

Crazy Quilters Stitch 'n Times

President's message

So, fall has finally arrived and we can now revel in the cooler days. We hope you are enjoying the wonderful colors of fall. November will bring thoughts of the holidays and perhaps a flurry of Christmas projects. We look forward to our November program by Chris Lynn Kirsch, "Gone to the Dark Side" as well as our Christmas celebration (Pot Luck) in December."

We are reviving a former feature at our meetings beginning in November. The "Sew You Know" segment is an opportunity to share tips, techniques, hacks, helpful tools or notions, discovery of new shops or quilt show reviews. No need to notify us ahead of time unless you wish to put something up on the screen.

We hope you are all working hard on your UFOs. Of course, we all know that WIF (works in progress) really means "waiting in piles". Remember to share your bus trip surveys with Karen Keys if you haven't done so. We all look forward to these and we greatly appreciate the work that Karen does in planning the trips.

Our next Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 5th at 2 PM via Zoom. Anyone not on the board who wishes to attend should let Chris and I know and we will send you the link for the meeting. See you in November

Chris and Jean

October Newsletter deadline was October 20, 2025

Next Newsletter Deadline: November 24, 2025 - Send to Guild Email :

mukwonagocrazyquilters@gmail.com

Crazy Quilters Guild Meeting Information

Our next guild meeting is November 12th 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 is called "Gone to the Dark Side" presented by Chris Lynne Kirsch.

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

PROGRAMS - LOOKING FORWARD

December 10 – Christmas Party

January 14 - Schoolhouse presented by Crazy Quilter Guild Members

Block of the Month

The Block of the Month (BOM) is called On the Oregon Trail using fall colors of your choice. This makes a 12 inch block. Permissions were obtained for using the pattern for our BOM.

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
jgrzz@gmail.com
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.

Reimbursement Requests - Nov meeting

I will not be at the November meeting so please turn in any November reimbursement requests to either Chris Petersen or Jean Cruikshank at the meeting and I will take care of them. Remember that Vouchers must be signed by you and by your Committee Chair. (Committee Chairs requesting a reimbursement must have the Voucher signed by an Officer.)

Thank you, Cathy Cusick

Catherine (Cat) Cusick

Save the Date

"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!

More information will follow in January or email Cat Cusick at CAQsick18@msn.com.

Catherine (Cat) Cusick

Operation Save Christmas



Operation Save Christmas is a Community Project at Sew Much More. With the prices of toys increasing with tariffs, we are sewing dolls and animals to give to families in need. If you are able to sew, iron, or stuff items that have been sewn, we need you. Every child should get a toy for Christmas. If you feel comfortable sewing, please bring along your sewing machine. If you are sewing at home and need any patterns, stuffing, or fabric, please let me know. I do have supplies that can be used. Toys could also be purchased if you would like.

We have several dates that we are working at Sew Much More on Operation Save Christmas.

Location: Sew Much More

2140 W St. Paul Avenue Suite L

Waukesha, WI 53188

The dates are:

October 13th 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

November 3rd 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

We are looking at the end of November to have the donations and we will deliver them to the charities the beginning of December.

We may add dates if necessary. If you have any questions, please call Carol Gallagher (414)651-6504.

Please help us give some Christmas Magic to a child.

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 will be attached to the 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

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
- 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

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

	2025Treat 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: 10/30, 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: 10/24, 11/21, 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: 11/14, 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: 11/10, 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: 11/19, 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: 11/11,12/9

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: 11/4 at 6:30pm

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: 11/3,2/5,5/7

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 October 8, 2025 meeting at Mukwonago HS in the Commons Area:

Meeting called to order by Co-Presidents Jean Cruikshank and Chris Petersen at 6:30 pm.

Tonight's meeting included two guests who plan to join the guild: Kathy Brooks and Diane Herron

Presentation the speaker Lois Levenhagen was introduced by Bob Ignaszak. Lois was a substitute for the original speaker planned for October.

Block of the Month Jodi Grzeczka jgrzz@gmail.com BOM chairperson shared the printed copies of a pattern called On the Oregon Trail. The instructions are to sew the block using fall colors: green, brown, black, cream, red or burnt orange, etc. Jodi will update directions from last month's BOM for the newsletter. She decided to wait another month for members to contribute additional blocks before doing a drawing for an October winner.

Membership Denise announced the names of members with October birthdays and asked them to see her for a gift: Linda Allen, Mary Fillinger, Shirlene Hazelberg, Kristin Kulinski, Mary Wick and Candee Zapfe.

Bus Trip Info Karen Keys kkeys8000@gmail.com is planning a bus trip for guild members. She shared what she learned about the Wisconsin Statewide Shop Hop 2026. Karen asked members to complete and return an anonymous survey about various factors concerning the next bus trip. The Ad Hoc Committee has allocated approximately \$150 toward the budget and decisions need be made as to how spend those dollars before June of 2025.

Sew You Know is the name that member Brenda Richter suggested for sharing tips, notions, quilt shops, or quilt shows of interest with the members at future meetings. Time will be added to the November agenda and members are encouraged to send pictures that can be used for creating a power point presentation (optional). Send questions or ideas to Jean Cruikshank jcruikschank68@gmail.com.

Hostess Committee Bonnie Jensen explained that the December 10 menu will be appetizers, salads, and desserts. Read the newsletter to find out what to bring. *If you brought food to the summer taco bar, then you are exempt but are welcome to bring food in December.

Quilt Show Chair Tammy thanked all the volunteers that unloaded the trailer. Sign up will continue using an on-line method. Clarity about Challenge Quilts for members: Tammy from the Quilt Show Committee asked us to read the rules about fabrics. The size requirement is specific also. The rules are on the Members Only page. Questions contact Mary Pfeifer marypfeiffer54@gmail.com or 414-915-1589. We will be able to park at the Greenwald shopping area for the show and they are working on getting a shuttle.

Extra Announcements

- Visit Sew Much More's website to participate in Operation Save Christmas, the contact at the store is Carol Gallagher 414-651-6504 www.sewmuchmorewi.com
- Linda Forster gave details about the charity where the Endowment Committee is making portrait quilts of retired service dogs. The Canine Quilts of Honor quilts will be awarded to the partner of the dog and Linda showed a quilt of Justin during Show 'n Tell.
- Door prize winners were Mary Hess, Sue Kroll and Chris Petersen
- We were 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. Watch the newsletter for a pattern to sew walker bags to be donated to the Birchrock Senior center.

Show 'n Tell

- Jane Busse – fall table runner
- Beth Wesner – UFO a quilt as you go handbag
- Jody Kersman – Tula Pink quilt, a Halloween quilt designed by Kimberbell
- Karen Keys – UFO a wall hanging from Rona the Riviter's workshop, a table runner and a quilt using the BOM she had won at a meeting
- Kat Holmes – Ghost table runner, Halloween panel Steam Hut Hallow
- Linda Forster – a quilt made by Endowment Committee members
- Jean Cruikshank and Jane Craig both shared cream and black background items that included a wall hanging, table runner, and a pillow.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kathie Pavin.