



# West Suburban Quilters' Guild Newsletter

## Volume 44 Issue 1

### Meetings

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

**Meetings begin at 6:30PM**

**Social time begins at 6:00**  
**Brookfield Lutheran Church**  
**18500 W. Burleigh**  
**Brookfield, WI 53045**

### Website

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

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Submit items to Cathy Helgeson at [clhqilts@yahoo.com](mailto:clhqilts@yahoo.com)

### Facebook

Please check the WSQG Facebook page. This is a closed group. Contact Johanna Fritz to join the page.

### Newsletter

Submit items for the newsletter by the 25th of the month to Judy Valentino at [judyv1954@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judyv1954@sbcglobal.net)

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.

### President's letter

As we enter the month of October, and the days get markedly shorter and cooler, I start to feel like all I want to do is stay in and get cozy. It's a great time to get back to quilting, having been outdoors for the past four or five months, busy with family outings and all of the outdoor activities that summer brings. But wait . . . this has not been a normal year. In fact, this has been one of the strangest years I remember. The Covid 19 Pandemic brought with it not only great sorrow, loss and illness for many, it resulted in closing and cancellation of an abundance of the summer activities we have become used to in Wisconsin, and it forced us to stay home, stay separate, and go out only as necessary and with great care.

As a Guild, we abruptly ended our year early, cancelling our April and May meetings in favor of safety and the health and well-being of our members and our families. Many of us learned to enjoy, at least in part, the quiet and the time to reflect, to sew, to read and rejuvenate. Some of us worked from home, a new experience and an adjustment that may become a new reality for many for some time. I was sure I would get a great deal of quilting and sewing done; I completed a few things, but not nearly what I thought I might. In some ways, I kind of shut down.

But I also missed you all very much, and we began to talk, and to explore the possibility of getting together. A summer gathering outdoors did not happen, but we met at our regular location, Brookfield Lutheran (newly sanitized and socially distanced) and it was good to see and greet those who felt comfortable coming together. We decided to continue to meet, based on a level of comfort with the steps taken by the Church, a mask requirement, and an understanding that some of our members are not yet ready

to be out and with large numbers of people. We had a lovely Show & Tell, and members shared their “shelter at home” experiences with each other.

Here are a few things you should know:

- We will meet again at Brookfield Lutheran on **Wednesday, October 14, 2020**. The doors will be **open at 6:00 pm** for check-in and networking, and the meeting will start **at 6:30 pm**. **NOTE the new start time**. This was discussed at the September meeting and we will try it for a few meetings and see how it works.
- The presenter will be **Rebecca Lidstrom**, who will do a presentation on **using one block but arranging it in a variety of ways to create quite different quilts**. Included is a trunk show.
- I am working on a way to offer our meetings to those who are not ready to attend in person via Zoom or another technology. I am working with the Church and researching several other possibilities. **If any of you have technical experience in producing such a meeting that involves both individuals at home AND a larger group at a main location with a presentation, PLEASE contact me.**
- At the September meeting, we filled several Board vacancies. There are still a few openings. Board involvement is a great way to get to know people on an individual basis, and to be an integral part of YOUR organization. We cannot function unless everyone takes a turn at serving at some point. Openings are: **Show & Tell Chair, Nominating Chair, Quilt Show Chairs**. Call me for more details on what’s expected. Thanks!!
- During the time we were not meeting and over the summer, a few of our members experienced illness, surgery or injury. Although recovering nicely, you may still wish to send a note or card to: Betty Breen, [bpolcyn@att.net](mailto:bpolcyn@att.net) or N67W13725 Creekview Ct., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
- Vicky Smith, [Vicky.smith1944@gmail.com](mailto:Vicky.smith1944@gmail.com) or 4760 S. Woodlawn Place, Greenfield, WI 53228

If you know of others who we should contact, please notify either myself or Patty Martin.

Don’t forget to bring your Show & Tell.

Remember, masks are required. The Church will sanitize all surfaces before we arrive, and tables and chairs will be set up for safe social distancing. We will not have treats to share, so bring your own food and beverage if you like.

Please let me know if I’ve neglected to address something, or if you have any concerns or requests. As I stated earlier, it’s been one helluva year!

Many blessings to each of you. Thank you for your membership and fellowship!

With warm gratitude, Karen

## Welcome New Members!

Karen Larson and Ginny Mendoza are our newest members. Welcome!

## Hospitality Committee

Everyone should bring their own snacks and drinks for the meeting.

## Meeting Minutes

### SEPTEMBER 2020 MINUTES

Karen opened the meeting at 7:03 and asked everyone present to sign a waiver which is currently required by the church, and will be until further notice.

West Suburban Quilters Guild has two new members: Karen Larson and Ginny Mendoza. We also have a few ladies returning after taking a break. There were 26 members present.

Our program committee led us off by announcing our programs for the year, which include 'One Block Many Ways', an auction, wool, schoolhouse, Sachiko and a visit from accuquilt.

Mary Weber gave a quilt Show report. Unfortunately, attendance was greatly reduced in March, and we posted a small loss of revenue, which would have been worse had the show been cancelled altogether. Our vendors were profitable, shared a lot of positive feedback and have already expressed interest in coming to our show in 2022. We are in need of a new chair or chair team for the show, and would like to get started with a raffle quilt team to present ideas for voting and creating starter kits. Donna presented ribbons to those who weren't present for the award ceremony in March. If you wish to have a photography CD of the show, please speak to Karen or Mary Margaret.

We sang Happy Birthday to all April, May, June, July, August and September birthdays. So great to see everyone after so many months apart!

Block of the Month tickets for March, April and September will be drawn in October. We are starting this year with an easy-to-stitch scrappy block. Joining is \$2 for the first installment and \$1 for subsequent months.

Our business meeting next month will include nominations. Judy is looking to pass newsletter duties to another member after having served for many years. The nominating committee is in need of a new chair, Kathy will be handling media, website and photography. After expressing a desire for more information in handing a website, the guild proposed, seconded and voted to pay for a class for Kathy.

Show & Tell included 3 completed mystery quilts, a small woven quilt, embroidered items and information on how to see our friend Betty on YouTube in New York: do a YouTube search for Amherst Quilters Guild. Betty's guild will be posting the creative portion of the guild meetings.

It's been proposed to begin our meetings at 6:30pm. Karen will check with the church and ask members to vote.

Joy will discuss charity projects in October. One item to start on is masks for women's shelters, especially kid sizes. Please give the masks to Karen, who will get them to shelters in need.

Our door prize winners are Donna, Ginny and Joy.

*Submitted by MaryJo Busch*

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## **Program Committee**

October 14 -Rebecca Lidstrom "One Block Many Ways" presentation and trunk show.

November 11 -speaker to be confirmed and Quilting Arts and Crafts Sale

December 8 Tuesday Karen Hendrickson "Wool work"

Jan. 13. Schoolhouse

Feb. 10. Kristi Droese "Accuquilt, Tips and Tricks". Creative Grid rulers certified n Marci Baker Style. I.e. 3D tumbling blocks, star table runner.

March 9 Tuesday. Danica Lindner. Sashiko.

April 13, Tuesday, TBA

May 12 Potluck

## **Charity Committee**

### **Sunshine**

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### **Quilt Show Quilt**

Judi Hensley and Barb Minnich are the raffle quilt co-chairs. There will be 2 or 3 patterns with options to vote on at our October meeting.

## **Charity Committee**

## **WSQG Member and Renewal Form: 2020-2021**

**Dues for the guild year are \$30.00.**

**We meet September through May each year.**

**Quilters of all skill levels and experience are encouraged to participate.**

Please make checks payable to "West Suburban Quilters' Guild."

**Mail this form and your payment to:**

**WSQG c/o Wendy Bannister 7926 S. Wildwood Drive #7 Oak Creek, WI 53154**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Mo and Date): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletters will be sent to the email address above unless you do not have email access. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please check here \_\_\_\_\_. Please provide letter size stamped self-addressed envelopes for mailing.

**Please list any speaker/class ideas for the Program committee:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President will record payment and pass on your suggestions to programming and quilt show committees.

**For Guild use only:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_