

Wayside Quilters

Newsletter ~ November, 2016

Our Next Events

Our Next General Meeting

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

At our November 7 meeting we welcome **Beth Helfter of Eva Paige Quilts**. Beth will give us a lecture and trunk show entitled "Give it A Scrap Slap". Beth did a year long stint as a member of the 2014 Quiltmaker Magazine "Scrap Squad," a select group of 6 quilters from across the continent tasked with redesigning one pattern from each issue entirely in scraps. Each assignment led her not only into scrap hoarding but also inspired her to create several of her own designs based on the originally assigned projects. Lots of thoughts on what makes a good scrap quilt and insights into how one idea morphs into so many more. You'll never look at a quilt pattern the same way again!

Beth's trunk show is a lively presentation of her quilt making journey from her first frighteningly awful attempt at self taught quilting to eventually founding EvaPaige Quilt Designs with her own line of unique patterns. Included are thoughts on the design process as it unfolds in the midst of the chaos of running a home and raising three small children, how a quilt can be a thing of beauty even without matching seams and perfect points. "Perfection is overrated". Join us to learn more.

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Photo by Beth Helfter

Board Meeting

A meeting of the Wayside Quilters Guild Board will be held on Saturday, November 19 at 1:00 pm at the home of Marianne Hatton. Members are welcome to attend and encouraged to participate.

Outreach Day

Reserve November 12th, 9-4 pm at First Baptist Church, as an Outreach sewing day. We have a pattern for a new mystery quilt. Many enjoyed last spring's one, you can complete in the day and see it work up in many different ways. Lu Linda will have cutting instructions available at the next meeting and the rest is revealed as we sew! You will also have the opportunity to pick out another pattern as we have instructions for several tried and true ones. We have new material for backing, as well. We look forward to seeing as many as able and producing as many quilts as we can!

Susan Thomas & LuLinda Tucker

New Members

We welcome several new members to our 2016-2017 roster:

Karen Sample, Sudbury,
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Marilyn Hodges, Framingham,
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Tricia O'Hagan, Lincoln,
PMOKiwi@comcast.net
Sherry Emery has rejoined
sherry@dieconsulting.com

Please check name badges and extend a warm welcome to these new members at our upcoming meeting. Also remember to add their emails to your directory.

Anne Messier

December Meeting & Holiday Potluck

Monday December 5 our featured speaker will be Adele Scott of Adele Scott Design Studio in Orleans, MA. She will speak on "My Favorite Tips, Techniques and Products".

Adele will demonstrate some of the latest tools, how they work and why they make our quilting lives more productive, more accurate and way more fun!

This will be a fast-paced and fun evening with handouts and plenty of tips to help us along with all our sewing needs. Adele is a sewing problem-solver wanting to answer your questions!

She will be vending at the meeting. Come prepared to do some holiday shopping!

This meeting will also be a holiday potluck. Please bring an easy dish to share.

- Tica de Moor
- Programs Chair

Workshop Highlights

On Saturday, October 29, ten Wayside Guild members and friends enjoyed a machine quilting workshop taught by Diana Annis. Diana taught about batting, needles and threads. The students tried out the techniques with different battings and thread.



Laura Lane

Quilts of Valor

One of the unexpected highlights of our 2016 quilt show was witnessing Darlene hand out quilts to veterans who just happened to be attending. The vets often tried to beg off, saying they were “only” National Guard, or they didn’t deserve it because they’d come home from war and their friends hadn’t. In her winning way, Darlene pointed out that they’d been willing to give their all and handed them a quilt. Not just any quilt, a quilt adorned in handwritten messages of gratitude and stitched by volunteers from Quilts of Valor. One veteran wrapped himself in his quilt as he walked through the show. A veteran from the Vietnam War started to cry when his was presented. He cried and couldn’t stop. His wife said that she’d known him 50 years and this was the first time she’d ever seen him cry.

If you would like to be a part of Quilts of Valor, it’s very simple. Central MA Quilts of Valor usually meet twice a month to sew together in Bolton (The Quilted Crow) and Leominster. (Leominster Veteran's center). They won’t be meeting in November (lots of quilt shows and quilt presentations to do), but they will in December. If you would like to be notified of upcoming sewing days, you can contact Darlene at dlc183@aol.com or [978-597-5650](tel:978-597-5650).

*Tricia Crockett
Quilt Show Chair*



WQG 2016 Raffle Quilt Update.

If you missed the last meeting, you may not yet have heard that the raffle quilt sales were a great success and reached and slightly exceeded the target of \$4000 we set, bringing in a grand total of \$4019!!!

A huge thank you to everyone in the guild from the team who spearheaded the construction of the quilt, handled the sales of tickets both in-house through the membership, and externally setting up sales dates at Fabric Place Basement.

We were absolutely thrilled to hear all the effort was very worthwhile. Thank you to everyone who participated enthusiastically in the endeavor from start to finish. Perhaps you contributed fabric, sewed individual blocks, helped stitch the quilt top together, helped remove the paper foundations, quilted it, stitched down the binding, kept count of the sales, sat at FPB and sold tickets or sat at the quilt show selling tickets. We hope you enjoy knowing that you have helped the guild to provide more excellent programs and support the charitable organizations our outreach team has chosen.

Best of all is that we had almost no expenses attached to the quilt. We had to rent the raffle drum and we have to pay taxes on our raffle sales but the fabrics were all donated or came from members own fabric collections. The time to construct it was also donated by many members. We are very fortunate that Jean K was willing to quilt it professionally for us and are grateful for her time and for the long hours that others on the team spent on stitching and non-stitching jobs. It takes a village to raise a child, and apparently also to make a successful raffle quilt! Thank you everyone!

Barbara, Demetra and Marianne

Share The Squares

I love scrap quilts! So naturally I LOVED Jill Cochrane's "Share the Squares" displayed in our fabulously successful 2016 Show! Jill's scrap quilt was the product of a swap of 3 1/2 inch nine patch blocks. Jill and I would like to organize a nine patch swap for our guild starting in January for 12 months. The more people that participate the more blocks each participant will receive. You can strip piece your scrap blocks and then swap them for a like number of blocks, each one unique.



Share the Squares" by Jill Cochrane

You can then design your own scrap quilt using your blocks. The design options are endless. Wouldn't it be great to have a display at our 2018 Quilt Show displaying our wildly different quilts?

Please let Jill or I know if you are interested in participating. **THE MORE THE MERRIER!!** Once we know how many people wish to participate, we will announce how the swap will work!

Kathie Cromwell & Jill Cochrane

Social Media



Many guilds use **Instagram** (an app that lets you share photos with captions) to share what their members have been doing. People who aren't members can look at the photos for inspiration. In fact several of you have told me you do that already. We've created a guild account called, **WaysideQuiltersGuild** (all one word), but we need people to post pictures to it. If you're interested, contact me, Tricia Crockett for the password.



We have created a new **Facebook** page called **Wayside Quilters Guild - Sudbury**, that anyone can post on once they've joined. This is a great place to share pictures of what you're working on, find out what events are coming up, and also to share quilt related items we find on the internet. I hope this site can help us recruit new members, but also to strengthen the community we already have.

Tricia Crockett

Connections Quilt Festival

Nov. 10-12, Thurs, Fri, & Sat.
Holiday Inn Nashua, NH Exit 4
Admissions \$12/day or \$15/multiday
Show, classes, demos and merchant mall.
www.connectionsquiltfestival.com

WQG Calendar 2016

NOTE: Starting November our meetings move to the 1st Monday of the month.

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Spring 2017 Meeting Schedule

January 9, February 6, March 6,
April 3, May 1 and June 5

Newsletters and "Betweens"
Deadlines: 3 days before the 1st/15th
Send submissions to Jean Konopacz at
jkonopacz@gmail.com