



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

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year!!

As we look back on this year our West Suburban Quilt Guild has accomplished so very much including starting up Quilt Bees! Our speakers have brought wonderful information to us.

Our January 11th Guild meeting will be a Schoolhouse for the Quilt Show gift boutique. Materials provided to make the Foot Pedal Stop, Project Board, and the Heart & Hot Pads.

Our Quilt Show, "Quilts Tell Stories", will be this March 2023. Now held on the odd years let us all join in with stitching up many new quilting creations to share in our Quilt show on Friday March 10, 2023 10:00 am to 6:00 pm & Saturday March 11, 2023 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

May our WSQG 2023 be a year of continued growth in quilting, creativity growth, Quilt Bee groups, and fabric frolicking fun!!

Happy New Year to all!

Wendy Bannister
WSQG President

P.S. I bought a small house in Cudahy and would welcome any ideas unpacking and home improvement tips. 🏠

Membership Update

Our current paid membership at 38. 3 past members have not responded to my messages. I am still working on them. .

Please continue to speak with your quilting friends and encourage them to join us. I am hopeful that ALL members are doing this. Invite them to a meeting - there is no charge for a single meeting, they would be our guest.

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Bilda, WSQG Vice President

Meeting Minutes

The December meeting opened with an informative presentation and trunk show by Alison Rainboth on Civil War Christmas & quilts. Alison is a certified quilt judge and appraiser with a great knowledge of antique quilts. Her lecture included a wonderful collection of antique green & red Christmas quilts from the 1860 era from her collection, 1860 magazine photos plus a wrought iron Wilcox & Gibbs sewing machine. The sewing machine in the shape of "G" predates the treadle sewing machines. It sews with a chain stitch that the seamstress manually turns the wheel for each stitch.

Allison provided information on colors available at that time. How the color green faded into yellow or disappeared altogether. Many quilts were made from scraps of clothing. Grid quilting was common and necessary to hold the batting in place.

Women really came into their own during the war; they took over doing the farm work and keeping up with meals, laundry and family.

Allison invited our members to contact her with any questions at Allison Rainboth, Sisters Choice Quilting Service, Berlin 920-290-5198.

Mary Weber provided updates on our March 10th & 11th quilt show and handouts noting key points. Registration online opens January 1st and ends February 5th.

Drop off at the Expo Center is March 9th from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Quilts Tell a Story is the theme of the show, a challenge category has been added that supports the theme. The bed turning on the same theme invites your quilts and stories.

Invite your friends and fellow quilters to enter their quilts in our show. Non-members will register on our website at <https://wsqg.net/quilt-show> starting January first. Please forward this information.

The February meeting will focus on quilt show details, plastic bags will be given out for all entries. Please contact Mary for more information at quiltie704@yahoo.com or 262-844-1509.

The Christmas Ornament Block of the month was won by Lucy Herman. Door prizes were won by Linda Denton, Terry Thomas and Patty Martin

I hope each of you enjoyed a rewarding holiday season.

Patty Martin

Hospitality

January: Joan Beeterman, Kathy Rankin, Mary Weber, Linda Dentice-Cookies, Jan Pipia, Judy Valentino

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 12/6/2023 \$12304.34 Expenses Brookfield Lutheran \$75 and December Speaker \$262.32. Revenue BOM Nov and Dec \$42, Raffle Ticket sales \$1080.

Block of the Month

Block of the Month

Hello Quilters – I hope this finds you sewing away.

Congratulations to Lucy Herman – the lucky winner of the Ornament Bauble blocks. They were all spectacular!! And, we are sew looking forward to seeing them in a quilt.

A quick reminder to our Block of the Month participants that you are not required to use a solid/ single piece of fabric for your Teacup/Mug – Be creative!! Stitch various pieces of fabric together to make up the teacup/mug size unit (4-inch square). We look forward to seeing your creativity...

Sew – if you don't have your teacup/mug block sewn and pressed – YOU better get stitching...

Thank you for participating in the BOM. We look forward to seeing you at the January meeting. Happy Quilting!!

Your BOM Team (MaryJo and Vicky)

Program Committee

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

Nothing to report.

Charity Committee Projects

These are the projects that we will be supporting in the coming months. Please give items to the listed member. It would be nice to use show and tell to share what we are creating.

Placemats for Meals on Wheels	Mary Margaret Wacker
Quilts for Kids	Judy Valentino
Walker Bags	Caroline Koch
Pillow Cases for Ryan's & All People's	Mary Margaret Wacker
Blankets, scarves, hats, mini shampoo	Mary Margaret Wacker
Time of the Month	Karen Hendrickson

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. Fabric 2 pieces 19x13 and used Pellon interfacing 926 for stiffness.

<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.

Mary Margaret Wacker
170 Rip Van Winkle Dr.
Waukesha, WI. 53186
414-587-6008

Quilt Show Corner

A few dates to remember: Quilt Show March 10th and 11th, 2023, at the Waukesha Expo Center. Set-up will be March 9. Quilt registration will again be online. Registration dates will be announced soon. Plastic bags will be distributed at the March 8 meeting and drop off will be by 10a.m. at the Expo Center on March 9.

As we prepare for our next quilt show in March of 2023, the entry categories for the quilt judging have been updated. A few definitions have been added to clarify the categories so you will be able to enter your quilts in the appropriate categories.

A challenge category has been added to highlight the theme of the show "Quilts Tell Stories".

December Update:

Hard to believe but the next show is only 3 1/2 months away 🤔

I hope you are out there selling your raffle tickets for our beautiful quilt. Everyone should try to sell at least one pack.

Once you've finished your holiday gifts, finish up your entries for the show. The registration will be open January 1 on the web site.

We will begin the sign-up sheets for working at the show in January. One big hole that needs to be filled is renting and driving the truck for set-up and teardown. If you have questions about what is involved please see me at the meeting.

Thanks, Mary Weber

January Update: To those members helping to make Quilt Show Ribbons, Please remember to bring your completed Ribbon Stars to Donna at the January meeting.

Picture of our raffle quilt in progress!



Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

First off -- thank you to the ladies who worked on this magnificent quilt --- Judy Valentino, Mary Weber, Patty Martin and Betty Breen made the quilt top. It was quilted by yours truly, and the beautiful label was stitched out by Patty Martin.

Most members have their Ticket Packets. You can sell them to family, friends, and basically ANYONE you come into contact with. Or, you can purchase them yourself. . I still have 7 Ticket Packets that have not been distributed. Hopefully these members will be at the December Meeting.

There are several members who have requested and sold additional packs of tickets. No names at this time, but I have 6 members that have taken 2 packs, 2 members that have taken 4 packs, and 1 member who has taken 9 packs. YES -- 9 Packs of 60 tickets. She is our Super Seller.

Remember to turn in monies and stubs as soon as you can. And, of course, get more tickets to sell if you want.

Thank you all for your efforts to make the Raffle Quilt Sales a successful fund raiser for WSQG.

Respectfully submitted by
Donna Bilda
Raffle Chair WSQG Quilt Show 2023

Bed Turning: Mary Margaret has 10 people signed up for the bed turning, she would like 15! Each person who is bring a bed turning quilt is to write a story of the quilt.

The theme of our quilt show this year is "Quilts Tell Stories". I agreed to organize the bed turning and we'll be presenting Quilts Have Stories. This is an example of the length/type of story. So start looking at your quilts and thinking about an anecdote you can share. It's fine if it's a quilt that has been handed down to you.

The day after Thanksgiving in 2008, my kids were home from college and I was out running errands when my daughter called me. In a shaky voice she said, "We're all okay. The house is on fire and the firefighters are here, but we're all okay." I arrived home to find my family safely in the street and smoke billowing from our home. As they fled the house, Leeann had corralled the dogs and David had grabbed the two most expensive guitars. No one thought to save the nearly finished crazy quilt on my sewing table! I'm kidding, they made the right choice. I was just glad they were safe. Hours later when the firefighters led us through our still smoke filled home, I noticed the quilt on the table, covered in soot. But at the moment, that was the least of my worries. Six months later when we moved home and our belongings were returned to us I opened a box to find that quilt. I finished it and had it quilted in a flame pattern, so that I would never forget that "We're all okay."

I timed my little story, one minute and three seconds. So when you write your quilt's history, try to keep it about a minute. Okay, if it survived the Titanic or the Chicago Fire, I'll cut you a little slack but read it back aloud and try to keep it about a minute. You'll need to email me your story or give me your hard copy by February 28. I am so looking forward to hearing all the stories that your quilts have to tell!

2023 Quilt Show Theme: Quilts Tell Stories March 11 and 12, 2023

Entry Categories

Division 1 - Bed Quilts

Minimum size 60" x 80", intended for a bed. Quilt top made by guild member.

Class A: Pieced, Hand or Machine Quilted.

Class B: Appliqué, Hand or Machine Quilted. Applique is significant portion of quilt.

Class C: Mixed Technique, Hand or Machine Quilted.

Division 2 - Crib/Lap Quilts

Minimum size 36" x 45", intended for a crib or small bed. Quilt top made by guild member.

Class A: Pieced, Hand or Machine Quilted.

Class B: Appliqué, Hand or Machine Quilted. Applique is significant portion of quilt.

Class C: Mixed Technique, Hand or Machine Quilted.

Division 3 - Wall Quilts

Quilt made for display on a wall. Quilt top made by a guild member.

Divided into two sections by size: Section One: Total perimeter measurement is less than 144"

Section Two: Total perimeter measurement is greater than 144"

Class A: Pieced, Hand or Machine Quilted.

Class B: Appliqué, Hand or Machine Quilted. Applique is significant portion of quilt.

Class C: Mixed Technique, Hand or Machine Quilted.

Division 4 - Modern Quilts

Quilt made with a non-traditional pattern using bold colors, high contrast, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space and alternative grid work. Quilt top made by a guild member

Class A: Bed Quilt (Minimum 60" x 80")

Class B: Lap Quilt (Minimum 36" x 45")

Class C: Wall hanging (Minimum 12" x 12")

Division 5 - West Suburban Quilters' Guild Sponsored Event

Class A: Workshops and Programs; Any size. Must be an item made as part of (or directly inspired by) a WSQG workshop or program.

Class B: Block of the Month/Block Exchange; Any size. Must be an item made as part of a WSQG Block of the Month program or WSQG Block Exchange.

Division 6 - Other Quilted Items

Class A: Miniatures (Maximum size 24" x 24") a miniature is a small scale replica of full-sized quilt with all of the quilt components reduced in scale.

Class B: Clothing and Accessories

Class C: Home Décor

Division 7 – Show Challenge Theme: Quilts Tell Stories

Create a quilt that depicts a fiction book that relates to the theme.

Must be 36" square. Include label with title of the book that inspired your quilt.

DIVISION 8 – President's Challenge Theme: "Happy Tomorrows"

Dimensions: 30" wide by 40" tall; the color blue must be used somewhere on the front, it does not need to be the dominant color. The quilt top must be made of fabric, pieced, foundation pieced, paper pieced or appliqued, embellishments are allowed. A quilt label should be placed on the back with the title of the quilt and your inspiration for the design.

DIVISION 9 HALL OF FAME THIS IS NOT A JUDGED CATEGORY

The quilts in this category will be used to enhance the viewing experience of our guests. They will also showcase the superior level of talent in our guild. They can be of any size but would prefer mostly bed-sized. We would like at least one entry from each member. If your entry has won a ribbon in the past from our show, another show, or State Fair, please include the information with the quilt registration so a plaque can be made.

ALL QUILTS MAY BE QUILTED BY A GUILD MEMBER OR ANOTHER QUILTER.

WSQG Project Instructions & Tutorials for Gift Boutique

Sew a Non-Slip Sewing Machine Foot Pedal Pad

so-sew-easy.com › [non-slip-sewing-machine-foot-pedal-pad](http://so-sew-easy.com/non-slip-sewing-machine-foot-pedal-pad)

Project Boards

[Design Boards NO HOT GLUE!! - Bing video](#)

[How to Make the Best Design Boards for Quilting - YouTube](#)

[How to Make Lori Holt's Quilt Block Design Board - Fat Quarter Shop - Bing video](#)

Apple Shaped Hot Pad

<https://allsewpetite.com/?s=apple+potholder>

Egg Shaped Pot Holder

[TUTORIAL - Easter Pot Holder | Miss Mary Sewing Classes \(missmarysews.blogspot.com\)](#)

Heart Hot Pad Tutorials

<https://www.allfreesewing.com/Valentines-Day-Projects/Heart-Hot-Pad>

[Heart Shaped Potholder | Free Pattern - Sewing With Scraps](#)

[Heart Shaped Oven Mitt Free Sewing Pattern – Sewing \(craftgossip.com\)](#)

Hexagon Hot Pad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0Zpb46Prko>

[Quilt as you go Hexagon Hot Pad - SewWhatYvette](#)

Oval Hot Pad

[Patchwork Potholder Pockets - Free Pattern - Sewing With Scraps](#)

Name Tag / Phone Holder Lanyard

[Call Me PDF \(byannie.com\)](#)

<https://www.byannie.com/CallMe-AddO> free video tutorial

10 Minute Table Runner – Toilet Tank Topper

<https://www.asg.org/10-minute-table-runner/>

Gift Boutique Ideas & Suggestions		
Crochet Dish Cloths	Aprons	Thread Catchers
Decorated Towels Hand/Kitchen	Kleenex Box Covers	Pin Cushions
Pot Holders	Toilet Tank Topper	Needle or Scissor Keeper
Plastic Bag Keepers	Toilet Seat Covers	Thread Catchers
Casserole Carrier	Pillow Covers	Baby Blanket
Rope Bowls	Tote Bags, all sizes	Baby Bibs or Burb Cloths
Table Toppers & Runners	Wine Bags	Stuffed Animals
Basket Liners	Gift Bags	Tether for Pacifier
Coasters, Round or Square	Lunch Carrier	Seat Belt Cushion
Bowl Cozies	Notebook Covers	Wall Hangings
Can Cozies	Purses	Lap or Throw Quilts
Teddy Bears	Name Tag Holder	Greeting Cards
Themes:		
"Quilts Tell Stories" show theme		
St. Patrick		
Easter		
Spring		
Patriotic		
Wedding		
Baby Gifts		
Please consider sewing with appealing colors & fabrics to attract interest & eager buyers.		
Watch for more gift ideas to make while at festivals & craft shows.		