



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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Website

Follow us on the website at <http://www.wsqg.net>

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Submit items to Cathy Helgeson at 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

The newsletter will be published on the 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

President's Challenge 2023

The theme for the 2023 President's Challenge is "Happy Tomorrows", whatever that means to you, be it symbolic or literal. Challenge requirements
Color: the color blue must be used somewhere on the front. It does not need to be a dominant color, it does not need to be identified from 20 feet away. Must be visible and recognizable to the naked eye.) But if blue is your color of choice, have at it.

Dimensions: The Quilt is to be 30" wide x 40" tall.

A quilt is defined as 3 layers: top, batting, and backing.

Edge finishing is up to you. The Quilt may be hand quilted or machine quilted by the quilter or a professional longarm as long as the Quilt is made by you.

The quilt top must be made of fabric. It may be pieced, foundation pieced, paper-pieced, or appliqued.

Embellishments are allowed.

The quilt must be flat, with no clothing, bags, etc.

The quilt label should be placed on the back with your name and the quilt's title.

Provide a description of your inspiration on the back.

We have an Instagram and Facebook page to share in between our meetings for all who want to keep connected and see what our fellow Quilty Ladies are working on.

Please see Board meeting minutes for planning for the upcoming year!

Remember the meeting start at 6:30pm with the social time at 6pm.

Wendy Bannister
WSQG President

Meeting May 2022

The May meeting is our annual banquet and this year featured local folk musician Lil' Rev, who brought his family along, told stories between songs and shared his journey into writing and performing quilting-based music. Audience participation was encouraged during every song. Memorable lyrics include Lil' Revs very own quilting shanty: *'These Hands Are Made for Quilting'*, and, inspired by Quilts of Gee's Bend: *'Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without'*. Members were also treated to a spoken poem, six humorous rules on how NOT to make a prize-winning quilt and ten reasons to purchase more fabric, right now! Lil' Rev closed with a story about a woman facing the end of her life who wrote an email asking permission to put lyrics from his song "Magic Quilt" on her tombstone: *'There's a magic quilt up in the sky. I'm going to ride it by and by. When my hands quit sewing, man, that's where I'm going. Riding that magic quilt up in the sky.'*

Editor's Note: this is an excerpt from the June newsletter. See June 2022 newsletter for full minutes.

WSQG Board meeting July 6, 2022

Call to order at 6:15pm

The 2022-2023 season will include two Tuesday dates for Lent and Advent. The question is asked if the guild should ramp up the programs budget in order to draw attendance and more members. Donna makes a motion to increase the budget by \$400.

NOTE: The meeting time has been changed along with the ½ hour social time prior to the meetings

Karen suggests contacting previous members and inviting them to return. Donna says she is already doing this. Members present agreed to contact people that may be interested, make the messages personal and discuss the upcoming speakers and that our show has been rescheduled. Raffle quilt info plus guild info with upcoming speakers and show info should be in the hands of all current members, ready to be shared with everyone interested. Welcome bags are discussed. A comment is made that these are a nice touch for new members but are not necessarily a seal-the-deal item.

One-third-page informational bookmarks are discussed with show info and the speaker schedule printed separately. Karen will proofread and Wendy will design and print.

Revisiting the West Suburban sewing bee groups is under consideration. Our previous Bee groups included modern, applique, paper piecing and more.

The 2023 show theme is QUILTS HAVE STORIES. Mary and the quilt show committee would like to see the bed turning quilts follow along the theme. Mary Margaret will chair the bed turning committee. The show challenge is to make a 36" square quilt that depicts a fiction book that relates back to the theme of the show.

The 2023 quilt show will be open to non-guild members who will be allowed one quilt per category with a \$10 entry fee and a maximum of 5 items. This fee will be applied to membership fees should the contestant decide to join the guild. Judging will remain as viewer's choice.

Cathy H. is not available to continue as the registration chair, so the show committee is looking for someone to move into this position. Mary W.'s friend Lucy is willing to assist in setting up a new registration system.

The side classroom used last year costs \$280 per day. The show committee is deciding if we will return to using a portion of the stage as the private office area.

The boutique brought in \$580. Board members feel some items should not be listed at 50% discount near the end of the show: items like purses and complicated projects. Potholders and small items are okay to discount. The committee is hoping to get more variety as there was a lot of placemats and table runners in 2022. Some suggestions: microwave-able bowls, wine bottle totes, walker bags, water bottle or cell phone sling bags. The boutique may be moved towards the front door 'below' the raffle quilt, which means QOV and others will be moved in front of the stage.

Karen H. will ask Bigsby's to donate a machine. Donna renewed the raffle license.

Carol B. has agreed to do appraisals.

Joy will create tri-fold advertising for raffle ticket sales.

Donna is chairing ribbons and is asking for a couple assistants.

Kelli will create the floor plan.

Maryjo is chairing demos and asking for ideas and volunteer teachers.

Applique quilts are defined as applique being a significant portion of the project.

Wendy B. will have a president challenge- to be announced.

The wall quilt category is being divided into additional size groups: small is less than 144" perimeter and large is more than 144" perimeter total measurement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Submitted by MaryJo Busch

Hospitality

No report

Treasurer's Report

Annual Budget to be presented at the September Guild Meeting. Current balance in our checking account is at \$11127.73 I have received the renewal for our insurance due in Oct. of \$351.00.

Block of the Month

Come to the September Meeting and see what we have to share!

State Fair Winner

I am pleased to announce this years Wisconsin State fair winner of Best Stationary Machine quilting. Best from classes 201, 204, 207, 215, 218 and 221 and a \$50 cash prize is Joan Lendanski from Pleasant Prairie.

Program Committee

Wednesday September 14th, 2022

Donica Litner from Log Cabin Sewing Company "Machine feet"

Wednesday October 12th, 2022

Judy Gauthier from Bungalow Quilting "Color Choice for Scrap Quilting"

Wednesday November 9th, 2022

Kristi Droses "The Many Wonders of the Stripology Ruler!"

Tuesday December 13th, 2022

Allison Rainboth "Civil War Christmas and Quilts"

Wednesday January 11th, 2023

"Schoolhouse for gift boutique: materials provided
Foot Pedal Stop, Project Board & Heart Hot Pad

Wednesday February 8th, 2023

"Quilt Show Details"

Tuesday March 14th, 2023

Kristin Kulinski "Maximize leftover bits and pieces"

Wednesday April 12th, 2023

Linda Halpin "Borders on Parade"

Wednesday May 10th, 2023

"Potluck with Quilts of Valor presentation by Bonnie Camp"

Sunshine

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

Our History

No report

Charity Committee Projects

This was a very successful year for our guild on many fronts, including our work to help our communities. These are the projects that we will be supporting in the coming months.

Meals On Wheels- We'd like to provide placemats that can be distributed twice a year to their clients. These can be as simple or as complicated as you like.

<https://jmbhandmade.com/easy-placemat-sewing-tutorial/>

Pillowcases- Holiday theme for the Advent bags that All People's Church shares and any kid type fabric for Ryan's Case For Smiles.

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 40-50 inches, they will also accept larger and smaller ones.

Walker Bags- Caroline Koch put the pattern for these on our website. They are being used at Assisted Living and rehabilitation centers in the Waukesha/Brookfield area.

All People's Church is so grateful for the pillowcases and fleece blankets that we've been able to provide. They're also able to use children's hats, mittens, new small stuffed animals and new children's books. I provide them with gently used children's books for their Little Library as well.

Fabric for clothing can be given to me and I will get it to Hanan Refugee Relief.

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Quilt Show Corner

We'll, here we go again. I am very pleased that we will be keeping our quilt show at the Expo. I know it's a quick turn-around in just 10 months but I'm confident we can have a great show. The raffle quilt group has already chosen the pattern and fabrics and will begin construction soon. It will be stunning.

Please start your own plans for your many entries for the show.

I know I can count on the wonderful support of all to make the show a success.

Have a nice summer.

Mary Weber



Picture of our raffle quilt in progress!

Winter Quilt Show put on by WI Museum of Fiber Arts

A quick email to forward to you the email I received from Ann regarding the Winter Quilt Show. We are all set with our booth to promote our Quilt show for this year.

Also, I indicated that we would contribute a couple door prizes as I thought this would be a great opportunity to share our guild with the lucky ticket holder by enclosing our program schedule to invite them to a meeting along with our membership form.

In addition to this invite, do you have any ideas as to what we should give away as our door prizes? All ideas are welcome....looking forward to hearing from you...

Thanks...

And, Happy Quilting!

Vicky Wolf

2022-2023 Board, Committee Chairs & Team

President	Wendy Bannister
VP/Membership/ Directory	Donna Bilda
Secretary	Patty Martin*
Treasurer	Judy Valentino
Program Committee	Wendy Bannister, Joy Zuerner, Laura Held, Karen Hendrickson
Block of the Month	Vicky Wolf, Maryjo Busch
Charity	Mary Margaret
Church Liaison	Darlene Savatski
Door Prizes	Mary Margaret & Gloria
Facebook	Cathy Helgeson
History	Elrid Johnson
Hospitality	Betty Breen, Caroline Koch
Media Liaison	Cathy Helgeson
Newsletter	Judy Valentino
Nominations	Ardene Brown
Photography	Mary Margaret Wacker
Quilt Show	Mary Weber
Show & Tell	Caroline Koch
State Fair Liaison	Vicky Spiering
Sunshine	Patty Martin
Web Page	Cathy Helgeson

* Patty Martin has volunteered to take the Secretary Role since the May meeting to save on confusion.