

Wayside Quilters

Newsletter ~ November, 2019

Our Next General Meeting
Monday, Dec 2 @ 7:00 pm
Grange Hall, Sudbury Town Center
(Park behind the Town Hall)

December 2 Program

Wayside Quilters Fun For All Holiday PotLuck
Winter Solstice Party December 2, 7pm

Please bring:

- food to share - preferably finger food such as an appetizer, salad or dessert
- a plate and silverware.....we are going green again
- two fabulous fat quarters, gift-wrapped together in one package
- show and tell
- \$ for a raffle gift basket (2 chances for \$1)

We'll have a fun "get-to-know-each-other" game while enjoying your meal!

We'll bring the glasses and sparkling drinks.
Any questions, call Josée, Jill, Tica or Jane.
Don't miss out on the fun....See you there!

Notes from our November 9th Outreach Sewing Day

Thank you to all who came! A record attendance of close to 20 women came to sew, sandwich and complete charity quilts. The day flew with the creativity, continuous consulting and working together.

Many who came for the first time remarked on how much they learned and were inspired. For those of us regulars, it was as always a lot of fun and productive. We plan to bring the completed quilts to the December meeting for show and tell, so be prepared to be impressed!

Lu Linda and Susan

Need a Ride? Want to Carpool?

Members help members get to meetings! The following people have said they are happy to carpool. Please see your member list for contact information.

Marlborough - Pat Lukens
Sudbury - Tricia Crockett

Pin Pal Monthly

Don't forget to bring your pinwheel blocks to the November 4th Guild Meeting. The color for **December is Blue** - Oct/orange, Nov/gray. With the collection of pinwheels - start creating!

Jill Cochrane

New Member Guide and Member list:

Attached to this December newsletter email is our 2019/2020 Member Guide and list of Members. These items have been designed so that you can easily print them out on your home computer. Please thank Devin Bell when you see her for doing such a great job on the design of these helpful information pieces!

Sew Happy Hours Change

Regular attendees at Sew Happy have voted to change the hours slightly. It will now be 10:30 to 2 on the third Saturday of the month (unless otherwise noted). Yes, we are planning to hold a Sew Happy on Dec. 21. I will send out an RSVP the day before to check if anyone is planning to attend. - *Tricia Crockett*

A Classic is Closing - So Sad!

Keepsake Quilting, Center Harbor, NH is closing - Sales are worth checking out. They will still have a presence online, catalog etc.

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What are Guild Members working on?

Michele MacDonald:

I just started Angela Waters' Build-A-Quilt. "Seems like a variation on Block of the Month, there is more flexibility in the final layout".

Have you heard about ...

[Welcome to the Holiday Hangover Pouch Swap!](#)
International or national swapping of a pouch and goodies on January 10.

Let us know what you are working on in next month's newsletter - send an email to mmacdonald354@gmail.com

Thursday Garden Club of Sudbury Art A Bloom

The Thursday Garden Club of Sudbury needs your help. We are having an Art in Bloom event for our biennial fundraiser in April 2020. This event involves our members creating floral arrangements inspired by a variety of works of art. The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston has a very popular Art in Bloom event every spring, when 50 garden clubs are each assigned a piece of art and they create a floral arrangement inspired by the art.

We are doing a smaller event at the local level. We are soliciting art from local groups like schools, the art association, and hopefully, our quilt guild! We are hoping to have 5 quilts to pair with floral arrangements. The quilts should be smaller in size (wall hanging or lap size) and in spring colors. They do not have to be floral or a garden theme. That is part of the challenge! The event will take place on April 3 and 4th (Friday and Saturday) with set up on the 2nd at the Presbyterian Church and the Grange in Sudbury Town Center. The ticket price is to be determined.

If you are interested in having one of your quilts on display for this event, please let me know. I

will need a picture of the quilt by March so the floral designer will have something to use for inspiration. We will need the actual quilt for display from April 2-4, and then it can be returned to you. I think it would be nice to have a flyer or poster describing the guild to let the public know about all the good work we do as well.

Thanks. Karen Sample (karen_sample@msn.com or 978-579-4973).

Communicate and Information

Check out our Wayside Quilters Guild Website - managed Debbie Ehrmann.

We also have a Facebook page for the Wayside Quilters Guild. If you have questions, comments, an event to share, a picture of your just completed quilt to share, want to find friends to go on a shop hop, find a ride to the New England Quilt Museum - post it on our Facebook page. Also, if you had a great time at a workshop or class or if you are offering a workshop, let us know - share information. Let's get our Facebook page going and more active. It can be a great way to communicate with our fellow guild members.

If you have information for the WQG newsletter to share with our guild members, please email the information to mmacdonald354@gmail.com.

Stump Sprouts Retreat

- Only 2 spots left -

Going Fast - or at least Not Slowly

We are currently taking deposits for the April 23-26, 2020 retreat. A \$75 deposit check made out to Wayside Quilters Guild will hold your spot. Please give your info to Michele or Marianne but the check goes to Kathie Cromwell.

Estimated cost is for next year's retreat is between \$280-\$306 (depending on number of participants) for a shared room or a \$50 supplement for one of the three private rooms. We have room for 18 participants.

Michèle MacDonald & Marianne Hatton

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Retreat Organizers

2020 March and May WQG Lectures and Workshops

Marge Tucker is coming to our **March 2nd** meeting, and will give us a lecture titled:
My Life in Quilts: the good, the bad and the ugly.

Marge will speak to her journey as a quilter - from the first quilt she saw to becoming an instructor and fiber artist. She will do a trunk show and also a Powerpoint presentation, explaining her inspirations for quilt designs.
Marge's quilts fall into the Modern quilt category.

Marge will also be coming to do a workshop for the guild on **March 21st**. This workshop is titled "Modern Quilting with your Walking Foot". Geared toward all skill levels, this workshop will show you how to quilt your own quilt using your walking foot.

Marge is an award winning quilter, and does almost all of her own quilting on her domestic machine, using a walking foot. This workshop is a skill-building workshop. She will share a lot of 'tricks of the trade', as well as information about batting and thread choices.
Techniques learned will go far beyond 'stitch in the ditch' and straight stitching.

Come and learn something new - be inspired and improve your quilting 'vocabulary'!

Barbara Vedder from Connecticut, will be joining us at our **May 4th 2020** meeting.
She will do a trunk show and presentation on her 25 year journey in quilt making and design. She presents her quilts chronologically, showing the evolution of her work over that time. She shares her inspiration sources, and how she interprets them in her work. In 2016, the Vermont Quilt Festival awarded her Jubilee Quilt the Best Hand Quilting Award. She won a 1st place in Wall Quilts at AQS in Lancaster in 2012, and a 3 time finalist at AQS in Paducah.

Barbara is also well known for her skills with applique work. Barb enjoys all styles and traditions of quilting, but "my passion is studying and interpreting antique quilts and wondering about the women who created them".

Barb will come to run a workshop for the guild on **May 9th, 2020 from 9.30 - 3.30pm** The workshop is titled "Liberated Houses - Free Piecing Fun. This workshop was chosen because there is very little prep, and plenty of sewing fun. It is also a great way to treat yourself on Mother's Day weekend! This type of piecing is quick and also a fun way to use scraps. This workshop is geared towards all skill levels, and a great way for our guild members to complete a small (or big) quilt for our bi-annual show in September.

WQG Calendar Reminders

2019 General Meetings

Our meetings are the 1st Monday of the month, with the exception of a holiday.

Mark your Calendars

Sew Happy Dates

Dec 21, 2019

Jan 18, 2020

Feb 15, 2020

Mar 21, 2020

Local Happenings

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Check out www.sewmanysshows.com for a more complete list of a listing of quilt shows and fiber art events in the New England area. You can also sign up for their monthly newsletter.

Newsletters and "Betweens"

Deadlines: 3 days before the 1st/15th

Send submissions to Michele MacDonald at macdonald.michele@gmail.com