



## WEST SUBURBAN QUILTER'S GUILD

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### Meetings

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month, with the exception of a couple Thursday meetings. See the schedule in this newsletter.

**Meetings begin at 7:00**

**Social time begins at 6:30**

**Brookfield Lutheran Church  
18500 W. Burleigh  
Brookfield, WI 53045**

### Website

Follow us on the website at <http://www.wsqg.net>.

Submit items to Ann Cook at [webgeekdesigns@gmail.com](mailto:webgeekdesigns@gmail.com)

### Facebook

Please check the WSQG Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WSQG.WI>

Please "Like" the page to follow it. This is a quick and easy way to get information to members.

### Newsletter

The newsletter is put together by Lynette Fennig. All items should be submitted by the 25th of the month to [lynfennig@gmail.com](mailto:lynfennig@gmail.com)

The newsletter will be published on the [WSQG.net](http://www.wsqg.net) website. An email, with a link to the website, will be sent to membership when the newsletter has been published.

### From the President - MaryJo

Hello everyone! Don't forget our meeting this month is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Spring is here! We all look forward to what's coming, and it's not just the weather. For many of us it might be a graduation, a wedding, a new baby in the family, an upcoming vacation, or perhaps a much-earned retirement. Spring also means our guild season is almost over. I hope everyone has enjoyed our programs this year and have taken advantage of participating in a workshop or the monthly block exchange.

Are you working on your president's challenge item? The rules were published in our October newsletter, but a few people have been asking, so here are the rules once again: *participants are invited to take any traditional block and give it a fresh new look. You may use any block, make any change, use it any size and use it in any project. Whether you prefer modern or art quilting, appliqué, embroidery, whole cloth or pieced, choose a traditional block, change it and share your updated, non-traditional item during the May banquet.* If you wish to use a pre-existing pattern, you are welcome to do so. Ribbons will be awarded by viewer choice voting for most unrecognizable block, most artistic, most modern, and people's choice overall. I will also award president's choice for my personal favorite.

Do you suffer quilting withdraw during summer break? No worries, there's still work to do! Our programming committee would like to know which speakers you wish to have visit our guild. Is there a specific topic you would like to learn? Is there a workshop or class that you would like to attend? Please let us know.

Terry Mika and the charity committee have invited us to participate in the Empty Bowls Charity Challenge again. Milwaukee Empty Bowls is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that uses art to heighten hunger awareness and raise funds that help food pantries and meal programs in Milwaukee. Members are asked to create a small wall hanging with a bowl theme, pot holders with a bowl

theme or microwaveable bowl cozies. Our charity committee members are willing to provide a few patterns and ideas. Terry will have glamorous prizes, and ribbons for participants in each category, and is looking for volunteers on the day of the event. Details will be shared in the newsletter and on our website. The Empty Bowls Charity Challenge items are due in September.

Spring is election month - if you haven't participated on a guild committee for a few years, please help out! Please speak to Karen Hendrickson or Christine Sentz for a committee position that is of interest to you.

MaryJo

### President's Challenge

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We will vote on the items and award ribbons in the following categories:

Most Artistic

Most Modern

Most Unrecognizable Block

People's Choice overall

President's Choice



<b>Meeting Schedule 2016-2017</b>  April 19 <sup>th</sup> 7pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday May 10 <sup>th</sup> 7pm Wednesday  <b>Note: the April meeting is the 3rd Wednesday.</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 19, 2017 - Pam See</b>  Pam See presents "Modern Traditionalism vs. Modern Quilting." What is the difference? What makes a quilt modern? Watch and listen as Pam takes you on her journey to find modern quilting and what it means to her. Along the way, she will demonstrate interesting and time saving tools and techniques that make quilting exciting and fun.
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<b>2016-2017 Committee</b>	
President	MaryJo Busch
Vice President	Cathy Helgesson
Treasurer	Donna Bilda
Secretary	Chris Day
Program	*Judy Valentino, Terry Mika, Linda Valiga
Block of Month	Donna Bilda, Chris Sentz, Vicky Wolf
Charity Quilts	*Terry Mika, Therese Bergholze, Judy Valentino
Hospitality	* Sandy Wisler, Peg Schellin, Mary Margaret Wacker, Betty Breen
Newsletter	Lynette Fennig
Directory	Cathy Helgesson
Photographer	Betty Lerner
Library	*Terry Thomas, Darlene Savatski
Door Prizes	*Julie Cozad, Joy Zuerner

**April Meeting Treats**

Karen Lorenz - Ice & Water  
 Elrid Johnson - 2 bottles of Soda

Snacks

Emily Lorenz  
 Arlene Brown  
 Mary Margaret Wacker  
 Deb Merritt  
 Ann Walker

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Quilt Show Corner

The planning for our next quilt show is moving ahead full steam. We will be confirming our venue and dates by the April meeting. In the meantime, here are a few updates.

The raffle quilt chairs, Amy Wierkerwicz and Sue Winkler, handed out kits for our "scrappy" friendship star blocks at the March meeting. If you did not take a kit there may still be some left to complete. Please return all completed blocks or unused materials in April if possible, but the absolute deadline will be the May meeting.

The gifts of your sewing talents are once again requested for the show boutique. 100% of the proceeds go into the guild's treasury. Please make any general household or personal items that could be priced between \$1-\$15.00. Remember that Easter will only be a few weeks after our show, so customers may be looking for basket stuffers or other

spring-themed items. Some suggestions are: pin cushions, pot holders, coffee cup cozies, mug rugs, electronic device covers, pillow cases, jewelry, pins, purses and tote bags.

We still have a few committees that need chairs. There is always lots of help so you wont be left alone. Please consider volunteering.

Our show is our only revenue production for two years. If everyone will volunteer for something we know it will be a huge success.

Cheri and Mary

Upcoming Quilt Shows, Expos and Other Info

A Patch of Lakeshore Quilters Biennial Quilt Show

April 8 & 9, 2017
Manitowoc Co. Expo Center
4921 Expo Dr.
Manitowoc, WI
Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am-3:00pm
(Show is handicapped accessible)

\$5.00 per person 17+
Age 16 and under free
(with a paid admission)
Website: www.patchoflakeshore.com

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Mukwonago Crazy Quilters Annual Quilt Show

Saturday, April 22 - Sunday, April 23, 2017
Park View Middle School (across from Pick 'n Save)
930 N. Rochester St.
Mukwonago, WI

Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 10am - 4pm

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Spring Fling Quilt Show

Saturday, April 22, 2017 9am-4pm

Lourdes Academy
110 N Sawyer St Door #7 in Oshkosh

FREE ADMISSION, Free Parking, Handicap accessible.
Vendors, door prizes, raffle quilt, boutique, barn quilt display,
featured quilter, featured artist/designer, judged and non-judged
quilts, food available.

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Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center at Freedom
Park in Prescott, WI is looking for quilted wallhangings
featuring birds to display as part of their 2017 Earth Day
celebration. If space is available we would accept
other wallhangings featuring birds (besides quilted
wallhangings).

Quilts will be displayed in their interior art gallery from
April 15-May 30th. Please email Cindy Thury Smith
(CrazyQltr@aol.com) for more details. Quilts can be sold
with the GRRVLC taking a small commission.

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Kalona Quilt Show and Sale 2017

Thurs. April 27th "Evening Only" 5 pm - 8 pm
Fri. April 28th 9 am - 7 pm
Sat. April 29th 9 am - 5 pm
At the Kalona Historical Village
7 15 D. Ave. Kalona, IA. 52247

Over 200 New and Antique Hand Quilted Quilts on Display and for Sale
Sponsored by the Woodin Wheel 515 B. Ave. 319-656-2240
And the Kalona Antique Company, 211 4th St. 319-656-4489
Email katie@woodinwheel.com or kac@kctc.net
www.woodinwheel.com

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2017 Show "Celebration of Quilts"

21st Annual It's a Stitch Quilt Guild Quilt Show

Date: May 6 & 7, 2017 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School 3399 Division Road - County
G Jackson, WI 53037 (1/2 mile south of 60)
Admission: \$5.00 per person
Group rates available by callin 262-334-0574. Arrangements
must be made prior to event date.
Quilter's Café - serving food & beverages
Featured Quilter: Carol Clinga

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Whitefish Bay Garden Club

Whitefish Bay Garden Club - inaugural garden walk,

"Quilts in the Garden,"

Sunday, July 23, 2017 from 12 noon until 4:00. We have identified
eleven beautiful gardens in Whitefish Bay, which will only be enhanced
by the addition of stunning quilts. We are very excited about the
combination of two beautiful art forms, quilting and gardening.

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29th Annual EAA Quilt Show --
Friendships Around the World

Thursday, July 27, 2017 8am-4pm

Oshkosh Seniors Center North
234 N Campbell Road in Oshkosh

FREE ADMISSION, Free Parking, Handicap accessible.
Vendors, door prizes, raffle quilt, boutique, bed turning, lunch &
desserts.

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**2016-2017 Guild Season Charity Quilts - see the [WSQG](#) webpage for more information**

Empty Bowls Milwaukee will continue to be our target for Charity Quilts for this Guild season into next.

**Milwaukee Empty Bowls** is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that uses art to heighten hunger awareness and raise funds that help food pantries and meal programs in Milwaukee. We create hand-made bowls that are offered to the public at our main event in October. A \$20 donation includes a bowl and delicious soup and bread made and donated by area restaurants and bread shops. MEB, now in our 15th year, started as a grassroots offshoot of [Empty Bowls](#), an event at a Michigan high school that has blossomed across the US and the world.

In addition to our main event, you can find Milwaukee Empty Bowls at select fairs throughout the year, where we continue to share the love of art and hunger awareness.

Milwaukee Empty Bowls is a proud member of [Our Milwaukee](#), a membership alliance of Milwaukee businesses and nonprofits that educates the public on the importance of supporting local.

Please visit the Empty Bowls Milwaukee website for additional information: <http://www.milwaukeeemptybowls.org/>

***Empty Bowls annual event will be held on Sunday October 8, 2017 at Milwaukee School of Engineering.***

You can make one or more of 3 different types of sewn items all with a **'bowl'** theme.

1. A small wall hanging with a bowls theme. Regina Grewe pattern is available for this.
2. Microwaveable bowl cozies.
3. Potholders.

We will also be present at the event and have a table where we can display and sell these items.

How you can participate:

Take the Charity Challenges:

1. Make one or more hangings and enter them in a people's choice challenge to be held at our Sept. 2017 meeting.
2. Make lots of bowl cozies -- the one with the most cozies wins!
3. Potholder grab bag --- make a potholder and if your holder is pulled from the bag it wins!
4. Come to Empty Bowls to sell our work, educate, have fun, and eat soup!

### **Charity Challenge Rules**

#### **Hangings**

1. Hanging to be no smaller than 8 x 11 and no larger than 10 x 12.
2. Hanging to have a built in hanger on the back side at the top.
3. Hanging to represent one or more bowls.
4. Hanging can have any type of fabric, batting, and thread.
5. Hanging may use a pattern, but not one that prohibits sale of work made from the pattern. Regina Grewe is allowing us to use 'Piling Up' for this event.
6. All entered hangings to be donated to Empty Bowls.

#### **Bowl Cozies**

**These MUST have only microwaveable batting, all cotton material and all cotton thread.** No metallic treatment on the material, no polyester thread, no spray adhesives, and no batting with scrim. The only brand I can find is 'Wrap and Zap' by Pellon. The Warm Co seems to have discontinued 'Warm Tater.'

Follow the instructions in the YouTube video Quilters Workshop 'How to make a microwave bowl cozy.' Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3biSg0PporU>.

If you have trouble with this link or cannot find instructions, please contact me.

#### **Potholders**

1. Potholder to be no smaller than 7 x 7 and no larger than 9 x 9.
2. All cotton fabric and thread.
3. Batting can be all cotton, Wrap and Zap, or Insul-Bright.

## West Suburban Quilter's Guild The Scraps of Life Raffle Quilt



### Kit includes:

- Four - 3 3/4" white squares, pre-washed

### Additional fabric required:

- Four - 3 3/4" scrappy squares for the half square triangles (HSTs)
- One - 3 1/4" square for the center

The squares in this kit measure larger in case you would like to sew the HSTs and then trim to size. Alternately, they can be trimmed to 3 5/8" and then sewn. Each HST will finish at 3 1/4" before assembling the block.

Return completed blocks at the May 10 meeting.

If you take a kit and do not complete the block, please return the kit by the May 10 meeting. You may include fabric with the unfinished kit too.

### Questions contact:

Sue: [swinkler171@gmail.com](mailto:swinkler171@gmail.com)

Amy: [amw1215@earthlink.net](mailto:amw1215@earthlink.net)

### Instructions:

- Wash & Press your scrappy fabrics
- *Optional: Trim the 3 3/4" white squares to measure 3 5/8"*
- With a pencil, mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each white square
- With right sides together, place one of the four scrappy squares on each white squares. Stitch 1/4" on each side of the diagonal line. Repeat for all four squares
- Cut on the lines making eight units
- Press each HST; trim to 3 1/4"
- Assemble the HSTs and the 3 1/4" center square according to the diagram
- Finished block will measure 8 3/4"

**WSQG Information**

In answer to a request from Brookdale Memory Care Unit we had a small quilt show at Brookdale Memory Care Unit on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There were 5 of us who participated. Johanna Fritz, Sandy Wisler, Carole Koback, Karen Hendrickson and myself. Between us we had about 15 quilts/wallhangings to show. Karen got a bad cold and couldn't attend but she provided us with some Wisconsin history of quilts. We started our showing about 10:15 AM and finished just before 11 AM. There was some audience participation. All of us then went to Olive Garden for lunch. It was a rewarding and nice outing.

By Marlene Lansford

**Meeting Minutes - March 9, 2017**

The meeting on 3/9/2017 was called to order at 7:00 PM. The first order of business was a discussion of our service project for next year will be the empty bowls project again. Terry Mika will again chair. She is planning a day to work on cozies. She sent a list around for possible dates and will notify us what date worked the best. She also would encourage members to work on cozies and kitchen items like we did last year. Directions will again be coming.

We next saw show and tell. There were seven members contributing. All were wonderful as they always are. Keep working with our show next March in mind.

We had committee reports. Next year we will be looking for a new President, Vice President and treasurer. It was discussed that board members can only hold their position for two years. Think about volunteering.

Five of our members, Karen Hendrickson, Sandy Wisler, Marlene Lansford, Johanna Fritz and Carol Koback visited a long term care facility and showed quilts. It was an enjoyable time for all.

The program for the evening was presented by Cheryl Schenck. She spoke about McTavishing and it's use in our quilting. She also did a real time demo of this technique. It is a way to fill in open spaces on your quilts. It was very informative and less feared since the demo.

The next meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of April which is 4/19/2017. The snacks were again wonderful.

Respectfully submitted: Chris day

<b>Items that need a new home:</b>	
<p><i>From Hannah Kaytonah.</i></p> <p>I am a West Suburban Quilt guilder. I have a quilt frame that someone gave me and I was wondering if there is any way to donate it to anyone. It is made of pvc piping and puts together very quickly and comes apart to store easily. Does anyone use quilting frames any more? I like to hand quilt, but I learned to do it in my lap so a frame is wasted on me. I just want it to go to a good home. Any suggestions??</p>	<p>Loom 54" x 54"            Currently lives in Mukwonago looking for a new home from 70's not sure of the model            Free with Pickup            If interested call Joy at 262-325-0765</p> 