

# 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 6:30 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](mailto: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](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

Welcome to the January newsletter and the year 2022!! I sure hope this year will be a better year for everyone! January in Wisconsin can equal many layers of clothing when we go outside, and many adventures with snow and wind chills. Hopefully everyone gets to enjoy the beauty of our Wisconsin Winter in 2022.

Our January WSQG meeting will be on Wednesday January 12th, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM with Social Time at 6 PM. Our Program will be presented by the one, the only, Julie Karasek, from Patched Works in Elm Grove with her program on 'Choosing Colors for your Quilt.'

We are a few months to our Quilt Show so keep working on your Quilts for our show, please. I hope to see everyone at our next meeting. Please wear your name tags and bring your Show 'n tell.

Gratefully yours,

Wendy Bannister  
WSQG President

### Meeting dates for the 2021-22 year

Wednesday, January 12th  
Wednesday, February 9th  
Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 will be moved to Tuesday  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Wednesday, April 13th  
Wednesday, May 11th

## Meeting Minutes December 2021

Schoolhouse night & 'Clean Out Your Sewing Room' auction started at 6:15, the business meeting started at 6:45. Items for sale were priced at \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$15. Auction items include a mountain of sewing books, patterns and kits, unfinished items, artwork, two large bags of fabric split into small color groups. Items that weren't purchased by members are being saved for the quilt show boutique.

Membership currently stands at 36. Our special guest is former member Johanna Fritz who stopped by to say goodbye as she makes final preparations for move to South Carolina in January.

Sunshine: November birthday cards have been sent and December cards will be mailed shortly.

Block of the Month: MaryJo Busch wins the November sunflower blocks. The December block is a snowflake.

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

Quilt show: Raffle tickets are selling well. 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. Many set up volunteers are needed! The managerial staff at Waukesha Expo Center have booked a landscaping show for three days prior to our quilt show and we will not have access to the building until 5pm on Thursday as we will have to wait for the landscaping vendors to vacate the space & clean the floor. The quilt show team is hoping to get additional help from husbands and sons/grandsons to assist in set up. Because of this oversight, the Expo Center will not be charging us for renting space, which helps the guild save money on our overall show expenses.

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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

Door prizes: Mary Weber, Betty Breen and MaryJo Busch.

Secretary: November minutes accepted and approved.

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

Programs: In January, Patched Works owner Julie Karasek will present Choosing Colors for Your Quilt.

Schoolhouse: Karen shared a Christmas Tree ornament made by cutting wool into half circles, using creative folding to add dimension to the tree, then adding decorating stitching and embellishments.

Patty shared three styles of wine totes, including a double bottle style. Patty's favorite pattern for ease of use is a June Tailor kit that uses marked batting to create the tote. Judy shared a trivet pattern using Thinsulate sandwiched between 2 layers of cotton batt.

Show & Tell: joy shared fabric bowls, Betty shared a long Christmas tree wallhanging, a black, white & Grey queen quilt titled Peace on Earth. Gloria brought tabletop bags that can be used for candies, etc. Johanna shared a Dresden Plate quilt that was sent to her by a college friend who says it was made by her great grandmother. Carol shared a scrappy quilt sprinkled with little houses, for a great niece.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Submitted by MaryJo Busch

### **Treasurer's Report**

Current balance in the checking account is \$8019.82. Deposit in December was \$328.00. Rummage sale \$206 (one payment still to be brought to next meeting, you know who you are!)

Raffle Sales \$102

Membership dues \$30

No expenses this month as the schoolhouse is free and the church did not charge rent in December due to the mixup with the meeting date.

Submitted by Judy Valentino

### **Block of the Month**

Hello Quilters – I hope this finds you sewing away.

Congratulations to MaryJo Busch – the lucky winner of the Denim Rag Sunflower blocks.

A quick reminder for BOM participants – please be sure to finish your Scandinavian Snowflake Star Block and bring your block with any remaining background fabric 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 ...something to warm your heart block. Block will be unveiled at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Happy Quilting!! Your BOM Team (MaryJo and Vicky)

**Program Committee**

Date	Speakers	Topic	Note:
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	

**Sunshine**

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

## Our History

### A PEEK AT THE PAST

At the December meeting we had School House Demos where several members shared their talents with us. Demos have long been an informative and traditional part of our meeting. Thanks to those who shared! Our first member demos were held January 1984 and featured Medallion Quilting with Jean Yoder, Patchwork Boxes with Roylee Pfhlughoeft, Quilting in a Hoop with Juanita Stomner, and Celtic Applique with Ann Williams ( who was second president of our guild and wrote the first newsletters). Maybe a few members remember these Quilters? But this tradition of sharing has continued for our 40 year existence because we always have something to share and learn from each other.

In the January 1991 newsletter was a quote from Carla Hassel (author of Super Quilter II) that holds true today.

### CAN YOU FIND YOURSELF?

There is no universal quilter. We are young, we are old. We are traditionalists, we are designers. We are mathematicians, we can't add two plus two. We enjoy seemingly insurmountable challenges, we rejoice in the security of a kit. We have a fantastic eye for color, we have a clerk select our fabrics. We use precious scraps, we buy by the bolt.

Yet there is common ground. We have phenomenal energy and unswerving determination. We record our lives in fabrics and stitches. If we need a certain color or print, we will find it. We need only breathe the name of an elusive pattern and someone will find it. We surround ourselves with color, bold or subtle. There may be differences in our approaches but we have a common goal---a durable product of exquisite beauty.

## Charity Committee Projects 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 (and smaller)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.

## Charity Committee News

My friend at All People's Church in Milwaukee sent me several photos on the day that they distributed the Blessing Bags to the families in their church. Each bag had a book, stuffed animal, fleece blanket, pillowcase, hats, mittens and a few other treats. She said that, quite frankly, for some kids those are the only gifts they would get at Christmas. She also remarked on how the children were so excited about the fleece blankets and Christmas pillowcases. So, naturally, I volunteered to provide pillowcases again next year. I couldn't have done it without your help! Holiday themed fabric and fleece are on sale now so if you'd like to share a little joy next year, could you pick up some fabric now? My hope is that we can donate about 130 pillowcases and some fleece blankets as well. Thank you in advance for your help and generosity!

This morning we dropped off six more quilts at the Old soldier's Home. My husband had also purchased many boxes of Christmas chocolates and nuts. They were much appreciated, so if you are shopping those after Christmas sales, I can always find a home for blankets, cleaning supplies, garment fabric and chocolates!

Mary Margaret Wacker

**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.

## Quilt Show

Only 2 months until show time!!!

Registration for quilts in the show starts online **January 1 and closes on February 13**. The categories list is on the website. Please follow the categories and the instructions carefully. If you have any questions let me know. All quilts larger than 36" will need a 4" rod pocket fully attached to the back of your quilt from edge to edge.

This is very important for displaying the quilts.

We will start the volunteer sign-up this month for the show. Please consider helping out as much as you can to make our show a success.

Remember to turn in your sold raffle ticket stubs and money soon. More packs are available. Get more tickets to sell from Donna Bilda.

There will be more important information at the January meeting so please attend.

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).

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!

### Quilt Show Bazaar

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!

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)

## 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)

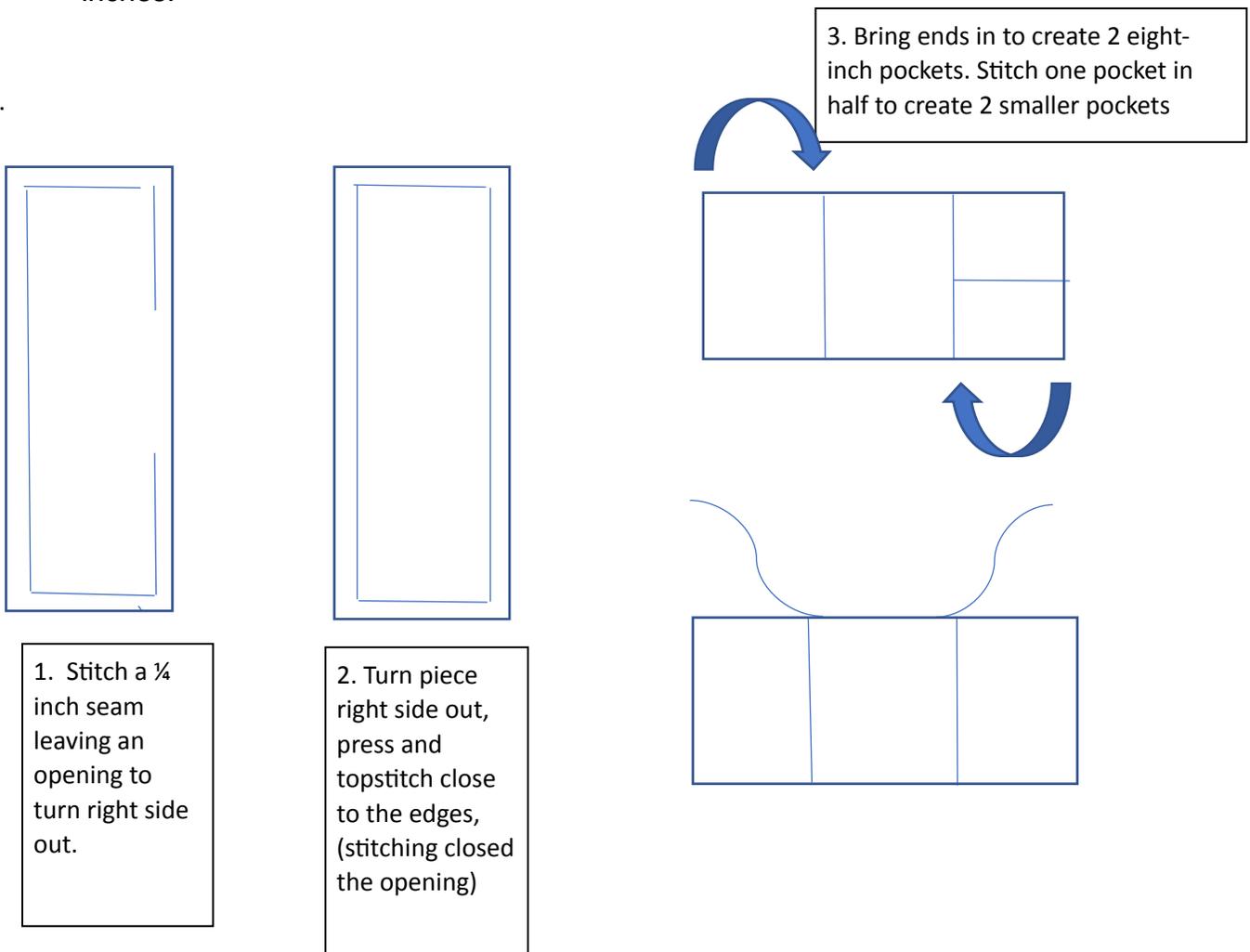
Most of all, let go and have a great time! Call me if you have any questions: 414-358-9501.

Creatively yours,

Karen Hendrickson

## 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.



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.