On Point

News from Mad City Quilt Guild www.madcityquilters.org August 2023

From the president

Hi, everybody! I'm Vickie -- this season's president. I'm looking forward to meeting more of you, to get some great ideas and opinions. But, boy, do we have some fun things planned for you already! We are going to pack in as many new ideas as we can!

So get ready! I will be at our first two meetings of the year to personally meet you. Stop and say hello!

~~ Vickie

Upcoming Evening Programs for 2023-2024 -- 7:00 pm

August 28, 2023 **Vickie Schyvinck -- "For the Love of Crafting" --** Join us as we welcome our new president, Vickie Schyvinck. She is full of enthusiasm and ideas, and is anxious to get started.
From clothing, to costumes, to quilts, and more!

September 25, 2023 **Kim Jahnz/On the Bias Designs -- "Using Your Icy Powers to Make Fun Quilts"**

Upcoming Afternoon Programs for 2023-2024 -- 1:00 pm

September 5, 2023 Phyllis Schrag **-- "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, I am My Mother After All" --** Have you ever said something, and shocked by those words, you look around for your mother, because what you said sounded just exactly like her words, her voice, her inflection? Then you wonder, "where did that come from?" only to realize it is not your mother at all; you have become your mother!

During the Mad City Quilt Guild's opening afternoon meeting of the 2023-2024 guild year, Phyllis will remind us via a PowerPoint presentation, of common expressions used by our mothers, along with humorous stories that help us understand the powerful gene pool from which we came.

Phyllis is a friend of Dee's from South Dakota (now, Ames) who is presenting two lectures at the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show. She is a former public school teacher who continues enjoying life's pleasures in her acting, singing, performing, speaking, writing, quilting and volunteering.

October 3, 2023 Amie Bier **-- Chair Yoga for Quilters**

Upcoming Workshop

September 23, 2023 Sandy Shepherd **-- Battle of the Quilters Charity Quilt Sew-in**

Community Projects Update

Quilt Donations: This past year, we donated a record 333 Quilts! WOW!! 271 to Quilts Beyond Borders, 61 to Project Linus of Dane County, and 2 to Lutherdale.

Pillowcase Donations: We donated 131 pillowcases this year as well (also a record)! 75 went to the Ronald McDonald House, and the rest went to Ryan's Case for Smiles, which gives quilts to patients at the American Family Children's Hospital.

Thank you to everyone who worked on these projects. We have positively affected the lives of 464 children and others in need. You should be very proud of your contributions, and ***your generosity is amazing!***

The Summer Sew-ins at Blue Bar Quilts have been an amazing success! I plan to continue them through the end of the year and possibly next year as well. Over 20 members have stopped by to help or drop off quilts in various stages each month. Along the way, we are also rebuilding our quilt community after the pandemic. It has been nice getting to know all of you a little more. I look forward to learning more about each and every one of you!

Mark your calendars for our **"Battle of the Quilters' charity workshop on September 23rd**. We have a fun day planned. The Battle will begin with randomly-assigned teams working on a charity quilt *together*. Members of the team will be responsible for making the blocks, arranging them and making a quilt top. Each team will have a "leader" who will help with the process. There will be more information given at upcoming guild meetings. Please be sure to sign up for the event at the meetings.

Finally, we are in need of fabric that is larger than 1 yard and in "brighter" colors to use in the quilts for children. There is adequate fabric for making quilt blocks. These larger pieces are needed for borders and backings.

As always, please contact me with any questions.

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Minutes of the MCQG Board Meeting July 8, 2023

Fitchburg Public Library

Present: Laurie Friedman, Kristin Gumbinger, Dee Van Driel, Margaret Henzler, Vickie Schyvinck, Hallie Ray, Gretchen Keller, Mary Joy Johnson, Sandy Shepherd, Carmen Golde, Cindy Grindeman, Susan Heighway, Kay Lange

Officer/Committee Reports:

President - Outgoing President **Kristin Gumbinger** introduced new officers and Board members:

President **Vickie Schyvinck**, Afternoon VP **Carmen Golde**, Evening VP **Gretchen Keller**, Treasurer **Susan Heighway**, Membership **Cindy Grindeman**. *Board members continuing their terms this year include:* Secretary **Mary Joy Johnson**, Community Projects **Sandy Shepherd**, Blotto **Gwen JeShonek**, Programs and News **Dee Van Driel**, Great Wisconsin Quilt Show **Kay Lange,** Social Media/Website **Kristin Gumbinger** and **Heather Matanock**, Audio Tech **Holly Johnson.**

Kristin thanked all for their willingness to serve the guild.

Afternoon and Evening Vice Presidents - New VPs received the handout for guiding the meetings. An ice-breaker for the beginning of each meeting to help people circulate was suggested and new VPs will follow through.

Secretary - Mary Joy Johnson May need a sub for September Board meeting.

Treasurer - Margaret Henzler Received $810 in donations for Community Service Projects this year (specified on membership form). The board reviewed the 2023-2024 budget, made adjustments, and approved.

Membership - Laurie Friedman Update membership form with Cindy's address, new dues structure, etc. and put on website. We discussed increasing the profile of the guild in the community, including the following ideas: ** Reach out to news organization for a segment on our community service project, possibly coinciding with timing of Great Wisconsin Quilt Show. ** Publicize guild among friends and social contacts. ** Create a business card to distribute to friends/acquaintances. ** Set goal for each board member to distribute 10 program guides in the community (libraries, shops, senior centers, etc.) ** Mini quilts display at libraries, shops, etc.

Programs, Workshops, Retreats - Dee Van Driel Dee is working on finalizing programs for upcoming year and will send the list to Kristin and Heather to make 2023-24 program guides.

Block Lotto - Gwen JeSchonek (absent) The Board enthusiastically approved the proposal that Gwen sent out. Blotto will be a Hugs and Kisses theme, suitable for people to make their own quilt-along throughout the year. Again, there will be block donations for Community Projects quilts as well as individual winners. It was suggested that a description of the Blotto projects, calendar, and picture of blocks (as in proposal) be posted on website, and copies printed for distribution at meetings. A second suggestion was for each presentation to include a mini-lesson about a technique used in making the block.

Great Wisconsin Quilt Show/Quilt Expo - Kay Lange, Jean Muehlemann Quilt show is Sept 7-9. Mini-quilts with Outdoors theme are due at the Aug 28 and Sept 5 meetings. Kay will be asking for booth volunteers during August via email, with last minute openings filled in during Aug and first Sept meetings. Mini-quilts will not be returned in September so they may be sent out for display at Blue Bar and other places.

Newsletter - Dee Van Driel Email blasts will be sent out before each meeting as well as for any important announcements.

Community Projects - Sandy Shepherd 275 quilts have been donated this past year.

June Sew day at Blue Bar was a great success. Many people attended and lots of binding was created.

Social Media - Kristin Gumbinger and Heather Matanock Kristin will: Update Board member list, business directory, program calendar, blotto, and membership forms on website. Validate email addresses. Make Facebook events for sew days. Change newsletter tab on website to "News" and add new events regularly.

Print 750 Program Guides again this year.

Next Board Meetings @ 10am, Fitchburg Public Library: (2023:) Sept 16, Nov 18; (2024:) Jan 20, Mar 16, May 18; July 20** at CULVERS Newville/Edgerton (directly off of interstate in Newville)

~~ submitted by Mary Joy Johnson, secretary

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Mad City Quilt Guild 2023-2024 Program Schedule

Evening @ 7:00

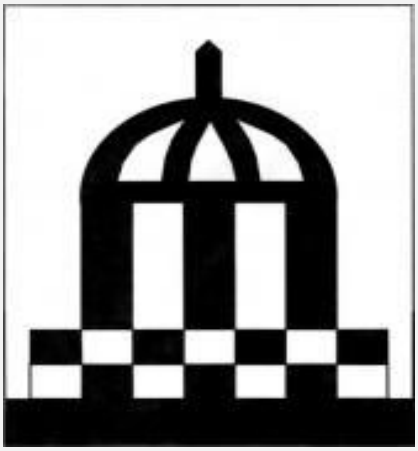
Aug 28 Vickie Schyvinck: For the Love of Creating
Sept 25 Kim Jahnz/On the Bias Designs: Using Your Icy Powers to Make Fun Quilts
Oct 23 Margaret Jankowski/The Sewing Machine Project: Common Threads
Nov 27 Allison Rainboth: Ruby McKim, Artist and Designer
Jan 22 Rebecca Lidstrom/Studio R Quilts: Two Block Combos
Feb 26 Julayne Jelle, Marge Knuth, Mary Vassalotti, Sandy Shepherd: Long-arm Quilting: What You Should Expect
Mar 25 Deborah Fell: Thank You Edward Hopper
Apr 22 Kristi Mirocha: Efficiency Techniques & Sewing Aids from Unexpected Places
May 20 School House + "Yes! You Need That Quilty Stuff!" Bag Raffle

Afternoon @ 1:00

Sept 5 Phyllis Schrag: Mirror, Mirror on the Wall -- I Am My Mother After All
Oct 3 Amie Bier: Chair Yoga for Quilters
Nov 7 Dee Van Driel: Enter a Quilt Show
Jan 2 School House + "Yes! You Need That Quilty Stuff!" Bag Raffle
Feb 6 Kim Zajicek/Mill House Quilts: What's New at Mill House Quilts?
Mar 5 Kay Simmons: Only Bold Colors
[April 5 meeting cancelled, due to use of church as voting site]
May 7 Susan Hoffman: Landscape Quilting

Workshops

Sept 23 Sandy Shepherd: Battle of the Quilters Charity Sew-in
Mar 2 Bill Hoernke: Let's Do the Crayon Twist
Apr 27 Mary Joy Johnson: Wonky Tri Recs



Are you ready ? ? ?

Membership

Welcome back! Happy Fall!

My name is Cindy Grindeman and I am the new membership person. **Download the updated membership form from the website: madcityquilters.org** or complete one at the meeting. There will be no changes in the process other than the increase in membership dues.

On 8/28 and 9/5, I will be at the church 45 minutes before the start of the meeting so you can do the paperwork and catch up with old and new friends.

I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and sharing a new year of quilting.

Cindy Grindeman 202 Standish Ct Madison WI 53705 walkcindy@spectrum.net

Tic Tac Toe 2023-2024 Blotto

Get ready for the best of both worlds -- Charity and Inspiration!

- **NINE** designs of 12" finished square pieced blocks will be presented throughout the year.
- **FIVE** of the designs for pieced blocks will feature an "X" motif and earmarked for **Charity.**
- **FOUR** of the designs for pieced blocks will feature an "O" motif and be earmarked for a members' drawing. All blocks of one design made by attendees of both evening and afternoon meetings will be combined into one drawing for one winner.
- Directions for **ALL** blocks will be posted on the MCQG website and Facebook page.
- **BONUS:** Together, the nine blocks can be used as an optional **Block of the Month** program for personal use by members. An optional setting for the nine blocks will be presented at the last meeting in May.

MORE DETAILS TO COME at the first MCQG meeting by your Blotto Buddy:

Gwen JeSchonek (gwenajes@gmail.com)

Feel the Excitement . . .

Great Wisconsin Quilt Show Mini-quilt Challenge

Challenge quilts are displayed in the Mad City Quilt Guild exhibit booth during the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show September 7-9, 2023. At the show, attendees are invited to vote on their favorites, and winning quilts are announced at the following MCQG meetings.

DETAILS: The theme is **OUTDOORS**. The quilt front must represent the theme. Quilts are 12" square. Quilt your square a little or a lot, by hand or machine. Attach a 3" sleeve to the back. Label quilt with your first and last names, plus the title of your piece. Make one or more mini-quilts.

Mini-quilts will be collected at MCQG's Aug 28th evening or Sept 5th afternoon meetings. We will have a special show and tell for the mini-quilts and also a drawing for one-day tickets to the quilt show that have been provided by the show sponsors. Also, sometimes PBS sends out show tickets to its members; if you receive these tickets but cannot use them, please consider donating them for our drawings on 8/28 and 9/5, so they'll be used and not be wasted.

There are still 3 openings for volunteers to Hostess our booth at the show on Thursday; 3 openings on Friday; and 6 openings on Saturday. This is a really fun opportunity to talk to quilters about our guild and all the great things we do and the fun we have.

Call Kay Lange at 608/927-7423 with questions or to volunteer.

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Renew friendships and enthusiasm at Mad City Quilt Guild!
August 28 and Sept 5
First meetings of our 2023-2024 year
See you soon !

Upcoming Evening Guild Meetings

Aug 28, 2023	7:00 pm
Sept 25, 2023	7:00 pm

Upcoming Afternoon Guild Meetings

Sept 5, 2023	1:00 pm
Oct 3, 2023	1:00 pm

Workshop

Sept 23, 2023 Battle of the Quilters 9-3

Meeting Location: Middleton Community Church
645 Schewe Rd, Middleton
(2 mi W of Beltline, off Old Sauk)

Next Newsletter Deadline:

September 18, 2023

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