

Crazy Quilters Stitch 'n Times



President's message

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but the sewing is so delightful. And since there's no place to go. Let it snow, let it snow, let US SEW!

I am currently bundled in a quilt with a cup of coffee and the computer on my lap. Thinking.... I'll bet you are, too. So being as it is the new year, we love NEW projects. And if you are ever in need of ideas and inspiration, you just have to come to our next meeting. The computer will open worlds of new patterns, projects, colors and ideas. Jodi Grzecka, Nancy Spindler and I can't wait to share many of the sites we visit. Bring your computer if you like, but definitely bring your favorite places to visit online. And the room will be a buzz of quiltness.

That being said, I apologize for not being at our last meeting. I caught the new Omicron variant of Covid when I visited my family in Louisiana. And as I had received vaccines and the booster, I had a mild case which seemed more like a head cold. But I really, really, did not want to expose anyone else to it. Knowing that many of us are in that aging population, I hope that you understand and will also take caution to stay home for the meetings as well when you are sick.

Thank you to our presenters for the Schoolhouse: Nancy Gruenwald, Tammy Brandt, Brooke Furmanek, and Jo Jacobi. And we are sorry 2 of our other presenters could not be there.

So here are things coming up: OUR QUILT SHOW. March is around the corner. Finish your quilts and fill out forms for entering. Make items for our boutique. (We know you are so crafty.)

I know that Brooke Furmanek and the quilt show committee are gearing up for a successful show after 2 years of absence. We can't wait.

And don't forget to bring your bag with an unfinished project to the February meeting. It can be in a couple block stage, or an assembly stage. Whatever. Make sure to have your pattern, idea written out, name and contact information, so that the receiver knows what was intended. If you have a request for what you want or don't want: like no psychedelics or something, include that as well.

Otherwise, Let it snow..... so we can SEW.
Debbie Huber

Newsletter Deadline: February 20, 2022 - Send to Guild Email: mukwonagocrazyquilters@gmail.com

CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD MEETING INFORMATION

FEBRUARY 9 - IN PERSON: - Mukwonago High School Room 42

No ZOOM meeting will be held.

For February, Deb Huber, Nancy Spindler and I are bringing some interesting quilting ideas and resources to the meeting program for February. If you'd like, bring a list of your own "go-tos" for websites and You Tube channels to share. After the presentation, we will be compiling a list of everyone's contributions and post on the website for all to access.

March's program will be an intriguing and inspiring presentation by Kim Berry-Rogers called Kismet Needlework. Kim is going to share some of her amazing quilting and handwork. This is going to be an amazing treat!

I am working on lining up more programs for the months to come. Stay tuned!"

-Jodi Grzeczka

Vice President/Programs

GETTING READY FOR OUR QUILT SHOW

Are you getting excited about the quilt show, I know I am. I've printed a copy of the entry form from our website and filled out all the information for the items I want to enter. If you've never entered the show, let me invite you to do so. It is a wonderful opportunity to share your love of quilting with other guild members and the general public. Scared about having your quilt judged? Our selected judges have years of experience and always have something nice to say and may also offer tips for improving your construction and/or finishing skills.

If you choose not to enter a quilt in the show I hope you will make something for the guild's Seed Packet Challenge. These small wallhangings are due at the guild's March meeting. That night we'll vote for our favorites and award ribbons. The collection of challenge pieces will be hung together in a special exhibit at the quilt show. Information about the challenge can be found in this newsletter.

You can also contribute your sewing talent by donating handmade items to the boutique. Proceeds will be donated to Seniors on the Go Taxi Service in Mukwonago. While we don't need any more pillowcases, you could consider making a purse or bag, apron, pot holder, tea caddy, pin cushion, decorative item. Use your imagination.

Finally, It's now time to start signing up for jobs before/during/after the quilt show. It is a major event for our guild and is our only moneymaker during the year. There are all sorts of jobs to be done, some are sit down jobs while others require standing, walking, or carrying. Should you have any questions about jobs or have trouble with the link please contact me (Brooke Furmanek, show chair, at brooke.furmanek@gmail.com). Sign up through this web link: volunteersignup.org/Q9RCT

This information was also sent previously in email.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

I hope you had fun making your “Super Skinny Swizzle Sticks” blocks (once we got the directions all straightened out!) Thanks to LuAnne for sending out the corrected instructions.

In February, we’re going to do some paper-piecing. If you are unfamiliar with paper piecing or need a refresher, you might want to watch a video or two. There are a million of them out there!

The pattern I have chosen for February is called “Black Birds”. It’s a pattern from sewfreshquilts. I love their patterns! They are very whimsical. The original pattern uses traditional piecing. I needed a glass of wine before I even finished reading the instructions, so I decided to re-draw the block using paper piecing. I will provide you with the pattern already printed on foundation paper. I will also provide the background, beak, and feet fabric. You will provide the bird fabric in a shade of gray or charcoal. Your cost will be \$1.50. The winner will also win enough background fabric to complete the quilt. Wait until I show you a picture of the completed quilt. It’s so cute!! Get ready to have fun.....



Your Blockhead

Linda Schubert



2021 CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD CHALLENGE

SEED PACKET CHALLENGE

Imagine it's springtime and you want to plant something in your garden. What would you plant? To start, you'll need to get some seeds. You go to your favorite store and peruse the colorful display of small packets. Think about what draws you to specific ones. Is it the plant, the color, the picture on the packet, or something else?

So, what are you going to plant? Create a seed packet to advertise your favorite plant, vegetable, tree, flower (this could also include a plant or flower from your imagination -- my husband thought I should plant a money tree -- or perhaps you'd plant seeds of kindness). It's up to you to decide, you are the designer.

A few requirements for all projects:

Finished size 18" high x 13" wide in a portrait orientation (vertical).

Any technique for construction and embellishment.

Projects must have three layers and be quilted through all layers.

Please include a label on the back.

Bring finished projects to the March 2022 guild meeting.

NEW CHALLENGE – Way to Go UFO!

For February, bring a brown paper bag or box with an old UFO project you have. Then for all the quilters who bring their UFO, we will place them on a table and randomly exchange them. Now in your UFO, write a short explanation of what you had wanted to accomplish, the beginning blocks, some fabric, pattern, special tool if needed, etc. Also include your name and contact information for questions. And because it is a UFO, there was a reason you did not finish it. So we will allow the new finisher to add or detract from the design and create a wall hanging from what you have started giving them creative license to "tweak" it. That person may add more fabric, blocks, etc. Then we will finish them by the July meeting and return them to the original owner with the reveal at the picnic.

Questions, contact Debbie Huber

MCQ RAFFLE QUILT INFORMATION

Come and Get your Raffle Tickets!!

Raffle tickets for the 2022 Quilt “Burgoyne Surrounded” and Bernina B325 Sewing Machine donated by Bigsby’s are now available..

If you have not received your tickets, or you need additional tickets to sell, contact Jo Jacobi by phone or text 414-313-4606 to make plans to get your envelope.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Please continue to remember our guild members who are ill or experience a death in the family. If you know anyone, please contact Mary Kroll.

A Thinking of You Card was sent to Farmer Fred Andrews

A Get Well Card was sent to Tammy Lindner

A Sympathy Card was sent to Nancy Horwath for the loss of her brother

If anyone has any Get Well or Sympathy Cards they would like to donate I would love to have them. Please bring them to the Guild Meeting for Sunshine and please continue to let me know of any members that would like a card. Thank you so much for your help spreading a little sunshine to our members in need.

HOSTESS COMMITTEE

The treat schedule has been moved to the website. This section will now just include the names of the folks who are on the list to bring treats for the next meeting. These folks are also assigned to assist with setup of the room ahead of the meeting. Since our meeting are currently virtual, this section will not be updated until we are meeting in person again.

SEWING GROUPS

These will be added to the website:

Thurs. night 6:00	Feb. 10 th , Mar. 31st.
Fri. night sew 6:00	Feb. 25th, Mar. 11th.
Charity sew 11:00	Feb. 7th, Mar. 7th.
Endowment 11:00	Feb. 18th, Mar. 4th.

RECIPE FROM DECEMBER POT LUCK

KAREN ONASCH – WINTER SALAD (* means changes I made to recipe)

Romaine Lettuce *(I added a couple handfuls of fresh cleaned baby spinach to bag of Romaine)

1 C shredded swiss cheese *(I used entire package, 1 ¼ cup)

1 C chopped cashews

1/4 C dry cranberries *(I used fresh chopped cranberries)

1 apple, chopped

1 pear, chopped

DRESSING:

1/2 C sugar

1/3 C lemon juice

2 tsp onion, chopped (I used dry chopped onion)

1 tsp Dijon mustard

1/2 tsp salt

2/3 C oil

1 Tbsp poppy seeds

Blend all dressing ingredients in food processor. Pour over salad just before service.

----submitted by Kathryn Komassa

CRAZY QUILTER'S GUILD MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2022 6:00 PM

Meeting at Mukwonago High School, Room 42

NO ZOOM Meeting scheduled for tonight's meeting.

Agenda/Minutes

This month's program is Schoolhouse

Presenters:

Jo Jacobi	Machine quilting with templates
Tammy Brandt	LeMoyne Star
Brooke Furmanek	Greeting cards
Nancy Grunewald	Candy bags

Old Business:

Minutes – any corrections or questions on minutes in the newsletter. Correction: the Bargain Bin collection starts in February.

Membership – 126 members paid (per the treasurer)

Quilt show: Brooke

Our next show is Mar. 26-27, 2022. Still working on food arrangements, unknown if we will have it or not. Anyone is welcome to attend the quilt show committee which is always the first Tuesday of the month. We are always looking for new ideas and people. The next meeting is 2/1 @ 6:30. We are looking for boutique items – purses, etc. NO pillow cases right now. We have plenty. Funds will go to Seniors on the Go Taxi in Mukwonago. We will have displays of quilts, still looking for some.

*Seed Pack Challenge for the quilt show is due February 9. See the Guild website for details. There is a correction for this date, it's actually due at the March meeting!

Pick up your raffle tickets for sale. Bring back next month or before the drawing on Sunday of the show. Looking for people to do demos. Entry forms are on the table – 85 items entered as of now. We will be going up to 250 pending size. Get your entries in right away.

There are fully electronic sign up sheets – please sign up for whatever you can do.

Ad in Country Register will be available here next month.

We will have Embroidery and Wool group displays.

We are still looking for a replacement for Brooke.

Bargain Bins will start collecting in February and March. If you have fabric to donate, please measure ahead of time. The going price is \$5 per yard.

The committee is looking for bids to people who would like to long arm the new quilt for the show in 2023. It is a beautiful batik blues and gray grunge quilt made following the Lucy pattern by GE designs. The quilt top will be on display at the show. Bids are being accepted. If anyone has questions on this, please contact Jo, Lucy or others.

We are selling tickets for the raffle quilt (the Burgoyne surrounded quilt in brights on a light background) at the Washington County Show at the end of February. The slots were filled. If you are interested in attending that show (the earliest of the season), you will need to buy tickets ahead of time online. No money will be collected at the door.

New Business

Retreat: Kathy Fab – after a lot of looking and visiting, we have been offered the February 21-24th 2022 for our first retreat at the Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva. 20 people are going. I am excited as it is a very nice place with hotel rooms for our stay, an elevator to take our sewing gear down to the sewing center and a dining hall right next to our sewing center.

We need to get our foot in the door so to speak in order to get more dates. Trying for one in fall and two next year. Contact Kathy for pricing.

Block of the Month

New block is due at February meeting. Directions were in an email and also in the December newsletter.

Next meeting: 2nd Wednesday, February 9 --- starts at 6:30pm Quilt Inspiration

We will have a night of finding your way to new and exciting things on the Internet. There are so many, many resources of demonstrations, displays, patterns, etc. We will provide you with oodles and oodles of visuals and information. Bring some of your favorites to share. Isn't that the best part of being in the guild?

New Challenge: Look for instruction for the Way to Go UFO! Challenge in this newsletter.

Name Tag Drawing: Jane Graff

Show and Tell

Note: Zach Ortiz, our High School contact, is looking for someone to teach quilting classes – anything from intro to quilting to advanced topics. Amy Stolowski interested?