

Wayside Quilters

Newsletter ~March, 2020

Our Next General Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

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

March 2, 2020 Program

Marge Tucker lecture:

"My Life in Quilts: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly"

And Show and Tell!

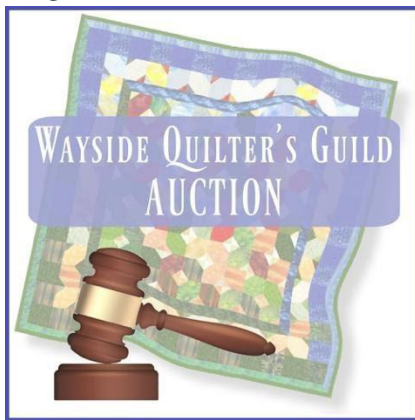
There is no entry fee, each member must bring either a bottle of sparkling cider or a pick up dessert (or both!). And bring a friend! We want to raise money from other people - not just ourselves!

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 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 and Carol Bradford

Patlukens70@gmail.com and Neyesnurse@verizon.net

WAYSIDE QUILTER'S GUILD AUCTION



The collection is growing - this should be fun. There will be a treasure box of notions, a Go cutting system, some beautiful batiks, gift certificates for classes, long arm quilting and dinner, rug hooking supplies, organizing helps, gorgeous velvet lengths - great stuff. Of course we can always use more!

Here's a great idea - A friend was just mentioning **extra gift cards** that they don't know what to do with. The auction is a great place for those - you even can take a tax deduction for those unwanted gift cards! Perfect for silent auction or the teacup raffle!

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

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

Fabric Place Basement:

°°° *Saturday, March 28*

°°° *Saturday, April 18*

°°° *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

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Planning for the Fall Boutique

Thanks to all of you who shared your great ideas at our February meeting as we begin to plan for the upcoming Boutique at our fall show. The Guild is asking that all members contribute some item(s) that the Guild may sell for Guild profit. Additionally, there are several other options open to you: 1.) you can take up to 85% of the profit for anything that you make and is sold and 2.) you may designate another percentage of profit for the Guild. (For example this would enable you to cover your materials expense and donate the rest.)

Expect to hear more details about additional activities for the Boutique. In the meantime, here are some of the highlights of what we learned:

- While lower priced items sell best at an event like this, we have sold quilts for as much as \$200. What is important is to have a variety of beautiful, handmade items that are available for purchase. And it is difficult to predict what will sell!
- Christmas themed items and ornaments often sell well. If you wish to access some themed material, check with our Outreach folks who have some themed materials you may use to make Boutique items.
- Remember Christmas isn't the only holiday! Consider making items with Hanukkah, Halloween or Thanksgiving themes.
- Think about how best to display your items when it comes to show time. If there is a way you can provide a display it will be really helpful. (Last time Jill showed her adorable owls on a branch - and they sold like hot-cakes!)
- Pat Lukens showed us some kits she made so a DIY-oriented show attendee could make their own holiday ornaments. All the materials and detailed instructions are included in each bag. Cool idea!

- Janet Columbus came with a wealth of ideas, materials and instructions for a variety of easy-to-make items and ornaments. Check with Janet at the next meeting if you need some inspiration.
- Gayle O'Bryan demonstrated some lovely bowl cozy's that are easy to make. She has the pattern she is happy to share.
- Too many others to name (I'm sorry!) shared ideas, patterns and items that sell well at boutiques. We saw (or discussed) children's aprons, cards, coasters, placemats and more.
- Kate Wellen has small left-over pieces of batting that she offered to give to those who are making small items for the boutique.

Talk to your friends in the Guild to share ideas and patterns. No idea is a bad one - please plan to contribute your creativity ... and have fun with it!

thanks -

Sue

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.*

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What are Guild Members working on?

Marianne Hatton's Quilt Studio Class starts on April 1st. 8 Wednesdays until May 20th 1:00pm -3:30pm. Join the fun, learn new techniques, start a project, finish a project, chat with a great community of quilters. Sign up is through Lincoln-Sudbury Adult Education. Feel free to talk to guild members, Barbara Krebs, Michele MacDonald or Josee Vachon

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

Outreach Sewing Day

When: Saturday March 14th

Where: First Baptist Church Landham Rd, Sudbury
Time: 9am-4pm ... 8:30 set up help is greatly appreciated

Provided: lunch and if you are inspired, bring some other tasty treats to share

Bring: your sewing machine, tops to sandwich with batting and backing, ideas to help other

Take: New ideas and a fresh pattern and material to make up

Looking forward to a great day of collaborating, friendship and creativity!

Lu Linda Tucker and Susan Thomas

For more about Outreach see [What We Do page](#) on the Wayside Quilters Guild Website

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

2019-2020 General Meetings

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

Sew Happy Dates

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

Upcoming Quilt Shows

North Parish Quilters 2020 Quilt Show

Friday, April 3, 5-8 pm

Sat. April 4, 10-4 pm

Admission \$6.00 at door

Wakefield-Lynnfield United Methodist Church

273 Vernon St.

Wakefield MA 01880

Free Parking in lot behind church

Handicap Parking available and church is handicap friendly

- Quilt Exhibits by Members
- Gift Boutique of handcrafted items made by members
- Vendors showcasing quilt notions and fabrics
- White Elephant Room & Numerous Specialty Raffle Baskets
- Unique Hand Crafted Doll Exhibit
- Raffle Quilt - Lap size; Kaleidoscope Delight (Drawing Saturday at 3:30pm,

you need not be present)

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

Check out 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 1st/15th

Send submissions to Michele MacDonald at

macdonald.michele@gmail.com