

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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CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD MEETING INFORMATION

APRIL 13 - IN PERSON: - Mukwonago High School Room 42

April's program is a visit from the June Tailor company. They are forwarding price lists and order forms prior to the program, so we can hopefully get those to you asap. Hold off finalizing your order until you've seen the program, they will be sharing any new products with us too! For finalizing the order, they will give us approximately 2 weeks to get the orders together. I ask that you pay us in cash, as that will not compromise any one person's credit cards or bank account. June Tailor does not want an envelope full of assorted payments, i.e. all one form of payment. They are offering us a generous 30% discount, and since we will be picking up the order, there will be no shipping charges. I am excited about this opportunity, as I missed their last visit, and I am compiling my own shopping list already.

No ZOOM meeting will be held.

PROGRAMS

Happy Spring to all! I have been working hard and talking to a lot of possibilities for future Guild programs. I heard from a few of you at the Quilt Show that you are looking forward to some of the programs I already have lined up. I implore you again, please, if you have leads or ideas for future programs, please, please, email me, or come talk to me at our meetings. This job is supposed to be 2 people, but I am working alone. Deb Huber has graciously agreed to be my sounding board and advisor numerous times because I am so new at this, but your ideas count, as well! Don't be afraid!

If you have ANY questions or requests, please contact me either by email or phone.

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33rd ANNUAL QUILT SHOW A SUCCESS

Many thanks to all the guild members who volunteered their time and talents to make our quilt show a success. These include the members who are part of the Show Committee and meet regularly to plan the overall design and finalize all the details prior to setup; also the crew who load the trailer with all the standards, poles, and other assorted items that the quilt show needs (and also unload everything at the school prior to setup); as well as all the members who volunteer throughout the three days to check-in quilts, hang quilts, help judges, set up the boutique, raffle area, bargain bins, door prize area, appraisal room, bed turning, demonstrations area, admissions area, special exhibit areas, and then also volunteer at these areas throughout the weekend to ensure everything runs smoothly. It is a big show, and as we know, many hands make light work.

This year we were fortunate to receive additional publicity from tv stations CBS 58 and Fox 6 as well as WFAQ radio in Mukwonago. This additional publicity, especially the Saturday morning live spots on Fox 6, brought additional people to the show who didn't know that a quilt show was even happening in Mukwonago.

CBS 58: <https://cbs58.com/news/a-patchwork-of-a-whole-lot-of-fun-this-coming-weekend-at-the-annual-mukwonago-crazy-quilters-quilt-show>

FOX 6: <https://www.fox6now.com/news/crazy-quilters-33rd-annual-quilt-show>

WFAQ: https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10159712912674705&id=228181959704

The Mukwonago Fine Arts Boosters who provided lunch were delighted with the turnout and served hundreds of lunches to those attending the show. Our vendors were grateful for the opportunity to order lunch in advance and have it delivered to their booths. We hope to develop a long-term relationship with MFAB for future quilt shows.

So how did we do? Over the 2-day show about 1400 people attended. We still have additional bills to pay but here are some rough numbers from some of the areas.

Admissions \$9600, Bargain Bins \$4500, Boutique \$1600. Raffles are still being tabulated as there were sales prior to the show. I'll have more totals at the next guild meeting. Proceeds from the show support the activities of the guild such as speaker honorariums, meeting space rental, storage shed rental, insurance, scholarships, and prizes awarded at Wisconsin State Fair, Waukesha County Fair, and Walworth County Fair.

Throughout the weekend I heard many wonderful comments about the show from attendees. Many had attended previous shows and were so happy we had the show this year, others had never been to our show and were amazed at the quality, variety, and number of quilts shown. Our guild should be very proud of the show we put on this past weekend.

A huge shout out to the Quilt Show Committee: Donna Andrews, Joan Bernau, Linda Bohling, Tammy Brandt, Linda Forster, Brooke Furmanek, Jane Graff, Jo Jacobi, Julia McKagan, Karen Moore, Maggie Mulroy, Cindy Osinski, Joline Palatino, Carol Pilgrim, Claire Prokuda, Amy Stolarski, and Lisa Suminski. Thank you for the hours spent in committee meetings and outside those meetings to ensure everything went smoothly.

The Quilt Show Committee will meet April 5th to wrap up this year's show, discuss what went really well and what we could do better. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting starting at 6:30 pm at Waukesha State Bank-Mukwonago. The Quilt Show Committee will then take a break and come back together in September to start the next show cycle for 2023 when the special show theme will be triangles.

Brooke Furmanek, quilt show chair

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

I will introduce a block at our April meeting called “Jelly on Point”. It’s a great pattern to use with a jelly roll! Rather than buy a jelly roll and charge you for a strip, I am suggesting that we use batiks. You will need to supply a 2 ½” x 42” strip of batik fabric and a 2 ½” x 42” strip of a neutral fabric (think white on white or beige) from your stash to complete the block. This block requires **exact** ¼” seams, so it’s a good chance for us to brush up on our accuracy!



Your Blockhead,

Linda Schubert 😊

HELP WANTED

Retreat Info from Kathy Fabisiak: It has been my pleasure to plan these events for the past 15 years. Most of all getting to know all the wonderful members that chose to come with me, has been one of the best perks of this job.

If you have any questions please call Kathy Fabisiak.

Newsletter Editor - we are also looking for a new Newsletter person as LuAnne is stepping down after many years of handling this task. It is a great opportunity for someone

Please contact LuAnne Pankowski with any questions.

Block of the Month – Linda is stepping down from Block of the Month, she has provided many opportunities for us to learn new techniques over the years she has done this.

Please contact Linda Schubert with any questions.

Show Chair - the guild has been looking for someone to take over for Brooke Furmanek, who would like to step down as show chair.

Please contact Brooke Furmanek with any questions.

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 Dee Hanley for the loss of her husband

A Sympathy Card was sent to Lucy Kluessendorf for the loss of her husband.

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 4/14

Fri. night sew 6:00 4/8

Charity sew 11:00 none scheduled

Endowment 11:00 none scheduled

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

MCQ Handwork Group 10am – 4pm 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

March 9, 2022 6:30 PM

Meeting at Mukwonago High School room 42

This month's program "The March speaker will be Kim Berry Rogers, Quilter, designer and hand stitcher

Old Business

Minutes in the newsletter: any corrections or questions

Treasurer: at quick glance, we have \$20146.82 checking, \$19991.82 savings.

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. Brooke may email the work openings to the group.

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, "My Sister and Me".

We have 264 entries – limited to first 250, but able to take more due to sizes. Meet at the shed on Monday AB Ustore, 39a. This will be in Brooke's email.

We are looking for demo and boutique items. The Boutique will benefit the Seniors on the Go Taxi service in Mukwonago. For Bargain Bin, please price and note fabric size. Pricing is based on \$5 per yard.

2023 Show Theme has been decided – Triangles. Show is 4/1-4/2/2023.

***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. About 3 people showed up so there was some chit chat. Next meeting will be on 3/23, stop in, bring a lunch and socialize. April 27 is also scheduled for 10am to 4pm.

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

BOM Linda Schubert

Old blocks for February: Duck/birds ---- Judy Purdee winner!

New Block for April. There were many left. Scrappy – use 4 different fabrics or 4 same fabrics. Use being/tan for the background.

New Business

Chamber of Commerce – donate a quilt. Get invitation for \$50 a person

Nominating Committee for officers next year – looking for volunteers to call and talk to members about volunteering for board positions. Karen Keys, Jo Jacobi, and Joan Bernau will make calls. Positions available are: Secretary, President. Also looking for Newsletter, Block of the Month, and Quilt Show Chair.

Planning Ahead:

Programs: Jodi April program will be Jill from June Tailor on 4/13. 30% discount. Take orders night of or some days after, money (cash payment) up front.

Upcoming programs May – stained glass quilts, June – probably Sally Tomato, July – picnic.

Seed Packet Challenge Vote:

#1 – Jo Jacobi

#2 – Kathy Pavin

#3 – Karen Keys

#4 – Brooke Furmanek

New challenge will be announced for next year! Congratulations to all!

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

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

Name tag drawing: Joline Palatino

Show and Tell

Next meeting: April 13 6:30 (2nd Wednesday)

Special Note: 3/19 is National Quilting Day!