

# Wayside Quilters

## Newsletter ~ January, 2020

*Our Next General Meeting*  
**Monday, January 6, 2020 @ 7:00 pm**  
Grange Hall, Sudbury Town Center  
(Park behind the Town Hall)

**January 6, 2020 Program**  
***Demonstration Night! And Show and Tell!***

### **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

### **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.

**THE BAGS OF FABRIC WILL BE PASSED OUT at the JANUARY MEETING**

### **Sew Happy made me so happy!**

I had been waiting for the Dec 21 Sew Happy because I wanted to use the large tables there. I had to put together a quilt top, batting and backing that was too big to do at home comfortably. I'm SO HAPPY that I went -- and I got so much more than I bargained for! I went for the tables but what I got was extra sets of hands that helped smooth out the various units and some

terrific input and ideas on best ways to quilt it! THIS is what a Quilt Guild is all about. Thank you, my friends. And for those of you who haven't made it to Sew Happy - not only is the camaraderie delightful, you may find more than you bargain for too! There are several dates coming up this winter - hope to see you there.

*Sue Blaney*

### **What are Guild Members working on?**

**Jeanie Larson (via the FB WQG Group):**

If anyone is interested in a mystery quilt group, join Mystery Quilters Anonymous. It was started 17 months ago and she recently designed a mystery quilt named, Kindred Spirit, for having 5000 followers. Her directions are clear and she is so helpful, when you have questions or problems. Plus, there is no fee associated with being a member or getting clues. Give it a try!

*Let us know what you are working on in next month's newsletter - send an email to [mmacdonald354@gmail.com](mailto:mmacdonald354@gmail.com)*

### **Stump Sprouts Retreat**

**- Only 2 spots left -**

### **Going Fast - or at least Not Slowly**

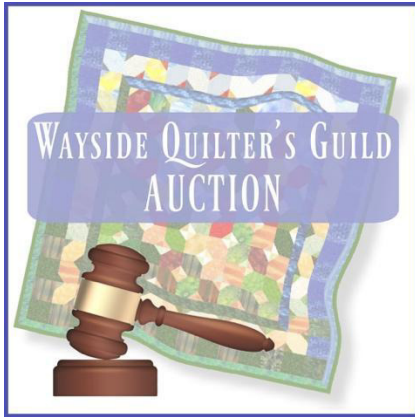
We are currently taking deposits for the April 23-26, 2020 retreat. A \$75 deposit check made out to Wayside Quilters Guild will hold your spot. Please give your info to Michele or Marianne but the check goes to Kathie Cromwell.

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*  
*Retreat Organizers*

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

What can you do? We need your donations! Here's what sells:

- fabric that you bought and now realize you are not going to use
- a collection of fabrics (fat quarters or larger)
- a kit you decided not to use
- patterns, quilt books
- a quilt top you don't know what to do with
- quilting notions in great condition
- new handmade items

For the Live Auction we are looking for bigger items:

- vacation home for a weekend or week
- sewing machine in working condition
- quilt rack
- Fabric store or class gift certificates
- think out of the box – how about a gift certificate to a restaurant so you can send your family out and you can keep quilting?

When you are deciding what to donate – think about only putting things in that you'd be happy to take home with you!

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.**

## 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.

### *Modern Quilting With Your Walking Foot Workshop*

On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://www.margetuckerquilts.com) The cost is \$45 for Wayside members and \$55 for non-members. Laura Lane will be accepting sign-ups at our January meeting.

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

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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***

***Jan 18, 2020***

***Feb 15, 2020***

***Mar 21, 2020***

## ***Local Happenings Upcoming Quilt Shows***

Check out [www.sewmanysows.com](http://www.sewmanysows.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 1<sup>st</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>***  
Send submissions to Michele MacDonald at  
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