

Wayside Quilters

Newsletter ~ February, 2020

Our Next General Meeting

Monday, February 3, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

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

February 3, 2020 Program

Boutique Planning Night Please bring a needle, some thread (various colors), scissors and Elmers glue

And Show and Tell!

Boutique Planning at February 3 meeting

*One aspect of delivering a stellar show this year will be to have a Boutique filled with exciting items. Many of our guild members have made lovely things in the past, and we would like to learn from your experience when we get together February 3. Please be prepared to contribute to the discussion that night as we share thoughts, ideas and experiences about what has sold, what hasn't and what we can do to make this Boutique really special. Fortunately **Gayle O'Bryan** is once again managing the Boutique; we are so grateful for her expertise!*

Pin cushions, baby bibs, Christmas ornaments - items that are easy to make, visually appealing, and relatively inexpensive seem to be what sells best at the Boutique.

We will have several such projects that we can start on - and maybe even finish!- that night. A number of Guild members have been collecting ideas so they can share patterns, suggestions and more. And again, if you have an idea and/or pattern to contribute, please bring along a sample so you can share it.

Please bring a needle, some thread (various colors), scissors and Elmers glue if you can. You may find a project you want to work on that night.

In addition to the boutique projects our Outreach Team will be asking for assistance sewing labels on some of their quilts.

Brown Bag Challenge

Here is the CHALLENGE information.

THEME: "INTO THE GARDEN"

- 1. Use some or all of each of the 3 fabrics in the brown bag.*
- 2. Must have 3 layers: top, batting, and back.*
- 3. Needs to be bound.*
- 4. Circumference must be 72" or LESS*
- 5. Does NOT need a sleeve.*
- 6. USE YOUR IMAGINATION. Can have embellishments.*

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales - Sign up to help out selling tickets. Shifts: 10-12:30 and 12:30-3:00

Fabric Place Basement:

- ooo Saturday, March 28*
- ooo Saturday, April 18*
- ooo Saturday, May 16.*

We need your help selling raffle tickets at Fabric Place It works best if there are at least 2 people for each shift, so grab a friend and sign up! We are counting on all members helping out, and if there is enough interest to add some Sunday shifts, I can look into that.

Please contact me or sign up at one of our upcoming guild meetings.

thanks

Carol Bradford

noyesnurse@verizon.net

What are Guild Members working on?

From Moira Ten-Hove: "I'm seeking a copy of Liberated Quilting by Gwen Marston. If you have one and are done with it I'd love to buy it from you. Price is negotiable based on book condition. Please contact me, Moira Ten-Hove, either at Monday's meeting or by email: mktenhove@gmail.com.

Let us know what you are working on in next month's newsletter - send an email to mamacdonald354@gmail.com

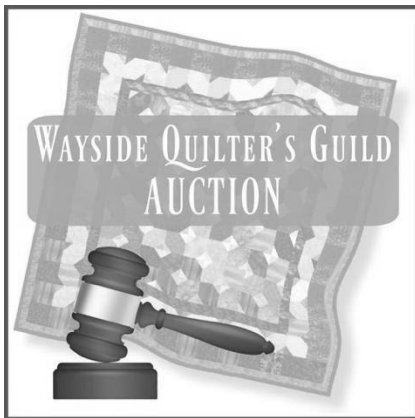
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Help us Grow our Guild!

We are such a great guild filled with 49 talented, creative and passionate quilters. But our guild will be more dynamic if we can meet our goal of 70 - 75 members! With increased membership we would be able to offer more workshops, additional programming, and we would be able to bring in speakers from a wider area without such restrictions on travel expenses. We would love to see a group of 3 - 5 members form a task force with the express purpose of helping our guild grow.

*There are many ways we can increase our visibility and membership, and if you are interested in helping please send Michele MacDonald a note in response to this newsletter, or speak to a Board member at an upcoming meeting. We already generated some ideas at the planning meeting in September and we will share those ideas to get you started. **Let's have some new faces step up to help** - our board is showing signs of fatigue!*



We need your help to make this a great auction again. Our last two auctions were extraordinary because of all the terrific donations. We've got to have stuff to sell to make it fantastic. We have a few hot items - long arm quilting gift certificate - hand dyed fabrics - and a nifty machine that cuts fabric! But we need MORE!

While you are thinking - here's what sells the best:

- Fabric - nice quilting fabric - at least as big as fat quarters
- Quilting Kits
- Notions
- Used sewing machines

But don't stop there -

- UFO's
- New handmade items
- Vacation home for weekend
- Gift cards to anything
- Certificates for quilting classes

The Auction will be here before you know it! April 6 at our new Auction venue - at St. Anne's in Lincoln.

Donations can be dropped off at Carol Bradford's (25 Maple Ave. in Sudbury) or at Pat Lukens' (70 Melody Lane in Marlborough). We both have covered porches. Donations can also be brought to the February or March meeting. Leave them in your car and we will transfer to one of our cars. **All donations are due by our March meeting.** If you are planning to donate something big - we'd love to know in advance so email one of us!

Pat Lukens

Patlukens70@gmail.com

Outreach Sewing Day March 14, Saturday 9-4

For more about Outreach see **What We Do** page on the Wayside Quilters Guild Website
First Baptist Church, 162 Landham Rd., Sudbury
We gather twice a year to make quilts for those in need. These are fun days full of learning and laughter. It is a great event for getting to know people better and introducing crafty friends to the guild.

Anyone with basic sewing skills and the desire to help is welcome. Bring your sewing machine, quilts in whatever parts they are in and let's sandwich, tie/quilt and work together! Come at 9-4 pm, lunch provided and lots to learn and teach each other. Patterns and material to choose from.

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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).

2020 March and May WQG Lectures and Workshops

Workshop Sign up -

Laura Lane is accepting sign ups for

- Saturday, March 21st with Marge Tucker - Free Motion Quilting
- Saturday, May 9th with Barbara Vedder - Liberated Houses

Send your check (\$45 for each workshop for members) Payable to WQG to Laura Lane, 29 Ahern Road, Marlborough, MA 01752

On **Saturday, March 21st**, Wayside Quilters is

offering an all-day workshop with **Marge Tucker**. Have you admired the quilting on many modern quilts? Much of it is done with a walking foot. It is more than straight lines done in the ditch! You can also do gentle curves. Marge will show us tips and techniques in this workshop. More information about Marge and samples of her work can be seen at www.margetuckerquilts.com

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.

Barb Vedder 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.

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 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.

Michèle MacDonald & Marianne Hatton
Retreat Organizers

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.WQG Calendar Reminders

2019 General Meetings

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

Sew Happy Dates

Feb 15, 2020 - Sew Happy at St. Annes in Lincoln

Mar 7, 2020 - Sew Happy at St. Annes in Lincoln

Mark your Calendars

- Saturday, March 21st with Marge Tucker - Free Motion Quilting
- Saturday, May 9th with Barbara Vedder - Liberated Houses
- Stump Sprouts WQG April 23-26, 2020 retreat.
- WQG Auction April 6
- **Fabric Place Basement:**
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Local Happenings

Marathon Guild Workshop

We have been invited to a workshop held by Marathon Quilters of Hopkinton with **Kathy Graves**. The workshop is titled "Improv Under the Influence" The workshop is March 14th from 9 am to 3 pm and costs \$45. For more information and to register contact colleenmbarnes@outlook.com 774-292-1571. The deadline to register is Feb. 22. [Kathy Grave at Nextgenerationquilting.net](http://KathyGraveatNextgenerationquilting.net)

Upcoming Quilt Shows

April 25-26, 2020 Narragansett Bay Quilters Association Quilt Show Quilters' Vision 2020 North Kingstown High School, North Kingstown, RI

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