

Crazy Quilters Stitch 'n Times

March is finally here and the quilt show is around the corner - what we've been planning for and anxiously anticipating since we learned of the early date wondering how that will affect the outcome. I believe that our show's reputation will stand out among the other options that weekend. I've seen some early numbers and the change in date hasn't diminished the quantity of quilt entries! Not to sound corny but WE HAVE BUILT IT AND THEY WILL COME. All there is left to do is put on the kind of show the extended quilting community has come to expect and enjoy when they make their way to Mukwonago.

Joline and I want to thank the quilt show committee members for their time and commitment during the year of planning and organizing. Don't forget about the opportunities to get involved ~ there are openings in the raffle quilt ticket sales as well as the raffle quilt planning and design. We welcome guild member Nancy HORWATH to the board as historian which was a vacant position.

May our corners be square and our bindings be done (I will be pinning my sleeves down to save time)

See you on Quilt Show set up day ~ Friday March 9th!

Amy Stolowski

Why Do Quilts Cost So Much?

Costs for materials, construction, & finishing for a 65" x 65" Throw Quilt.

Materials for throw quilt:

Fabric for the top:

6 yds @ \$11 yd = \$66

5 yds Backing @ \$13 = \$65

2 yds of Batting @ \$11 = \$22

5/8 yd for Binding @ \$11 = \$6.88

TOTAL Cost of Materials = \$159.88

Construction:

(Labor based on \$10/hr)

Making the top:

(Includes preparing the fabric, cutting the pieces, sewing the blocks, setting into rows, adding borders)

50 hours x \$10/hr = \$500

Assembling the Quilt Sandwich:

3 hours @ \$10/hr = \$30

Quilting on Domestic Machine:

(Charged by square inch in a simple all over design)

4225 si x \$.015 = \$63.38

Thread for Quilting - \$15

TOTAL Cost for Construction = \$768.26

Finishing:

Making the Binding:

2 hours x \$10 = \$20

Attaching the binding:

10 hours x \$10 = \$100

TOTAL Finishing costs = \$120

TOTAL COST OF QUILT = \$888.26

Note: A larger quilt, a more intricate pattern, a more elaborate quilting design will cause the price to increase.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Due MARCH Meeting

Crazy Quilters Block of the Month – for March 2018

For this block exchange use:

Off White, Cream, Ivory, Eggshell etc. (Background):
(lime-ish, bright, happy):

(2) 2½" squares

squares



Green

(2) 2½"

1. Sew a 2½" Background and Green square together. Make 2.

2. Sew the Step 1 units together, alternating colors.

Your four-patch should measure 4½" x 4½".

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/GUILD MEETING DATES

2018 Programs

January 10 – School House.

Jo Jacobi	FMQ with Rulers and Templates
Gail Lamp	AccuQuilt Cutter
Julia McKagan	Pineapple Ruler
Grace Marko	Mitered Borders
Amy Stolowski	Piping/Flange binding
Nancy Horwath	Designing your Quilt Studio

February 14 – Caroline Knox, T-Shirt Quilts

March 14 – Deanne Eisenman, Snuggles Quilts, Wool

March 15 – Wool Workshop, Delightful Seasons Wool Applique

April 11 – Beth Rosene & Carol Keller of Quilter's Garden

"A Visit from Aunt Sewzie"

May 9 – Marilyn Foreman - Kaleidoscope of Quilts - Rotate & Create!

June 13 – TBA

July 11 – Summer Pot Luck

August 8– Patricia Simons, Quilter's Rule

September 12 – Amy Walsh, Color/Quilting

October 10 - Linda Halpin Lecture

October 11 – Linda Halpin Workshop

November 14 – TBA

December 12 – Christmas Party Potluck

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEST SUBURBAN QUILT SHOW

March 8-10, 2018 9am-4pm

Waukesha Expo Center, 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI

<http://wsqg.net/quilt-show/>

AUGUSTA QUILT SHOW

March 9-10, 2018

Augusta Senior & Community Center
616 W Washington St, Augusta WI

Fri: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm & Sat: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

CRAZY QUILTERS BUS TRIP TO ROSEMONT QUILT FESTIVAL

April 14, 2018, ~8:30am-7:30pm

The guild is once again sponsoring a trip to the Chicago Quilt Festival held at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois. The trip will be Saturday, April 14, 2018. Details are being finalized but we will leave at approximately 8:30 am and return at approximately 7:30 pm.

KALONA QUILT SHOW & SALE 2018

April 26-28, 2018

Thurs. April 26 "Evening Only" 5 - 8 pm

Fri. April 27 9 am - 7 pm

Sat. April 28 9 am - 5 pm

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2018 CRAZY QUILTERS RETREATS

Crazy Quilter's Retreats are held twice a year:

Spring date is: **May 18th - 21st, 2018**

Fall date is: **September 14th - 17th, 2018.**

The retreats are held at the Pilgrim Center on Green Lake, right outside of Ripon, Wisconsin. All meals are included in the price for retreat. January's newsletter will have the cost. If you have questions or want to sign up please contact Kathy Fabisiak.

MCQ GUILD SUMMER TRIP

June 1-3, 2018

Rowley's Bay Resort: Telephone # 1-800-999-2466

www.rowleysbayresort.com

Contact Karen Keys or Diane Mehring with questions

CRAZY QUILTERS STITCH 'N PITCH NIGHT

See Amy STOLOWSKI for your ticket for the Brewers vs Cubs STITCH & PITCH game

Date: Monday June 11th, 2018

Cost: \$42 which includes the Tailgate (food and water), game ticket and commemorative Bobble head.

Meeting time for tailgate to be determined closer to event {game starts at 6:30pm}

20 tickets have been pre-purchased in section 207, rows 4, 5 & 6

See Amy STOLOWSKI with any additional questions or to sign up!

MCQ SPRING RETREAT MAY 18-21, 2018

Hi Ladies, here comes another fun year for the Crazy Quilter Retreaters.. The new floor should be ready for us in our sewing area.

I am already thinking about what I can take to work on! I am sure that after our quilt show there will be more ideas running in my head.

Shop hopping is my favorite thing to do on the way up to Ripon and beautiful Green Lake.

Our Spring Retreat dates are May 18th - 21st, 2018. Cost is \$232.75 - make checks payable to Crazy Quilter's Guild, Inc.

If you haven't signed up please contact Kathy Fabisiak

WOOL WORKSHOP Thursday, March 15th 9 am to 4 pm

NEW LOCATION: Sew Much More (Frank's Sewing Center) Fox Run, Waukesha

Doors open at 8:30 am

There will be an hour lunch break. Bring your own or step out for lunch. A refrigerator will be available. Bottled water will be supplied.

Please have your homework finished by class time. Remember, we are stitching the "Spring" version of Delightful Seasons.

Kits will be handed out the day of the workshop.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Keys or Diane Mehring

GROUP SEWING DATES

For more information on the **Group Sewing** dates, please contact Linda Forster or Joline Palatino. For more information on the **Embroidery Sew**, contact Tammy Brandt. For more information on the newly created Woolie Group, please contact Karen Keys. All dates are held at the Waukesha State Bank in Mukwonago.

We always need help at charity and endowment sew. Bring basic sewing supplies and a sewing machine. Fri. night and Thur. night bring your own items to work on. Get to know your fellow guild members, lots of fun and learn new tricks!

Thursday night sew 6:00 p.m. Mar 29, Apr 12

Endowment sew 1:30 p.m. Mar 16, Apr 6

Friday night sew 6:00 p.m. Mar 23, Apr 27

Charity sew 11:00 a.m. Mar 19, Apr 9

Woolie Group 6:30 p.m. **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

WHEELCHAIR QUILTS FOR VETS

At the last meeting I collected 5 more ...Thank You!!! As I said in last months article it was a good feeling to hand those I had out. Again 36 x 36 no larger than 40 x 40. The red white and blue ones went fast but they also liked the sports. Thank you everyone for the quilts and looking forward to handing more out in the future months.

Carol Ann Blank

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

I am always looking for new ideas, interesting patterns, and unique fabrics and find that online resources are plentiful when it comes to quilting. If you have one (or more) you'd like to share with the group, please send it to me at lpankowski@wi.rr.com and I'll include it in future newsletters!

<http://www.mukwonagocrazyquilters.com> – Our GUILD website. Be sure to mark this one as a favorite!

CHARITY QUILTS

HELP WITH STASH REDUCTION!!!

We will accept fabric donations from our members' stash. The fabric must meet the following criteria:

- MUST be 100% cotton
- MUST be of usable size – no scraps

Kits are made up and can be picked up at any of our meetings, or you can call Betty, Bonnie, Barb, or Linda to arrange for pick up. The kits are 'complete'. They contain precut strips, borders where required, binding, backing and batting. There are a limited number of kits available with previously completed tops that just need borders, or layering and quilting (bindings & batting are included in those kits).

Betty Butenhoff
Bonnie Brien
Barb Shudy

LIBRARY

If someone has a request for something special please let Cheryl Christenson or Carol Pilgrim know what book(s) you would like to see the library purchase. If you have a particular book you'd like to order for yourself this can be done at that time also. An updated list has been provided on our website.

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 Mary Kroll.

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

REMINDER: Please call the hostesses to see if there is a need for ice, soda, paper plates, napkins, plastic forks, spoons, or knives. We would appreciate you being there at 6:00 to help move tables and chairs and set up the room for the speaker. We would like you to stay a little after the meeting to put the room back in order, also. Please check with the presidents to see what room configuration is needed for the night. Thank you.

NAMETAGS: Wear your Nametag for a chance to win a door prize at our monthly meetings. If you wear your nametag, put your name in the bucket for the drawing at the end of the meeting. Members donating needed items are able to put their name in a second time.

SNACKS: Please consider bringing some non-sweet snacks and have the snacks cut in serving sizes and remember to bring serving utensils with them.

2018 Treat Schedule			
MAR	Forster - Hazelberg	SEP	Schilz – Stevens
APR	Hedstrom – Keys	OCT	Stolowski – Van Thorre
MAY	Kippers – Leow	NOV	Veigh - Yun
JUNE	Lightfield – Osinski	DEC	POT LUCK
JULY	POT LUCK		
AUG	Otto – Rutkowski		

Crazy Quilter Guild Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Grace Marko asked the membership to turn in the Phone Challenge quilts to hang them before the presentation.

Speaker: Caroline Knox – T-Shirt Quilts

President's announcements:

- See Grace for ballots to vote for Phone Challenge quilts
- See Brooke Furmanek to sign up to volunteer at the MCQQuilt Show.
- Diane Mehring is collecting payments for the wool workshop.

Break

General meeting:

- Row by row and round robin were exchanged. Next exchange will be in April.
- Correction to the Newsletter in Minutes: Board member should read Carol Ann Blank instead of Carol Pilgrim.
- A few Board positions will need to be filled before July. Interested members need to contact Amy Stolowski or Joline Palatino.
- If you are interested in doing a technique demonstration during the Quilt Show contact Brooke Furmanek as soon as possible.
- Cindy Osinski reminded everyone that the deadline for quilt entries is February 28. There are 70 entries as of today.
- Julia McKagan is in charge of Friday night's dinner prior to the show. Tammy Brandt volunteered to help with the water for the workers during the show.
- Diane Mehring reminded those members interested in the Door County weekend (June 1-3) to make reservations by March 1st to secure a room. Also, she will be sending an email to those who signed up for the wool workshop when the date gets closer.
- Board members have a meeting scheduled tomorrow at 6:30 pm at the Waukesha State Bank. Also, Friday night sew is this Friday at the Bank as well.

–Amy Stolowski has 20 tickets for the Stitch and Pitch section 207 at the Brewers vs. Cubs game on Monday, June 11. The ticket price includes a bobble head.

Barbara Smokowicz, Cheryl Christensen, Debbie Huber, Grace Marko and Karen Moore won a Valentine's Day special drawing. Each winner received a fabric bundle. Thank you Karen Keys and Diane Mehring for planning this surprise, and for the treats for everyone.

Guest: new member Ashley brought her 2 months old baby boy named Frederick. He was born on December 17, 2017, just a few days after our December meeting. Congratulations Ashley!

Alexander Graham Bell Phone Challenge: There were 18 entries, although 46 people signed up. Please, finish your quilts so they can be displayed at the show. All of the entries received votes and the winners are: Eileen Naber- 3rd place, Lucy Klussendorf- 2nd place, and Christina Yun- 1st place. Congratulations! Bring your quilts to the Quilt Show on Friday the 9th so they can be displayed on a special exhibit. Remember to include a card with the thread color and your story.

Block of the Month winners: Pat Wood, Edna Stevens and Mary Pfeifer. See Newsletter for instruction for next month's block.

Name tag drawing winner: Karen Moore

Show and Tell

Last minute announcements:

-There will be a raffle committee meeting at Lucy's house on February 19.

–Community outreach will make lap to twin size quilts for the 15 Tiny Houses in Racine. Sewing of the quilts will be once a month on a Monday TBA.

–Chris Petersen will make welcome packets for those members who did not receive one when they joined the Guild.

– We need items for the Boutique at the show. Proceeds will benefit the Life Striders.

–Bring your unsold raffle tickets to the show.

See the Newsletter for other details and information.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

CQ Mission:

"The Crazy Quilters' guild was formed in November 1985 by eight members and the first quilt show was held in April 1988". The main purposes of our guild are "...to enrich this love of quilting by providing for a means of sharing our quilting experiences with one another" & "to promote to the community quilting as an art form and as an important part of American history."

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