patty Martin and Gloria Volland
  - 9/23 Carol Koback
  - 9/27 Mitzi Horning

Just a reminder, please give any events needing special attention to Susan Johnson (Esther53188@gmail.com or 262-349-4334).

# Block of the Month



For the August newsletter:

## Block of the Month Survey Results:

A special thanks to the 50 guild members who took the online BOM survey. Your responses gave us some great insight to block, technique, color, and size preferences. You also gave us some great suggestions and comments. You can read the all of the survey responses and suggestions here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/johanna-fritz/14541750239/in/set-72157645781377252>

The link above will take you to the first page of the survey responses.

In summary:

70% of the respondents participate in the BOM on some level, with 35% participating at every meeting.

81% are interested in receiving 1 ticket for EACH completed block that they turn in.

78% would like to receive the pattern as a PDF the next day. A color copy of the block, quilt and fabric will be handed out at the meeting.

79% are interested in splitting the blocks in half and drawing 2 names if more than 40 blocks are turned in, unless the BOM is small (less than 10" for example).

82% prefer different themed blocks each month, vs. all the same theme (like a different star block each month for a star sampler, for example).

63% of the respondents chose "Modern" as a preferred block style. The other top two were "Log Cabin-like" at 62% and "Pinwheel/Spinning Stars" at 54%. The top 9 choices will be used.

68% said they would like some paper-pieced blocks, with another 15% who said they would not mind if all the blocks were paper-pieced. Interestingly, 11% said they had not done any paper piecing, but would like to try one with a well-written tutorial. We have arranged for a link to a great tutorial with many photos, and another for "paperless paper-piecing." More on that later.

50% chose Black/White/Grey and the colors Blue-Green/Aqua as one of their top choices. Modern Solids came in 3rd at 46%. The top 9 choices will be used for color schemes.

47% preferred an "advanced basic" pattern. 43% preferred an intermediate pattern.

86% said they would prefer 6" (making 2) and 12" blocks. Several people also suggested varying the sizes between 6, 8, 10 and 12." That is something we plan to do.

**Quilt Tips** — Any member can send me a quilt tip. Information on a new shop, cool patterns whatever. Please make sure you say for the newsletter!!

## New quilt shops

Mukwonago—Quilt-agious on Lake street in downtown Mukwonago

Bungalow Quilts in Milwaukee—their other store is in Ripon

## Quilting Designs

Wooden figures sold at craft stores make good quilting designs, especially for kids' quilts!

## Needle Organization

Keep all my sewing machine needles organized in pocket pages. The pages fit nicely in an expandable folder or three-ring binder. I note the type and size of needle in each pocket along with any general information I've collected about needles. Go to Schmitz Needles webpage as there is a great print out as the colors have changed at the blunt end of the needle and where they are putting the sizes.

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## BOM Surprise: Summer Scraps String Quilt

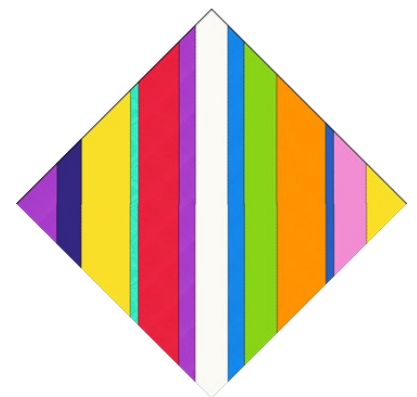
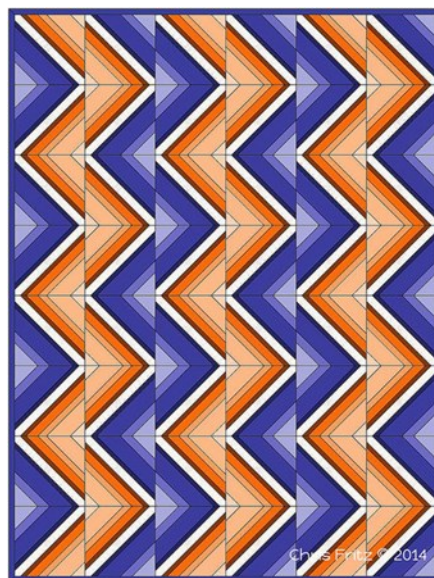
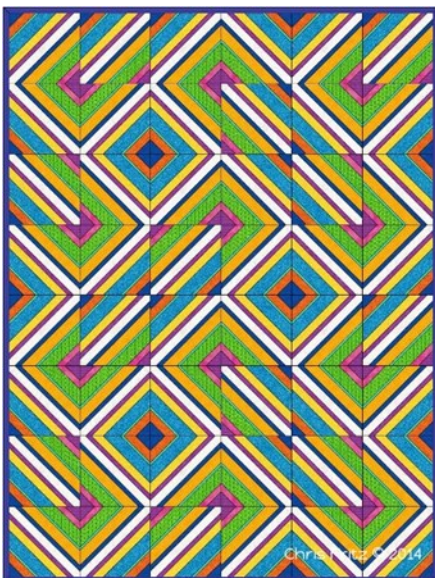
This year, we thought it would be fun to provide you with a very easy BOM pattern in the newsletter before the first meeting. The block is a perfect to use to clean out your scraps, and bring to the Tues, September 16th guild meeting. Obviously, we are not supplying any fabric for this block. The one “common” fabric is one, white solid or white tone-on-tone (that reads as solid) diagonal strip that are all cut the same width.

Everyone’s block will be unique, which will make for an interesting lap quilt. You will receive 1 ticket towards the drawing for each block that you make. If you have strips laying around like I do, that are cut the WOF, you can cut the strips in half and make 2 blocks at once.

The complete pattern can be found here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/johanna-fritz/sets/72157645781377252/>

The pattern has complete directions for making the block to bring to the Tues, September 16th guild meeting. In the same folder at the link above are 16 different settings for this lap quilt. A chart is also included that has cutting instructions and yardage for 5 standard bed sizes, and 14 custom sizes, should you want to make a different-sized block/quilt for yourself. The string blocks are fun to make – except for the 1 white diagonal strip, you choose the width and color of the other strips. The pattern includes a palette for this rainbow-colored, Summer Scraps String Quilt.



## **WSQG Board Meeting – August 13, 2014**

President, Betty Lerner, opened the meeting and reported that our first guild meeting would be held on Wednesday, September 10 with a program by Pat Sloan at WCTC. We will also have a business meeting to review the coming events for the year. That meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 16 at our new meeting place. Our auction will be on November 12. The plan is to ask Gloria Volland to be the auctioneer. The church congregation will be invited to attend.

**Budget** – The treasurer provided the WSQG Proposed Budget for the year. The starting balance is \$9507.21 and the balance of cash after expenses is expected to be \$5656.21. A discussion followed concerning the need to decide on the location for our 2016 quilt show. Although the location at Mount Mary University is expensive, it was generally thought that the community associates our show with the Mount Mary location. That community recognition is important to us and we need to budget accordingly. It was suggested that we could save money on quilt raffle tickets. The concern was also raised that we did not have proper licensure for the raffle. We had only a presale license and not a same day sale license.

**Block of the Month** – The committee chairperson reported that she had a good response to the online survey and was planning accordingly. She suggested some changes to the format with an increase in cost to \$2.00 per month per participant which would include an emailed pattern for use of that month's block. That pattern would include 16 different layouts and 5 different sizes. The September newsletter will provide directions and pattern for the block that will be due at the September 16 meeting.

**Program** – The committee chairperson reported that programs were set for October and November. She suggested that the December meeting could be a schoolhouse event with vendors. She will be working to fill the programs from January through April and the completed program will be emailed to members.

**Charity Quilts** – The committee chairpersons offered two different choices for this program. The first program would be for quilts for babies and children up to 5 years old at the Women's Care Center of Milwaukee. It was suggested that we might have a baby shower event to provide additional items for that center. The second program would be through Children's Hospital. There is a need for quilts for older children, either in the cancer care setting or for graduation from the ICU to the regular floor. The other option at the hospital is through the hospital's advocacy program to provide quilts for children removed from their homes and placed in foster care.

**Hospitality** – The guild board will be providing food and beverages for the first business meeting. There was a discussion regarding how to encourage members to sign up for bringing treats. The committee will decide on how to proceed with that plan.

**Library** – The committee co-chairpersons asked for and were granted permission to sort through the library and assign old books to the free table.

**Door Prizes** – The chairperson reported that she has already purchased several items for prizes, taking advantage of good area sales. She would like to change the manner in which the recipients are chosen, using a raffle ticket or having members with nametags fill out a small piece of paper to place in a basket for drawing. Three prizes will be given each month.

**Sunshine** – No changes reported.

**Show and Tell** – not present.

**Telephone Tree** – This is really an email system with only 2 phone numbers for members who do not do email.

**Website** – Board members were asked to look at the website and advise the chairperson if there were any concerns or need for changes.

**Nominating** – The board members were encouraged to make suggestions to the committee or indicate their own interest in board positions for the year of 2015-16. There is still a need for a chairperson for the 2016 quilt show.

The president shared that she had made a DVD of the photographs from the quilt show and that they are available for purchase for \$2.00 each.

*Submitted by Leslie Thorkelson, secretary*