



West Suburban Quilters' Guild Newsletter

Volume 47 Issue 1

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

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 Message

HELLO WSQG MEMBERS!

Summer Break is just about over and Quilt Guild will be back in session. I am looking forward to being with my creative quilting friends. By the time we meet in September, many of the working pieces of our organization will have been set in motion. Our Committee Members have been working behind the scenes to ensure a fabulous WSQG Quilt Guild Year. The Programs Committee has set up some wonderful speakers, the Block of the Month Committee has chosen clever blocks to expand our knowledge and enhance our skills, planning has already begun for our 2024 Quilt Show, and the list goes on. The best way we can thank our committee members is to PARTICIPATE.

Speaking or participation, we have some Guild Members that entered quilts into the Wisconsin State Fair and won ribbons. It's a shame if you didn't have the opportunity to view the quilts on display this year, you missed a real visual treat. Competition was very strong and the quilts were fabulous.

About our September speaker, Carol Wilhoit: During forty years of quilting, Carol has become interested in making small quilted projects as well as quilts. As a retired physician, she enjoys bringing her technical mind to quilting. She enjoys figuring out how to make the construction process easier while producing better results. She has also refined techniques for building, organizing, and using a fabric stash that make it a joy to have and to use. In addition to quilts, Carol enjoys making small projects such as zipper bags, tote bags, table runners and table mats. These do not require a large investment of time

or materials, and therefore provide ample opportunity to exercise creativity. Carol has been teaching quilting classes for about ten years. She loves sharing her tips and tricks with others and encouraging students as they try new projects and techniques. One of her favorite aspects of teaching is seeing students succeed at completing a challenging project. Another is seeing students have “Aha!” moments during which they see how simple changes in construction technique can help them create projects that look better while taking less effort. I am certain that Carol will inspire each of us to get our machines humming.

A quick reminder, the **September meeting has been moved to TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12** due to a church event on our usual Wednesday. There are now 5 meetings that have moved to Tuesday. Please see the attached Meeting Schedule.

As Nancy Zieman would say... Bye for now,

Donna Bilda
WSQG President

Meeting Minutes

The final meeting of our calendar year was fun, informative and productive. The meeting began with our pot luck meal celebrating the close of another great year. We enjoyed a nice variety of tasty treats and beverages while visiting before our speaker began.

Bonnie Camp was wonderful speaker, long time quilter, the person responsible for starting quilt retreats at the UCC center in Green Lake and former WSQG member. Bonnie is our area contact for Quilts of Valor. Bonnie shared many heartwarming stories from her experiences working with soldiers, families and quilters for Quilts of Valor. Her experiences showed us how rewarding and powerful the award of a QOV quilt is.

Quilts of Valor is an organization created to “cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. We have Quilts of Valor thanks to Catherine Roberts, a labor and delivery nurse who was inspired while her son was deployed to start sewing quilts to comfort soldiers. The quilts are intended for healing and honoring our military members.

Quilts of Valor are awarded, not given to service members. These quilts are equivalent to being awarded a Purple Heart. Details regarding sewing a quilt top, long arming, nominating a service member, or becoming a QOV member go to <https://www.qovf.org>

Betty Breen presented charity committee ideas for discussion to reduce the spread of charities to focus on one at a time. The meeting attendees voted and agreed to work on two charities then vote again. Meals on Wheels place mats will be our first focus. Nap mats for an under privileged grade school will be our second focus.

The rent increase and search for a new meeting location was resolved thanks to membership input and voting. I did not record who proposed and seconded the membership rate increase

from \$30 to \$40 per year. It appeared all present voted yes to support the \$40 dues. No hands or voices were raised to oppose the rate increase.

The dues increase allows us to afford the \$105 per month rent payment to the church.

Donna Bilda presented a gift to Wendy Banister our outgoing president in appreciation for her service.

Wendy Banister gave gifts to her board members and committee chairs for their service.

Block of the Month won by
Donna Bilda

Door Prizes won by
Jan Pipia
Joan Beeferman
Patty Martin

Board Meeting Minutes

WSQG Board Meeting Minutes 8/10/23

The meeting was called to order at 5:44 by Donna Bilda, our new president.

By Laws were the first order of business.

Membership Dues fiscal year are listed as June through May, our guild year is September through May. Members who join in December pay half, this remains the same. Members who join in March or April are free for those months. Members present voted yes to this change.

By Law Rule 3: Meeting Cancellation Notification currently states members are notified via email or phone call. Members voted to remove the phone call requirement. Members without email access need to arrange to have a member call them in this event.

Committees:

All members, all committees are required to stay within your assigned budget.

If you wish to be reimbursed for money spent preapproval & a signed reimbursement form is required. Approval is from your committee chair.

Special expenditures must be brought forward for approval prior to purchase.

Contact our treasurer if you do not know your budgeted amount.

Program Committee

The Speakers Agreement needs to be revised to add the number of miles with the total payment to prevent miscalculated total payments. This change has been made.

Hospitality

The time for sharing treats has been moved to our gathering time at 6:00 PM. This will

eliminate the need for a break at the mid-point and ensure we end the meeting at 8:30

Door Prizes Discussion regarding continuing this tradition or converting the items bought for this into welcome bags for new dues paid members. Members voted for welcome bags to include copies of the By Laws & membership rooster and WSQG pin.

Charity

Placemats: 36 more are needed for Meals on Wheels, additional are welcome.

Nap Mats: 36" x 48" for Auer Avenue School. These are quilted covers for 3 year olds.
20 are needed.

Webpage

The newsletter always shows the webpage password on the front page: wsqg1981

State Fair Liaison

Open position, Vicki retired, new volunteer needed.

Winter Quilt Show, Washington County Fair Park, February 10, 2024

We will have a table at the Winter Quilt Show with information to promote our guild.

PA System

Donna will talk to the church about our using the PA & AV equipment again.

The PA system donated by Sandy Wisler is with Mary Weber. We need someone to take charge of this item, to bring it to & from the meetings. Please see Mary.

Storage Locker fees were reduced by \$500 per year thanks to Joy Zuerner, Mary Margaret & Joe Wacker to help move everything to a smaller locker with just a phone call from Judy Valentino & Patty Martin. The job was completed in about 3.5 hours.

Quilt Show Dates March 14 & 15, 2025 Set up March 13th

Admission Price will increase to \$7.00 from \$5.00 after discussion and voting.

Other area quilt shows charge \$7.00 to \$10.00.

Raffle Ticket prices will remain the same.

Judy Valentino will chair the Raffle Quilt.

Vendor Fees

10% increase for each booth size

8 x 10, 8 x 20 and 8 x 30

Quilt Show Theme Ideas to be voted on at September meeting

All Things Great & Small

Quilts Color My World

Make Time for Quilting

Rod Pockets will be required on all entries 12 inches or larger except Home Dec.

Members Only?

We will include nonmembers with a change in the fee structure.

Nonmembers pay \$10 to enter plus \$5.00 for each additional quilt entered up to 5 quilts.

New Ribbon Category First Time Entrant

Check Out

Some people were impatient with getting their quilts in March.

This must be orderly and methodical to prevent loss, damage or embarrassment due to your bad behavior. This work is done by volunteers, be patient.

Get involved, sign up to help Before the show starts. Many hands make light work.

Guest Judge at Show

Discussion determined Viewer's Choice is preferred. A judge is being asked if they would consider evaluating quilts upon request for a nominal fee.

Newsletter

Your information is due to Judy no later than the 25th of each month.

The By Laws require the newsletter be published ten days prior to each meeting.

Ideas * looking for additional ideas at the September meeting

Bees

UFO Exchange

BOM Mystery Quilt

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Note: Voting was held until 17 members were present to equal a legal quorum.

Minutes submitted by Patty Martin

Hospitality

All board members are reminded that they provide treats for the first meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Storage Unit was moved to a smaller unit and cost dropped from \$158/mo to \$115/mo. Saving about \$500 per year. Church rental increased to \$105/meeting and dues were increased to \$40 in order to not make a move to a new facility.

Block of the Month

More next month!

Program Committee

WSQG Meeting Dates 2023-2024	Name	Topic
September 12, Tuesday	Carol Wilhoit	Hexagons: Six Sides, One Angle, Oh So Many Possibilities
October 10, Tuesday	Luella Doss	Artistic Wool Quilts
November 8, Wednesday	Julie Karasek	Paper Piecing & Quilting Updates
December 12, Tuesday	Christmas	Christmas Party, games, gift exchange, door prizes
January 10, Wednesday	Caroline Knox	Creative T-Shirt Quilts, Making Memories Last
February 13, Tuesday	Kristi Droese	Demo & Ideas w Curved Rulers
March 12, Tuesday	Judy Gauthier	Color Choice for Scrap Quilting
April 10, Wednesday	Vivki Spiering	Nationally Awarded Quilt Trunk Show & Review
May 8, Wednesday	Potluck	Year End Celebration

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. It would be nice to use show and tell to share what we are creating.

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.

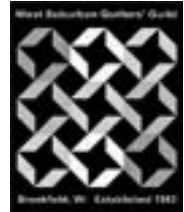
<https://jmbhandmade.com/easy-placemat-sewing-tutorial/>

Nap Mats for 3 yr old kindergarden (20 needed) Nap Mat dimensions are 36 x 48. These could be used as a teaching tool if they happen to include animals, birds, vehicles whatever.

West Suburban Quilters' Guild 2023-2024 Membership and Renewal Form

Dues for next year, \$40.00, are due to be paid by the May 2023 Meeting. If you are unable to make it to the May 2023 meeting, please complete the form below and return to: West Suburban Quilt Guild, % Mary Clare Schuller, 1351 N 55th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53208.

New members joining after 12/31/2023 will pay half the normal yearly amount.



Your Name _____

Phone _____

Street Address

City/Zip Code: _____ Birthday:(mo) ____ (day)_____

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(NOTE: This option requires that you provide pre-addressed, stamped envelopes for each month)

If you prefer to receive the newsletter by US Post, but also have an email, please also give us your email address so that we may pass along other important information.

Suggestions for future programs (topics, speakers, workshops, etc.)

FOR VP USE: CHECK # _____ RECEIVED: _____

NOTES: _____