

Crazy Quilters Stitch 'n Times

President's message

From Jean and I hope you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year. If you are traveling be safe. See you in January for a fun school house. Thanks to the hostess committee and everyone that helped to make our December meeting a wonderful evening.

Chris & Jean

December Newsletter deadline was December 22, 2025

Next Newsletter Deadline: January 26, 2025 - Send to Guild Email :

mukwonagocrazyquilters@gmail.com

Crazy Quilters Guild Meeting Information

Our next guild meeting is January 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.

The January meeting is our annual Schoolhouse with short presentations from our own talented guild members. Hope to see you all there!

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

PROGRAMS - LOOKING FORWARD

February 11 - Native American Quilts - Virtual speaker by Teresa Dureya-Wong

March 11 - What Our Judge Sees by Maribeth Schmidt

April 8 - History of Sewing Machines by Mary Wilke

May 13 - TBA

June 10 - Program to be Chosen by Linda Halpin

July 8 - Summer Party

August 12 - Art Quilting, workshop to be offered by MJ Kinmann

September 9 - Quilting Inspiration On A Road Less Travelled by Kathleen Johnson

October 14 - TBA

November 11 -TBA

December 9 - Holiday Party

Block of the Month

The Block of the Month (BOM) is the Tilting 4 patch. Sue provided some additional directions for us.

Cut two rectangles 10.5 inches by 4 inches. Err on the larger size if you're unsure. WITH BOTH RECTANGLES RIGHT SIDE UP, and the long edge at the top and bottom, cut from the upper left corner to the lower right corner, as per the illustration on the pattern.

Mark the halfway point of the CUT EDGE of the triangle. Match that point to the halfway point of the center four patch and sew with a quarter inch seam. The short edge of the triangle will not necessarily line up with the edge of the four patch, but will slant outward slightly, THAT'S OK!

If it helps you align the triangle, tilt your center four patch down to the right before you pin and sew.

The goal is to have the straight edge of the triangle end up on the outside of the block and the 'bias' edge be sewn to the center square.

If in doubt, use the template for the direction of the cut. If you're printing the template page, make sure your printer is set to "no scaling" and that the 1" test square is exactly one inch.

I hope this helps everyone make this block.

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

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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.

Thank You

We received a thank you note from Second Indianhead Division for a donation of a king size quilt. They sent a very nice note with details of the things they do and their appreciation for the quilt. I've included a scanned copy of the thank you note in PDF form as an attachment with this newsletter

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

The next Quilt Show meeting will be in January 2026

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 February 14, 2026 9am-4pm. Washington County Fairpark in West Bend. Admission \$10.00
- 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.

A get well card was sent to Alice Johnson.

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 2026 schedule is as noted below.

	2025 Treat 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: 1/22

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: 1/9

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: 1/9

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: 1/12

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: 1/25

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: 1/13

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: 1/6

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: 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 December 10, 2025 General Meeting at the Mukwonago HS/Commons Area

Meeting was called to order by Chris Petersen at 6:00 pm.

Block of the Month

Susan Slottke explained the handout is only page 1 for Tilting Four Patch. Directions are on a website at www.quiltercache.com. Please refer to the handout for directions page 1 and reference the website for pages 2 and 3. The BOM winner tonight went home with 13 blocks: Jane Craig

Hospitality Committee: Bonnie Jensen gave a blessing and called tables forward to the Potluck dinner. This included 3 wonderful tables: one for a punch, one for savory, and one with desserts.

Membership: Denise and Luanne asked that members with November birthdays see her for a fat quarter birthday gift.

November birthdays included Kathie Pavin, Jane Busse, Debbie Huber, Nancy Kucharski, Brenda Richter, Jean Cruikshank and Karen Erdmann.

Program: Bonnie Jensen explained each quilts' background during the Christmas Quilt bed turning program. Contributors included Julia McKagan, Bob Ignaszak, Bonnie Jensen, Helen Best and Diane Mehring.

Special Announcement: Karen Keys and Tammy Brandt showed the Crazy Quilt/Banner made by members. It was discussed how we can continue to share crazy quilt blocks, make additional quilts and raffle the quilts in the future.

Show 'n Tell:

- Cheryl (gift bags, Music Gives Voice and ruler work from her UFO list)
- Mary Hess (bags, runner, table topper, Jack the Ripper wall hanging)
- Judy Veigh (a scrappy quilt)
- Sue Lerch (2 star quilt -1 from a group effort, 1 she did for herself by herself)
- Jody Kersman (lion baby quilt)
- Dee Hanley (Declaration of Independence panel, baby quilt, Christmas towels)
- Sue (applique Christmas words quilt)
- Karen Keys (Halloween wall hanging, embroidered 3rd birthday flower quilt)
- Jane Craig (gift bags, small bag ornaments)

Additional Announcements:

- Bob needs 3 additional presenters for our January Schoolhouse program (15-20 mins)
- Members approved an idea for a program in the Fall of 2026. Mary Pfeifer and Bob presented an idea for quilters to share the BOM blocks that inspired them to complete a project. Any BOM from the past can be involved in this program even if you didn't win any! Bring something made from one of the patterns!