

# West Suburban Quilters' Guild Newsletter

## Volume 45 Issue 2

### 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 [clhquilts@yahoo.com](mailto:clhquilts@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](mailto:judyv1954@sbcglobal.net)

The newsletter will be published on the [WSQG.net](http://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

Quilting friends,

Welcome to Fall! After a very nice Summer we now get to embrace Fall with the Leaves changing colors and the Weather cooling down. Such inspiration can be found in the beautiful colors of the leaves, changes in the trees and the colors of the grasses. Is anyone working on a landscape quilt? If so please share it during our meeting show n tell. I find show n tell inspiring.

Our next guild meeting will be on **Wednesday October 13th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM** in the Brookfield Lutheran Church. Our speaker will be Lisa Giesfeldt on 'Quilting with Visual Challenges & Cherrywood Quilt Challenges'. I am looking forward to hearing her presentation and i hope you are also.

We had a very good number of members attend our September meeting, what a nice start to off our guild year! If you have not already paid your dues for this year please do so.

This is a Quilt Show year and we are hoping our members will be able to get the inspiration to make more quilts for our Quilt show.

Gratefully,  
Wendy Bannister

Social Time is from 6:00PM to 7:00PM and the meeting is from 7-9PM.

## Meeting dates for the 2021-22 year

Wednesday, November 10th

Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> (Dec 8th church is not available nor is Dec.7th)

Wednesday, January 12th

Wednesday, February 9th

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 will be moved to Tuesday March 8th, 2022

Wednesday, April 13th

Wednesday, May 11th

## Meeting Minutes September 2021

Welcome back everyone! Our meeting began Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:10pm at Brookfield Lutheran Church.

Mary Margaret and the charity committee left pre-cut fleece at each table for creating double-sided fleece kids blankets that are tied around the edges. Members are also asked to sew bassinet covers for incubators. Gloria is also collecting fleece hats. Karen continues to collect items for Time of the Month Club.

Sonja Pavlick's presentation on creativity included many tips and tricks on design, her bird series, wine totes and circles within circles. Sonja says "Give yourself permission to stop if you don't like your project or if you are getting bored with it", and asks "Why do we quilt? Joy, gifts, competitions, or to just sit & sew." Sonja is also featured in Quilting Arts magazine's *LAST WORD* with a very funny article titled *Making Time to Sew*.

September renewals doubled our paid membership.

Programs Committee: All speakers are booked for the 2021-2022 season.

Block of the Month: create a star using sewing theme fabric. The shoe challenge continues until we reach one year. The basket challenge is to be finished with a showcase flower and something live.

The website is being re-designed by Cathy H. The original website was from 2003 and looks much better now with updated technology.

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

State Fair: Joan Ledanski won best machine out of 6 categories. Our State Fair committee is discussing focusing on one category for our best quilting award.

Quilt show: The completed raffle quilt has been photographed and raffle tickets have been distributed, including a photo for ease of sales. Please see the Quilt Show article for more information on the show.

Show & Tell included unfinished State Fair projects, a New York Beauty turned into cats, two basket projects, a butterflies quilt, an ABC quilt, a hummingbird quilt, a red & black coat, a fabric panel tote, Summer floral quilt for the family cabin and a scrappy florals rail fence quilt.

*Submitted by MaryJo Busch*

## Treasurer's Report

Balance is \$7544.77. Large Expenses included the yearly payment for Storage \$1584 and Insurance \$351. Deposit for the month of \$545 included Dues, Vendor for quilt show and BOM cash.

Submitted by Judy Valentino

## Block of the Month

Hello Quilters – I hope this finds you sewing away. It was exciting to see you at the meeting and to see that a couple of you have finished the mystery basket challenge. Awesome!!

For all of you procrastinators, including me, there is still time to participate. You can find the instructions for both of our past challenges (the shoe and mystery basket challenge) along with the President's challenge on the website under "challenges".

Additionally, a quick reminder for BOM participants – please be sure to finish your sewing motif sawtooth star block in honor of our quilt show theme: "Quilting Stars" and bring your block to receive the winning ticket. Good Luck to all BOM participants.

Oh, let us not forget – the next block of the month – will be a Fall/Halloween block. Block will be unveiled at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you in October.

Happy Quilting!!

Your BOM Team (MaryJo and Vicky)

- 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.

Happy Stitching Everyone!

## Our History!

### A PEEK AT THE PAST - THE VERY FIRST RAFFLE QUILT

The 2022 raffle quilt was displayed at the September meeting--kudos to the group that created it! We have come a long way from our very first raffle quilt! It was September 1983 and Juanita Stomner was the chairman. The Bear Paw pattern was selected, fabrics were donated, and we were on our way. By March of 1984, 27 blocks were cut with 15 more to be kitted. The blocks were to be hand pieced and the quilt would be hand quilted. Members voted to donate the proceeds of this first raffle quilt to the Elmbrook Humane Society. By September the quilt was assembled and quilting bees were scheduled in members' homes. Raffle tickets were distributed and sold by Guild and Elmbrook Humane Society members with over 600 tickets sold through our efforts and the Hearthside Quilters Nook. The Grand Finale of our project was at the Elmbrook Humane Society's Spring Fling in April 1986. Vickie Kestranek and Elrid Johnson brought the Bear Paw quilt to the event--and enjoyed a delicious dinner and program featuring Milwaukee County Sheriff Artison who brought two dogs trained to ferret out drugs and bombs. And then came the raffle with Vickie and Elrid asked to pull the winning ticket! The quilt went to Dan and Myrna Mavroff, long time supporters of the Humane Society. For Vickie and Elrid the rest of the meeting was anti-climatic. The project had come to its natural end. The Bear Paw Quilt had found a home. And that is the story of West Suburban Quilt Guild's very first raffle quilt!

Elrid Johnson

## Program Committee

Date	Speakers	Topic	Note:
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.

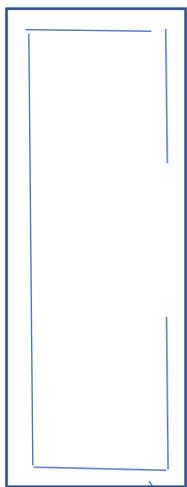
Mary Margaret Wacker

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

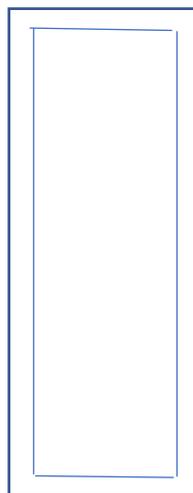
Also, All People's Church would love to have some fleece hats and scarves for the kids. Someone donated a bolt of jersey/sweatshirt type fabric. Does anyone have an easy toddler sweatpants pattern?

## Walker Bags:

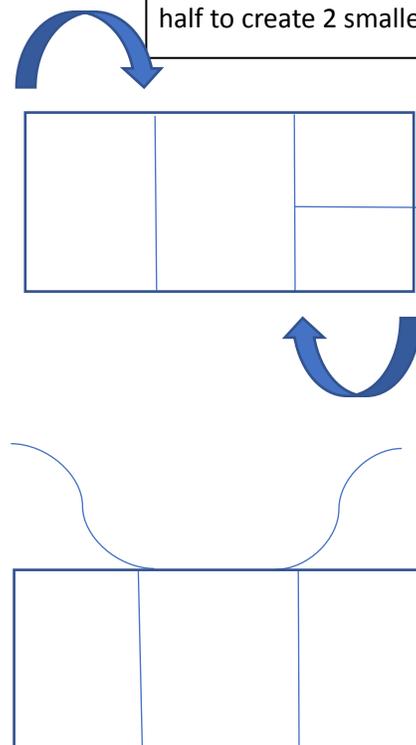
1. Start with 2 pieces of fabric 42 x 16. Place right sides together and stitch around the edges using a 1/2 inch seam allowance. Leave an opening to turn the fabric right side out.
2. Trim corners and turn right sides out. Top stitch entire outer border of fabric piece 1/8 to 1/4-inch, stitching closed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

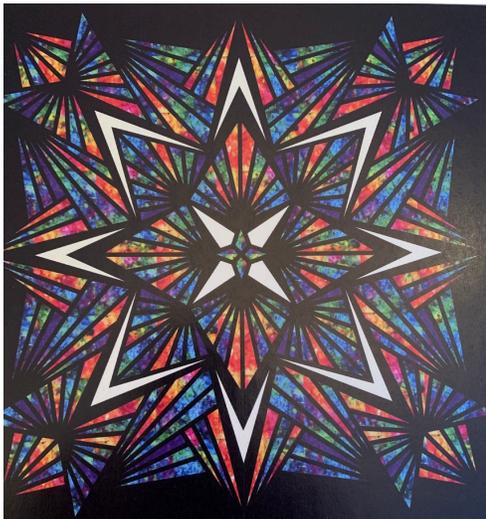
## Quilt Show

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](mailto: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!

I will not be at our October meeting. I will be at a retreat finishing projects for the quilt show in March.

I have two challenges for everyone:

Sell your packet of raffle tickets and get a second pack from Donna

Also plan to have three or more items to enter in the show.

We have so many talented quilters in our group that our show will be fantastic.

Now get quilting! 😊

Mary Weber

## 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 Hendrickson

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

Dues for the year are \$30. Please see Donna Bilda at the October meeting if you have not renewed.

Complete the form below and return to: West Suburban Quilt Guild, Donna Bilda, Vice President.

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