

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 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

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



Welcome to December last month of 2021 and our Fortieth year as a Guild! This year has been unique, and we are joyful that we are able to meet in person. 🤝

The temperature has turned towards Winter and flurries have appeared already.

Chris Kirsch presentation "Friendship Quilts Then and Now" we enjoyed a very nice presentation along with the history behind the owners of the antique quilts and quilt tops she shared with our Guild at the November Meeting.

The December Schoolhouse Night will include a rummage with sale items that can include fat quarter bundles, thread packs, patterns, and other items. Make sure to bring your items for the sale at the December Meeting.

We are now moving the **start time for our meeting to 6:30 PM**, we will have social time from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM, and we will be drawing our meetings to a close at 8:30 PM. Also **please remember our December meeting will be on the 15th** as the church did not have the room available for the 8th.

See you soon!

Wendy Bannister
WSQG President

Meeting dates for the 2021-22 year

Wednesday, December 15th (Dec 8th church 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

Meeting Minutes November 2021

Chris Kirsch presentation “Friendship Quilts Then and Now” included a hack for curved piecing which is also explained in detail on her handout. Chris shared many modern and antique signature quilts that Chris researches to include as much information as possible on the maker and possible recipient of each item, many that were purchased at estate sales. The most precious item Chris shared is a quilt made from 60 signature blocks that were collected by her friend Wendy and gifted to Chris for her 60th birthday. Each block is a black & white 4-patch that includes a scripture passage or inspirational quote and the signature of the friend who created that block.

Membership: Our directory is on the website. Please share a headshot/portrait of yourself if you haven’t sent one already.

Please send newsletter items to Judy Valentino on or before the 25th 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. Please return your ticket stubs and money as your tickets are sold. We are registered to sell raffle tickets at the Winter Quilt Show in West Bend in February.

Set up volunteers are needed, please see the sign-up sheets.

Vendor spaces are still available. Please speak to Mary if you have a favorite vendor you would like to see at our show.

The quilt show committee is asking that each member submit a minimum of three items as we hope to display 300 items for our visitors.

The committee is also seeking items for the bed turning. Many beginners are inspired by the bed turning, so the committee is asking for any quilt of interest or one with an interesting story. Carol Butzke will be doing appraisals and the guild receives \$5 for every completed appraisal. Online registration begins January 1st. Please see the Quilt Show article for more information.

Hospitality: Sign-up sheets circulated the room and food items must be pre-packaged due to ongoing restrictions at the church.

Block of the Month: Vicky Wolf wins the October ghost block. November block is a sunflower on denim.

Door prizes: Wendy Bannister, Patty Martin

Secretary: October minutes accepted and approved.

Charity: Our committee is currently collecting used sewing machines for Afghan refugees who have resettled in Wisconsin.

Historian: Elrid is currently looking for ideas for upcoming newsletters.

Media: Cathy is keeping up to date with our website, Facebook and Instagram.

Programs: 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.

A motion was made to move our meeting up by one half hour. Mary Margaret made a motion to approve, Patty seconded the motion. Motion passes and our liaison will get approval from the church. Under the new schedule: Social time at 6, business meeting at 6:30, speaker from 7-8pm, take a break, then Block of the Month, show & tell, door prizes and adjourn at 8:30.

Show & Tell: Caroline shared a rainbow star, Mary Margaret shared a flannel receiving blanket with mitered corners. Gloria has 5 quilts for the VA: stars, a scrappy rail fence, ½ squares and stripes on point, ½ square triangles paired with black, neon pink and blue. Gloria also shared a Snowbirds quilt from a Zoom meeting with another guild and a handwork pillow top. Betty shared a labyrinth called Interconnected and a modified log cabin. Terry shared a hand appliqued star flowers with a leafy vine quilt and a panel with eagles – a very patriotic quilt made for her motorcycling hubby. Mary shared a scrappy pale green tote and a wall hanging 'FINISHED IS BETTER THAN PERFECT' (with a backwards letter) and says "This is my new mantra!". Kelli shared a very long wiener dog quilt that will be gifted to a friend with cancer who also owns 3 wiener dogs. Judy has 2 quilts for the VA: a scrappy grey quilt made from plaid shirts and one with blue ½ square stripes on point. Judy also showed her beautiful Athena Star quilt that will be given to a cousin's son for his wedding. Donna made an 11-square table toper with some squares cut in half to make an unusual edge, a quilt with 2 frogs, a turtle, flowers and lots of elephants to be gifted to a co-worker's child. Joan shared a wine glass collage designed by Laura Heine.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Submitted by MaryJo Busch

Treasurer's Report

Awaiting funds for deposit from Donna Bilda from raffle ticket sales. Will update balance at the December meeting. Expenses included Speaker payment and Church rental.

Submitted by Judy Valentino

Block of the Month

Hello Quilters – I hope this finds you sewing away.

Congratulations to me, Vicky Wolf – the lucky winner of the ghost blocks. I cannot wait to start creating a quilt with the blocks. They are Awesome! We have some very talented quilters in our guild.

A quick reminder for BOM participants – please be sure to finish your Denim Rag Sunflower 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 winter block. Block will be unveiled at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you in December.

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.

Program Committee

| Date | Speakers | Topic | Note: |
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| 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!

We will not be able to process credit cards so bring cash or checks!

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 Mowry from Sew Many Pieces is collecting pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles. They prefer cases that would appeal to children.

Mary Margaret Wacker

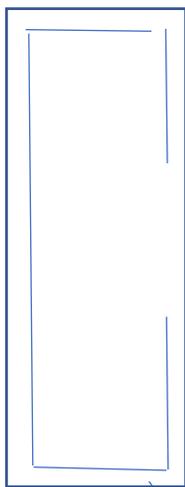
Reminder: Please remember to return the fleece blankets that I handed out at the May meeting.

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?

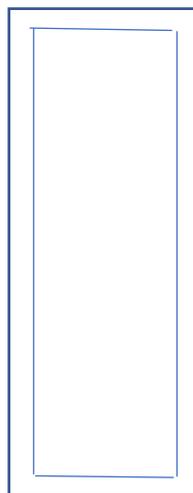
We'd like to have a display at our quilt show highlighting the various charity projects that we support. I'm wondering how many masks were made by our guild during the pandemic. Could you email me an approximate number of masks you made? Thank you! Mary Margaret. Jwacker@wi.rr.com

Walker Bags:

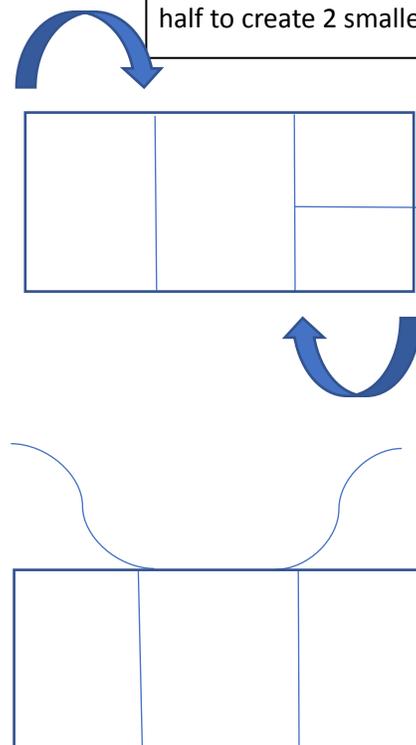
1. Start with 2 pieces of fabric 42 x 16. Place right sides together and stitch around the edges using a 1/2 inch seam allowance. Leave an opening to turn the fabric right side out.
2. Trim corners and turn right sides out. Top stitch entire outer border of fabric piece 1/8 to 1/4-inch, stitching closed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

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 4 months until show time!!!

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



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!

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!

**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 (lilies, 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 11th and 12th, 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

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 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:

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| 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