

Wayside Quilters

Newsletter ~ September, 2019

Our Next General Meeting

Monday, Sept 9 @ 7:00 pm

Grange Hall, Sudbury Town Center
(Park behind the Town Hall)

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September Program

Our Guild year begins with a presentation/trunk show by 'our very own', **Marianne Hatton!**

Marianne is a well-known quilting instructor, having taught for over 25 years. She has written a book on quilting, the title of which is "Simply Dynamic Sampler Quilts", published in 2010.

She is a long time member of the Wayside Quilters Guild, and it is high time that all our members get to see Marianne's beautiful creations and hear her quilting words of wisdom!

Come and celebrate Marianne's long career in the quilting world, and her loyalty to our Guild!

Tica de Moor, Program Chair

Sept 14 Guild planning session We Want YOU!

The Sept 14 Guild planning session is fast approaching. This will be unlike any other board meeting and we are hoping to collect ideas from all Guild members! Here are some great reasons to get involved and to come on Sept 14:

- The #1 reason people have joined our Guild is to meet people who share their interest in quilting... and you are guaranteed to leave our planning session with new connections and friends!
- Make sure your interests and needs are heard and included as we make plans for the new year
- We want to attract people who are not on the board - we know the board's ideas - please share yours!
- This meeting is going to be fun. There will be DOOR PRIZES, interactive and lively brainstorming sessions and hopefully fresh "out-of-the-box" thinking.

We have several initiatives we will be brainstorming - here they are so you can think through your ideas in advance:

- Growing Guild membership
- How to increase and enhance friendly connections among Guild members
- How to take advantage of the skills/experience of our Guild members
- New program ideas and opportunities to learn
- Communication: Newsletter / Website / Facebook page / Improving communication among members/ Publicity to the general public
- How to generate revenue for the Guild
- Outreach - how to capitalize on the interest from members.

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Please RSVP to Sue Blaney asap (sue@sueblaney.com - put "GUILD PLANNING MEETING" in the subject line please). We need to know the number of people who will attend the meeting on **September 14** so we choose the appropriate size room for the event. The meeting will run from 12:30 - 4:30 at the St. Anne's in the Fields Church on route 126 in Lincoln, MA.

Show-and-Tell

We all love show-and-tell. It's a chance to share our work with an audience that understands all the time, skill and love that goes into each quilt. We get to ask questions, be inspired and support each other as creative people. Beginners, teachers and everyone in between is encouraged to share.

It's an activity where even the most introverted among us can shine. That's why the board wants to make sure you know you are welcome to bring an item for show-and-tell to any meeting without a paid speaker.

To find out what's happening at the next meeting, check the monthly newsletter or the calendar page of our website.

Sew Happy to Sew Together

Sew Happy is a monthly opportunity to get together and stitch. I say stitch because even though the focus is on quilting, members have been known to bring knitting, other sewing projects, even mending. There is no agenda, but plenty of laughter and fun. It's a great chance to meet people, so feel free to bring along a crafty friend.

For additional details visit the What We Do page of our website. **September 21, Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM St. Anne's-in-the-Fields, Lincoln MA**

Admission: A donation in the amount of your choosing, to thank the church for the use of the space.

Partnering with the Grange

Starting this fall, Wayside Quilters will have an ever changing display of quilts on the walls of the Grange meeting room. The Grange approached the guild with the idea, seeing it as a beautiful way to improve the acoustics of the room.

After much consideration, our board agreed. This is a chance to live into the guild's founding principles: sharing the vibrant world of quilting today with the public, and give back to the community. We've decided to display outreach quilts as a way to raise awareness of our work with charities.

We have one small problem. We have nothing to hang. All of last program year's outreach quilts have been distributed to area charities. We're relying on you to quickly finish those WIPS (Works In Progress) you have stashed in your closet and get them to our outreach co-chairs, Susan Thomas and Lu Linda Tucker. All displayed quilts will be given to charities after their stint on the wall is over.

If you have questions about this partnership with the Grange, please speak to Judy Merra or Tricia Crockett.

Auction Date Set for April 6, 2020

Our Auction will be held on April 6, 2020. We've secured a new and bigger location for this event - we will be at St. Anne's in Lincoln for this event. As we get closer - we will let you know where and when you can drop things off - but start thinking!

Things that sell are sewing machines, vacation homes, quilt kits and of course great fabric.

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As you put aside donations - please remember to only donate things that you'd be happy to take home with you! We have non-profit status and so your big donations may be tax deductible.

And this summer while you are traveling - think out of the box. If you stop at a fabric store - ask if they will donate a gift certificate either for purchases or for a class. Gift cards to restaurants or coffee shops would be awesome.

One last thought - our guild survey shows that half our new members first came with a friend. So let's grow membership too and plan to bring a friend with you - there will be plenty of room in the new location!

Pat Lukens and Carol Bradford

Membership Dues

Dues for the 2019-2020 year are \$35. Deborah Himelhock will be collecting dues at the June meeting. Members can also mail them over the summer. Checks should be made out to Wayside Quilters Guild and mailed:

c/o Deborah Himelhoch
11 Conrad Road
Framingham, MA 01701

I can also be reached by phone at 508-879-5438

Pin Pal Monthly

The July, August and September pinwheel is due this month. Twenty 3.5" pinwheel blocks should be spinning in the direction of the photo. July color is red, August color is purple, September color is rust along with a neutral.

Check the direction of the pinwheels. They should look like the photo below. Also make sure to trim the "ears" from the triangles to get a flat tiny pinwheel on the back of the block.

Monthly colors are: April/green, May/pink, June/yellow, July/red, August/purple, Sept/rust, Oct/orange, Nov/gray and Dec/blue.



Please use a good quality quilting fabric and no "conversation" prints.

Jill Cochrane

Stump Sprouts Retreat

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 or mail checks to Michele or Marianne.

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 Halton
Retreat Organizers

Guild Volunteers Needed

What talents can you share with the Guild? The following positions need to be filled:

President: The President will preside at all general meetings and at meetings of the Executive Board. The President shall establish any committees she/he deems necessary and shall determine that all committees are filled and operational.

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Workshop Co-Chair: The Workshops co-chairs oversee all details for each workshop including location, publicity, registrations, supply lists, coffee/tea at workshop. The co-chairs also pick up supplies from the guild storage, supervise room set-up on site, clean up and return of the supplies to the storage unit. Contact Laura Lane for more information.

Contact: info@waysidequilters.org to volunteer or seek more information.

Library Needlework Group - Wayland

The group meets on the *first Wednesday of each month at the Wayland Library, Raytheon Room from 10 - 12am*. Everyone brings their own project (no sewing machines please). The goals include passing information, tips and suggestions to the group, checking out each other's projects, socializing and having a nice time.

If you need help there is usually some there to assist you. Any needlework is fine: quilting (hand work), knitting, crocheting, etc. The first few dates that we will be meeting are Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4

I hope to see you at one or more Meetings.

Ann Moses

WQG Calendar Reminders

2019 General Meetings

Our meetings are the 1st Monday of the month, with the exception of a holiday. Members can bring show n' tell to any non-speaker meeting.

September is National Sewing month!

Outreach

Save the date for Outreach: Saturday November 9th. Come one and all, it's a great time to share and learn.

We are happy to share the grateful thanks from the organizations we have provided quilts for. Here are past three years of donations, impressive!

Donated to:	June '19	June '18	June '17
Pathways	24	12	~11
Reach	8	10	0
Trust House	7	7	7
Care Dimensions	10	9	-
Camp Erin	0	0	25
Family's house burned			2
TOTALS	49	32	34

Let's see what we can do this year!

Lu Linda Tucker and Susan Thomas

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Local Happenings

Original Sewing and Quilting Expo

Sept. 12-14 Worcester MA
classes, vendors, displays, fashion show

Squanicook Colonial Quilt Guild

Sept 14 - 15
"Autumn Festival of Quilts"
Hawthorne Brook Middle School
64 Brookline St/Rte 13 . Townsend, MA

Merrimack Valley Quilters

Sept 27 - 28
"39 and Counting"
Hope Community Church
11 Hale St . Newburyport, MA

Silver City Quilt Guild Show

Sept 28 - 29
Friedman Middle School
500 Norton Ave . Taunton, MA

Concord Piecemakers Quilt Show

Oct 4 - 5
St Matthews United Methodist Church
435 Central St . Acton, MA



Anne Messier's Quilt at the NEQM
- quilted by Jean Konopacz



Marianne Hatton's quilt at the NEQM

Newsletters and "Betweens"

Deadlines: 3 days before the 1st/15th

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