

Crazy Quilters Stitch 'n Times



So the weather has been very unconventional: snow squalls, melting snow to rain/sleet/snow, and who knows what is yet to come? It has been a rather unique winter thus far. No deep snow banks as you all well know. But the most unusual sequence of precipitation and temperatures.

But on the bright side, we get to sew and quilt and stitch and plain old just be creative. And we had the first quilt show in Washington county in two whole years. Yeah!!!! I saw many of you there flitting about all the wonderful fabrics and patterns in the booths and oohing and ahhhing at the wonderful display quilts. Did you catch the two done by Carol Butzke or see who entered from our guild????

And now we get to look forward to our **Quilt Show**. It is about a month away. Oh, it will be glorious! Make sure to sign up **online** for assisting with all the duties from white glove turning, to ticket taking, and of course setting up and tearing down. Such fun to get together again! We need all your help. And we need your entries. You have had 2 years to do your magic and make colorful, classy, unique, and decorative quilts from mini size to hand sewn. Oh, what fun it will be!! Did I say we need your help? Come one, come all and bring hubbies and kids especially the tall, strong ones to help with our set up and tear down.

I hope you are exploring all the wonderful online resources provided from our last meeting. I know I learned some new and interesting sites to explore. So many blocks, and fabrics and instructions to try. We all need to do more projects? Right???? If that isn't enough, then at least try some organization tips and tricks for our wonderful supplies and projects. Or just listen and watch the wonderful presenters. I am currently enjoying Dee's Saturday Sampler where she is doing color theory on youtube. And the best thing she said was that we all have our own color preferences, which is part of our own style and passion. Much better start than the color wheel review. And my other favorite at the moment, is Pat Sloan. Should I start her dessert blocks or maybe that flip quilt? Hmmmmm. What's one more project to start?

New for our next meeting: **let's do a scrap bag exchange**. Bring a ziploc bag full of your leftover scraps. Now I know that means many things to many people concerning sizes, extra blocks, whatever. But ~~dumping~~ releasing your ends and smaller pieces to a greater good or in other words, someone else's inspiration pile. We all have different tastes and it is good to incorporate some different patterns, shades and colors to our quilts. So bring one, and then you get one to finger and page through and explore new and interesting fabrics which are different from yours. We sometimes all need a slightly different piece of fabric for a project like applique. And here is where you can acquire some without going to your LQS. And if you are so inclined bring 2 bags and get 2 back. If there is enough interest, perhaps we can try certain colors per month. Or let me know of another idea.

As always, have fun stitching!

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

CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD MEETING INFORMATION

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

No ZOOM meeting will be held.

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.

Also note:

New this year at the quilt show will be a scissor sharpener, Bee Sharp!. They also sharpen knives and yard equipment blades. David and his son, Gus, will be located in the small gym so plan to bring some items for them to sharpen. Ten percent of his proceeds will be given to the guild.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

I have always been a fan of the Orange Peel Block, but I am intimidated by the curved piecing. I found a method for making this block that is easy and fun and has no curved piecing! I can't wait to show it to you. It's called Inside-Out Orange Peel. You will supply all of the fabrics, so the winner will have a scrappy Orange Peel quilt. You will need some sheerweight fusible for this block. I bought mine at JoAnn's. It is Pellon Fusible Sheerweight 906F. Stay tuned.....



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.

PROJECTS DUE AT 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 Sympathy card was sent to Kathryn Komassa on the loss of her brother-in-law

A Sympathy Card was sent to Sharon Hillman for the loss of her sister-in-law. Unfortunately, this card was returned 😞

A Sympathy Card was sent to Pat Stroik 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. 10th, 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.

Wool Group 6:30 4th Tuesday of the Month at Mukwonago United Church of Christ

MCQ Handwork Group 10am – 4pm 2/23, 3/23, 4/27 Waukesha State Bank This is a new group and has provided the following information:

What to bring:

Something to work on, including necessary supplies

Lunch, drinks, snacks - if you plan to stay for a while

Something for show and tell

Remember - this will be a drop-in format so you may come and go during the day as you please or as your schedule allows.

CRAZY QUILTER'S GUILD MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2022 6:30 PM

Meeting at Mukwonago High School room 42

This month's program "What can you find on the internet to quilt?"

Presenters: Nancy Spindler, Debbie Huber, and Jodi Grzecka

Old Business

Minutes in the newsletter: any corrections or questions (LuAnne not able to attend.)

Membership: Tammy Lindner is out ill.

Quilt show: Brooke

This year's Quilt Show will be March 26 and 27, 2022.

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.

Seed packet challenge due next month.

Sign up for helping out for the show. All of it is online. If you are unable to do so, please contact Brooke.

New this year There will be a scissor sharpening booth this year.

The Mukwonago High School Band Boosters will prepare and sell the food. They have a professional who is willing to do so and looks to continue this for several years.

The bed turning will be by 2 of our founding members/sisters Joline Palatino and Linda Forester.

***The Raffle quilt** for the 2023 quilt update. Jo Jacobi

About 15 people have not picked up their raffle tickets or responded to queries concerning them.

MCQ Handwork Group organized by Carol Pilgrim.

The first meeting will be Wednesday, February 23 at the Waukesha State Bank community room from 10 A.M to 4 P.M/

Come to socialize, bring show and tell, and work on whatever you wish.

BOM Linda Schubert

Old blocks for February: Super Skinny Swizzle Sticks directions were in an email and also in the December Newsletter Jodi Grzecka won the blocks.

New Block for March. There were many left

New Business

Wisconsin State Fair Barn Challenge due March 1

Planning Ahead:

Programs: Jodi The March speaker will be Kim Berry Rogers. Quilter, designer and hand stitcher.

Introduce new exchange: Way to Go UFO! Limited interest was expressed, so it is cancelled..

Meetings of small groups at the Bank: Joline

(groups to continue with a limit of 15 masked members and a sign up before the meeting.)????

Please contact Joline to reserve your place:

See website for dates.

Thursday Night Sew 6:00 at the Waukesha State Bank in Mukwonago

Friday Night Sew 6:00 at the Waukesha Bank

Charity quilts: Waukesha State Bank

Looking for a long arm quilter to help with charity sew. Also looking for more participants.

This is a fun group and has lots of fabric to use up.

Endowment: 11am at the Bank.:

Preparing twin quilts for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Donations of new bedding needed.

Wool group: 4th Tuesday of Month 6:30 Mukwonago United Church of Christ

Next meeting on February 22, Tuesday(Cancelled due to bad weather, and heating issues for the church.

Name tag drawing Jane Grafm

Show and Tell

Next meeting: 2nd Wednesday, March 9 6:30