



West Suburban Quilters' Guild Newsletter

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President's Message

HELLO WSQG MEMBERS!

Our Guild Year is underway. What a great meeting we had in September. The room was buzzing with excitement as friends old and new gathered to share their summertime exploits. I don't have the exact count, but let's say just about all of our members were in attendance. Add to that – we welcomed 5 new members. That is fabulous!

There were many beautiful Show & Tell items. I personally love to see quilts and other items made by fellow members. This serves as inspiration for me to complete existing projects and try out new techniques or patterns. I appreciate all who shared their quilts and other projects. We really have a wealth of talent in this group.

With both joy and sadness we must say goodbye to Tracey Last, who is moving out of state. I am sad that she is leaving, but happy for her new beginning and wish her much luck.

We are also losing Cathy Helgeson. While Cathy is staying in Wisconsin, she will be over 2 hours away. Thankfully, Cathy will still be managing our on-line presence. She will continue to take care of our Facebook and Webpage through the end of the year. She really is our WEB MISTRESS. We will miss you, Cathy, no one can take your place. You are always welcome at our meetings. I wish you all the best in your new home.

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.

Carol Wilhoit gave a wonderful lecture on Hexagons in quilts. She presented the lighter side of hexagons, showing many ways that they can be created and used to make fabulous quilts. Her slide show included some amazing quilts made by herself and by others. Many of our members, myself included, were lured into thinking that hexagons are easy. Kits were available for purchase and I jumped right in.

We had many topics brought up for discussion. Please look to the minutes from Patty for all the details. But I cannot leave it to the minutes alone. I must mention again that the Focus Groups which we started up last year are continuing this year. If you haven't joined in on one, I encourage you to do so. What a wonderful way to get to know one another **and** broaden your skills and knowledge base. If you have an idea for a focus group – please share it with the program committee (Patty Martin, Joy Zuerner, Laura Heldt and Wendy Bannister). Or you can bring it to me – I will present it to the group.

One more item that I am totally pumped on – the Group Retreat at Indigo Star in Hartford. Thank you to Mary Margaret, Patty Martin and Judy Valentino for researching this and offering to handle all the ins and outs required to make it happen. I am so looking forward to that!

About our October speaker: For more than four decades, Wisconsin artist / designer, Luella Doss, has captured the attention of many throughout the world with her spirited multi-dimensional wearable art, quilts and soft sculpture. She is recognized internationally as an award-winning artist and fabric designer.

If you've ever seen Luella's Booth at a Quilt Show, you know her patterns are "fowl"... Be prepared to share some laughs and be entertained by Luella Doss as she shares with us her presentation of Wool Quilts.

Our October meeting is Tuesday, October 10th

As Nancy Zieman would say... Bye for now,
Donna Bilda - WSQG President

Vice President Message

To our new members; Doreen Brecheisen, Cathy Durand-Graves, Cheryll Handley Beck, Gail Lamp, Mary Leklem, Debi Schwid, and Kelly Lea Teske: Welcome to West Suburban Quilt Guild! We are delighted to have you here. And welcome back, Deb Merritt! And to all our continuing members, I'm excited for the new quilt season to start. Let's be sure to get to know our new members. We all share an appreciation for quilts and have so much to learn from each other.

Meeting Minutes

Our first meeting of the season started with our new president, Donna Bilda welcoming six new members. We are very happy to have new and returning members joining us.

We have a slightly revised meeting format starting with refreshments available while we gather and visit at 6:00, the speaker at 6:30, followed by the business meeting, Block of the Month and show & tell. Members are expected to take a break when they need to. The goal is to end the meetings by 8:30.

Carol Wilhoit was a wonderful educator with over 40 years quilting experience. Tuesday Carol focused on hexagons, the history, math, designs and combining with other shapes. Pieced hexagons first appeared in women's fashions in 1835 on a pair of ladies boot. It was Grandmothers Garden pattern. Hexagons are now found in every size imaginable, the key is an accurately cut paper shape to produce accurate piecing. Samples of hand sewn and machine sewn items were difficult to see the difference.

Methods for adding borders to hexagons, EPP as jewelry, double sided hexagons, applique your hexagons, fussy cut, log cabin and method to avoid y seams. Connecting hexagons with a sewing machine requires a soft and flexible, invisible or matching 100 weight thread, and a very small zig zag stitch with very low tension.

Carol filled two tables with many types of quilted hexagon samples plus another table with kits for quick clever projects.

Business meeting stated with the minutes being accepted from the last meeting in May and from the board meeting in August.

Membership News:

We are losing two valued members who are relocating away from us
Cathy Hendrickson and Tracey Last.

Ladies we wish you the very best in and happy sewing your new locations. We will miss each of you at our meetings and around town. Thank you for all you have done for us. Denise Stefl and Kelly Tesky volunteered to take care of the Show & Tell duties that Kathy and Tracey had managed previously.

State Fair Update: Vicki Spiering reported WSQG awarded a ribbon and \$50.00 to Jodi Gossick for the best quick produced on a stationary machine. After many years severing in this position, Vicki is turning the position over to Kathy Renkin who volunteered to take over the State Fair Liaison responsibilities.

A WSQG retreat is becoming a reality. Mary Margaret Wacker circulated a signup sheet for members interested in attending a retreat in March. All 11 spots were immediately filled and the March 21 thru 24 dates were chosen.

Quilt Show updates from Mary Weber: March 13, 14 & 15, 2025

Admission price increased from \$5.00 to \$7.00

First time entry ribbons will be added in 2025.

Judy Valentino will take charge of the raffle quilt.

Judging will be available for a small fee by Mickey from Sew Many Pieces with a written report.

Charity: Betty Breen has focused our charity efforts on two causes until complete.

Placemats for Meals on Wheels, standard size.

Nap Mats for Auer Avenue School for 3 year olds. 36" x 48" will be washed regularly.

Next meeting Tuesday, October 10th 6:00 PM

Luella Doss Artistic Wool Quilts

New Quilt Bee!

We have members interested in forming a quilt bee for older quilters to focus on the aging process and the challenges it brings to one's sewing and lifestyle.

The Bee will be a time to discuss how our quilting skills are adversely affected as we age and find ways to compensate. One quilter's declining vision redirected her fine handwork towards working on larger pieces. We hope this group will exchange ideas, suggestions and encouragement as we move through these changes together.

Currently the plan is to meet infrequently via Zoom. The bee will make those decisions. I will help at the start until the bee is formed, please email, text or voice message Patty Martin at pattymart@sbcglobal.net or 262-542-2991.

Hospitality

Jan Pipia
Linda Dentice
Mary Margaret Wacker
Doreen Brecheisen

Treasurer's Report

Expenses in September: State Fair Winner \$50, Acuity Insurance \$351, Storage Mart \$320.57(3mo Sept-Nov), Speaker Fee Carol Wilhoit \$528.70, Member Reimbursement Various (3) \$40.95, Church Rental \$105, Website Hosting \$175. Total Exp. \$1571.22.

Revenue in September: Dues \$80, Block of the Month \$38. Total Revenue: \$118.

Block of the Month

September Block of the Month. Remember to bring your completed block back to be in the drawing for all the blocks!



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 Darlene Savatski.

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.

Quilt Show Corner

The voting for the show theme is below:

All creature great and small received 6 votes.

All things great and small received 2 votes.

Make time for quilting received 3 votes.

Color my world with quilts received 13 votes.

The theme for our next show will be "**Color My World with Quilts**". The parameters for the show challenge category will be decided soon so you'll have lots of time to make an entry.

Dates for next show: March 13 for set-up, March 14 and 15 for the show. Make sure to put these dates on your calendars

Mary Weber.