

## From the President

Dear West Suburban Quilters

Happy Spring. It seems a little hard to tell in Wisconsin when it is spring but with only two meetings left in our guild calendar year I know it must be spring! Spring is a good time to have a fresh start, a time to start a new happy quilt, and a time to refresh your creativity while you wait to discover the signs of spring. If you are looking for some new ideas, I always like to spend some time at these web sites <http://www.quilterscache.com/QuiltBlocksGalore.html> or <http://www.freequiltpatterns.info/free-quilt-patterns-directory.htm> for free patterns.

Perhaps your creativity is being refreshed by finishing your challenge quilt! Because of the efforts of all our members, West Suburban is having a meeting like never before. Through our productive auction this past fall, we are able to award some very nice cash prizes for our challenge quilts at the April meeting. The interesting twist to this is that the quilts will go to charity and the money won will go to charity too.

I would like to congratulate our newly elected officers and committee chair people. If you held a position in the guild and will not have that job next year, please bring your folder or any information that needs to be passed on to the next person to our May meeting. What exciting opportunities will next year hold for our guild?

One opportunity will be the quilt show. Thank you Renee Henning, and Mary Jo Busch for

volunteering to chair our next show. Karen Hendrickson, Laurie Johnson Kelli Effinger and I have agreed to work as a team of advisors for them as they are both new to our guild. Please show your support and say yes when asked to do something for the show. Many hands make light work. Our show is a wonderful thing but it doesn't just happen. Volunteer. Come up with ideas. Make your raffle quilt block. Start talking up the show with friends. Refresh your creativity by stepping outside of your comfort zone and try a job for the quilt show that is not in your usual repertoire.

See you at the meeting with Challenge quilt in hand I hope. (I still have to layer and quilt mine!)

Happy Spring! Refresh, renew, create!

*Wendy Rieves*

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Laurie Mielke with her Dr Deuss Quilt





## Sunshine News for March

### Sunshine

If my memory is correct, there is no news for this past month; however, unlike Lake Wobegone ("It's been a quiet week here in Lake Wobegone...") this has been a month in which the kitchen calendar reminds me of where to go and when to be there. If cards were needed, they were sent to members promptly.

I always appreciate it when you let me know of member's needs and I respond right away. So keep up your end of the bargain and I will always keep up mine.

Book on CD for this month was listening to "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society" to get ready to lead the small book club I am in. It was wonderful to hear the varied voices of each character I had read and thought about last year. A friend has recommended reading "Wench", a novel about the relationship between master and favored slaves. It is apparently based on some truths. Of course, I have started it and read it in fits and starts and hope that by the time it is due at the library I will be able to renew it.

Other CD enjoyments have been music. Since there is little time to and enjoy music, I'm doing

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**WSQG** meets on the second Wednesday of each month at **Brookfield Christian Reformed Church**, 14135 Burleigh Road (Burleigh and Lilly) in Brookfield. Meetings

start at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

The WSQG Newsletter is published monthly, September through May. Your input is welcome. The deadline for submission is the 28th of the month, prior to publication.

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## West Suburban Quilter's Guild

**2010-2011**

### Board of Directors

#### Officers

<i>President</i>	Wendy Rieves
<i>Vice President</i>	Cheri Allen
<i>Secretary</i>	Patty Martin
<i>Treasurer</i>	Gloria Volland

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<i>Programs</i>	Deb Dorsey Lisa Garms Pam Losik Katie Migliano Jean Roesler
<i>Hospitality</i>	Mary Bruemmer Judy Dannenbrink Shirley Dentinger Carol Koback
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<i>Sunshine</i>	Mary Hartwig
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<i>Directory</i>	Cheri Allen
<i>Charity Quilts</i>	<a href="#">Anne Nee</a>
<i>Nominating</i>	Kelli Effinger Karen Hendrickson
<i>Web Page</i>	Cindy Long

## Guild Information

### Note from the Program Committee:

Please label your quilt for the Charity Challenge Quilt Show with your name and our Guild's name. If you are unable to do this, we will add them at the meeting.

**REMINDER: Our Charity Showcase in April will begin a half hour earlier, to give us time to get all quilts checked in.**

If you have a friend that is interested in taking the workshop, or just hearing Weeks Ringle of Fun Quilts speak at our May meeting, please contact Jean Roesler from the program committee at roeslerja@wi.rr.com or 262-782-5090

### Upcoming Workshop:

**Left Brain/Right Brain with Fun Quilts**

Saturday, May 21, 2011

### Upcoming Program:

**Color In A Supporting Role -Weeks Ringle**

### Charity News

We reached our goal of over 1,000 baby hats last month. We will continue collecting them until the end of this year along with all of your other blan-

kets. I can't wait until this month's meeting. Hope to see all of your lovely quilts for the isolates.

Thanks for all of your hard work.  
Anne Nee

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it in the car as I drive. Have been listening to The Weavers and Pete Seeger these days to prep for some volunteer work with 9<sup>th</sup> graders at our local high school. Its great fun to be a "senior citizen partner" telling them about my perspectives on WW2 to the present. Just having a problem seeing myself as a senior citizen. Better take time to look into the mirror more often.

Robins are back. Male and female woodpeckers at the feeder at the same time early one morning. First I'd ever seen that. Maybe I should get up earlier and look out the window.

Enjoy these blooming days. I'm waiting for the early daffodils. Bonnie

Bonnie Camp [Bonnie Camp \(mcamp1@wi.rr.com\)](mailto:mcamp1@wi.rr.com)



**Mary D'Amico  
and her charity  
Quilt!**

**The Crazy  
Quilters' Guild,  
Inc.**  
**Presents *Their 24th  
Annual Quilt Show***  
*April 30 & May 1, 2011 Sat:  
9-5 p.m. Sun: 11-4 p.m.*

## Nominations for 2011/2012

We are pleased to present the following nominations for the WSQG Slate of Officers for 2011-2012:

### Officers

President	Karen Hendrickson
Vice President	Cheri Allen
Secretary	Jeanne Kozlovsky
Treasurer	Judy Dannenbrink

Additionally, we are pleased to report the following members have agreed to serve as committee chairs for 2011-2012:

### Committee Chairs

Programs	Mary Jo Busch
	Wendy Rieves
	Johanna Fritz
	Jean Roesler
Charity Quilts	Patty Martin
Hospitality	Mary Bruemmer
	Shirley Dentinger
	Margie Idzikowski
	Carol Koback

Newsletter & Directory	Lisa Garms
Photographer	Joanne Sheehan (mail newsletter)
Pattern Library	Marianne Kayne
	Mary Markert
	Lynda Soderstrom
Door Prizes	Marlene Lansford
	Ardene Brown
Sunshine	Bonnie Camp
Show & Tell	Mary Hartwig
	Laurie Johnson
Telephone	Catherine Faroah
	Nancy Gorzek
Web Page	Michelle Sweetser
Nominating	Gloria Volland
Block of Month	Caren Zimmerman

Respectfully submitted by:  
Karen Hendrickson and Kelli Effinger

### Super Fast Longarm Quilting by Trudie Hughes.

Trudie is donating all she earns through sales of her books, patterns, and longarm quilting to **La Causa** Crisis Nursery.

So, if you have a quilt done, it will go to a good cause while getting your quilt done in a day or two.

With 12 years of longarm experience.

I have a large selection of Polymer Clay for sale and eyelet trim. Please contact me if you might be interested.

Contact Trudie at [trudie@wi.rr.com](mailto:trudie@wi.rr.com) or

262-784-2349.



## It's Time to Renew Your Membership

It is that time of year again, to begin planning for next year. Please fill out the form below and mail it to Cheri Allen with a check made out to WSQG for \$22.00. Forms and dues need to be paid by the end of the day, Tuesday, May 31, 2010.

Please contact Cheri at Clallen360@aol.com

# West Suburban Quilters' Guild Membership Renewal Form

It is time to think about renewing your membership for 2011-2012 Guild year. Dues for the coming year, \$22.00, are to be paid not later than May 31, 2010. Please complete the form below and return to Cheri Allen at the April or May meeting or mail to her at S76 W18149 Janesville Rd, Muskego, WI 53150

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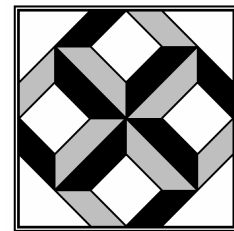
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E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for future programs (topics, speakers, workshops, etc.)  
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## February 9, 2011 Pre-Meeting Minutes

A special meeting was held at 6:00 PM prior to the 7:00 meeting to discuss the 2012 Quilt Show. All members were invited in the February newsletter. The meeting discussions addressed the need to evaluate offering a quilt show, lack of interest/support and quilt show frequency: every two years vs. three years.

Why do we have a quilt show?

The quilt show directly supports our mission statement which Wendy read for attendees. The show promotes community awareness of the quilting arts, provides a showcase and recognition of our work, inspires others to continue the quilting tradition. The show

attracts new members, builds friendships and generates revenue to fund programs.

Revenue: The quilt show has a solid success record for generating increased attendance and increased revenue year over year. The quilt show proceeds fund two years of guild programs and supplies seed money for the next show. In comparison our very successful auction generated 1/3 the amount of revenue.

Problem: Getting people to help.

Question: Why are there so few volunteers? Is it due to a lack of awareness?

Suggestion: Breakdown each committee chair person's job into small segments to ease the work load.

Suggestion: Use a team approach for each segment of the show.

Maintain a lead person.

Suggestion: Circulate a list of all the committees and their duties to all members to help everyone understand what needs to be done and decide which

tasks to sign up for at the March meeting.

Kellie Effinger added there were 17 committees that worked the last show.

People were wonderful and helped willingly. Everyone did a fabulous job.

The co-ordination takes time.

Question: Should we simplify the show and eliminate the Friday night speaker or program booklets?

Question: Is Mount Mary College the right location:

Discussion: Attendance has increased each year at Mount Mary, it is handicap accessible with plenty of parking. The show is also known as the Mount Mary Show. Consistency is important so we don't lose interest & attendees.

Suggestion: Limit the number of quilts to the number of racks the guild owns and limit the number of entries per person.

Suggestion: Build our own racks rather than rent. Bonnie Camp may have a lead.

Suggestion: Review how the guild returns the income to our members. Requested

more and better workshops, bus trips and books. We have been so frugal for so long, we need to use the resources we have.

Conclusion: Everyone present voted to have a 2012 quilt show.

The show allows our guild to be a very low cost organization for our members. Other organizations are much more costly.

We have an exceptional guild comprised of wonderful members who get involved once it is understood what needs to be done.

### March 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

We are a very fortunate guild indeed to have Wendy Rieves as our President who opens each meeting with laughter and graciously stepped in at the last minute to cover for our scheduled speaker. Joanie Poole was not able to join us due to the very sad loss of her mother that week.

Wendy provided a great Fat Quarter Fiesta seminar packed with useful ideas, information, a delightful trunk show and hand outs with patterns. While determining who had the most fat quarters in the guild, we learned about the Quilting Football League that awards prizes for buying the most fat quarters from participating stores. [quiltingfootballleague.com](http://quiltingfootballleague.com)

Wendy recommends collecting fat quarters on shop hops, guild exchanges, at quilt shows and when you are traveling. They pack well and make nice trip mementos. The 18" x 22" cut provides the most options for cutting and uses. We were introduced to Quiltina, a colorful fat quarter doll, a quilter's version of Flat Stanley who has traveled the world with Wendy and has a habit of showing up in many photographs.

#### Committee Reports:

#### Quilt Show:

Thank you to Mary Jo Busch who volunteered to co-chair our 2012 Quilt Show with Renee Henning. Thank you to the co-chairs from previous quilt shows who have offered to attend all meetings and work as a team to assist and guide the new team for a great 2012 quilt show. Minutes from the February quilt show pre-meeting minutes are included.

A great looking Raffle Quilt was introduced, "Birds and Bears".

50 kit packets were given to volunteers to sew and return at the April meeting.

Charity Sewing - Neonatal Hats for Preemies:

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone for all your efforts sewing these sweet little hats. We exceeded our goal with over 1,000 hats donated to St. Joe's. The nurses were delighted with all the hats and great colors. The award for sewing the most hats went to Kay Batta for sewing 82 wonderful hats.

Membership reported we have a waiting list of 5 people at this time.

Special April Meeting time is **6:30 PM**.

Remember to bring your charity quilt made with the fat quarter provided last fall. Everyone will vote on the quilts that best feature the fat quarter fabric provided. \$2,000 in prize money will be awarded to many different charities based on organizations previously selected by each winner. Quilt hangers and labels are not needed for this quilt show.

The May meeting will be our traditional pot luck celebration starting at 6:00 PM. Please note what you plan to bring on the sign up sheet.

Our officers for 2012-02013 year have been elected and confirmed.

President: Karen Hendrickson

Vice President: Cheri Allen

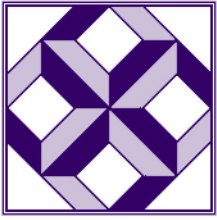
Secretary:  
Jeanne Kozlovsky

Treasurer:  
Judy Dannenbrink

Congratulations and Thank You!

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Patty Martin**





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# West Suburban Quilter's Guild

April 13, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

## Charity Challenge Quilt Show

Christian Reformed Church  
14135 Burleigh Road (Burleigh and Lilly)  
Brookfield