



## 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 [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://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 April West Suburban Quilt Guild newsletter we successfully pulled off another beautiful Quilt Show! Huge debts of gratitude are owed to Mary Weber for her endless hours of dedication and work to produce this year's, Quilt Show. Thank you to so many of our members who volunteered hours helping staff the Quilt Show and family members who took the time to help us set up and break down the quilt show this year.

Our April WSQG meeting will be on Wednesday, April 13th, with Social time from 6:00 PM to 6:29 PM and our meeting from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Our speaker will be Karen Hendrickson speaking on "My Journey from Traditional Quilting to Wool Applique". Our May meeting will be our Potluck Celebration & Lil Rev Quilting Review day Musical Review day.

We need some of our Guild members to step up for the open Committees. Please check who is on their 2nd or last year in a position and consider stepping into that role. Many hands makes for light work.

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

Gratefully yours,

Wendy Bannister  
WSQG President

#### Meeting dates for the 2021-22 year

Wednesday, April 13th  
Wednesday, May 11th

## Meeting Minutes March 2021

The March meeting was focused on the quilt show. Our meeting began with officer reports.

Secretary: February minutes published, accepted and approved. Motion by Cathy H., second by Judy V.

Treasurer: Financial status is revealed and membership is currently 38.

Sunshine: Thanks to member donations, Patty now has a large collection of cards to distribute as needed.

Block of the Month: The February Celtic Twist block is due in March and the April block will be revealed.

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

Quilt show: Cathy H. distributed packages of clear bags, labels and quilt show information to all participating members. Mary Weber and her team collected 309 items for the show! There are 220 quilts from 14 superstars: Joy Z. 12 quilts; Darlene S. and Patty M 13 each; Kelli E 13 ½ quilts; Mary W. Cheri A. and Gloria V al contributed 14 items; Vicky S. MaryJo B. and Peg S. all have 15 quilts; Mary Margaret 17; Donna B. 19 items; Judy V. and Betty B. each contributed 27 items! Donna B. stitched the beautiful ribbons which resemble the raffle quilt and presented a gold one to Mary W. for all the incredible work she did for the past 2 years pulling this show together.

Show & Tell: Vicki Smith- shared a rail fence, Simple Simon and charm square. Tracy L. shared half-square triangles finished as pinwheels, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> half-square triangle project made into a double long quilt with a 3-stripe backing, and finished a top that was already pieced with flannel and earth tones and she plans to gift to her boss of 5 years while working for the city of Brookfield. Donna B. shared the standard blue, red and white ribbons for the show categories, gold for best of show and her special ribbon for quilt show chairperson Mary Weber- immediately given to Mary.

Door prizes: Patty M, Vicky W, and Darlene S.

*Submitted by MaryJo Busch*

## Hospitality

April: Holle Kelly and Ardene Brown.

## Treasurer's Report

We had a very successful show from all accounts. A quick breakdown of the show profits: Admission \$2474 (495 paid admissions), Raffle Sales(at the show) \$986, (total) \$ 3589, Boutique \$549.89 and Vendors \$1890. I don't have all the expenses in from the show yet and will let you know the total profit and expense as soon as the dust settles.

Submitted by Judy Valentino

## Block of the Month

Hello Quilters –

A quick reminder that we postponed the block of the month in March due to our Quilt Show. Sew...be sure to bring your Celtic Twist – Lot's of Luck Blocks to our April meeting to receive the winning ticket. Good Luck to all BOM participants.

Our next block of the month – will be a Spring themed block. Block will be unveiled at the meeting.

Sew – if you don't have your Celtic Twist block sewn and pressed – YOU better get stitching...

We look forward to seeing you at the April meeting.

Happy Quilting!!

Your BOM Team (MaryJo & Vicky)

## Program Committee

Date	Speakers	Topic	Note:
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

There have been many changes in the Quilting World in the past forty years. "Quilting" has become a big business with many fabric companies, publishing companies, designers, specialized notions, giant quilt shows, retreats, quilt shops, and a big presence in the online world. Take a look at Quilting Facebook groups where one has an endless quilt show of quilters sharing blocks and quilts. You could overdose!

Here is a small comparison of the 1980's and the 2020's:

THEN	NOW
Cutting with scissors	Rotary cutters, accuquilt go, precut fabrics
Hand piecing, hand quilting	Machine quilting, quilt by checkbook
fabric: calicos, muslin, discarded clothing items	Batiks, hand dyes, create fabric with Spoonflower
Books, patterns	U-Tube videos for almost any quilt information
Quilt Guilds	Facebook Groups
Programs	Zoom meetings, webinars
Guild Quilt Shows	Giant Quilt Show Extravaganzas, Quilt Museums
Local retreats	Quilt cruises and organized tours

It is a different world, not better or worse, but changed. But in this faster paced quilting time, are we losing the benefits of what has been called "Slow Quilting"? What do you think?

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.

## Quilt Show

The quilt show committee lead by Mary Weber would like to thank all who gave of their time and talent to pull off a wonderful, successful show. With the set up time shortened to just a few hours we would like to especially thank those family and friends who came in at night to help hang the show and those who helped take it down.

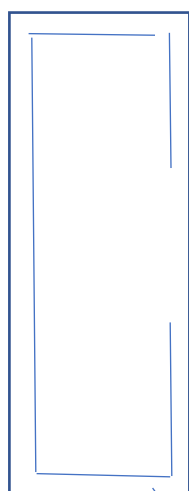
And special thanks to Mary Weber, our fearless leader!

**GRATEFUL! TO EVERYONE!**

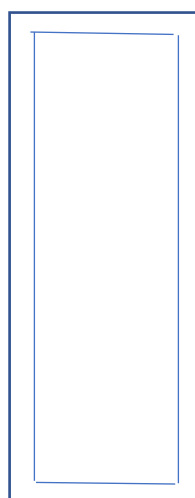
Thank you to all of you who were so generous to share your quilts for the bed turning. Although the quilts we included did not follow the traditional route, I felt we had a splendid display of all the possibilities that quilting offers. The old cliché is true, "It wouldn't have happened without your generosity and your help with the presentation". I am happy that we had so many visitors who were interested in the quilt show and this event. Hopefully for people who aren't quilters we will have sparked some interest. Again, my heartfelt thanks. Ardene

## 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)

