

Crazy Quilters Stitch 'n Times

President's message

Hello Members!

We are at a pivot point in the year, our guild is so close to our annual show. Seems like a crescendo getting to this point, but really it helps frame our next year's successes through our programs and offerings such as the Charity Group and Endowment to name a few. We are so appreciative of the efforts of the quilt show committee to collectively work on providing us with so much. It's kinda like the great harvest. But as we all know, many hands make light work. With that said, I can't express enough how much your help and participation in the set up, during the show, and take down means to us all. There are lots of positions that take minimal effort, and yes, there are some that take a bit more physicality. If you have enjoyed the monthly presentations, or any of the other wonderful things the guild provides, please sign up for a spot and help this wonderful achievement out. Most positions are only a few hours and there are a number of wonderful members who are present to share their knowledge on the task at hand making it all so easy. I'm looking forward to seeing all the amazing quilts, the vendors are so friendly, and always get a scissors sharpened or two when we have that luxury.

Our upcoming meeting is also the start of another important pivot point. Nominations are needed for our upcoming election in May. If you have interest in any of our board positions, please reach out and the board will be happy to share their expertise with you. We will be needing to fill the following:

President(s)

Secretary

Historian

The positions above have reached the max of their term limit and are not able to remain per our Bylaws. All positions are open for re-election, with that said, the remaining board is also willing to continue in their elected positions.

In addition we will need to fill the Block of the Month position, this is not a board position but such an enjoyable element of our meetings.

Onto yet another pivot point. I love points, LOL!!! Anyway, all sub groups that are responsible for a budget line need to get their budget numbers in order. We will be holding a board meeting to review the proposed amounts, and then we need to reconvene before the end of our fiscal year to approve this budget. Ideally, if you can put your amounts together by sometime in March, we can meet in April for the primary review, and then vote in May. If you are new to this process, please reach out and discuss with either Tammy or myself (Karen).

Onto our final pivot, thanks for everyone's understanding on cancelling the February meeting. It was the right thing to do and I sure hope everyone received the notices timely. We do have spring arriving soon, and hoping it will be one without long lasting snow storms as we have had in the past, once the weather starts to warm, I just want to be outside and enjoy.

See you all at the March meeting!

Karen and Tammy

January Newsletter deadline was February 24, 2025

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

mukwonagocrazyquilters@gmail.com

CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD MEETING INFORMATION

Our next guild meeting is March 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 in March is Orphan Block presented by Joan Cain.

PROGRAMS - LOOKING FORWARD

April 9 – Illusion Quilts presented by Quiltagious

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 Party

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 Potatoe Chip block and the Winter block that was presented in January are both due at the March meeting

Copies are on our website and were sent with the January newsletter.

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

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

Crazy Quilter Guild Challenge

Our guild challenge is due at our March meeting. Please make sure to **PIN** the label to the back of your quilt with the following info: your name, 2025 Guild Challenge "Shades of Color", Name of your Quilt, Name of pattern used. We will be voting for the winner at our meeting on March 12th.

Our guild challenge this year is "Shades of Color".

Requirements:

- 1) One color and use the shades within the color spectrum, if the material has a pattern to it all the colors on that material must fall within the same color spectrum. The number of shades is your choice.
- 2) Finished quilt is to be 30"x30"
- 3) Due at the March 2025 meeting (03/12/2025)
- 4) **PIN** label to back of your quilt with the following info: your name, 2025 Guild Challenge "Shades of Color", Name of your Quilt, Name of pattern used



Please go to the end of newsletter to view larger picture

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.

Crazy Quilters Show Information

Please sign up for **Volunteer Spots** for the quilt show. We have made many assignments with shorter time frames and for this reason, please every member signs up for at least one position, why not two or three. We have many spots open that are sitting positions like Admissions, Raffle Sales, and Appraisals and many more. **It takes a village and we as a group make a small village.** <https://volunteersignup.org/37Q8D> PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY. If you have any computer issues, please contact Barbara Blessman for assistance. 262-441-9791

Every person who is volunteering needs to be on the sign-up. So, if you are bringing a significant other or your teen son or daughter to help, please sign them up on the sign-up. This form provides a lot of data besides who should be where & when.

QUILT ENTRIES are due on or before FEBRUARY 28, 2025. Please complete your entry and mail them in as soon as possible. You can find the form for printing on the [Quilt Show Website](#). Any questions, contact **Brooke** at crazyquiltersquiltshow@gmail.com.

If you are on Facebook (and are willing), please go to our Facebook Guild page, click on the event tab, and **"Share" the invite** on your page. You can also 'invite' your friends to the actual event. Please reach out with questions.

Sign-up for Appraisals (\$60 Written / \$25 Verbal). Contact Jean at crazyquiltersquiltshow@gmail.com with questions.

DUE AT MARCH MEETING:

1. 2025 Guild Challenge Quilts (30x30 finishes) will be viewed, judged, and collected at the March meeting. **We are hoping to see many of you participate.**

2. Twin sheet / pillowcase sets for the donation to "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" program. This will accompany our donation from the Boutique to them for making beds for those who do not have them. Bring to March meeting if you are donating.

3. Please keep selling your **quilt raffle and sewing machine raffle** tickets. Reminder: keep raffle tickets separate from each other as well as the funds collected for sales. Tickets & money **cannot** be mailed in. Contact Jo Jacobi with questions.

4. **Bed Turning:** we need to know who is going to be signing up for Bed Turning Quilts. Theme is finished UFO's. We've received two so far and would like 22 quilts. Please **get in touch with Linda Forster** (c4ster@aol.com) to inform her of your plans. Stories are needed as soon as possible.

5. **Bargain Bin Items** – You may drop them off when you drop your quilt off on Friday. Please don't forget to price your items as follows:

a. Material:

- i. By the Yard: \$4.00
- ii. 1/2 Yard: \$2.00
- iii. Fat Quarters: \$2.00
- iv. Panels: \$5.00

b. Other Pricing: Nothing should be priced under a dollar and all items should be priced in whole dollars amounts.

6. Boutique Items: New Items Needed: Items can be dropped off at ParkView Middle School on Friday, the weekend of the quilt show. Please fairly price your items (whole dollars only). Any item not priced will be priced following similar item pricing.

NOTE: We have several items that are 3-4 years old. These items will be placed on a "1/2 off" sale table. If you donated any items in the past and don't want them sold on the sale table, the items need to be picked up by Friday Night.

Thank you everyone for reading all the way to the bottom!

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

Quilt Appraisals at the Quilt Show

A quilt appraisal is a written statement of value prepared by a certified appraiser offering an unbiased opinion of value along with documentation to support the appraiser's conclusions. The reasons for an appraisal to determine value will vary but may include selling the piece, insuring the quilt, donation of the quilt, determining value of an estate, entering the quilt in a contest, determining value for shipping or just for curiosity.

Written Appraisal for Insurance Purposes \$60.00

Written appraisals for insurance purposes will be offered for antique or vintage pieces that warrant insurance or for newly made pieces, i.e. quilts made in the last 10 to 15 years. The client will receive a completed appraisal in the mail, ready to share with their insurance provider. Written appraisals include a determination of value.

Those desiring to set a fair market value without an appraisal can find comparable sales information on Etsy or EBay. At the appraiser's discretion, information may be offered about a quilt if it is a catalog quilt or foreign import masquerading as something else. The appraiser reserves the privilege of determining whether or not a given quilt will be evaluated.

Verbal Assessment \$25.00

Verbal assessments do not include a determination of value. Verbal appraisals are not available for newly made quilts, i.e. quilts made in the last 15 years. There is no reason to complete a verbal appraisal, as the reason for examining a newly made quilt is almost always to insure it or to set a fair market value....both of which require a written appraisal. If a quilt was made before 1970, qualifying as vintage or antique, and if the appraiser determines that in her opinion, the piece is not worth insuring (or if the owner only wants information and is not interested in insuring the piece), she may decide to proceed with a verbal assessment. The appraiser can conduct a verbal review to provide information about date, care and any other facts that can be determined by examining the quilt. This is most useful if the quilt has an unknown history.. The appraiser can make specific recommendations about repairs on a case by case basis.

Allison Rainboth, an AQS certified appraiser, will be doing our appraisals at the quilt show in March. Appointments may be made for either Saturday or Sunday during show hours by contacting Jean Cruikshank, 262 470-4055, or by emailing Jean at jcruikshank68@gmail.com or crazyquiltersquiltshow@gmail.com . A written appraisal will cost \$60 and a verbal appraiser is \$25. Appraisals can be done on quilts in the show or on quilts brought in by the owner.

2025 Raffle Tickets

The Crazy Quilters Guild is excited to offer chances to their 2025 Raffle Quilt, "Stars for a New Day" pieced and quilted by members of the Raffle Quilt Committee. This quilt was paper-pieced using a pattern designed by Sue Garmen. The classic feel of the design is echoed in the color scheme of blues, reds and tans. The quilt is finished with custom quilting in individual sections with variegated thread.

Chances are also offered to win a new BabyLock Jubilant sewing machine donated for our raffle by Sew Much More, Waukesha WI. The Jubilant features an LCD screen, 80 stitches with 8 drop-in buttonholes, built-in needle threader, quick set drop in bobbin, drop feed for free motion quilting with flat bed and free arm sewing. The MSRP is \$899.99.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or get a pack of 6 for \$5.00 from any member of the guild. We will be offering tickets for sale during the Winter Quilt Show February 8, 2025 at the Washington County Fair Grounds and during the Crazy Quilters 36th Annual Show, March 29 & 30, 2025 at Park View Middle School in Mukwonago, WI.

For question or more information, email mukwonagocrazyquilters@gmail.com

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Workshops

- March 14th & 15th West Suburban Quilter's Guilds show "Color My World With Quilts" at the Waukesha County Expo Center. Admission is \$7.00
- March 29th & 30th. 36th Annual Crazy Quilters Show at Parkview Middle School in Mukwonago Admission \$8.00 daily \$10.00 2 Day Sat 9-4, Sun 10-3 For more details go to the Crazy Quilters website.
- March 29th Spring Fling Quilt Show at Lourdes Academy, 110 N Sawyer St, Door 12, Oshkosh WI 9-4 free parking. More information at OshkoshQuilters.org
- April 5th & 6th Garden Party Quilt Show at the Manitowoc Expo Center, 4921 Expo Drive, Manitowoc 9-3. Admission is \$6.00 by A Patch of Lakeshore Quilters Guild www.patchoflakeshore.com
- April 5th Quilting Inspirations 2025 at Poynette Village Hall 106 S Main St Poynette WI by the Lodi Quilt Guild (LVQG). Cost \$60.00 for non-members.
- April 10th Jennifer Chiaverini will be at the Oconomowoc Public Library. 6:00 pm Registration is required at booksco.com. The event is free.
- 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

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 Sympathy card was sent to Joline Palatino who's son passed.

A Get Well card was to Lucy Klussendorf.

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 6:00 pm at Waukesha State Bank in Mukwonago. Bring your own project.

Contacts Joline Palantino, Linda Forster.

Next meetings: 2/28, 3/6, 4/24

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

Contacts Joline Palantino, Linda Forster.

Next meetings: 2/28, 3/14, 4/6

Charity Quilts 11:00 am Waukesha State Bank in Mukwonago

Contacts: Betty Butenhoff, Barb Shudy or Joline Palatino

Next Meetings: 3/21, 4/11

Endowment 11:00 am Waukesha State bank in Mukwonago

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

Next Meetings: 3/3, 4/7

Machine Embroidery 1:00 pm 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: 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19

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: 2/25, 3/25, 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: 3/11,4/8,5/13,6/10

Quilt Show Committee 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.

Next Meetings: 3/4

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

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.

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

The Crazy Quilters Guild, Inc. February 12, 2025

The meeting was canceled due to a winter storm so there is nothing to report in the Minutes

