

# *Crazy Quilters Stitch 'n Times*

## **President's message**

Here we are almost at the end of summer, having endured the recent difficult weather issues. Our hearts go out to those who have been cleaning out basements and putting their homes back together. Next time we meet school will be back in session and we will be looking forward to fall activities.

At our meeting last week Allison Rainboth gave a great presentation on Ruby McKim a quilt designer and artist. Anyone interested in her embroidery and quilt patterns can go to the McKim Studios website or Etsy. Next months program will be on Wool Applique by Eileen Daniels.

The recipients for the excess budget line-item monies (Ad Hoc funds) have been chosen. They are \$300 for quilt standards, \$100 for speaker for Quilt Show bed turning, \$200 donation to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, \$500 to QOV, \$554 for a potential Shop Hop Day Trip, and \$250 donation to Hope Center. We have also been told that the Hope Center does accept donations of quilts and are particularly anxious to get baby quilts.

The membership committee has issued a challenge to the guild to complete a UFO in the next year. Details can be found in the newsletter.

One last thing, the minutes for all Board meetings will now be published on the website along with general meeting minutes.

See you all in a couple weeks.

Jean and Chris

**July Newsletter deadline was August 25, 2025**

**Next Newsletter Deadline: September 22, 2025 - Send to Guild Email:**  
[mukwonagocrazyquilters@gmail.com](mailto:mukwonagocrazyquilters@gmail.com)

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## **Crazy Quilters Guild Meeting Information**

Our next guild meeting is September 10th 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 Wool Applique presented by Eileen Daniels.

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

### **PROGRAMS - LOOKING FORWARD**

**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

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## Block of the Month

The Block of the Month (BOM) is a snowball floral design. Fabric required is white or beige background, a floral color and a dark purple or black for the center

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

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## UFO Quilt Challenge

We have an UFO challenge from our membership committee. The challenge runs from Sept 10, 2025 thru May 13, 2025 when you bring your finished items to the meeting for Show and Tell.

Items eligible are quilts of any size, quilted goods (placemats, wall hangings, table runners etc) and bags that meet the definition of a quilted top (3 layers).

To participate you must be a member in good standing, make a list of all your works in progress that you want to work on in the next 8 months and turn in the attached filled in worksheet no later than the Sept 10th meeting to LuAnne or Denise. Make sure to keep a copy of your worksheet for yourself!

There will be 3 different levels of prizes from \$30-\$50 for finishing 3-5 or more items.

Please see attached details in the e-mail

LuAnne Pankowski  
Denise Slawny

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## Thank You notes from the Food Pantry & Quilts of Valor Recipient

A separate email was sent out this month with thank you messages from the food pantry and a QOV recipient. Our generosity is greatly appreciated!

I have also included the printed messages in our Historian book for 2025 that is in the library cart and can be checked out if desired.

Cheryl

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## **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.

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## **Raffle Quilt Committee**

If anyone is interested in joining the raffle committee we met July 18th 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 raffle quilt.

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## **Patched Lives Bus Trip**

Our guild is planning on booking a bus for a quilt shop hop on Saturday October 4th. Visiting Olive Juice Quilts, Quilt Peddler, and Quilt Basket N Creations.

We're short on attendees, and we're looking for some extra bodies. Would you like to come join us?

Cost is \$100/person which includes the bus ride and a Panera box lunch.

Anyone interested should contact Susan Schlobohm at [Susanbooster@gmail.com](mailto:Susanbooster@gmail.com) She will then forward the waiver and deposit info to that person

Deadline for registering and deposit of \$30 to hold a spot is September 4

Thanks Lisa

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## **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.

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## Upcoming Quilt Shows and Workshops

- 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](http://southportquilters.net)
- September 27th Splashes of Color at Sheboygan Lutheran High School 9-4. Sheboygan County Quilters Guild <https://www.sheboyganquiltersguild.org/show>
- Oct 17-18 held by the Chequamegon Bay Quilters 10-4. It is at the St Louis School 713 Washington Ave Washburn WI. website [www.chequamegonbayquilters.weebly.com](http://www.chequamegonbayquilters.weebly.com), email [Chequamegonbayquilters@yahoo.com](mailto:Chequamegonbayquilters@yahoo.com), or on Facebook chequamegonbayquilters
- Mar 28th & 29th Celebrating America Crazy Quilters 37th Annual Quilt Show. Parkview Middle School in Mukwonago.

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## 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.

A Thinking of You card was sent to Sandra Blott

A Get Well card was sent to Barb Smokowicz

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

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## HOSTESS COMMITTEE

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

| 2024Treat Schedule |                   |             |                     |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| <b>JAN</b>         | Allen-Bruemmer    | <b>JUL</b>  | Taco Bar            |
| <b>FEB</b>         | Busse-Doubek      | <b>AUG</b>  | Moore-Prey          |
| <b>MAR</b>         | Erdmann-Gruenwald | <b>SEPT</b> | Prokuda-Skudlarczyk |
| <b>APR</b>         | Grzecka-Jahnke    | <b>OCT</b>  | Slawny-Tauchen      |
| <b>MAY</b>         | Jensen-Kucharski  | <b>NOV</b>  | Thomas-Zapfe        |
| <b>JUN</b>         | Kulinski-Merklein | <b>DEC</b>  | HOLIDAY PARTY       |

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## 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: 9/18, 10/30

**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: 9/26, 10/24

**Charity Quilts** 10:00am Betty's House

Contacts: Betty Butenhoff, Barb Shudy or Joline Palantino

Next Meetings: 9/5, 10/3

**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: 9/22, 10/6

**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: 9/17, 10/15, 11/19

**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: 9/9,10/14,11/11,12/9

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

Next Meetings: 9/2 6:30

**Featherweight Group:** 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:

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## 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](mailto: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.

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### 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/>

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### 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](mailto:mukwonagocrazyquilters@gmail.com)

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## CRAZY QUILTER'S GUILD MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2025, Minutes of the Crazy Quilters Guild, Inc. Meeting  
Mukwonago High School Commons Area

The meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents, Chris and Jean who welcomed members and guests. The guests were Emily Spindler, Beth Frerichs, Diane Herron, and Wendy Lee.

**BOM:** Jodi G showed a Pansey flower block. Instructions provided for 12" finished block.

**Program:** Allison Rainboth presented "Ruby McKim, an Artist and Quilter". She brought vintage quilts done using McKim patterns. More information, books and patterns by Ruby are available at [McKimStudios.com](http://McKimStudios.com)

#### **Membership Activity:**

- UFO Quilt Challenge will begin in September and end in May. List your 5 WIP/UFOs on the challenge form which is due at the September meeting. In May, the finished pieces are to be shown, and Cash Prizes will be awarded.
- Membership will celebrate members' birthdays with a gift of a Fat Quarter during their birthday month.

## Show & Tell

- Debbie Huber (State Fair winning Sampler quilt and Mini)
- Laura Roney (tote bag and apron)
- Judy Yesko (art quilt inspired by picture)
- Jody Kerzman (State Fair 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner: BOM quilt)
- Betty B (In The Hoop projects: monkey softie & inspirational mini's)
- Karen Keys (Quilt using Cabin panel and 2 charity quilts)
- Karen Erdmann (Table runner done with Embroidery machine)
- Sue Giese (Tee shirt quilt)
- Sue Glueckstein (Winning items at Waukesha State Fair: 3D Nativity set; crazy birds applique on tote, Wool applique hexi wall quilt)
- Nancy & Emily Spindler (dress; messenger bag purse done by Emily; Felted card and scrap quilt by Nancy)
- Endowment Group (Bee panel quilt; RWB "Nine Sisters pattern star quilt for Veterans group)
- Carol Pilgrim ( Bible History embroidered vintage quilt, pattern by Ruby McKim; Summer Coverlet made in Georgia that goes by several names: Circle Saw, Rising Sun, Wheel of Life, Wheel of Fortune. Quilt was auctioned at Quilters Hall of Fame which Carol attended.)

## Announcements:

### Quilt Show Committee:

- The committee is resuming monthly meetings at Waukesha State Bank on the first Tuesday at 6:30 pm. starting September 2.
- Anyone interested in helping plan the show is encouraged to attend.
- SOS Call: Help will be needed to unload poles and standards from Jolene's trailer and move them into the storage locker. Watch for the message and help if you can.

### Ad Hoc Committee Selections:

- \$300 to purchase Poles and Standards from It's A Stitch Guild
- \$100 to hire Bed Turning Speaker
- \$200 donation to Mount Olive Church for use of the facilities
- \$500 donation to Quilts of Valor
- \$250 donation to Hope Center in Waukesha
- \$554 for Bus Day Trip during 2026 Shop Hop
- \$1904 Total

**Final Audit of 2024-25 books** has been postponed with Board approval.

**QOV:** Blocks were given to Cat and Alice or can be returned to Quilt-agious.

**October Program Change:** Lois Levenhagen from Beaver Dam will speak about her career including time at Nancy's Notions and sewing for the UW Badger Marching Band.

**Lutherdale Retreat:** Retreat will be April 29 – May 3, 2026. Contact [Lutherdale.org](http://Lutherdale.org) to make your reservation.

**State Fair Award:** Linda Forster presented Debbie Huber with check for winning the Workmanship Award at the Wisconsin State Fair. Congratulations, Debbie!

**BOM Drawing:** Karen Keys won 14 HST blocks

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be September 10, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Jo Jacobi for Kathie Pavin, Secretary August 19, 2025