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

Vic's Voice

VAROOM -- *Did we ever start out this year with a bang!*

WELCOME *to our new members! We are happy you decided to join us for your creative journey!*

THANK YOU *to the members who have donated to the guild thus far, totaling almost $800!*

WOW! *A round of applause for your generosity!*

Like always, don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Vickie Schyvinck vschyvinck4@gmail.com

Let's get inspired and quilt!!!

~~ Vickie

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

September 25, 2023 **Kim Jahnz/On the Bias Designs -- "Using Your Icy Powers to Make Fun Quilts" --** "In addition to spending a few moments just talking about our shop in Whitewater, we will be doing a demonstration of ice dyeing fabric and showing unique ways to use these one-of-a kind creations in your quilting projects."

October 23, 2023 **Margaret Jankowski -- "Common Threads"** -- Margaret John Jankowski is a writer, maker and nonprofit leader living in Madison, WI. She is the Founder and Director of the Sewing Machine Project. A lifelong sewist, Margaret has honed her expertise through developing her own children's clothing brand, and freelancing as a sample maker for American Girl. The Sewing Machine Project represents the intersection of Margaret's passions, as it provides the opportunity to sew, to serve and to write about the incredible individuals she encounters.

Margaret is pleased to present her recent book, **Common Threads: Delivering hope and discovering meaning through sewing machines,** describing the origin and incredible evolution of the Sewing Machine Project. Embodying lessons learned, Margaret shares stories that warm our hearts and reflect the challenges inherent in growth.

Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase at the presentation.

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

October 3, 2023 **Amie Bier -- Chair Yoga for Quilters --** Chair yoga is for those looking for a slowed-down and gentler practice with all the same benefits. Poses will include either seated or standing positions with the support of the chair. In this class, the instructor, Amie, will focus on the neck, shoulders, spine and anywhere else that tends to stiffen and tense due to quilting or sewing. As with any physical activity, if you feel discomfort or pain, it is best to release the pose and return to a comfortable position. Please feel free to ask questions if you have them, either before or after class. No experience necessary!

November 7, 2023 **Dee Van Driel --** ***Strut Your Stuff*** **-- Enter a Quilt Show**

Community Projects Update

LET THE CHALLENGE BEGIN!

Mad City Quilt Guild presents: **"Battle of the Quilters"** charity sew-in. Join us on September 23, from 9-3 at the Middleton Community Church to get to know your sister guild members and to sew quilt tops for charity.

When arriving at the church, guild members will be randomly assigned to teams to *work together* piecing blocks, designing the quilt, and sewing the quilt tops together. Each team will have a "leader" who will help with the process. We will use Ms. Rosie's Quilt Co. "Cake Mix #5" triangle papers to make blocks. Fabric and recipe cards will be provided (as will dimensions for the quilt top). Please bring your sewing machine and sewing supplies. Within the team, you will choose who will sew, cut, remove paper, design blocks, etc.

It would be best to plan on spending the whole day to give your team enough help to finish.

Bring your own lunch and beverages. (Yes, there is a microwave.)

PLEASE let Sandy Shepherd know if you plan on attending at 937-209-9257 (cell) or email at ssheppy0819@gmail.com. We need to know the number of members attending to determine how many teams we can have and to make sure there are enough supplies provided for all teams.

We'll have fun, ***BUT THE BATTLE IS ON!***

Sandy Shepherd Community Projects Coordinator 937/209-9257 ssheppy0819@gmail.com

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Minutes of the MCQG Board Meeting September 16, 2023

Fitchburg Public Library

Present: Vickie Schyvinck, Gretchen Keller, Mary Joy Johnson, Sandy Shepherd, Cindy Grindeman, Kay Lange, Kristin Gumbinger, Dee Van Driel,

President, Vickie Schyvinck Discussion on *t-shirts* for members. Kristin suggested that each member order her own t-shirt directly from the website. We chose the color teal and will have both v-neck and crew-neck available, including plus sizes. More details to follow.

Vickie will coordinate the *fabric challenge* this year. Fat quarters will be available this fall and the reveal of challenge quilts will be at the May meeting.

Discussed *photo days*. Need a volunteer to coordinate. Dee has quilt rack. People will use their own cameras.

Holiday Party. Bonfyre Grill on Saturday, December 9 at 6 p.m. Mary Joy will collect reservations and checks. More details to follow.

Bank signature cards for new president and treasurer will be completed soon. Discussed having someone audit our checking account in June.

First two meetings of the year were active and with lots of excitement. The Tootsie roll pops were a hit. Newcomers felt welcomed.

Vickie is collecting fat quarters and other stash items for the ***Bag Raffle*** for members at Jan. 2 and May 20 meetings.

Vice-Presidents, Gretchen Keller and Carmen Golde (absent) Gretchen was pleased with the participation in the ice-breaker at first meeting.

Membership, Cindy Grindeman 76 members have renewed and 13 new members have joined. Cindy distributed volunteer list, business listings, and activities members are interested in. Kristin will update the business listings on website

Treasurer, Margaret Henzler (absent) Written report submitted. New member **Shelly Riddle** will step in as treasurer.

Community Service Projects, Sandy Shepherd Membership donations so far are $795, plus $1200 is included in the budget. She will be ordering batting very soon. The monthly Sew-in days are busy with some 20 members working or dropping off quilts. Some people have shopped at BBQ, a plus for the shop because we are not paying for the room. The poster is now framed by Bob Clingan, whose wife Carol is a member. About 10 people have signed up for ***Battle of the Quilters*** for the 23rd. Dee will send out email bump to remind members they should sign up ahead of time so Sandy has enough materials prepared. We need to clarify for members the process for the day.

Blotto, Gwen JeSchonek (absent) Gwen reports: "The Blotto schedule for the 2023-2024 year has been posted to our guild website and Facebook, along with the current August/September block for charity: *King's X*. I have also created block directions and samples for the next two presentations. I have sent the PDF of directions for the next block, *Poppy,* to Kristin G. which she has timed to be uploaded on our website September 25. I will upload the same to Facebook after the meeting that evening. These blocks will be for a member drawing in October."

Programs and News, Dee Van Driel Deadlines for newsletter items are September18, October 20, and November 3. Vickie will write a short snippet for every newsletter. Dee is curious about how members use the newsletter. People are appreciative of new bumps before meetings.

Quilt Show Booth, Kay Lange and Jean Muehlemann (absent) Quilt show attendees submitted over 1200 ballots for the 34 mini quilts in the booth. The minis will not be returned to members until after they have been displayed at Blue Bar in December. Kay and Jean will continue to coordinate the booth for 2024, but they are asking for a couple of people to shadow them next year to prepare to take over in 2025 and 2026. A comment was made to have a plan to communicate if someone cannot cover their shift in the booth.

Website/Social Media, Kristin Kristin asked that we give advance notice to put items on website. **Gwen JeSchonek** made PDFs of Community Service patterns and requirements, and they have been posted on the website. **Heather Matanock** designed the program cards for the year.

Next Board Meeting is November 18.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Joy Johnson, Secretary

Mad City Quilt Guild 2023-2024 Program Schedule

Evening @ 7:00

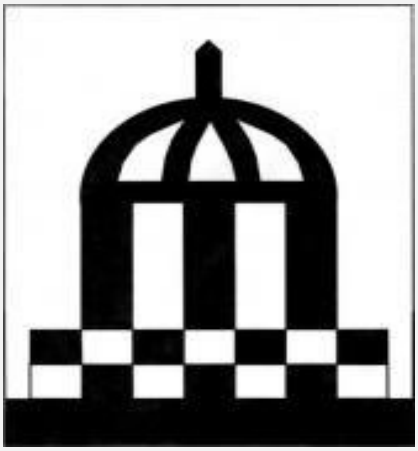
Aug 28 Vickie Schyvinck: For the Love of Creating
Sept 25 Kim Jahnz/On the Bias Designs: Using Your Icy Powers to Make Fun Quilts
Oct 23 Margaret Jankowski/The Sewing Machine Project: Common Threads
Nov 27 Allison Rainboth: Ruby McKim, Artist and Designer
Jan 22 Rebecca Lidstrom/Studio R Quilts: Two 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



Membership

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 to $35. (Feel free to donate additional monies which go toward Community Service Projects.)

We have 76 renewed members and 13 new members. In November I start to clear names of people who have not renewed, so please fill out the membership form and remind your friends to do the same! You've done an excellent job of putting the cord "inside" your nametags! Review that technique with your neighbor at the meeting for new members. The information on the membership form, volunteers, interests (impressive list!) and businesses has been passed on to the board!

Cindy wonders if anyone has a clipboard they could donate for the membership desk...

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

Tic Tac Toe 2023-2024 Blotto Overview

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 monthy by your Blotto Buddy:

Gwen JeSchonek (gwenajes@gmail.com)

Great Wisconsin Quilt Show Mini-quilt Update

Our booth at The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show drew lots of attention. Visitors mentioned how colorful the booth was with all the different mini-quilts hanging on the sides. We gave away around 300 program guides to interested quilters, and hopefully some will join us. Visitors to the booth filled out 1,212 ballots, voting for their 3 favorite mini quilts of the 34 submitted. Counting of the ballots has been completed and the winners will be announced at our meetings on Sept. 25th and Oct. 3rd. All the mini quilts will be displayed at those meetings, but will not be returned until after they are displayed on the gallery walls of Blue Bar Quilts in December.

The theme for 2024 mini quilts will be announced in January.

I'm looking forward to 2024, but it will be my last year as a mini-quilt co-coordinator. It has been really fun. If you would like to be a part of this program within the guild, let me know, so Jean and I can show you the ropes before you take over in 2025.

Believe me, it is a BLAST!!!

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

Congratulations to the following members whose quilts were among the beauties displayed at The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show, Sept 7-9.

Deb Cavanaugh-2 (+laq x 2), Margaret Hetzler, Bill Hoernke-2, Robin Jimenez-2, Julayne Jelle (laq x 3), Tracy Rucka, Mary Vassalotti (laq), Nancy Acker, Andrea Byerley (+laq), Carmen Golde, Holly Lynn Johnson (+laq x 2), Mary Joy Johnson, Jen Mulder, Dee Van Driel, Susan Jackan.

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Renew friendships and enthusiasm at Mad City Quilt Guild!
Sept 25 and Oct 3
Upcoming meetings of our 2023-2024 year
See you soon !

Workshop
Sept 23, 2023 Battle of the Quilters 9-3

Upcoming Evening Guild Meetings

Sept 25, 2023	7:00 pm
Oct 23, 2023	7:00 pm

Upcoming Afternoon Guild Meetings

Oct 3, 2023	1:00 pm
Nov 7, 2023	1:00 pm

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

Next Newsletter Deadline:

October 20, 2023

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