

# West Suburban Quilters' Guild Newsletter

## Volume 45 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 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

Welcome to the cool temperatures and sweater weather. Our next WSQG guild meeting will be on Wednesday November 10th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in the Brookfield Lutheran Church. Our speaker will be Chris Kirsch, Friendship Quilts Trunk Show.

Our Quilt Show is only a few months away and i hope we will have many new quilts for the show.

Remember to bring your Show 'n Tell, name tag, and happy smiling face!

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 October 2021

Lisa Giesfeldt's presentation on her own creative process included a millennium quilt with 2000 pieces. Lisa displayed numerous award winning quilts and discussed multiple tools and techniques. One item of note is a new *Sew Steady Slider* sheet with green 1" lines and diagonal markings to assist with half and quarter square triangles. The sheets are available in two sizes and have a larger hole in the center to accommodate a variety of sewing feet and have sticky side to help secure the sheet to the bed of the sewing machine.

Treasury report: insurance and storage unit fees are paid for the year.

Membership: three guests in October, one person joined, making our current membership 33.

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

Quilt show: The completed raffle quilt has been photographed and raffle tickets have been distributed, including a photo for ease of sales. A few of our members are attending a retreat and took the raffle quilt to put on display. One member sold six packs of tickets! The quilt show committee is asking that each member submit a minimum of three items for our upcoming show. The committee is also seeking items for the bed turning. See the Quilt Show article for more information.

Hospitality: due to ongoing restrictions at the church, food items must be pre-packaged.

Block of the Month: Mary Webber wins the September block - a star with sewing theme fabric in the center.

Door prizes: Carolyn O'Meara, Donna Bilda and Wendy Bannister.

Secretary: September minutes accepted and approved.

Charity: Mary Margaret created walker bag kits for anyone who wishes to take one.

Programs: in November, Chris Kirsch will present a trunk show on friendship quilts. The December Schoolhouse Night will include a rummage sale, which is not the same as quilt show boutique items, but rather items such as fat quarter bundles, thread packs, patterns or books, or perhaps items that were gifted to you or multiples that are no longer of interest to you. Gather your items and bring them in December.

Show & Tell: Mary Margaret shared a beautiful scrappy paper pieced star she calls **Light Years** "*Because that's how long it took me to make it!*". Gloria shared a Halloween Gnome, Betty has pumpkins with black cats, and a baby quilt with giraffes snuggled beneath a quilt with sparkling gold hearts as a backing, and Amish baskets. Laura displayed a table topper with half square triangles and pineapples. Judy brought a very large bag, a square-in-a-square table runner and a scrappy modified Hunters Star, a red/pink/grey jelly roll made into 15-patch blocks with a very modern bright red backing with a narrow dark grey stripe, and finally, a bold and beautiful Ricky Timms kaleidoscope quilt.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

*Submitted by MaryJo Busch*

## Treasurer's Report

Balance is \$7585.60 Expenses included payment for ribbon supplies and raffle ticket expense, payment to the speaker and church rental. Deposit for the month of \$436 included Dues, Raffle ticket sales and BOM cash.

Submitted by Judy Valentino

## Block of the Month

Hello Quilters – I hope this finds you sewing away.

Congratulations to Mary Weber – the lucky winner of the sewing motif Sawtooth star blocks.

A quick reminder for BOM participants – please be sure to finish your Ghost Block and bring your block to receive the winning ticket. Good Luck to all BOM participants.

Oh, let us not forget – two things:

- The challenges – Be sure to continue to work on the challenges. The directions are available on the website under “challenges”, and
- The next block of the month – will be a Fall block. Block will be unveiled at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you in November.

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.

## Our History!

Many are the projects that West Suburban has had over the last 40 years. From simple fabric exchanges to lottery blocks to pass around projects to Blocks of the Month, there have been multiple chances to participate. .

One of my earliest finishes was a spool quilt from an exchange of fabric squares in 1984. I have a Round Robin quilt dating from 1995 with a label so i know who added to the quilt--a feature more meaningful as the years pass. We made Friendship Blocks and Challenge pieces. I may not recall all the projects but I know they made us stretch and grow in our quilting knowledge. Which, of course, is one reason to belong to a guild. It would be a celebration of our 40 years to see some of those challenges again and recognize how much we have done in four decades of existence. Or find one and complete it.? I can think of some that are lurking on my archeological pile. I wonder where those wonderful star blocks I received in an exchange are or the pile of blue/cream blocks from a birthday exchange? Or move forward and participate in the President's Challenge, the shoe challenge, or the fill the basket challenge? Wonderful items for the coming quilt show! Stretch your quilting talents--completion is its own reward.

Elrid Johnson

## Program Committee

Date	Speakers	Topic	Note:
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.

In December our program committee has planned a Schoolhouse presentation. In conjunction with that, we're going to have our first ever fundraiser rummage sale. Our auction used to provide a big boost to our bank account so we're hoping this does as well. Did you clean out your sewing room during the pandemic? I know that I did! Please bring any quilting items you no longer want to the sale. Save the items that you've sewn for the boutique at the quilt show. This would be more along the lines of rulers, books, fabric, tools etc. If it once lived in your sewing room but no longer is welcome there, bring it along! We'll have tables set up which will be marked \$2, \$5, \$10, \$15, and one table (with stickers) for things that you would rather price yourself. Put your items on the tables and let the shopping begin!

Also if you happen to go to Christmas bazaars or craft fairs please be on the lookout for possible items for us to make for the Quilt Show bazaar!

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

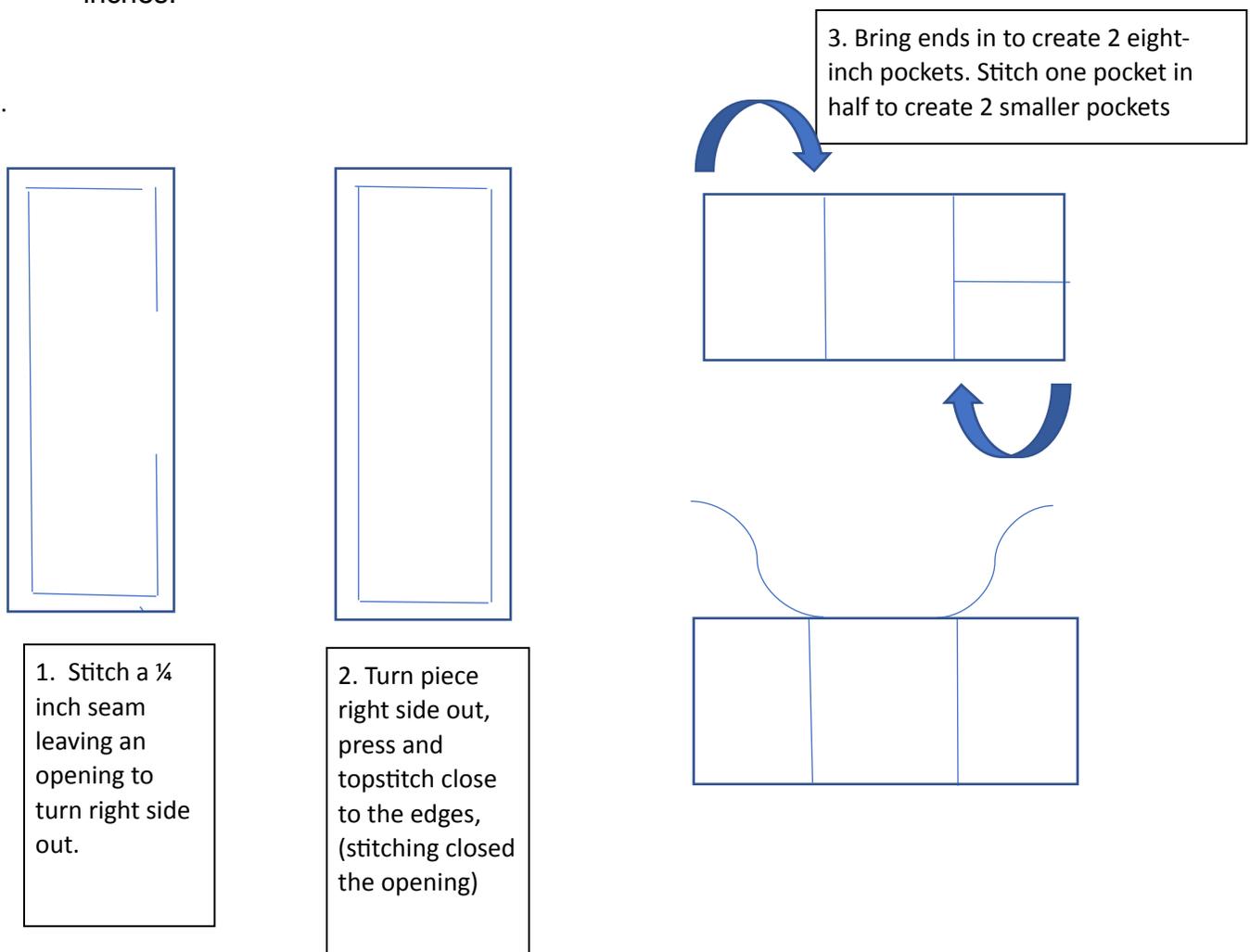
**Reminder:** Please remember to return the fleece blankets that I handed out at the May meeting.

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?

We'd like to have a display at our quilt show highlighting the various charity projects that we support. I'm wondering how many masks were made by our guild during the pandemic. Could you email me an approximate number of masks you made? Thank you! Mary Margaret. [Jwacker@wi.rr.com](mailto:Jwacker@wi.rr.com)

## 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.



## 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 6 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 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

**2022 WSQG QUILT SHOW QUILTING STARS MARCH 11 and 12 WAUKESHA EXPO CENTER  
ENTRY CATEGORIES**

**Division 1 - Bed Quilts**

Minimum size 60" x 80", intended for a bed. Quilt top made by guild member.

**Class A:** Pieced, Hand or Machine Quilted.

**Class B:** Applique, Hand or Machine Quilted.

**Class C:** Mixed Technique, Hand or Machine Quilted.

**Division 2 - Crib/Lap Quilts**

Minimum size 36" x 45", intended for a crib or small bed. Quilt top made by guild member.

**Class A:** Pieced, Hand or Machine Quilted.

**Class B:** Applique, Hand or Machine Quilted.

**Class C:** Mixed Technique, Hand or Machine Quilted.

**Division 3 - Wall Quilts**

Quilt made for display on a wall. Quilt top made by a guild member.

**Class A:** Pieced, Hand or Machine Quilted.

**Class B:** Applique, Hand or Machine Quilted.

**Class C:** Mixed Technique, Hand or Machine Quilted.

**Division 4 - Modern Quilts**

Quilt made with a non-traditional pattern using bold colors, high contrast, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space and alternative grid work. (Quilt top made by a guild member)

**Class A:** Bed Quilt (Minimum 60" x 80")

**Class B:** Lap Quilt (Minimum 36" x 45")

**Class C:** Wall hanging (Minimum 12" x 12")

**Division 5 - West Suburban Quilters' Guild Sponsored Event**

**Class A:** Workshops and Programs: Any size. Must be an item made as part of (or directly inspired by) a WSQG workshop or program.

**Class B:** Block of the Month/Block Exchange: Any size. Must be an item made as part of a WSQG Block of the Month program or WSQG Block Exchange.

**Division 6 - Other Quilted Items**

**Class A:** Miniatures (Maximum size 24" x 24") a miniature is a small scale replica of full-sized quilt with all of the quilt components reduced in scale

**Class B:** Clothing and Accessories

**Class C:** Home Décor

**Division 7 - Challenge**

**Class A:** Mystery Basket: create a container (basket, vase, etc.) on a background fat quarter in portrait position, new items having been added every month (filler vines, leaves, stems; tall spikes or flowers; circular or globe-shaped items; tool)

**Class B:** Shoe Challenge: Block size 10" or 12", create your favorite shoe design depicting each month; completed quilt not to exceed 48" x 60".

**Class C:** Star Challenge: In conjunction with the theme of the show, create a quilt with a recognizable star theme, minimal size 24"x24" not to exceed 48" x 60".

**DIVISION 8 - President's Challenge**

Create a quilt that represents your birth month flower or gem stone: size 36" x 36" square, plus or minus one inch; label should indicate birth month and flower or gem stone.

**DIVISION 9 HALL OF FAME THIS IS NOT A JUDGED CATEGORY**

The quilts in this category will be used to enhance the viewing experience of our guests. They will also showcase the superior level of talent in our guild. They can be of any size but would prefer mostly bed-sized. We would like one entry from each member at least. If your entry has won a ribbon in the past from our show, another show, or State Fair, please include the information with the quilt registration so a plaque can be made.

ALL QUILTS MAY BE QUILTED BY A GUILD MEMBER OR ANOTHER QUILTER.

Hello Everyone

A few dates to remember: Quilt Show March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Waukesha Expo Center. Set-up will be March 10. Quilt registration will again be online. Registration will open January 1, 2022, and close February 13, 2022. Plastic bags will be distributed at the March 8 meeting and drop off will be by 10a.m. at the Expo Center on March 10.

As we prepare for our next quilt show in March of 2022, the entry categories for the quilt judging have been updated. A few definitions have been added to clarify the categories so you will be able to enter your quilts in the appropriate categories.

A challenge category has been added to highlight the theme of the show "Quilting Stars".

You will be allowed to enter quilts from just the last show, providing it did not win a ribbon. Due to the pandemic the attendance at our last show was only around 25% of the usual attendance at our shows.

Therefore the board felt that the quilts did not get the exposure that they deserved. We also want to fill our show floor with the beautiful works that our many talented quilters create.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Mary Weber email: [quiltie704@yahoo.com](mailto:quiltie704@yahoo.com)

Thanks, now get quilting!

## 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