



# West Suburban Quilters' Guild Newsletter

## Volume 47 Issue 3

### President's Message

HELLO WSQG MEMBERS!

We had another great meeting in October. Attendance was good and the energy level was high. Once again, there were many beautiful Show & Tell items. I'm glad I don't have to pick a favorite, as all of the items are well made and beautiful. I hope everyone knows that our Show and Tell pictures are posted on the WSQG website. ([wsqg.net](http://wsqg.net)) I go there often to view current and past Show And Tells for inspiration. I'm going to say this again and again -- We have many talented quilters in this group.

It was delightful to have Luella Doss as our speaker. Along with the quilts that were presented, Luella told her personal story of how she has been connected to wool from early on and throughout her life. In addition to her presentation, she had wonderful pieces of wool and cotton fabrics for sale. Also available were patterns for Chickens, Hens, Roosters and Dolls. Luella very generously presented the guild with 3 door prizes and these were given out after her lecture.

This past month I went on a Sewing Retreat with a small group of friends. We've done this every October for 5 or 6 years. It is such a pleasure to "social sew". We bring our own projects and often end up sharing ideas and hijacking each other's projects. One day is generally set aside to visit a Quilt Shop or two. This year we visited 4 quilt shops! If you have the chance to go on a retreat or have a special group of friends that you can get together with for a day or two of sewing, I encourage you to jump at the chance.

Our November speaker is Julie Karasek from Patched

#### 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>

[wsqli981](https://www.facebook.com/wsqli981)

Submit items to Cathy Helgeson at [clhqilts@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:judyv1954@sbcglobal.net)

The newsletter will be published on the [WSQG.net](http://WSQG.net) website. An email, with a link to the website, will be sent to membership when the newsletter has been published.

Works in Elm Grove. Julie's lecture will be on Paper Piecing and will include Quilt Shop Updates. Hopefully we will get some great ideas that we can use for our Christmas gifting. We are always looking for new and clever ideas to help keep our machines humming.

## **Our November meeting is Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Vice President's Message**

Welcome to our 2 new members who have joined in the last month, Sandy Dykstra and Mary Clemens. We are glad you joined us!

### **Meeting Minutes**

Luella Doss provided an excellent presentation on wool and wool history with an extensive collection of wool quilts including a home spun quilt from 1890 – 1910 with embroidery, wool quilts made from clothing and a home spun quilt from Wales. Luella's father raised sheep and helped form the National Wool Board. She believes the best wool comes from Spain.

Luella is well known as a designer of fabric, wearable art, quilts and soft sculpture birds. With her experience and knowledge she started the Wisconsin Quilt History Project documenting over 8,000 Wisconsin quilts. She also volunteered her skills to help create our Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts. Prior to designing and quilting Luella was an Occupational therapist.

Luella stated "the best reason to make a quilt is for love. Quilts enlarge our lives."

There was a very brief business meeting portion due to no new business to report.

Block of the Month was won by Terri Thomas

Door Prizes, three were provided by Luella Doss

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM

Editor's Note; There was a large donation from the Estate of former member Holle Kelly. Her family generously donated many items to the guild. Many items were put on free tables at the meeting. Other items will be for sale at the December meeting with proceeds going to the guild.

## Hospitality

Hospitality providers for November 8th are: Deb Merritt, Kathy Rankin, Laura Heldt and Caroline Koch.

## Block of the Month

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Hello Quilters – I hope this finds you sewing away.

Congratulations to Terri Thomas – the lucky winner of the popsicle blocks. We received some colorful fun blocks – thank you to all of our participants for pressing-on through this pattern that required a minor adjustment. We are sew looking forward to seeing them in a quilt.

A quick reminder to our Block of the Month participants that you may venture into other Fall/Halloween fabric options vs only black for your crow – Be creative!! Also, remember...you received additional beak and legs/talons fabric enabling you to make more than one block. The more blocks returned, the more tickets you will receive, and YES...the more chances to win. We look forward to seeing your creativity...

Sew – if you don't have your "crow" block(s) sewn and pressed – YOU better get stitching...

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

Your BOM Team (MaryJo and Vicky)



## 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

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](mailto:pattymart@sbcglobal.net) or 262-542-2991.

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://jimbhandmade.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.