

Crazy Quilters Stitch 'n Times

April President's message

Hello everyone,

Now that the show is behind us, we can put our focus into spring and summer activities. As much as I love spending time in my sewing room, I find it hard to focus on my fiber projects looking out at grass to be mowed and flower beds to be cleaned. So it's a delicate balance. I am seriously thinking once I get my yard work in order, to move one of my machines out to the deck on nice days to enjoy both worlds! Not something I would have considered before retirement. But now that I have time to sew in the day, heck why not enjoy the best of both!!!

Tammy and I, along with key members associated with guild projects have been working hard at making improvements to our organization. Soon you will be enjoying the benefit of a new website with better navigation and most importantly to contain a wider amount of information related to our operations and membership.

We always have a strong focus on programs, and once our new coordinators get in place, we have some exciting ideas to share and to work on for future opportunities like never before. Our new Zoom account is in place. This is a big benefit in so many ways. The use of Zoom will continue to grow with our business element, particularly as we continue to grow as a group. Our Facebook group is now over 500 members strong, and our general membership is 150+. Interesting fact, we had 6 members inquire to join at our last meeting alone. Frankly we are expanding faster than our waistbands will allow, and future discussion will need to be made in our near future once again. Not a bad problem that we are the premiere guild in the area, but it is a bad problem for us to find a meeting location that can support our growth. More on this in time..

We have a workshop scheduled next month. Nice to see so many of you have signed up. Anyone who is not aware and would like to participate, let me know and I'll get you on the list., There's still room for more, and currently we have 19 going from MCQ alone, partnering with Lake County Guild. Fun to share our craft with others in the area. Sassy Farm Chicks will be instructing on the Robin Ruth Mariner's Compass Ruler and completing a project. For those already signed up, watch for your supply list to be coming via email.... That's it for now!!!! Safe and fun travels to all who are headed to Paducah! Hope to see you all at the May meeting....

Karen and Tammy

April Newsletter deadline was April 24, 2023

Next Newsletter Deadline: May 22, 2023 - Send to Guild Email: mukwonagocrazyquilters@gmail.com

CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD MEETING INFORMATION

Our next guild meeting is May 10th Mukwonago High School in Room 42 at 6:30 pm. Room 42 is where we usually meet.

The May meeting speaker is Sassy Chicks. Sassy Chicks will lecture to Crazy Quilters on May 10 and to Lake Country Quilters, May 11 in the morning. As shared in the Presidents message above, at 1:45 pm May 11, they will give a free workshop on use of the Robin Ruth Mariners Compass ruler at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Delafield. You must purchase the ruler/book set at the Guild meeting or at the workshop. Special price is \$45.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

As explained at our April Meeting, we have taken care of the programs for the rest of the calendar year. I will have a listing of the future programs at the May meeting. The only current "question mark" on the agenda is the picnic in July. I am open for suggestions as to what you would like to see/hear/experience this year. I would like you to contact me with any ideas.

Thanks!

Jodi Grzeczka

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Block of the Month/Guild Challenge

The Block of the Month due at the May meeting is Birdhouse. It is made of HST and snowball blocks Mary had the bright rainbow polka dotted common fabric for .25 cents at the April meeting. Directions are posted on our guild website and attached to the newsletter e-mail.

Please be aware that there was a correction to the directions emailed to all guild members April 20th and the corrected directions are attached and on the website. We apologize if you had problems with the construction prior to that.

Any questions please contact Mary Pfeiffer.



2024 Raffle Quilt

Contacts for Raffle Quilt are:

Lucy 262-227-6267

Jo 414-313-4606

Judy 262-378-8030

2023 QUILT SHOW IS A WRAP!

It is only through everyone's combined efforts that our guild is able to put on an annual quilt show. Many thanks go out to all who participated in this effort before, during and after the show weekend. It was wonderful to see new members participating during the pre-show prep and show weekend. And we cannot say thank you enough to the friends and family who helped load and unload, (and load and unload) poles and standards, moved tables, hung quilts, ran for food, and, well, you get the idea. A huge shout out to the Quilt Show Committee members who discussed, debated, and decided the many details before the show. We could not put on the show without your dedication and creativity. THANK YOU.

So how did we do? While we are still waiting on some bills, here are some rough numbers. Attendance over the two days was more than 1400 people. The Bargain Bins made over \$4400. An amazing total and we still had more stuff that was boxed up and taken to the shed for next year. The Boutique brought in over \$2100. A check will be presented to Haase House in Mukwonago in the near future. The Raffle Quilt (show sales only) over \$700, the Raffle Sewing Machine (show sales only) over \$900. In fact, we sold out of sewing machine raffle tickets on Sunday. New this year was viewer voting for a favorite vendor. That went to Sew Many Pieces. We will have more information to share for the next newsletter.

The Quilt Show Committee will have a wrap up meeting Tuesday, May 2, 2023 starting at 6:30 pm at Waukesha State Bank-Mukwonago. Any guild member can join the committee. The 2024 Quilt Show will be March 23 & 24, 2024. The show theme is Medallion Quilts.

Sewing Groups

Thursday night Sew 6:00 pm at Waukesha State Bank in Mukwonago. Bring your own project. Contacts Joline Palantino, Linda Forster. Next meetings: April 20, May 25

Friday night Sew 6:00 pm at Waukesha State Bank in Mukwonago. Bring your own project. Contacts Joline Palantino, Linda Forster. Next meetings: May 19

Charity Quilts One Monday a month at Waukesha State Bank in Mukwonago (time & location can vary). Contacts: Betty Butenhoff, Barb Shudy or Joline Palatino
Next Meetings: May 15 at 11:00 at bank

Endowment at 11:00 am Waukesha State bank in Mukwonago Contacts: Donna Andrews, Jane Busse, Linda Forster, Sue Glueckstein, Cindy Osinski, Joline Palatino, Clare Prokuda, Judy Purdy and Mary Raddatz Next Meeting: May 12

Machine Embroidery 1:00 pm 3rd Wednesday of the month at Waukesha State Bank in Mukwonago. Contact is Tammy Brandt. No meetings in July or December.
Next Meetings: May 17th, June 21st

Wooly Bee's Group 6:00-8:00 pm 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: Apr 25th, May 23rd, June 27th

MCQ Handwork Only Group 10 am – 4 pm 4th Tuesday of the month at Waukesha State Bank. Drop in anytime or stay the full day. Contact is Carol Pilgrim. Next meetings: Apr 25th, May 23rd, Jun 27th.

Quilt Show Committee Tuesday, May 2, 2023 starting at 6:30 pm at Waukesha State Bank-Mukwonago. Any guild member can join the committee. The planning meetings are held at Waukesha State Bank, Mukwonago at 6:30 pm the first Tuesday of September through March. Brooke is going to retire from the Chairman position so anyone interested should contact her. Contact is Brooke Furmanek

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.

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

For April if your last name falls Spear-Veigh it is your month to bring in a snack/treat of your choice. Thank from your Hostesses Jane Busse & Judee Purdy.

2023 Treat Schedule			
JAN	Lamp-Nargis	JUL	Summer Potluck
FEB	Nelson-Prokuda	AUG	Brandt-Czech
MAR	Raddatz-Southgate	SEPT	Dawson-Glueckstein
APR	Spear-Veigh	OCT	Grace-Hughes
MAY	Wall-Zapfe	NOV	Ignaszak-Kutil
JUN	Allen-Booth	DEC	Holiday Party

FYI - Upcoming Quilt Shows and Workshops

- **Surface Quilting Workshop** May 5 & 6 at Sonesta Select Hotel in Brookfield WI. Cost is \$150 for 1 day, \$225 for 2 days. The Great Lakes Professional Machine Quilters association (GLPMQA) is hosting Cathy Franks for a 2 day lecture / drawing style workshop on surface quilting. Cathy is a nationally known quilter and instructor. Although the class is hosted by a long arm guild, the quilting that Cathy is going to teach will translate well to a sit down or domestic machine. She is going to teach 2 classes on backgrounds, a quilting technique that looks like broken glass, quilting for modern quilts, and how to get the most out of your rulers. Contact new member Gwendolyn Roark with questions. steamtrain1003@hotmail.com
- **Sassy Chicks** will lecture to Crazy Quilters on May 10 and to Lake Country Quilters, May 11 in the morning. As shared in the Presidents message above, at 1:45 pm May 11, they will give a **free** workshop on use of the Robin Ruth Mariners Compass ruler at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Delafield. You must purchase the ruler/book set at the Guild meeting or at the workshop. Special price is \$45.
- The Rock Valley Quilters Guild invites you to join us at several special upcoming programs, specifically:
Something New by Sally Manke on May 17, 2023. Sally also offers a 3 **hour workshop** on May, 18-- Landscape Confetti Art Quilt.
 Our meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. at the UAW Hall, 1795 LaFayette, Janesville, 53545.
 Guest fee is \$10 per person. Details re the workshop pending. Feel free to contact me for more information as needed. Thanks! Sandy chucksandrakohls@gmail.com
- **Wisconsin State Fair** Aug 3-13, 2023 quilt entries are due by May 24, quilt drop off June 21, judging June 27 from 10-4 and it is open to the public
- **Waukesha County Fair** July 19-23, 2023
- **2023 EAA Quilt Show** July 27 2023 8-4 Oshkosh Seniors Center South, 200 N Campbell Rd in Oshkosh WI. Free admission & Parking Contact Lynn Mazingo, Chair LynnMazingo@gmail.com (920) 428-6947 **Website:** OshkoshQuilters.org
- **Great Wisconsin Quilt Show**, Sept. 7-9, 2023 in Madison WI
- **2024 Crazy Quilters Show**, Mar 23-24 2024. Show theme is Medallion Quilts

CRAZY QUILTER'S GUILD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of April 12, 2023 Crazy Quilters Guild Meeting

Mukwonago High School, Commons Area

6:30 pm Co-presidents, Karen K and Tammy B welcomed attendees. Karen explained that the presenter was delayed so the order of the meeting would be adjusted.

Show & Tell

1. Bonnie Eales Jensen showed a Pinwheels quilt made with her collection of Christmas red and green fabrics.
2. Kath Holmes showed a blue "Spools" quilt made by her sewing for Vets (VA) group
3. Peggy Nelson showed a wall quilt made with Jen Kingwell's Dalesford pattern found in the book Quilt Recipes
4. Amy Stolowski showed 2 cute drawstring bags made with kits from vendor at Show
5. Mary Wick showed her MSQC "All Stars" layer cake quilt
6. Nancy Gruenewald showed her appliqued flower quilt that had won Best of Show at the 2022 Wisconsin State Fair and the ribbons it won because our presenter is from the State Fair.
7. Jody Kerzman showed her X's & O's baby quilt and her Fronz Design panel quilt
8. Georgia Fay- Radcliffe showed her By Annies Ultimate Travel bag
9. Cindy Zapfe showed her on point Star wall hanging and red & green table runner
10. Carol Pilgrim showed two vintage Cross-stitched kit quilts: brown and tans acorn and oak leaves and green on white floral medallion.

Thanks to the holders and folders. Items were left on the tables for closer look during Break. This was a suggestion from a member.

Mary P showed the new **BOM for April**: Birdhouse block made of HST and snowball blocks. The control fabric is 25 cents per square. See Mary during break. The winner of the Chop Sticks March blocks was Jane Busse who received 34 blocks.

Tammy Brandt welcomed new member Andre Distasio and 5 guests; Kathie Boucher, Mary Jo Gallagher, Barbara Young, Renee Thompson, and Sue Horman to the meeting.

The **Minutes of the March** meeting as printed in the Newsletter were accepted on a motion by Barbara Blessman and second by Pat Stroik.

Brooke Furmanek reported on the success of the **Quilt Show April 1 & 2**.

- Attendance was approximately 1400 with 900 on Saturday and 400 on Sunday. 100 people entered the contest and 243 quilts were hung.
- The Boutique and silent auctions raised approximately \$2100 for our local charity, Haase House.
- The Bargain Bin profits were \$3463 from the Fabric room and \$1008 from Book room.

- The Show profit totals approximately \$13,000 for Guild operations. **If you have any expenses that need to be paid, submit your receipts and vouchers to Maggie Mulroy ASAP.**
- Dates for the 2024 show are March 23 & 24, 2024 with set up on March 22. The theme is Medallion quilts defined as a central motif surrounded by borders.
- The Show Committee is open to all members who wish to join. The planning meetings are held at Waukesha State Bank, Mukwonago at 6:30 pm the first Tuesday of September through March.
- Brooke is going to retire from the Chairman position so anyone interested should contact her.

Program: The speaker was Kristie Jorgenson Kristie.jorgenson@wistatefair.com 414-777-0580 from WI State Fair. Her presentation was about the competitions in the Grand Champion Hall which include quilts, cooking, and flowers. She is Quilt Superintendent, on the Competitive Exhibits, and Display committees. The discussion was lively about entering quilts especially a new requirement for hanging sleeves to match back of quilt, the definition of Amateur status, and lack of space related to displays. She thanked members for their honest opinions and said she will bring these to the attention of her boss, Jill and send updates back to Karen and Tammy. She encourages us to enter and to encourage our Youth to enter.

Important items for entering 2023 State Fair Competitions:

- Exhibit Guild is on-line. Quilts are Division 104 Sections A, B, C with 40 classes
- Entry deadline is May 24, 2023
- Quilt drop off is June 21
- Judging is June 27 from 10 to 4. Open to the public
- Contact her by email or phone with questions or concerns.

Old Business

Bus Trip to Shipshewana, IN end of June has 50 members registered. There are a few more spaces. Email Karen Keys if you wish to go. All deposits are due ASAP.

Nomination Committee reported that they have 2 members who accepted the nomination for VP / Programs, Bob Ignaszak and Kristin Kulinski. LuAnne Pankowski has accepted nomination to the Membership Committee with Chris Petersen. Other officers who are eligible to stay on the Board are staying in those positions. Nominations are open to anyone wishing to self-nominate for an office through April 30th. Election will be at May meeting. If you are unable to attend that meeting, contact the Presidents for an absentee ballot.

Budget & AdHoc Meeting Update. All interested members are welcome to attend the next Board Meeting on April 26 at 6:30 pm when the 2023-24 Budget will be discussed. Committee heads and offices are reminded to submit their budget to Maggie, Karen, or Tammy by April 22. The meeting will be either at the Waukesha State Bank or on Zoom. If interested in attending, email Karen so she can provide Zoom link to you.

-Ad Hoc allocated money must be spent by the end of June, however, please act immediately and send voucher and receipts to Maggie as quickly as possible. 2 items that received Ad Hoc funding are new website and a Zoom Business account.

New Business

Tips and Tricks Debbie Krzyston showed a trick to keep your hand sewing thread clean and untangled. Save your spice jars with the snap lids that have holes, then place the thread in it so the end come out the hole and it caught when you close the lid.

Website Nancy Spindler is working to have a new user-friendly website and hosting service up and running in the next 3 months. Sections will include private password protected Members Only, a public page, pictures, calendar of events, and committee info.

Survey Tammy B. and Karen K will be running a survey at the July to update interests and goals. Please plan to attend the July meeting and Pot Luck. If not attending, they will make it possible to take the survey so you are included.

Resignation of Board Member Karen explained to the membership what happened between them to end rumors. The Weeks Ringle presentation was replaced for April because of a change in the presenter's format. Some other programs were not set up but this problem has been addressed so new Program VP will not be impacted.

Sassy Chicks Presentation and Workshop May 10 and 11, 2023 Sassy Chicks will lecture to Crazy Quilters on May 10 and to Lake Country Quilters, May 11 in the morning. At 1:45 pm May 11, they will give a free workshop on use of the Robin Ruth Mariners Compass ruler at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Delafield. You must purchase the ruler/book set at the Guild meeting or at the workshop. Special price is \$45.

Name Tag Drawing: Winners Judy Veigh and Julia McKagen each received a MSQC wrap dispenser box.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jo Jacobi, April 17, 2023