

# West Suburban Quilters' Guild Newsletter

## Volume 44 Issue 3

### 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

Greetings on this very cold and snowy day!

As I write this we are all digging out from yet another significant snow storm, and I am grateful for retirement, as I can stay inside and appreciate the beauty of the snow on the landscape from a warm place. May you all be warm and safe.

We continue to deal with Covid 19 and its impact on our lives. Many of us are now receiving or scheduling vaccinations, with sincere hopes that this will be a big step in allowing us to return to some sense of normal and to the ability to be together again. I recently overheard my husband tell someone that if I did not "get out and get a needed number of hugs from friends very soon, he was going to have to find another place to live." Apparently I have been a bit crabby on occasion.

This week I heard a Milwaukee poet read a poem she wrote about the pandemic. One of the verses said that during this time we have "turned to our creativity." I know that has been true for many of us who quilt, and in our Guild it has meant that we have done so for the benefit of others. I am so proud of the number of members who are creating quilts for homeless veterans, walker bags for elderly persons, masks for those who need them, and more. Thank you.

As you should have received notice, we will gather on Zoom February 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm. (The Zoom will be open at 6:30 for visiting.) If you have NOT received an e-mail with info and a link to join the meeting, or if you have questions about the Zoom meeting, contact me.

We continue to make progress on the Quilt Show and Raffle Quilt. See a photo of the planned quilt in this newsletter. As you know, we lost money on the 2020 Quilt Show due to Covid 19, which we literally learned about a day or so prior to the Show's opening. Membership is also down, we assume for the same reason, as we have been unable to meet in person. We will need everyone's help over the next year with selling raffle tickets, making quilts for

the show, serving on committees to help prepare for the Show, and chipping in in every way possible to make this a really successful Quilt Show. Once again, thanks to Mary Weber for stepping up to again Chair the event.

We have several quilt challenges that have been issued, (and these challenges will result in special exhibits for the Quilt Show.) See the details on these Challenges elsewhere in this newsletter. Again, we have several charity projects that many of you have been enthusiastically contributing to in your own ways, as you can. Reminders and details of the charity projects can also be found in this newsletter, and I know that you will continue to support them as your time and ability allow.

Let me remind you of the President's Challenge. This, too, will be a category at the Quilt Show. And this is also explained elsewhere in this newsletter.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Warmest regards and lots of love,

Karen

p.s. The State Fair will be held this summer, and will be looking for quilts to be entered. Think about entering your quilts in the State Fair as well as in our Quilt Show. It would be great to have a large showing from WSQG at the Fair!

**Join Zoom Meeting -Wednesday Feb. 10, 2021**

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## Meeting Minutes

### **Meeting minutes 1/13/2021**

The meeting started a few minutes due to technical difficulties in understanding how to use ZOOM.

Twenty-one members joined the call, including a guest appearance by Betty Lerner.

Show & tell included a handful of quilts, slippers and a couple religious vestments.

New business kicked off the business meeting with Karen reminding us we have our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up.

Treasury report: there are three members whose checks have not yet been deposited and we have acquired a paid Zoom subscription.

Membership report: we have 41 paid members and 4 corrections in the membership directory. **The guild would like to include photos in future directories. Members are asked to submit your own photos, "head shots", if you have a favorite you prefer to use.** Send to Wendy Bannister.

Programs: February lecture will be another Zoom call with a topic of rulers.

Charity report: Please continue stitching walker bags, Christmas pillowcases, hats & mittens. Mary Margaret will return from Florida on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, and is willing to start collecting items in Feb.

Sunshine report: Barb Minnich is recovering from Covid and sadly lost a close family member to the virus. Gini Lindow is now living in Heritage Place. Karen H. will share the address information for those who wish to contact Gini.

BOM report: Previously stitched block tickets will be drawn during our next in-person meetings. There are 2 challenges currently running. For the basket/vase challenge, MaryJo shared the first item to be placed inside your basket/vase: filler material. Please look for BOM information in the newsletter. Karen is will issue a president challenge sometime this year.

Quilt show report: New raffle quilt design team is Mary, Karen, Judy, Patty, Donna, and Ann. Mary hopes to have a new design before the February meeting and may chose a show theme based on the raffle quilt. Kits will be created after a final decision. MaryJo agreed to do the quilting.

Reminder: the newsletter deadline is the end of every month.

Adjourned with a motion from Donna and second from Wendy.

*Submitted by MaryJo Busch*

## Block of the Month

Hello Quilters –

A quick reminder to our block of the month participants – we postponed the drawings for the following blocks:

- Pot of gold

- 3-D scrappy pinwheel
- Crazy little strings, and
- Woven leaves

We will draw the winners of these blocks as a celebration when we are able to reconvene back together. Sew...be sure to complete and bring your blocks for the celebration. Please note...if you want to participate in the above exchange – it is your lucky day! We do have a few remaining kits available. Please contact Vicky Wolf for BOM kits.

Block of the month Challenges – we currently have two challenges taking place. They are as follows:

- The BOM shoe challenge
- The BOM mystery challenge
  - January mystery release – Add background filler to your pot. (Greenery/wheat/?)

You will find the detailed instructions for both of these challenges attached to this newsletter.

Sew...be sure to stitch along with us and share your creation at each guild zoom meeting. We look forward to seeing your progress.

Happy Quilting! Your Block of the Month Team

## **Block of the month Challenges**

### **Shoe Challenge**

This Block of the month Shoe challenge will feature footwear – Yes – Footwear. The question is? Will you be able to fit into your favorite pair(s) of shoes/boots after Covid19 or will we all be in our favorite flip-flops?

For this BOM challenge you will show off your creativity through selecting your favorite style of shoe/footwear (be it...high heels, flats, boots, cowboy boots, sneakers, sandals, or flip-flops).

The objective of the challenge will be to create a block of your favorite shoe for each month of the year. Dress up your chosen shoe style to reflect the month of the year. You may create the same shoe style with a different look based on the month or you may mix it up and select a different style of shoe to depict each month...totally up to you. However, it must be footwear.

We will begin with the month of December. Shoe block may be either pieced or applique to represent the month of December. Block size requirement: minimum of 10 inches finished – maximum size of 12 inches finished. Finish a block each month and show off your work during BOM show-and-tell time at our zoom meeting each month.

Everyone keeps their own blocks. You will end up with 12 blocks. Each quilter may design their own layout for their blocks to finish their quilt. Looking forward to seeing each of your blocks and the finished quilt.

### **Basket Mystery Quilt Along**

Introducing our basket mystery quilt along challenge for this year. This challenge will have you adding something to a basket/container and/or on your background fabric each month that is similar to painting a picture. This challenge is open to everyone that is a member of the guild.

To begin you will need a piece of background fabric that is the size of a fat-quarter (18 x 22). You may want to add a piece of interfacing to the back of this piece of fabric to enable the fabric to be sturdy enough to add on your mystery motif each month.

Once you have your background fabric selected and ready to go, the next step in this challenge will be to select a piece of fabric that is fitting for the type of container (basket/vase) you want to create. You will create this container out of fabric. We suggest a basket; however, you may select any type of container or vase. Basket/container can be pieced or appliqued.

The next step will be to place your basket on your background fabric. You will work with your fat-quarter in the portrait view. You will want to center your basket from the sides of your fat quarter placing it about 3 inches from the bottom of your fabric. Be sure to leave ample space above the basket for adding in each motif as directed. Stitch/applique the basket to your fat-quarter leaving the top of your basket only tacked on to the fabric as this will enable the addition of further motif items as we move forward with the challenge.

Stay tuned for the next addition. We will give you something to add to your basket each month.

Sew...be sure to stitch along with us and share your creation at each guild zoom meeting so we can see your progress.

**Clue Number 1** For the basket/vase challenge, MaryJo shared the first item to be placed inside your basket/vase: background filler material ! Happy Quilting! Your Block of the Month Team

### Program Committee

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

Don't forget in this time of giving, there are still many needs. We are still seeking Walker Bags for persons with walkers. There is a pattern on the WSQG website. You can also contact Joy Zuerner, Mary Margaret Wacker, or me if you cannot access it. Fidget quilts are desired for older adults as well. And Karen Hendrickson is still collecting menstrual products for homeless women, as well as masks of all sizes, but especially small sizes for children and women. Karen will be happy to pick up Menstrual Product or finished items from your porch or curb – just call

Karen (414-358-9501). Mary Margaret (414-587-6008) will be available in Feb to arrange pickup or drop off of VA homeless quilts and Christmas pillowcases for children.

### **Veterans Quilts:**

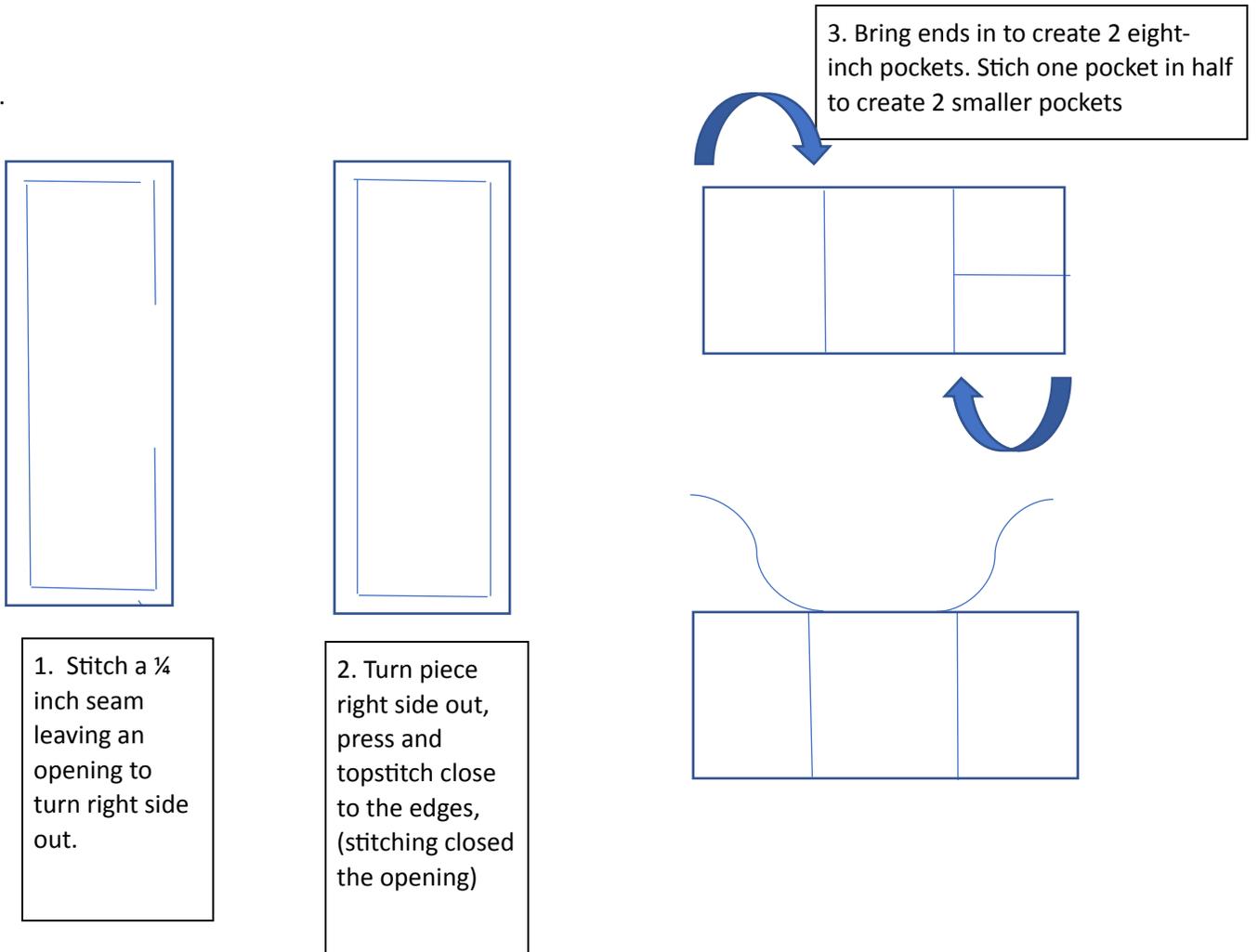
Shortly after the Civil War, the Old Soldier's Home was built near what is now Miller Park. Over the last few decades the beautiful buildings and grounds have fallen into disrepair. They are now renovating some of the buildings which will become housing for homeless veterans. I contacted a woman who is part of the renovation team and offered to provide quilts. She is thrilled at the thought of the veterans walking in to their new room and seeing a beautiful quilt on the bed for them. Would you like to provide one of those quilts to honor and warm our veterans who are struggling right now? They plan to open on March 1 which doesn't give us a lot of turnaround time. She said they didn't necessarily have to be patriotic Quilts of Valor, though that would be nice. Since there will initially be 14 single unit rooms, I'm assuming they will have twin size beds. I know this is a busy time of the year but could you possibly create a quilt to donate or look through your completed quilts for something that could be gifted to them? Contact Mary Margaret Wacker or Joy Zuerner to let them know you'll be providing a quilt. We're hoping to give the team 20 to start off with. Thank you so so much for your generosity! ( Editor's Note: Deadline Early February, Mary Margaret would like to give them 2 weeks to "breath" before anyone uses the quilt.)

**Pillowcases for kids:** Mary Margaret has committed to make 100 Christmas (2021) pillowcases for an inner city church. Any help would be appreciated. Make pillowcases or donate fabric. Contact Mary Margaret

### **Walker Bags:**

1. Start with 2 pieces of fabric 42 x 16. Place right sides together and stitch around the edges using a ½ inch seam allowance. Leave an opening to turn the fabric right side out.
2. Trim corners and turn right sides out. Top stitch entire outer border of fabric piece 1/8 to 1/4-inch, stitching closed the opening. (similar to making a table runner)
3. Bring sides in and stitch along the edges to create 2 eight-inch pockets at each end. Sew a seam on one pocket to make 2 smaller pockets

4. Stitch 4 pieces of ribbon (bias tape, or twill tie) 12-inch-long to the back edge of the bag just above the pockets to make ties to attach to the walker. The long ties will make the bag adjustable to different size walkers.
5. If using thinner fabric (quilting cotton), you may need to add fusible interfacing/fleece or batting between the layers to stiffen the bag. If you have heavier fabric (home décor, canvas, denim) you shouldn't need this. The finished bag should be approx. 15 x 25 inches.



## Sunshine

Gini Lindow has moved into new housing as she is recovering from her broken hip. If you would like to drop her a note her new address is:

Heritage Place  
17560 West North Avenue  
Brookfield, WI 53045

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

## Quilt Show

Mary Weber is our new/returning Chair of the Quilt Show. Yeah Mary!



## Raffle Quilt

Stay tuned....New Raffle quilt committee formed, more info at February meeting. The pattern for the Raffle quilt has been decided upon by the committee. It is a laser cut pattern.

## President's Challenge

It has become tradition for WSQG Presidents to issue a Quilt Challenge once during their term, and for the quilts submitted in that challenge to be a) voted on by members, with honors given within the Guild and b) hung together at our Quilt Show, voted on by viewers, with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons given in the President's Challenge category. Many of you may recall that at the last Show, then President Patty Martin's Challenge was to create a quilt based on a song. They were wonderfully done and very creative. This is a great opportunity for you to "stretch" a little and have some fun.

This year, my Challenge to you is:

Create a quilt that incorporates your birth flower or birth stone or both. The depiction of these symbols can be literal or suggested, but we should be able to identify what they are and I am asking that your label indicate the name of your birth flower and birth stone.

The size of the quilt should be 36" square, and it must be three layers, quilted (by you or someone else), bound and have a 3" hanging sleeve.

Here is a list of Birth Flowers and Birth Stones:

January	Carnation (or Snowdrop)	Garnet
February	Violet (or Primrose)	Amethyst
March	Daffodil	Aquamarine
April	Daisy (or Sweet Pea)	Diamond
May	Lily of the Valley	Emerald
June	Rose	Alexandrite
July	Larkspur (or Water Lily)	Ruby
August	Gladiolus (or Poppy)	Peridot
September	Aster (or Morning Glory)	Sapphire
October	Calendula (or Marigold)	Opal
November	Chrysanthemum	Topaz (or Citrine)
December	Holly or Poinsettia (or Narcissus or Orchid)	Turquoise (or Tanzanite)

Most of all, let go and have a great time! Call me if you have any questions: 414-358-9501.

Creatively yours,

Karen

**Editor's note:**

Please see Karen's separate email sent on Jan. 29th regarding the State Fair challenges. The attached document is 12 pages.