

West Suburban Quilters' Guild Newsletter

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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 7:00 PM

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

Facebook

Please check the WSQG Facebook page. This is a closed group. Contact Cathy Helgeson to join the page.

Newsletter

Submit items for the newsletter by the 25th of the month to Judy Valentino at judyv1954@sbcglobal.net

The newsletter will be published on the 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

Welcome!

Happy Summer to All of the members of West Suburban Quilt Guild

My goal as WSQG President this year is to work to recharge, re-energize, & increase the joy in our meetings! I would also like to encourage more member sharing, learning & collaboration.

I would like to request that all attending meetings wear name tags and if our members (or guests) forget their name tag we will have paper name tags, however only the fabric name tags will qualify for door prizes. We need and want to encourage getting to know each other better and knowing each other's names helps to create a friendlier and happier meeting!

We want to start out strong as a Quilting Guild in September and in preparation we have had the West Suburban Quilt Guild Board Meeting Wednesday July 14th from 6PM to 8PM. We had a positive planning meeting for this next year with our guild.

I have communicated with the church, and these are the dates for WSQG meetings for 2021-2022

Time from 6:00PM to 9:00PM.

Wednesday, September 8th

Wednesday, October 13th

Wednesday, November 10th

Wednesday, December 8th will be moved to Wednesday December 15th (Tuesday December 7th is not available)

Wednesday, January 12th

Wednesday, February 9th

Wednesday, March 9th 2022 will be moved to Tuesday March 8th, 2022

Wednesday, April 13th

Wednesday, May 11th

Yours in fabric and stitches,

Wendy Bannister

West Suburban Quilt Guild President

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Meeting Minutes May 2021

Welcome back meeting May 12 began at 7pm in Brookfield Lutheran Church. It's been an entire year since a West suburban Quilters Guild member was diagnosed with Covid 19 shortly after attending a meeting and the church was closed for safety.

Patty has a full slate for our 2021 elections. Some members are at the end of their terms and a few are beyond their term limits. The slate was presented and passed. Karen presented tote bags adorned with a guild logo to her current board members.

As a follow-up to a story featuring Vicki S. making thousands of masks for veterans and the hearing impaired, Vicki was again featured on the local CBS affiliate as part of a Mother's Day story while creating a quilt with her daughter-in-law and granddaughter.

Mary Margaret is chairing the charity committee next season and is asking for double-sided fleece kids blankets that are tied around the edges. Gloria is also collecting fleece hats.

Cathy H is photographer, media liaison and webmaster. Cathy is working hard to redesign our website.

Historian Elrid notes that our 40th anniversary is approaching and plans to have a few articles for the website.

Quilt show: The committee has re-written the definitions of some categories for the ribbon process. The raffle quilt top is finished and is in the process of being quilted. During the summer break, the completed quilt will be photographed and raffle tickets will be printed. The goal is to have everything ready for distribution in September. In an effort to fill show showroom floor with quilts, any item that was in the 2020 show that did not win a ribbon may be re-entered in the 2022 show.

Block of the Month basket challenge includes two final clues: add something alive that isn't a plant- I.E. spiders, butterfly or caterpillar, perhaps a bird, a frog or another pet. The second clue is to choose a feature flower and fill the rest of the basket with it. This flower may be a unique shape or color- I.E. roses, Easter lilies, bleeding hearts or calla lilies. Or simply fill up your basket with one of your favorites.

Four monthly blocks were chosen that were completed and put on hold for the past year.

Show & Tell included a quilt filled with birds, an ombre bargello, a colorful Circus theme, a dress form, Gramma's Flower Garden tote bag, a calendar blocks quilt, diagonal strips and a hand embroidered appliquéd Christmas quilt.

Please send newsletter items to Judy V. on or before the 25th of each month.

Submitted by MaryJo Busch

Treasurer's Report

Balance is \$9214.7

Submitted by Donna Bilda

Block of the Month

Hello Quilters –

I hope this finds you sewing away. It was so very exciting to see all of you at our May meeting (those in attendance and those on zoom). As we celebrated, we had our drawing for our previous blocks. Here are our winners of the blocks:

- Pot of gold – MaryJo Busch
- 3-D scrappy pinwheel – MaryJo Busch
- Crazy little strings – Mary Weber
- Woven leaves – Gloria Volland

Congratulations to the winners! We look forward to seeing your quilts!

Speaking of seeing your quilts – How are you coming along with the block of the month challenges? We currently have two exciting BOM challenges taking place.

They are as follows:

- The BOM shoe challenge
- The BOM mystery basket challenge
 - January mystery release – Add background filler to your pot. (Greenery/wheat/?)
 - February mystery release – Add tall/spiky flower(s) of your choice (i.e.; Iris/ Blazing Star Liatris/Lupine)
 - March mystery release – Add circular flower(s) of your choice (i.e.; Allium/Globe thistle/Dahlia)
 - April mystery release - Add a garden tool

- May mystery release – Add a show-case flower and something live (bug, bird, frog, butterfly, kitten – the options are endless)

Please note...this is our last release of clues. Thus, making it time to put on the finishing touches. Remember...minimum size is the size of a fat quarter. You now may add the border(s) and binding of your choice.

You will find the detailed instructions for both of these challenges in the recent newsletters.

Sew...be sure to stitch along with us and share your creation at each guild meeting. We look forward to seeing your progress. Let's go ladies – We want to see some shoes/boots/flip flops and of course, those baskets at show-and-tell!!

Happy Stitching Everyone!

Your Block of the Month Team

Our History!

2022--COMING ATTRACTIONS

Next year will be a busy year for our guild. Not only do we have the quilt show but we can also celebrate the 40th anniversary founding of our guild. West Suburban actually goes back farther than 1992. Our guild developed from a quilting class (preceded by stitchery and sewing classes at the Brookfield Recreation Department in the late 70's and early 80's) conducted by Dorothy Manache, our Founding Mother. It was Dorothy who suggested the quilt class form a guild and a meeting was held at the Security and Savings and Loan at Ruby Isle in June of 1981. We met in the lower level of the Brookfield City Hall and by March 1982 had 40 members. Cheryl Zorn was our first president. September of 1983 we had our first newsletter written by Ann Williams, our second president. This newsletter was distributed at meetings originally as our treasury balance was only \$508.67. How far we have come! This is A Peek into our Past, 40 years ago!

Elrid Johnson

Program Committee

Date	Speakers	Topic	Note:
9/8/21	Sonja Pavlik	Creativity	Masks requested for speakers health
10/2 & 10/3/21	Workshop: All Star Sampler	18 Sampler Workshops 2 days at Sew Much More, Waukesha	Need 15 paid @ \$10.00 to prevent cancellation
10/13/21	Lisa Giesfeldt	Creating Award Winning Challenge Quilts w Vision Issues	
11/10/21	Chris Kirsch	Friendship Quilts Trunk Show	
12/15/21	School House w Craft & Gift Sale *	Wool Ornament, Trivet & Bottle Bag	
1/12/22	Julie Karasek	Choosing Colors for your Quilt	
2/9/22	Wendy Rieves	Top Ten Quilting Tips & Tricks	
3/9/22	Quilt Show Prep		
4/13/22	Karen Hendrickson	My Journey From Traditional Quilting to Wool Applique	
5/11/22	Pot Luck Celebration	Lil Rev Quilting Musical Review	

*Craft and gift sale

In the early days of the lockdown, I actually cleaned my sewing room! I found kits, jelly rolls and fat quarters that I adored at one time, but no longer. I set them aside to share with the guild at a later date. That later date has arrived! On December 15, we'll be having our Schoolhouse evening but in conjunction with that, we'll also have a Craft and Gift Sale. So bring in those kits, jelly rolls, fat quarters, rulers, unused or gently used tools, nice gift items, and we'll have a Craft and Gift sale.

Mary Margaret Wacker

Charity Committee

Charity Committee 2021-2022

Your generosity continues to amaze us, you have warmed the hearts and lifted the spirits of so many! These are the projects that we are supporting this year. If you have any questions, contact Joy Zuerner 262 325 0765 or Mary Margaret Wacker. 414 587 6008.

1. Tied fleece blankets-we're collecting these primarily for All People's Church in Milwaukee. They have asked for blankets approximately 45X60, though they will certainly accept larger ones. All People's is also in need of fleece hats and scarves.
2. Quilts for Kids- Judy Valentino is the contact for this initiative. The quilts go to Children's Hospital and while the preference is for approximately 40x50, they will also accept larger ones because they serve children up to the age of 18.
3. Walker Bags- Caroline Koch put the pattern for these on our website. They are in high demand at assisted living and rehabilitation centers. Ours have been donated to the Rehabilitation Hospital of Wisconsin in Waukesha.
4. Time of the Month Menstruation supplies- Karen Hendrickson will have a bag at each meeting to accept donations.
5. Pillowcases-Mickey Mowrey from Sew Many Pieces is collecting pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles. They prefer cases that would appeal to children.

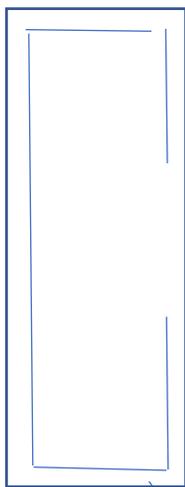
Mary Margaret Wacker

Reminder: Please remember to return the fleece blankets that I handed out at the May meeting.

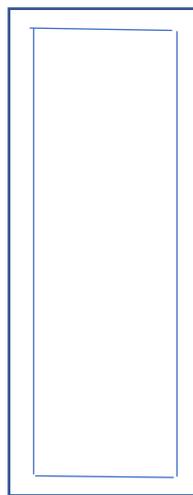
Also, All People's Church would love to have some fleece hats and scarves for the kids. Someone donated a bolt of jersey/sweatshirt type fabric. Does anyone have an easy toddler sweatpants pattern?

Walker Bags:

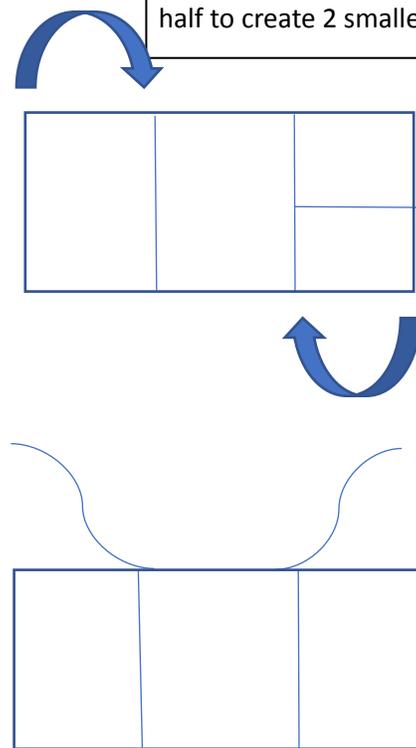
1. Start with 2 pieces of fabric 42 x 16. Place right sides together and stitch around the edges using a 1/2 inch seam allowance. Leave an opening to turn the fabric right side out.
2. Trim corners and turn right sides out. Top stitch entire outer border of fabric piece 1/8 to 1/4-inch, stitching closed 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.



1. Stitch a 1/4 inch seam leaving an opening to turn right side out.



2. Turn piece right side out, press and topstitch close to the edges, (stitching closed the opening)



3. Bring ends in to create 2 eight-inch pockets. Stitch one pocket in half to create 2 smaller pockets

Sunshine

If you know of anyone who needs a little sunshine please notify either myself or Patty Martin.

Quilt Show

I hope everyone is getting as excited as I am about our next quilt show in March. The dates will be March 11 and 12, with setup on March 10.

We have several vendors pending but if anyone has a favorite that you'd like me to contact please let me know Quiltie704@yahoo.com.

The raffle quilt construction is complete and has been quilted. It is absolutely stunning and I know the raffle tickets will practically sell themselves. It will be available for all to see at the September meeting!

Only 7 months until show time!!!

Mary Weber



Raffle Quilt

The Raffle quilt group has now met for 4 full Saturday's of sewing. The quilt top is finished, MaryJo Busch has quilted it, Judy Valentino is doing the binding and Patty Martin is doing the label!

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 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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

West Suburban Quilters' Guild 2021-2022 Membership and Renewal Form

**Dues for next year, \$30.00, are to be paid not later than May 31, 2021.
Bring to the Sept. Meeting or complete the form below and return to: West
Suburban Quilt Guild,
% Wendy Bannister, 7926 S Wildwood Drive Apt 7, Oak Creek, WI 53154**

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Phone _____

**Street
Address** _____

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