



# West Suburban Quilters' Guild Newsletter

## Volume 45 Issue 7

### 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

Hello fellow WSQG members. Our March Quilt Show is almost here please make sure you have done what you can to volunteer this year!!! We should definitely have a better attendance this year and hopefully, rebuild the heavy attendance we had before the Pandemic. I am excited to see our Quilt show this year. This Month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday March 8th** at 6pm Social Time; and 6:30 PM the meeting begins! The program for March is - Quilt show preparation meeting. Registration Committee will be handing out lists, bags, and instructions for Quilt Show drop off on 03/10/2022.

Wendy Bannister  
WSQG President

### Meeting dates for the 2021-22 year

March 8th, 2022  
Wednesday, April 13th  
Wednesday, May 11th

### Meeting Minutes December 2021

The February meeting began with a short amount of business. Mary Margaret spoke about charity projects, MaryJo explained the Block of the Month: a wine bottle with glass, and Donna introduced a new member who joined us for the first time tonight. Membership now stands at 38.

Programs: Wendy, manager of Sew Much More in Waukesha, shared her Top Ten Quilting Tips & Tricks. Some ideas included in the program are new while some are old standbys that serve as good reminders. These ideas include using good quality fabrics and using the same name brand

ruler throughout one project. New items include chrome needles that do a great job of handling the heat and friction of sewing and a gadget from Gypsy that uses old rotary blades to cut apart chain piecing.

New information about Sew Much More: the shop is expanding once again and will now include longarm machines for rent in 3 ½ hour sessions. Quilters may sign up for 2 sessions for a total of 7 hours with an hour for lunch. Anyone wishing to use the machines will have to attend certification classes before renting a machine. The shop will use a zipper system for longarm renters. If the project is not done in the allotted time, it can be zipped off and reattached for another session.

Wendy also informed members that June Taylor products now have QR codes on all products. Once scanned with a smart phone or tablet, the code will link to very nice videos of how to use the product.

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

Secretary: December minutes published, accepted and approved. Motion by Donna B, second by Mary W.

Quilt show: Raffle tickets are selling well. Please return your ticket stubs and money at the March meeting if you have any outstanding tickets. Registration closed at midnight, Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Quilt drop off will be 6-8pm Thursday evening, March 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a classroom open for drop off and sorting. Set up will begin at 9. If you cannot be to the Expo Center before 9 on Thursday, 3/10, please bring your items to the meeting Tuesday night, 3/8, and ask a friend to deliver the quilts for you.

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. Please assist as you are available and ask family members to help. There is a lot of work to do. 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.

Block of the Month: Judy V. won the February wine blocks. The February block is a scrappy Celtic Twist.

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

Show & Tell: Mary W. shared two twin 8-pointed stars quilts with opposing color schemes. Mary also shared a purple beauty of sewing stars after winning the block of the month in October. Donna shared a log cabin style heart, miniature wonky chickens and a row-by-row of nature scenes. Mary Margaret shared a beautiful scrappy bargello and a narrow quilt that could be used as a prayer shawl or a table runner which was very bold & graphic. Judy V. shared her flower basket challenge with lovely muted colors.

Door prizes: Cheri, Jo and Joan.

*Submitted by MaryJo Busch*

## **Hospitality**

March: Peg Schellin, Elrid Johnson, Gloria Volland

**Treasurer’s Report**

Current balance \$8487.51 Expenses \$325 (Church rental, speaker) Credits \$798 (Raffle Tickets, Membership dues)  
Submitted by Judy Valentino

**Block of the Month**

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Hello Quilters – I hope this finds you sewing away and getting as many quilts as possible ready for the SHOW!

Congratulations to Judy Valentino – the lucky winner of the wine bottle blocks.

A quick reminder to the Block of the Month participants – because of the Quilt show we will be postponing the Block of the Month for March. We will have a new block for you in April and will not draw for the Celtic Twist – Lot’s of Luck Blocks until April – After the show.

We are looking forward to seeing all those finished Block of the Month quilts at the show!! And, PS...don’t forget about the challenges.

Happy Quilting!!

Your BOM Team (MaryJo & Vicky)

**Program Committee**

Date	Speakers	Topic	Note:
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

Our focus this month is on the up-coming quilt show at the Expo Center. Our first shows occurred in three year intervals but we soon realized that every other year was a better schedule. We had shows at Brookfield Lutheran Church (before their remodeling), Mount Mary in Wauwatosa and now at the Waukesha Expo Center. But we have had much more going on during the 40 years of our existence.

We have made raffle quilts for the show, held auctions (members contributed items), held workshops and programs, made lottery blocks and friendship blocks, made Blocks of the month, made Challenge Quilts, Row by Rows, Round Robins, exchanged fabrics . We also had projects where we exchanged blocks with a subject or fabric theme . And not to leave out, we have participated in Charity Projects. Many thanks to those Program Committees who presented all the choices!

It had been a fun 4 decades of learning, fellowship, friendship and fun. On to the next 40!  
Elrid Johnson

## 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?

Mary Margaret Wacker  
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Waukesha, WI. 53186  
414-587-6008

Mary Margaret Wacker

## Quilt Show

Well, it's almost here. Our show is only a few days away. All our hard work is coming together to make a beautiful show.

**The bags and tags for the quilts you've registered will be distributed at the meeting 3/8.** It is imperative that you come to the meeting to get these and any last-minute instructions for the show. If you cannot attend this meeting, please arrange to have a friend pick them up for you. All the quilt entries must be bagged, and the identification tags pinned to the lower right corner of your quilt. When you fold it into the bag, please make sure the tag is showing.

**All quilts should be brought to the Waukesha Expo on Thursday between 6 and 8pm. (Expo Address: 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha WI 53188)** They must be clean (no pet hair or threads please). Come to Door 4 on the north side of the atrium building. If you absolutely can't come on Thursday, you can bring your ready to hang quilts to the meeting on Tuesday and I will transport them to the show for you.

There are still a few holes in the volunteer schedule for the show. I especially need several people to meet my husband and I at the storage unit on Thursday afternoon to load the truck. Storage Mart Address: 2601 S Moorland Rd, New Berlin 53151.

Please help wherever you can. Our Show is only a success because of the many very generous people who volunteer.

The final count for registered items was 309.

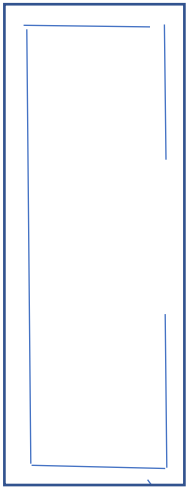
Remember to add a 4" rod pocket securely to the back of any quilt over 36" for all categories except the Hall of Fame.

Remember to bring in your sold raffle ticket stubs and money to the March meeting.

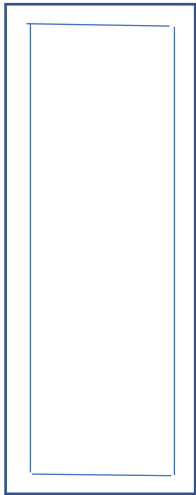
Mary Weber

**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 1/2 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)

