

Crazy Quilters Stitch 'n Times

President's message

Welcome to a new year of quilting camaraderie and fun and hopefully skill building. We (Chris and Jean) are looking forward to working with all of you this coming year. A big thank you goes out to our outgoing officers and committee chairs: Tammy Brandt, Karen Keys, Jo Jacobi, Historian Cheryl Christenson and BOM Chris Petersen and Jane Craig. Without dedicated volunteers our organization would not exist. Your new board made up of Co-Presidents Chris Petersen and Jean Cruikshank, Vice President Bob Ignaszak, Secretary Kathie Pavin, Treasurer Cat Cusick, Historian Jane Busse, Membership Chairs Luann Pankowski and Denise Slawny, Hostesses Helen Best, Bonnie Jensen and Diane Mehring hope to make this an exciting year. Welcome also to Jodie Grzeczka as our new BOM chair.

As new Board Officers, we would like to introduce ourselves:

Chris - Hi I am Chris Petersen and have been a member of the guild since 2012. I have been sewing since I was 12 (and I'm not going to say how many years ago that is), but only been quilting since 2011. I have two children and one granddaughter. I was widowed four years ago. Last year I met someone new and he will be at our July meeting as he will be receiving his Quilt of Valor.

Jean – I am Jean Cruikshank and have lived in the area since 1991. Before that we were nomads and lived in Iowa, Virginia and Utah, as my husband pursued his OB-Gyn career. I have been quilting since the 80's when everything was hand pieced and hand quilted. Thank heavens we are beyond that. I have three sons, two stepchildren and seven grandchildren with one more on the way. Phew! Be patient with us as new officers as we head into the new year.

Our kickoff meeting will be July 9th with a Taco Bar dinner and please note that the starting time is **6:00 PM**. We are all set with sign up for toppings and such. We will once again be honoring our veterans with presentation of Quilts of Valor. As we look forward to celebrating the 4th of July holiday during this turbulent time it is important to honor those who have served this great country.

In August, the Ad Hoc committee will be meeting to determine disbursement of our unspent funds. Anyone interested in participating as an at large member please contact Jean or Chris.

We look forward to seeing you all this July.

Jean and Chris

June Newsletter deadline was June 23, 2025

Next Newsletter Deadline: July 21, 2025 - Send to Guild Email: mukwonagocrazyquilters@gmail.com

Crazy Quilters Guild Meeting Information

Our next guild meeting is July 9th at Mukwonago High School at 6:00 pm. Please enter door 11 on the Northeast side of the school. Door 5 by the Front Performing Arts center on the North side of the building will also be open from 6-7pm for those whom need a shorter walk.

Our program is Quilts of Honor and a Taco Bar meal with lots of time to talk and socialize.

Please provide Bob I with any recommendations for speakers that you would be interested in presenting for our guild.

PROGRAMS - LOOKING FORWARD

July 9 – Taco Bar and Quilts of Valor

August 13 – Ruby McKim Artist & Quilter presented by Allison Rainboth

September 10 – Wool Appliqué presented by Eileen Daniels

October 8 – Trunk Show presented by Joan Ledanski

November 12 – Gone to the Dark Side presented by Chris Lynne Kirsch

December 10 – Christmas Party

Block of the Month

The Block of the Month (BOM) is called "Sunflower". Fabric required is a dark solid(black shown), green, yellow print, darker coordinating print and brown for center. It has 3D triangles.

You will find the pattern on our guild website and attached with the e-mail containing this newsletter.

Chris Petersen 414-899-7303 or cdpetersen@wi.rr.com

Jane Craig 414-378-2167 or janecraig3@hotmail.com

Crazy Quilt Guild Project

You are invited to make a 7-1/2" unfinished crazy quilt block for our guild quilt project. Embellishments will be available at meetings. Turn in your completed crazy blocks at any meeting. Feel free to work on the block during our meeting also. We still have a need for some more blocks. There are enough blocks to make a banner. We would like to make a quilt so blocks will continue to be accepted.

Raffle Quilt Committee

If anyone is interested in joining the raffle committee we will soon be meeting to start planning for our next quilt. It's a great way for new members to become active. Call Judy or Lucy to get on the list for our first planning meeting coming soon.

A Note From the Hostess Committee

At our May meeting the hostess committee announced that our July “picnic” will be a Taco Bar.

We will be providing drinks, seasoned chicken and ground beef, flour and corn tortillas, and lettuce, and asked that members volunteer to supply some other common toppings. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

The Hostess Committee recognizes that there are members with special dietary needs and/or preferences and tried to be mindful of this in our planning as best we could. We hope membership understands the overwhelming nature of trying to accommodate everyone, trying to anticipate quantities, and the costliness of doing so, at the risk of having a lot of unused food. If what is being provided does not meet your needs or preferences, please feel free to add to our “Bar”. We welcome and appreciate all additions!

****Please note-** there will also be corn tortilla chips, so if tacos aren’t your “thing” a salad or nachos can be an option. We look forward to seeing you as we kick off a “new year”!

Thanks, Diane, Helen and Bonnie

Membership Registration New Year

Our membership new year registration is fast approaching. The new year is July 1,2025-June 30,2026. Membership cost remains at \$24.00.

The new registration form is available on our guild website and will also be attached to the e-mail that this newsletter was sent out with.

Payment is due on or before July 9,2025 postmarked no later than July 3,2025. Forms and payment can be mailed or handed to Membership Committee at a meeting.

If you are not renewing we would appreciate feedback on reasons why. Please send an email to mukwonagocrazyquilters@gmail.com

Checks will not be cashed until July 2025.

Quilt Retreat 2026

Our Quilt Retreat is planned for April 29, 2026 - May 3, 2026 at Lutherdale in Elkhorn WI. You can come for as many days as desired. Meals are included. Please contact Lutherdale directly to register online or call. Spots fill up quickly so early registration is highly encouraged.

A separate email had been sent out with details about mid May.

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Workshops

- July 4-6 17th Annual Liberty Fest Quilt Show 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$5.00 dollar admission. The show is downtown in The Center (Senior Center) during Chetek's Fourth of July Celebration. 711 First Street, Chetek Wisconsin Questions please email sisters.chetekwi@gmail.com. Website <https://www.stitchingsisters.net>
- Waukesha County Fair July 16th - 20th
- July 24th Fly-In Quilt Show "Friendships Around the World" 8-4. Free Admission and parking at the Oshkosh Senior Center South. 200 N Campbell Road Oshkosh, WI. Presented by the Lakeside Quilters Ltd. More Information 920-428-6947.
- Wisconsin State Fair July 31st - Aug 11th
- Sept 4th-6th Great Wisconsin Quilt Show at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison WI.
- Sep 7-Oct 12 in Kenosha WI by the Southport Quilters. See website for details southportquilters.net
- September 27th Splashes of Color at Sheboygan Lutheran High School 9-4. Sheboygan County Quilters Guild
- Mar 28th & 29th Celebrating America Crazy Quilters 37th Annual Quilt Show. Parkview Middle School in Mukwonago.

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 Kathryn Komassa.

A Get Well card was sent to Bonnie Brien.
A Get Well card was sent to Barb Shudy.

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 2025 schedule is as noted below. This is also posted on our website for future reference.

2024 Treat Schedule			
JAN	Allen-Bruemmer	JUL	Taco Bar
FEB	Busse-Doubek	AUG	Moore-Prey
MAR	Erdmann-Gruenwald	SEPT	Prokuda-Skudlarczyk
APR	Grzecka-Jahnke	OCT	Slawny-Tauchen
MAY	Jensen-Kucharski	NOV	Thomas-Zapfe
JUN	Kulinski-Merklein	DEC	HOLIDAY PARTY

Sewing Groups

Thursday night Sew 6:00pm at Waukesha State Bank in Mukwonago. 1160 N. Rochester St. Bring your own project.

Contacts Joline Palantino, Linda Forster.

Next meetings: 7/24

Friday Sew 6:00pm at Waukesha State Bank in Mukwonago. 1160 N. Rochester St. Bring your own project.

Contacts Joline Palantino, Linda Forster.

Next meetings: 7/18

Charity Quilts 10:00am Betty's House

Contacts: Betty Butenhoff, Barb Shudy or Joline Palantino

Next Meetings: 6/27, 7/11, 8/8

Endowment 11:00am Waukesha State bank in Mukwonago 1160 N. Rochester St.

Contacts: Donna Andrews, Jane Busse, Linda Forster, Sue Glueckstein, Joline Palantino, Clare Prokuda, Judee Purdy and Mary Raddatz

Next Meetings: 7/11

Machine Embroidery 1:00pm 3rd Wednesday of the month at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 211 Main Street, Mukwonago 53149.

Contact is Tammy Brandt. No meetings in July or December.

Next Meetings: 8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19

Wooly Bee's Group 6:00-8:00pm 4th Tuesday of the Month January - October at the Mukwonago Library. Due to space limitations the small group has to close the membership. Contact Carol Ann Blank if you would like to go on a membership waiting list.

Contact is Carol Ann Blank

MCQ Handwork Only Group 10 am – 2 pm 2nd Tuesday of the month. Drop in anytime or stay the full day at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 211 Main Street, Mukwonago 53149.

Participation has been low, let's see if we can get our numbers up in the new year. A great opportunity to use their tables to layout and sandwich a quilt!.

Contact is Carol Pilgrim.

Next meetings: 7/8, 8/12

Quilt Show Committee Meetings September through March. Location and time to be determined.

New committee members are welcomed.

Next Meetings: 9/2

Featherweight Group: A group for those interested in featherweight machines. Meet at the United Church of Christ, S93 W30740 W Veterans Way in Mukwonago.

Contact is Maureen Talbert

Next meeting:

CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD LONG ARM QUILTERS INFO

We have a list of longarm quilters for hire within our guild posted on our members only page of our website.

If you are a longarm quilter and would like to offer your services to members within our guild, send an email directly to Nancy Spindler at nancy.spindler@gmail.com . Please provide your name, phone number, and email. This information will be posted on the members only page of the guild website.

Crazy Quilter Website Visitors

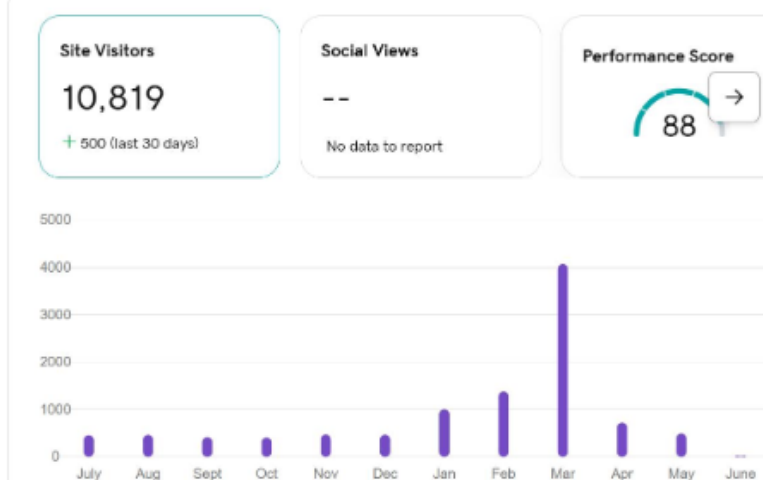
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Crazy Quilter Website

Nancy Spindler is our Guild website builder. The members only section does require you as a member to sign up and create your own password to access.

Our membership list is maintained on the members only page of our website. You can also find the voucher for reimbursement, By-Laws, Policies, treasurer reports, newsletters, BOM's and more.

Check it out: <https://mukwonagocrazyquilters.com/>

Crazy Quilter Newsletter

Please feel free to submit information to our monthly newsletter. As a group we decided to limit our business during the meeting, so the newsletter is a way to communicate information to other guild members. The newsletter deadline is 10 days after our monthly meeting, and is sent out 2 weeks after the monthly meeting. Our guild email is monitored by multiple people so it would be helpful to note "newsletter" in the subject line. mukwonagocrazyquilters@gmail.com

CRAZY QUILTER'S GUILD MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2025 The Crazy Quilters Guild, Inc. Minutes of the General Meeting
Mukwonago High School Common Area

At 6:30 pm Tammy B welcomed Patched Lives and Crazy Quilters to a joint meeting. There was one guest, Jan Metrusius.

Joline P. introduced Tim Culhane President of the Waukesha Chapter of Sleep In Heavenly Peace shpbds.org who spoke of their mission to build beds and supply all the essentials for children who are in need. They currently provide between 150 and 200 beds along with bedding, pillows and mattresses. Joline presented a check for \$3500 generated by the Boutique and Silent Auctions during the Quilt Show. Tim said that would purchase a pallet of mattresses and thanked the guild for their generosity.

Jane C showed the last BOM for 2024-25. The Sunflower block featured 3D triangles. Instructions provided with newsletter and all 12 are archived on the website.

Bob introduced Judy Gauthier from Bungalow Quilts in Ripon, WI who presented a program on Scrap Quilts. Judy brought quilts and has a very instructional slide presentation. Books and other supplies were available.

Announcements:

- Pinning- Service pins were presented to Jane Busse, Jean Cruikshank and Kathie Pavin
- Audit- Betty B and Clair P volunteered to audit the books for the end of the fiscal year
- Ad Hoc- Meeting date to be announced
- Membership Dues- Due by July meeting
- Crazy Quilt Progress- We have enough blocks for a banner. Blocks will continue to be collected with the goal of making a quilt.
- Membership Committee presented Thank You flowering plants to Tammy and Karen
- Patched Lives invites members to a Quilt Guild Garage Sale at Tall Pines Retreat, W307 S9159 Hwy EE Mukwonago on July 19 9 am to 4 pm

Show & Tell

- Sue Lerch- Doll quilts she is ruler quilting to be donated an American Girl doll rescue group operating in the North Carolina flood areas
- Jodi G- Mariners Compass block done in Chris Kirsch's class
- Bob I- Riley Blake Baby quilt from kit; UFO "Radiant Suns" quilt finally quilted; Ruler quilted quilt for the Charity committee
- Brooke F- Optical Illusion Anniversary quilt in silver (25th) and black
- Renee- 3D pen cups in 2 sizes. Tell: She bought the kit and later her son asked for 17 Teacher gifts. The smaller ones were done with the scraps.