



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

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

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! Are you ready for our May banquet? We will begin at 6pm.

I will have tables set up in the front of the room for displaying your Presidents challenge items. Each item will be numbered and all members are welcome to vote on their favorite item in four different categories: most unrecognizable block, most artistic, most modern, and people's choice overall. I will also award president's choice for my personal favorite. Midway through our evening, I hope to do a second Show & Tell where our contestants will explain their challenge item, for example: why did you chose this particular block, what changes were made in your redesign, what challenges did you face as you completed your item? Please be prepared to share your design with us.

Our next opportunity to compete for prizes is September as Terry Mika and the charity committee invite us to participate in the Empty Bowls Charity Challenge again. Members are asked to create a small wall hanging with a bowl theme, potholders with a bowl theme or microwaveable bowl cozies. Details are on our website. The Empty Bowls Charity Challenge items are due in September. Terry will have glamorous prizes for participants in each category. We are looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event in October.

During our April meeting, we discussed changing by bylaws concerning the treasurer position,. Please see my proposed amendment statement contained in this newsletter. I'd like to offer a very special thank you to Donna for offering to continue in your current position of Treasurer.

Many of our committee members have offered to continue in their respective positions. Some folks are looking for a change to step aside, leaving a few vital committees with vacancies. Some of the committees that still have open positions as of the April meeting include, but are not limited to – programs, newsletter and web mistress. 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.

Finally, I'd like to say it's been an honor to serve as your president for the past two years. Serving our guild has given me the opportunity to become more familiar with most of our members and I've made some amazing friends at West Suburban.

Please welcome Patty as our new president. I am positive she will do an amazing job!

MaryJo

President's Challenge

Participants are invited to take any traditional quilt block and give it a fresh new look. If you wish to use a pre-existing pattern, you are welcome to do so.

You may use any block, make any change, use it any size and in any project. Whether you prefer modern or art quilting, appliqué, embroidery, whole cloth or pieced, choose a traditional quilt block and share your updated, non-traditional item during our May banquet.

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



Meeting Schedule 2016-2017 May 10 th 6pm Wednesday	Wednesday, May 10, 2017 - Potluck, Presidents Challenge and Committee Elections
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2016-2017 Committee	
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

BYLAW AMENDMENT

ARTICLE XXI AMENDMENTS of the bylaws states '*these bylaws may be amended at any general meeting of the Guild by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting at with quorum is present, providing the proposed amendment has been approved by the Board of Directors and has been submitted in writing to all members.*'

During the March 2017 WSQG meeting, Donna Bilda offered to continue as treasurer for another year. During the April 2017 meeting, Donna's offer was discussed at length as Karen Hendrickson presented members with the list of 2017-2018 officer and committee nominees. A motion was made by Stephanie Strand to amend the bylaws. The motion was seconded by Mary Clare Schuller.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS item 3 states *No officer shall serve in the same office in excess of two (2) consecutive years.* It is proposed to extend the term of treasurer from a maximum of two (2) years to a maximum of seven (7) years. The motion carried on unanimous vote of all members present at the time of the vote. A written proposal was submitted to our 2016-2017 officers and board members, a few of whom wish to discuss details during the summertime board meeting. This pending change to our bylaws will be finalized by President Patty Martin, her officers and board.

Mary Jo - President

Quilt Show Corner

Ready, Set, Go!!!!

Our show for 2018 has been set for March 8,9,and10 at the Waukesha Expo Center. It is a fabulous venue and we know it will greatly enhance our show.

We are still in need of a few people to handle a couple of committees for the show. We need a Demos chairperson, Show Booklet chairperson, Indoor Signs chairperson, and a Volunteers Chairperson. Please remember that there is always an abundance of help so don't be afraid to volunteer.

We hope you have a wonderful summer filled with sewing entries for the show and making gifts for boutique.

Cheri and Mary

Quilt Shows and Other Events

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*

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.

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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home](https://sites.google.com/site/lqghome/home)

May Potluck - 6:00 PM

Bottled water and ice - Amy Wierkiewicz

Bottled water - Mary Weber

3 bottles of soda - Chris Day

Utensils - Sandra Wisler

Appetizers

Emily Lorenz
Vicki Spiering
Deb Merritt
Joy Zuerner
Terri Thomas
Peg Schellin
Keli Effinger

Fruit or vegetable dish

Karen Lorenz
Judi Hensley
Sue Winkler
Donna Bildo
Kathy Palmer
Terry Miles
Lolita Lukoch
Lynette Fenning

Main and/or meat dishes

Mary Margaret Wacker
Martha Korinko
Marlene Langford
Betty Breen
Laura Heldt
Betty Lerner
Mary Clare Schiller

Dessert

Gina Lindow
Elrid Johnson
Cheri Allen
Kim Nelson
Linda Daley
Vicky Wolf
Rise Grim

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

Amy: 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 square. 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

From Cheryl Schenck:

Hi there!

I hope you remember me -- I came to your guild last month to talk about McTavishing. I'm (finally) catching up on some work and realized I had not yet invited those who had signed up on my mailing list signup sheet. I would love for you to join my list. I don't send out newsletters very often -- about two to three times a year -- so you won't get inundated, I promise!

If you'd like to sign up, click the following link. The system I use is very secure and they don't want to have people on the list who don't really want to be on the list, so after you fill out the form, you'll get an email asking you to confirm being added.

<http://www.unspooledwi.com/newsletter.html>

Also, I wanted to let you know that I'll be teaching tuffets at Bigsby's Sewing Center in Elm Grove on Sundays, April 30 and May 7, from 12 to 4 pm. The best part of the class is that you walk out of day two with a completely finished tuffet! Let me know if you have questions about the class. You can find out information about the class at their website here:

<https://www.bigsbysewingcenter.com/classes/>

I really hope to see you soon!

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Meeting Minutes - March 9, 2017

On April 19, 2017 we had our eighth meeting of the year. MaryJo started the meeting at 7:00 PM. The meeting started with show and tell with 13 members participating.

The next order of business involved our service project for next year. Terry Mika gave a report on the project - Empty Bowls and the cozy-a-thon that took place. It was a time of sewing cozies for this project which will again take place this October. Another cozy-a-thon will take place on 5/13/17. Members can participate by coming and sewing cozies.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Pam See from Vanilla Latte' Quilts. Pam presented a program on "Modern Traditionalism vs. Modern Quilting. Pam showed how fabrics can make the difference in making a traditional pattern look modern. She showed many of her own quilts showing a traditional quilt and how it changes using different fabrics. Pam also showed several tools and techniques that can be time saving in our quilting. She also had fabric and tools for sale.

We again had snacks provided by our talented members. After snacks, we had committee reports. Included in this Mary Weber gave us new details for our quilt show to be held March 2018. We will hold our show at the Waukesha County Expo Center. The library committee wants everyone who has outstanding library books to remember to return them at the May meeting.

The last order of business was to vote on a proposed change in the bylaws. It was proposed that the tenure for the treasurer be changed from 2 years to a longer term because of the information and skills needed to hold this position. It was proposed by Stephanie Strand and seconded by Mar Clare Schuller. The motion passed with a vote from the membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Day

Recipe shared at the May meeting:

Three-Point Turtle Bars



Description: Cut these bars into large squares and then slice diagonally to make them three-pointers
Makes: 24 to 30

Ingredients:

1 ½ cups flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons (½ stick) chilled butter, cut into small pieces
1 egg
¼ teaspoon vanilla extract
Filling (see recipe)
Glaze (see recipe)

FILLING:

1 cup (2 sticks) butter
1 cup packed brown sugar
3 cups chopped pecans
¼ cup heavy whipping cream

GLAZE:

6 ounces semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped, or 1 cup chocolate chips
4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter, cut into small pieces

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 13-by-9-inch pan.

In food processor or by hand, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter until mixture is the texture of cornmeal.

In small bowl, beat together egg and vanilla, then add to dry mixture. If you are using a food processor, run while adding egg but shut off as soon as egg is poured through. Dough should be crumbly.

Press firmly into bottom of prepared pan and bake in preheated oven 5 minutes. Set aside.

Prepare filling, pour over baked crust and smooth out. Refrigerate until well-chilled.

Prepare glaze and spread evenly over filling. Chill until set and cut into bars.

FILLING:

In a medium saucepan, melt butter and brown sugar. Stir until thoroughly combined. Bring to a boil over high heat and cook to soft-ball stage (240 degrees). Remove from heat. Combine pecans and cream and stir into caramel mixture.

GLAZE:

In microwave or over simmering water in double boiler, melt chocolate and butter. Stir until smooth.