

Crazy Quilters Stitch 'n Times

President's message

Hello all,

Hats off once again to a successful show and huge thanks to our amazing committee for all the coordination you have done. Our guild is so fortunate to have such giving members to put the time and effort into this event. Each month we enjoy terrific talent that presents to us. Our program coordinators do equally as wonderful a job in finding us relevant and interesting programs/speakers. As we all know, this does come with a price, and as a direct result of our show, we as members are able to take in and enjoy these quality programs for only our annual membership dues. If you have ever gone elsewhere to participate in a presentation from a national speaker, you know it can cost you as an individual a fair penny, even up to hundreds of dollars. So, yes, we are blessed in our own little guild world to have this golden goose opportunity. Please keep this sentiment in mind next year when the committee is looking for help to run this show and consider it your way to pay it forward for all the talent (and camaraderie) you take in throughout the year.

Well, May's meeting is always a big one. Yep, elections. So we are still seeking nominations, and in particular we have not had anyone be nominated for the position of secretary. The other positions have nominee's but the floor remains open for all positions until just before we make the official vote. The secretary role is a key element of our guild and this position must be filled. I don't know if it has been done by more than one person to reduce the commitment, but if there are any of you who would like to share the responsibility, I'm sure it could be done with the right communication lines. We need someone to step up, please..... If you want to learn more about the role, please reach out to Jo Jacobi or either Tammy or myself (Karen), and we would be happy to fill in the blanks. Also, if a 3 year commitment has you gun shy, don't let that stand in your way. We run our elections on an annual basis. The 3 years is the maximum you can hold a board position before taking a year off. June is the final month of the current board and July we will transition into the new board. As of note, this is when our fiscal year ends and you will be asked to pay your annual dues if you would like to continue your membership!!

Our next board meeting will be on May 7th at 6:30 pm via Zoom. If you would like to attend this meeting, please let me (Karen) know and I will send you the link. We will be voting on the proposed budget. Keep in mind, only board members are now voting members for the budget, but we are always open to your input. I am fairly confident we have cold snowy weather behind us, but we are headed into tornado and storm season. If we should ever have a situation of a warning of imminent and severe tornado outbreaks, we may need to cancel. This is unlikely, but given the importance of everyone's safety, we should always stay vigilant and not expect anyone to be put in jeopardy. Meeting cancellations would go out via email and posted on Facebook.

Enough already!! See you all at the May meeting.

Karen and Tammy

April Newsletter deadline was April 21, 2025

Next Newsletter Deadline: May 26, 2025 - Send to Guild Email: mukwonagocrazyquilters@gmail.com

CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD MEETING INFORMATION

Our next guild meeting is May 14th at Mukwonago High School at 6:30 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 in May is a presentation by Karen Stone.

We will also be having our Guild elections at the May meeting. We are still looking for a nomination for the Secretary position. Any Board position is open for nominations. Terms are 1 year with a maximum of 3 years. Once a board member has served 3 consecutive years they must take a year off before filling another board position.

PROGRAMS - LOOKING FORWARD

May 14 – Karen Stone talk and New York Beauty Workshop

June 11 – Scraps presented by Judy Gauthier (Patched Lives guild co-sponsor)

July 9 – Summer Picnic 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 "Any Orphan Block". After hearing our speaker Joan Cain in March, we are to bring in our orphan blocks of any kind/color to make a finished 12 inch block. Please do not trim the blocks.

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

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

Upcoming Workshop May 14th

As a reminder for those who have signed up. At our April meeting Kristin announced that there were openings yet in the workshop. Please contact her if you are interested.

The Karen Stone New York Beauty workshop is coming up quickly. May might sound far off but time does have a habit of flying.

My email is kristinkulinski@gmail.com

The Location: Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1600 N. Genesee St. Delafield, start time 9:30 am. Anticipate this class to last about 6 hours.

Cost: \$45.00 for the Workshop and \$20.00 for the pattern. Please make your workshop check out to Crazy Quilters, Inc. and for the pattern, please bring cash the day of the workshop to pay Karen Stone directly for the pattern.

You can plan to go out to grab lunch or pack and bring your own from home.

If you have previously reserved a spot for this event, please re-confirm with Kristin via email to her address as listed above. This will be a joint workshop with the Lake Country Quilters. There are 6 spots still available for our group, so if this one is on your bucket list, now is the time to get on board!!

Supply List for New York Beauty / Cinco de Mayo

In class we plan to construct a basic New York Beauty block, and also a more elaborate one with some fun variations. Skills include color placement within the block and overall palette considerations, basic paper-foundation piecing, and curved piecing.

We'll probably also have some fun!

Please bring:

- **Sewing machine** in good working order, equipped with a **quarter-inch foot (no flange)**, and a medium-sized needle (**90/14**). If you already have an open-toe embroidery foot (like the Bernina #20), pop it in your bag.
- **Basic sewing supplies**, including good fabric scissors, and scissors for cutting paper.
- **Freezer paper** (about 15").
- **Travel iron** and **personal ironing board**, if permitted (optional).
- **Rotary cutting supplies**.
- **Wide masking tape** for clean-ups, **cellophane tape** for repairs (both optional but handy).
- **Retractable box cutter** for trimming paper on mat, (optional).
- **Pattern fee of \$10** for pages to work from in class, plus pattern masters for completing the quilt, with permission to photocopy for personal use.
- **Fabric:** The key word to remember is *contrast*, especially between the "spires" and their background. Bring a **minimum of 10-15 fat quarters** (used OK) of fabrics that you want to work with. Try to include a variety of scale & pattern, some that read solid, and maybe an interesting multi-colored print that you love. There are five fabrics in the basic block, and nine in the more complex one.

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.

Crazy Quilters Show Information

Tammy and Claire thanked everyone for their help with the show. As mentioned above in the Presidents message our annual show is what provides our funding for our speakers throughout the year. It takes the many hands of our volunteers to get such a beautiful show. For more details please see the minutes at the end of the newsletter

Any questions please feel free to contact either Claire Prokuda or Tammy Lindner

Congratulations to the Winner of the 2025 Raffles

The drawing for the Quilt and Sewing Machine raffles was done on Sunday, March 30th at 2:45 pm after robust sales during the 36th Annual Show. A small crowd watched the spinning of the drums, and the ticket pull.

Bonnie Brien was the lucky winner of the Stars for A New Day quilt. She was not present at the time of the drawing, so a phone message was left for her to come back and get the quilt!

The drawing for the Baby Lock Jubilant sewing machine was done next and Bonnie Brien's ticket was pulled from the drum! An unprecedented event for one person to win both. Congratulations, Bonnie!



Thanks to all the members of the guild for their efforts to sell tickets and promote our raffles.

Raffle Quilt Committee

The raffle committee is looking for a paid long armer for its 2026 quilt you saw hanging at the show. It will be edge to edge on a 90" x 108" quilt. If interested call Judy Yesko 262-378-8039 or Lucy Kluessendorf 262-226-6267 soon.

Also 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.

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Workshops

- May 10th & 11th Airing of the Quilts 10-4. Admission \$5.00, children under 12 are free. Rock County Historical Society 440 N Jackson St, Janesville WI. www.rchs.uc/event Questions call 608-409-2503 or email kdkquilter@gmail.com
- 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 Carol Pilgrim.

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.

2024Treat Schedule			
JAN	Allen-Bruemmer	JUL	SUMMER PICNIC TBD
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: 4/24, May 15, Jun 26

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: 5/23, 6/26

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

Contacts: Betty Butenhoff, Barb Shudy or Joline Palantino

Next Meetings: 5/9

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: 5/12, 6/23

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: 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19

Wooly Bee's Group 6:00-8:00pm 4th Tuesday of the Month January - October at Mukwonago United Church of Christ S93W30740 County Rd NN, Mukwonago.

Contact is Carol Ann Blank

Next meetings: 4/22, 5/27, 6/24, 7/22, 8/26, 9/23, 10/28

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: 5/13, 6/10

Quilt Show Committee 6:30pm first Tuesday of September through March. Waukesha State Bank, 1160 N. Rochester St. Any guild member can join the committee.

Next Meetings: May 7th show wrap up, All are welcome.

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: May 7 at 6:30

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

April 9, 2025, Minutes of the Crazy Quilters Guild, Inc. General Meeting
Mukwonago High School Common Area

Tammy B welcomed 71 members and 1 guest, Colleen Schneider who was selling raffle tickets for Lighthouse Quilters Guild accompanied by Sue Lerch, a member of both guilds.

PROGRAM: Kristin K introduced Christopher Weinhold who presented Illusion Quilts. He is Penny's brother and an instructor at Quilt-agious. Christopher will teach a class for a minimum of 3 students which can be arranged with the store.

WORKSHOP: Kristin announced there is room in the May 14 Workshop we are holding in partnership with Lake Country Guild, Delafield. The class is Cinco de Mayo, a paper-pieced New York Beauty pattern. Nationally known instructor, Karen K. Stone will provide the paper piecing patterns as part of the \$10 kit. Contact Kristin for the supply list and to be registered.

UPCOMING: In July, we will host a QOV presentation. Cat C will have a sign-up sheet at the May meeting for veterans to be honored with a quilt.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Jane C said the next BOM is called “Any Orphan Block”. 17 Kite blocks were turned in and won by Sue Lerch.

QUILT SHOW: Claire thanked all the volunteers who worked during the year and at the show. Stats: 500 volunteer slots filled; 113 registrants; 271 entries; 931 admissions Day 1 and 308 admissions Day 2 (1239 total). The wrap up meeting will be held Tuesday May 6 at 6:30 pm at Waukesha State Bank. All are welcome.

Tammy L and Clair introduced the theme of the 2026 show “Celebrating America”. Next year show dates are March 28 & 29, 2026. Kudos to Clair and Tammy for all they did this year and a successful show.

NOMINATIONS: The position of Secretary is open and must be filled. The job consists of taking minutes at the guild and board meetings and sending them to the Newsletter. The secretary can be as detailed as they wish when taking minutes.

BOARD/BUDGET MEETING: May 12 at 6:30 pm on Zoom with link available from Karen Keys to determine the Budget for Fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

BUS TRIP: Karen Keys said there is 1 opening due to a cancellation. Contact her.

ICEBREAKER BY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Members were seated by number and during the Icebreaker given time to get to know each other by answering questions. Drawings were won by Debbie Meixner, Bonnie Brien, Karen Erdmann.

LOST & FOUND: Jodi G lost a blue wagon. A 17” square wool matt was lost at the School House in January. Karen will contact the High School to see if they were found and can be claimed.

MISC: Question regarding status of the guild Crazy Quilt was answered that blocks are still being collected so the top can be constructed.

SHOW & TELL:

1. Kathie Pavin—quilt in grey, navy and turquoise from “Simply Half Yards” book and June Tailor tote bag which she improved by adding Bosal interfacing.
2. Brenda—Stars Wall hanging and a Tip: there is a great iron off wax pencil for marking on black or dark wool fabrics. If you are interested in a Block of the Week online, check out Calico Patch Designs to find free patterns from several shops.
3. Bonnie J—Green comfort quilt made with a 5-yard quilt pattern
4. Betty B—Embroidered wall quilt made on her machine with a Designs by JuJu c
5. Kath Holmes—Americana kit she made with kit given to her by Carol P
6. Endowment / Linda F—quilt made by committee consisting of Mary Raddatz, Linda F and Rachael Spear and quilted by Linda Allen as an auction donation to Milwaukee Rescue Mission Gala.

Meeting adjourned before 9 pm so quilters could enjoy some social time.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jo Jacobi, April 18, 2025