



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

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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

Happy Spring Everyone,

Here is to warmer weather and outdoor weather! May is here and our May Meeting of the West Suburban Quilt Guild Meeting is coming up on Wednesday, May 11th with Social Time starting at 6:00 PM, our Guild meeting and Potluck will begin at 6:30 PM with entertainment by Lil Rev Quilting Musical Review.

We will be holding Nominations and Guild Elections; we need several of our Guild members to step up for the open Committees. Please consider helping make our Guild more vibrant and happening again!! Many hands make for light work.

Tentative dates for next year

West Suburban Quilt Guild Meeting dates for 2022 to 2023
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

2nd Wednesdays unless the Church is busy that night.

September 14 th	Wednesday
October 12 th	Wednesday
November 9 th	Wednesday
December 13 th 14 th)	Tuesday (not available on December 14 th)
January 11 th	Wednesday
February 8 th	Wednesday
March 14 th	Tuesday (not available on March 8 th)
April 12 th	Wednesday
May 10 th	Wednesday

I hope to see everyone at the May meeting!

Wendy Bannister
President, West Suburban Quilt Guild

Meeting dates for the 2021-22 year

Wednesday, May 11th

Meeting Minutes April 2022

The April meeting began with officer reports: For Judy Valentino's treasury report, please see quilt show notations. Donna Bilda and MaryJo Busch were not in attendance.

The featured speaker for April is our very own Karen Hendrickson who shared her beautiful wool creations and spoke about her journey from traditional quilting to working with wool.

Charity: Mary Margaret Whacker is looking for placemats and pillowcases. A quilt shop in Racine is selling patterns to make sunflower wallhanging kits. Walker bags are still needed. Caroline has a few kits pre-cut for anyone who wants to take one to stitch a walker bag.

Sunshine: Laura Helds' mother in law passed. Holly Kellys' husband passed.

Nominations: The programs committee chair and nominations positions are still open. Chair positions are two-year terms. Mary is willing to chair the quilt show again, having a co-chair will be very helpful. Please consider helping the guild by stepping into one of these positions.

Block of the Month: Joy Zuerner stood in for Vicky Wolf and MaryJo Busch. Ardene Brown won the Feb/March Celtic Knot block. The April/May block is a very simple half square triangle project that creates two matching umbrella squares. Please use bright colors so your umbrella will brighten a cloudy day.

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Quilt show: Judy reports \$11,000 in the account with approximately \$4000 in quilt show revenue. The raffle quilt was appraised at \$2000, and was won by MaryJo Busch. Options for the next show were discussed, including moving the show from spring to fall, the possibility of moving the show to odd numbered years or holding the show annually. Mary Weber handed out gifts to the quilt show chairpersons and distributed a 2022 show winners list. Congrats to all our viewers choice winners!

State Fair: Vicki Spiering announced State Fair registration is open. June 2nd is the closing deadline. Judging is June 29th and is open to the public.

Show & Tell: Patty Martin made a basket with her serger and shared a table runner made at a retreat. Sue Held shared an appliqued farm animal quilt with antique buttons. Judy Valentino is in the process of finishing a blue and yellow quilt that will be donated to Ukraine refugees. One of our newest members, Renee, shared a kalidoscope quilt made from porcelain fabric. Betty Breen showed off a pretty floral quilt.

Submitted by MaryJo Busch

Hospitality

May is our Potluck! Bring what you signed up to bring, if you can remember.

Treasurer's Report

We have a healthy bank balance following our successful show. Still awaiting some receipts from the show so I can do the final tally. It will be in the next newsletter.

Submitted by Judy Valentino

Block of the Month

Hello Quilters –

First, I want to express a special thank you to Joy Zuerner for stepping in to assist with the block of the month at the April meeting – “Thank you”.

Congratulations to Ardene Brown – the lucky winner of the Celtic Twist blocks. We are sew looking forward to seeing them in a quilt.

A quick reminder for BOM participants – please be sure to use bright colors for your umbrella to brighten a cloudy day. And...did you notice – the block pattern creates 2 matching umbrella squares. Please be sure to bring your blocks to receive the winning ticket. Good Luck to all BOM participants.

Sew – if you don't have your Umbrella blocks sewn and pressed – YOU better get stitching...

We look forward to seeing you at the May meeting.

Happy Quilting!!

Your BOM Team (MaryJo & Vicky)

Program Committee

Date	Speakers	Topic	Note:
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

Final meeting of this year. We made it through with meetings, programs, the quilt show, in spite of obstacles presented by the Covid agenda. Many thanks to all who made this possible! Now we can look ahead to 2022-23. Thanks also to all who have volunteered to keep our guild forging forward into year 41. But it takes us all actively involved to keep the group running smoothly. During West Suburbans four decades there have been 22 presidents (some served more than once so that might not be accurate) and a number of these women are active in our guild today. And where would the guild be without the members who have been part of the program committees? These volunteers find speakers for the meetings, organize workshops, create special projects. Programs are the Life Blood of any group! And then there is Hospitality that sees there are snacks--for what fun would a meeting be without a nibble during break? Our members contribution is to support all these volunteers and pitch in when needed. Kudos to everyone for making West Suburban Quilt Guild a smoothly running group for forty years!

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 Corner

I want to again thank everyone for the overwhelming amount of support and participation that made our quilt show a big success. I also want to thank the guild for the Missouri Star gift certificate. I know I will find something special to spend it on during my trip to Hamilton in May.

We had a very spirited discussion last month about the future of our show. We will never be able to have our weekend as long as we stay at the Expo. The Reinders show will always be there on the even years. We have several options for the future. I have secured our weekend for the odd years, starting in 2023 and proceeding every other year. This would mean doing a show next year, but I think we could do it. The show is a lot of work, but it has been profitable for the guild and allows us to have some very good speakers for our meetings. I believe in our group. I know we want to continue to promote the art of quilting in our community, as we state in our philosophy statement. I am still working with the Expo to see if another weekend might be available to us in 2024. I will have that info by the May meeting. We will present a ballot at the meeting for everyone to vote on how we should proceed. I encourage all guild members to be there to vote. I will not be there as I had my trip planned before this discussion occurred. I would vote to continue our show, at the Expo, even if it's for 2023.

Thank you all again, Mary Weber