

Crazy Quilters Stitch 'n Times

President's message

It's hard to believe we are already in the middle of November. Time is passing quickly. At our last meeting it was fun to relive some of our pasts' as we enjoyed reminiscing with Chris Lynn Kirsch who shared the many clothing pieces and quilts that she made in the 70's and 80's.

Just some quick reminders: Our Christmas potluck is December 10th at 6:00 pm. Check out the information from our hostess committee in the newsletter. It would be fun to see some of your many Christmas projects at Show and Tell. Our January School House is coming up in January. We need several volunteers to do short (15 Minute) presentations. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Bob Ignaszak.

As we all gear up for the holidays, we begin by taking time at Thanksgiving to remember and express our gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy every day. We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Chris and Jean

November Newsletter deadline was November 24, 2025

Next Newsletter Deadline: December 22, 2025 - Send to Guild Email :

mukwonagocrazyquilters@gmail.com

Crazy Quilters Guild Meeting Information

Our next guild meeting is December 10th 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.

We are having a potluck and will be starting earlier at 6pm. There is a breakdown for the potluck in this newsletter and it was also sent out in an email Oct 25th

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

PROGRAMS - LOOKING FORWARD

January 14 - Schoolhouse presented by Crazy Quilter Guild Members

February 11 - Native American Quilts - Virtual speaker by Teresa Dureya-Wong

March 11 - What Our Judge Sees by Maribeth Schmidt

April 8 - History of Sewing Machines by Mary Wilke

May 13 - TBA

June 10 - Program to be Chosen by Linda Halpin

July 8 - Summer Party

August 12 - Art Quilting, workshop to be offered by MJ Kinmann

September 9 - Quilting Inspiration On A Road Less Travelled by Kathleen Johnson

October 14 - TBA

November 11 - TBA

December 9 - Holiday Party

Block of the Month

The Block of the Month (BOM) is a Depression Block with HST. You can use 4" (for ease of measuring) versus the stated 3 7/8" since the blocks are trimmed to the correct size.

You will find the pattern on our guild website and attached with the e-mail containing this newsletter. Please contact Jodi with any questions.

Jodi Grzecka
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262-745-7654

2026 MCQ Quilt Challenge

Our Annual Guild Challenge that is displayed during our spring quilt show is a table runner this year.

The piece is to be returned on or before the March 2026 guild meeting. Your piece is to be anonymous so please do not show it to others. Bring it to the meeting in a bag or box so others cannot see who it belongs to.

Guild members at the March meeting will vote on creativity, workmanship, and overall appearance. One entry per person, all guild members are welcome to participate.

Completed piece (including binding) is 18"x40", it must be quilted, have a 4" sleeve for hanging on the 18" side for hanging. Colors are black, white and 1 other fabric.

A detailed copy of the challenge is included with the newsletter and our website.

Questions - please contact Mary P. at 414-915-1589.

Join Us Saturday, February 7th 2026

"Home of the Brave" Quilters is inviting all Guild members to join us on Saturday, February 7, 2026, for the **Quilts of Valor Foundation's National Day of Sewing**. We will be meeting at the American Legion Post 375 in Mukwonago from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM to work on Quilts of Valor tops. \$10.00 will reserve your spot and includes all the necessary fabric, pattern and door prizes. The American Legion Auxiliary has graciously offered to provide our lunch. You only need to bring your machine, thread and willingness to help show our Veterans how appreciated they are!

Reserve your spot now for \$10 with Cat Cusick at December guild meeting.

Catherine (Cat) Cusick
CAQsick18@msn.com
414-430-0618

Walker Bags

As mentioned in the minutes the guild was contacted by BirchRock (Castle) Senior Living Facility regarding sharing quilting activities and ideas as a possible program for their residents. Jean will investigate further. Linda Forester suggested we make walker bags for the residents. Betty B shared the pattern to sew walker bags to be donated to the Birchrock Senior center. Directions were attached to the October newsletter email.



Guild Library

Our guild library contains many books from beginner to expert for any guild member to check out and use. We also have any of the Historian books available for checkout also.

Historian books can be reviewed during meeting breaks also if desired.

A list of our books are on the guild website to review. Any requests or suggestions for the library please pass on to Carol Pilgrim or Cheryl Christenson

Carol & Cheryl

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.

2026 Raffle Information

I am happy to announce that tickets for the Crazy Quilters Guild raffles are here!

I will bring them to the October meeting, or you can contact me to arrange to get them if you will not be at the meeting. Call or text 414-313-4606 or email: jo.a.jacobi@gmail.com

The quilt that will be raffled at the 2026 Quilt Show is a queen-sized log cabin variation called "Eureka!" The pattern was designed by Jackie Robinson, and the committee selected a spring pallet of greens and blues for the quilt. It was long arm quilted in an overall feather pattern. The batting is Dream Bamboo. Thanks go out to the members of the Raffle Quilt Committee for making such a beautiful quilt.



This photo will be included with your tickets listing the quilt dimensions and information. You can download the image from the MCQ website and save it on your phone!

The sewing machine that will be raffled is a Bernina B335 donated by Bigsby's Sewing Center of Elm Grove. For machine information from Bernina USA, please visit [BERNINA 335 Sewing Machine ► A](#)

Beginner's Favourite There will be information included with your tickets to assist in selling to your quilt friends or family.

The tickets are \$1.00 each or the stapled pack of 6 tickets is only \$5.00. I will have envelopes available so you can return the stubs and matching payment at each meeting. Just look for the ticket table and white box. Cash and checks payable to Crazy Quilters Guild, Inc are accepted.

Raffles must follow the rules set by the State of Wisconsin Dept. of Charitable Gaming and USPS which PROHIBIT MAILING raffle tickets. Please abide by this regulation and don't worry about returning the tickets and payment right away. They can be returned to the Raffle table at the Quilt Show in March 2026. I am looking for volunteers to arrange and sell tickets at other Guilds they belong to! Please inquire with your other guild for dates and we can make it happen!

Crazy Quilters will be selling tickets at the Winter Quilt Show at the Washington County Fair Grounds on February 14, 2026, and 3 volunteers will be needed. A ticket to the show is provided to each volunteer.

FYI, Patched Works and Sew 'n Save of Racine sponsored the printing of the tickets. Please support these local businesses and say "Thank you" when you are there.

I hope you are excited to participate in this important guild activity which helps fund other activities and our program budget!

Jo

Call or text 414-313-4606 or email: jo.a.jacobi@gmail.com

Quilt Show 2026

Tammy L has cards for distribution/advertising our annual show in March 2026.

The Middle School where we hold our show will be having construction during our show and parking will be severely limited. Please start to plan for car pooling or drop offs at the school during the days of the quilt show.

Bargain Bin prices will remain the same as last year. Please start gathering your items and price them.

Please mark bargain bin items that are being donated.

Fabric; \$4.00 per yard, \$2.00 for 1/2 yard and fat quarters \$1.00

Gallon size full bags of scraps at \$8.00

The next Quilt Show meeting will be in January 2026

Tammy & Claire

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

- Winter Quilt Show February 14, 2026 9am-4pm. Washington County Fairpark in West Bend. Admission \$10.00
- 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 of anyone that you would like a card sent to, please contact Kathryn Komassa.

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.

Kathryn

HOSTESS COMMITTEE

Our Holiday Party is fast approaching. Below is the breakdown for our dinner.

Appetizers: Allen-Hanley

Salads: Hazelberg-Naber

Desserts: Nelson-Zapfe

And a reminder we start at 6:00 pm!

It was announced at our November meeting by hospitality, that if you brought things to the July Taco night, then you are not being asked to contribute to the December potluck. Punch will be served otherwise bring your own beverage. It was also shared that when you are assigned your monthly meeting to bring refreshments please stay after the meeting to help clean up the food.

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: November no meeting, 12/11

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: December no meeting

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

Contacts: Betty Butenhoff, Mary Raddatz, Barb Shudy or Bonnie Brien

Next Meetings: 12/5

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

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

Next Meetings: 12/1

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: December no meeting

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: 12/9

Quilt Show Committee Meetings first Tuesday September through March. Waukesha State bank in Mukwonago 1160 N. Rochester St. New committee members are welcomed.

Next Meetings: No meeting in December, next meeting will be in January 2026

Featherweight Group: 6:30 pm A group for those interested in featherweight machines. Meet at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 211 Main Street, Mukwonago 53149.

Contact is Maureen Talbert

Next meeting: 2/5,5/7

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

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

Minutes from November 12, 2025 General Meeting at the Mukwonago HS /commons Area

Meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents Jean Cruikshank and Chris Petersen at 6:30 pm
Request to notify the Presidents if you have special documents mentioned in the minutes from the November Board Meeting. See the Members Only page.
Membership Committee: guests tonight included Connie Rahlf, Jill Woelfel and Sue Shimoyama-See. December birthday people were given fat quarters. One new member is Diane Herron. There were 80 members in attendance. Luanne will be checking off items that members share in tonight's Show and Tell so members were asked to announce their name and item completed.

Program: The speaker was Chris Lynne Kirsch.

Block of the Month: Jodi Grzeczka handed out directions for A Depression Block and explained that the directions call for 3 7/8" blocks, but make them 4" HST and they will work. The drawing of the October blocks went to Joyce Jahnke and Jane Busse was awarded 5 blocks for the November BOM.

Hospitality: Bonnie Jensen announced that if you brought things to the July Taco night, then you are not being asked to contribute to the December potluck. Punch will be served otherwise bring your own beverage. She also stated that when you are assigned your monthly meeting to bring refreshments please stay after the meeting to help clean up the food.

Sew You Know: Brenda Richter started off and other members added to this new segment for sharing news and tips:

Use Thread Magic for hand stitching to keep the threads from tangling. Barnhouse Quilts has \$3.00 patterns on-line. A new quilt shop called Stitched opened in Milwaukee. Quilting retreats are being held in Racine. A new fabric shop opened in Watertown. Sew Much More has \$20 kids for making bags. Watch a funny YouTube video called Fat Quarter Girls.

Show 'n Tell:

- Chris Petersen (red and white Santa quilt)
- Jane Busse (table runner called ribbon twist)
- Judy Veigh (2020 UFO Trees)
- Peggy Nelson (wall hanging, table toppers, deer panel, Kaffe sofa quilt, chandelier quilt)
- Karen Erdmann (embroidered wall hanging)
- Julia McKagan (Quilt of valor UFO, a quilt for her sister)
- Mary Breuemmer (3 charity quilts)
- Betty Butenhoff (gift bags, table runner, charity quilt)
- Bob Ignaszak (a cars quilt for a new nephew)
- Cyndee Zapfe (UFO batik quilt)
- Cheryl Christenson (UFO purple art wall hanging)
- Karen Keys (UFO raw edge thread painted birch tree wall hanging)
- Nancy Spindler (UFOs using 1985 fabrics and a baby quilt)
- Dee and Kathy (UFO's identical cardinal table runners)
- Mary Fillingner (UFO cardinal from the 2024 round robin)
- Sally (2 charity quilts finished the quilting and binding)
- Brenda Richter (cross quilt for her new Deacon)

Special Announcements: Bob Ignaszak is looking for 4 members to each lead a 15 minute tutorial at the January Schoolhouse session. Please e-mail him rignaszak@wi.rr.com

Quilt Show Committee: To help clarify the 2026 MCQ Challenge Quilt, Mary Pffeiffer brought samples of fabrics that have black, white or a combination of black and white with any other fabric. Add a hanger on the short (20") side for displaying the table runners at the Quilt Show.

The service project that will be the recipient of a donation is the Patriot Canines of WI.

Entry forms are now on the website. Jo Jacobi asked for volunteer to sell raffle tickets at the Winter Quilt Show at the Washington County Fairgrounds. The date is February 14, 2026.

Baby cradle pads are accepted all year long. Walker bag patterns are available on the website. Linda Forester offered to deliver the donated bags to the Birch Rock Senior Center.

Minutes submitted by Kathie Pavin