

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

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 the February West Suburban Quilt Guild newsletter we are closing in one month until our Quilt Show. Wisconsin Winters can be Windy and oh so cold so may I suggest everyone spend so much time stitching up more quilts for our March 2022 WSQG Quilt Show. Our Quilt Guild began in June of 1981 and we are closing in on FORTY years, WOW!!

Our February WSQG meeting will be on Wednesday, February 9th, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Our speaker will be Wendy Rieves and Wendy will be speaking on - Top Ten Quilting Tips & Tricks. Our Social Time begins at 6 PM.

Bring yourself and a friend and/or a former member of our WSQG!!

Gratefully yours,

Wendy Bannister
WSQG President

Meeting dates for the 2021-22 year

Wednesday, February 9th
Wednesday, March 9th 2022 will be moved to Tuesday March 8th, 2022
Wednesday, April 13th
Wednesday, May 11th

New Members

Welcome Susan, Carol and Carolyn!

Meeting Minutes December 2021

Meeting opened at 6:40pm.

Quilt show: Raffle tickets are selling well. Please return your ticket stubs and money at the February meeting. Quilt registration is currently open and Cathy asks that you enter all items earlier rather than later so she will be able to keep the database updated. **Registration closes at midnight, Sunday, February 13th**. Quilt drop off will be 6-8pm Thursday evening, March 10th. There will be a classroom open for drop off and sorting. Set up will begin at 9. Many volunteers are needed for loading the truck at the locker and for setting up at the Expo Center. Mary plans to work until 11pm that night and come back very early Friday morning to finish anything that hadn't been completed Thursday night. The quilt show committee is asking that each member submit a minimum of three items and anyone displaying 10 or more items will be recognized as a Superstar. The committee is still seeking items for the bed turning. We will honor three members -past and present- that we've lost since the last show. Please give boutique items to Cheri. See the Quilt Show article for more information.

Program: Julie Karasik, owner of Patched Works, joined us to talk about choosing fabric colors when making a quilt. Patched Works also has YouTube and Facebook channels where Fabric Club information is posted. Julie calls it 'Must Sew TV Thursdays'. Fabric Clubs require a subscription.

Secretary: December minutes published, accepted and approved.

Treasury: Approximately \$8000.

Block of the Month: Joy Z. won the December snowflake blocks. Our January block is a wine bottle & glass.

Newsletter: Please send items to Judy on or before the 25th of each month.

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

Door prizes: Committee not present. Double giveaways in February.

Media: Cathy asks quilt show items be registered immediately so she may keep the database updated.

Programs: In February, Wendy Rieves joins us to explain her Top Ten Quilting Tips & Tricks.

Show & Tell: Kelli shared a fun wallhanging of Santa & Rudolph in a photo booth, stitched with antique wools. Judy modified a quilt-as-you-go table runner, placing two side by side which sized up to a children's quilt. Judy also shared scrappy stripes combined with half-square triangles, and a combination of orange, grey and brown quilt she will donate. Patty made a men's apron for the boutique. Inspired by Chris Kirsch's lecture, Vicki shared a signature quilt made with food fabric and 18 family signatures because that's how many people came for Thanksgiving dinner.

Membership: We had two guests tonight who each joined the guild. **Welcome ladies!**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Submitted by MaryJo Busch

Treasurer's Report

Current balance \$8014.51 Expenses \$856.31 (Church rental, January speaker, Expo Deposit, Printing of Raffle Tickets and Ribbon supplies) Credits \$851.00 (BOM, Raffle Tickets, Membership dues, Vendor payments)
Submitted by Judy Valentino

Block of the Month

Hello Quilters – I hope this finds you sewing away.

Congratulations to Joy Zuerner – the lucky winner of the Snowflake blocks.

A quick reminder for BOM participants – please be sure to finish your Wine bottle 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 –The challenges – Be sure to continue to work on the challenges. The directions are available on the website under “challenges” .

We currently have two exciting 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.

Program Committee

Date	Speakers	Topic	Note:
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

With our current quilt show fast approaching, let's take a look at our first one. It was May 1983 and held at the Brookfield Public Library for two days. It featured quilts, old and new, a Needle Art Boutique and Demonstrations.. According to our newsletter, there was a profit of \$78 which was donated to the library to purchase quilting books. Here are excerpts from the Brookfield News article by Pat Herrington.

" The Brookfield Library was a busy place over the weekend as more than 300 people came to enjoy and admire the first quilt show of the West Suburban Quilters. the visitors were treated to an excellent display of the needle arts. It was also an opportunity to touch some history and be inspired by what quilts and quilting have to say about people and the continuity of family. Upon entering the library one was greeted by a quilt that gives the history of our local schools.....This quilt was made by group of 20 women in 1976 for the Bicentennial Year....they are talking about donating it to the Elmbrook Historical Society... Another quilt was made by a woman on the occasion of the birth of her great-grandson. She instructed the child's mother to save it for the young man's bride.....Juanita Stomner was chairman of this first show. All the items on display came from within the group.....Quilters have a peace about them and a deep sense of family. They are doers and have little use for idle hands. They are precise about what they do. And they have a warning for anyone considering getting into this hobby. It is very addicting."

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

I am putting together a little display on the charities and projects that the guild has participated in. This will be on display at the Quilt Show. Could you send me any photos that represent some of these activities?

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Mary Margaret Wacker

Quilt Show

Only 1 month until show time!!! March 11 and 12, setup on March 10 from 6-8 in the evening!

Registration is now open on our Website (under Quilt Show), to exhibit your quilts at the show. Registration will close February 13. The categories list is on the website too!

Remember to add a 4" rod pocket securely to the back of any quilt over 36" for all categories except the Hall of Fame.

We will have a special "Super Quilter" prize for anyone entering 10 or more quilted items.

Thank you to all who started signing up to help at the show but much more help is needed. The sign-ups will be out at the February meeting so please fill them in. Please consider helping out as much as you can to make our show a success.

Remember to bring in your sold raffle ticket stubs and money. More packs are available if needed from Donna Bilda.

There will be more important information at the January 9th meeting so please attend.

Now get quilting! 🧵

P.S. 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.

Mary Weber



Raffle Quilt

The Raffle quilt is all finished and we hope you are using pictures of it to sell those raffle tickets.

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!

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)

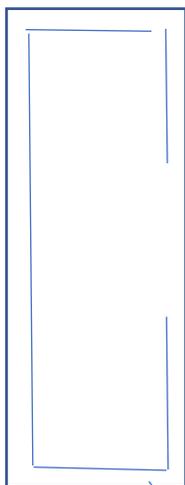
Most of all, let go and have a great time! Call me if you have any questions: 414-358-9501.

Creatively yours,

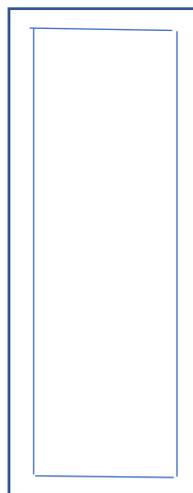
Karen Hendrickson

Walker Bags:

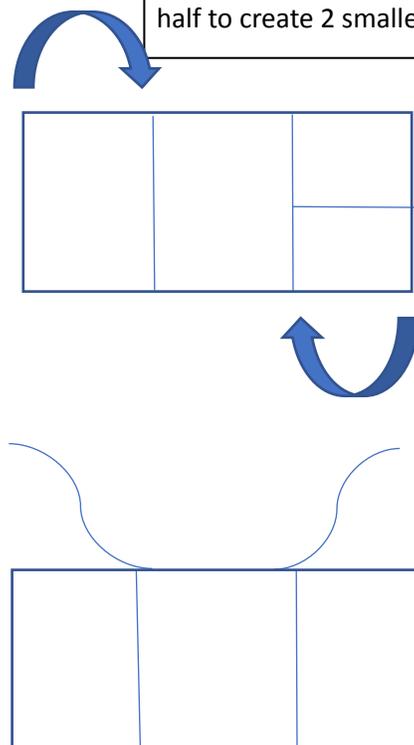
1. Start with 2 pieces of fabric 42 x 16. Place right sides together and stitch around the edges using a 1/2 inch seam allowance. Leave an opening to turn the fabric right side out.
2. Trim corners and turn right sides out. Top stitch entire outer border of fabric piece 1/8 to 1/4-inch, stitching closed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



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

