

Wayside Quilters

Newsletter ~ February, 2017

Our Next General Meeting

*Monday, February 6 at 7:00 pm
Grange Hall, Sudbury Town Center
(Park behind the Town Hall)*

February 6, 2017 Meeting

Our February guild meeting will be a Hearts and Chocolate Sewcial. We'll learn some hand sewing techniques, create gifts for ourselves and a loved one, and enjoy scrumptious chocolate. It's sure to be fun evening, so why not bring a friend?

More details on page 2.



Suggestions for future speakers and workshops are appreciated. Please feel free to contact me. I like to receive input from our members as well as feedback on the speakers and workshops that we have had. This is really helpful to me for future programming.

Thank you!

Tica deMoor / Program Chair
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Welcome

A warm welcome to new member Jane Fama. Jane attended our Quilt show in October, our January meeting as a guest and has since become a member. Please say "Hello" and introduce yourself to Jane.

Label Help Needed for Outreach

Outreach is looking for a talented member or members to create a quilt label for our donated quilts. It can be simple or something with your own design flair in it. We will need the label repeated several dozen times. Who is good with printing on fabric? You can get probably get several on one sheet. Or maybe you know another simple method. We need a member to share their talents for the Outreach program.

If you can help, please get in touch.

Susan Thomas, Outreach Chair
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February In-House Program:

Got chocolate? Have a heart?

We're having a 'Sewcial'

Monday, February 6 @ 7:00

Grange Hall Sudbury




Thanks to everyone who took the time to answer the short survey about the kind of programs you would like when we do an in-house program. These meetings mostly happen during the winter months when weather might be a factor and it's easier to cancel if need be.



The top request on the survey answers was to learn hand sewing techniques, especially appliqué. Other popular requests were to have various demonstrations of ideas and techniques and also to devote some meeting time to sewing together and just having a social evening. We are going to do all of those. Planning for a demo night is in the works, and our next meeting will provide time to sew together and to learn from each other.



It's nearly Valentines day so we'll do hearts and chocolate! Please bring some of your favorite chocolate to share....in any form! A bar of your personal fave, or something baked if you feel in the mood! And a mug and a teabag we'll make sure the boiling water is on hand.

We'll appliqué simple hand stitched  blocks and show how to turn them into a cute gift, to keep, make for the boutique or consign to the caring hearts pillows.

If you are an old hand at appliqué and hand stitching please come and help teach those of us who don't know how to do it yet! Show us your preferred way to appliqué....there are several!

Bring **hand sewing tools**, and **neutral thread**. We have templates and freezer paper, lots of 6 inch squares of fabric for heart appliqué, but if you have some too or a heart pillow in the works please bring them along. Also if you have a few stray 2" or 2 1/2" strips please bring those. If you'd like to bring some **hand sewing** of your own that's also fine! It will be fun to sit and stitch together....so why not bring a **friend** for good measure?

See you there!

Tricia and Marianne

Members Survey

At the last meeting we asked those attending to fill in a short survey. If you weren't there or have more thoughts about it, please take a few minutes to think about ideas you may have to share with us for those meetings when we do not have an outside speaker.

We want to plan things that members ask for whenever possible. Demonstrations of techniques related to quilting and fun small things to make are always popular. What topics would you like to see covered?

Could you demonstrate something at a meeting? Remember that there are members who are new to quilting and eager to learn basic techniques, so skills at all levels are valuable.

Any other ideas for meetings? Have you heard of a program at another guild and thought it would be fun to try at our guild?

Have we done an in-house program in the past that you think might be worth repeating?

Any other thoughts or quilt related ideas?

Please send your response to Marianne and Tricia via email. We appreciate your taking the time to give some thought to this. Thanks!!!

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Share The Squares

Remember to bring your second batch of 15 x 3 1/2" nine patches to our meeting next Monday. If you cannot be there in person, send your squares with a friend who will be there.

Please consider donating your leftover blocks for a raffle quilt for our 2018 show. Any questions, please email, call or speak to either Jill or Kathie.

Kathie Cromwell kscromwell@comcast.net
& Jill Cochrane iyayaic@gmail.com

Stump Sprouts Retreat

April 27th - April 30, 2017 (Thur- Sun)
Reserve your space now!

For 5 years, a group of quilters has spent 3 days in West Hawley, MA at the [Stump Sprouts Retreat](#). We have sewn to our hearts' content, been fed large amounts of delicious food, socialized, hiked, walked, did some yoga, and had a wonderful time.

The rate for 3 nights and 9 meals will be around \$260. To reserve your spot, email Julie at julie.weinstein4@gmail.com with your contact information. She will send you her address. \$50.00 deposits are due.

Cancellation Policy: Deposits refunded only if your space is filled. We need 15 people to run the retreat. Check your calendar, talk to your friends, and contact Julie soon! Join us for this fun weekend!

Currently the retreat is close to capacity. A wait list will be kept as a few may need to drop out at the last minute.

WQG Calendar 2016

NOTE: Our meetings have moved to the 1st Monday of the month.

Monday, February 6, 2017, 7:00 pm
Hearts and Chocolate Sewcial. See p. 2 for more info.

Spring 2017 Meeting Schedule

February 6, March 6,
April 3, May 1 and June 5

Calendar (cont.)

Saturday, February 11, 2017, 1:00 pm
Board Meeting at home of Kathie Cromwell

Saturday, March 11, 2017, all day
Outreach sewing day at Baptist Church

Newsletters and "Betweens"

Deadlines: 3 days before the 1st/15th

Send submissions to Jean Konopacz at
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