



NEWSLETTER

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Guild Meeting:

June 11th, 6pm

~At Ascend Services

2818 Meadow Lane, MTWC

Upcoming:

~Reminder: No Meeting in July

~August Picnic - Aug 15 at Woodland Dunes

Quilting Legacies Machine Repair drop-off and pick up months:

June, August, October, December

Contact Nan Groll if you plan on bringing a machine to the guild for pick up.

2026-2027 Guild Registration Form on Page 7

First, a little humor:

Quilting Acronyms just for fun

SABLE: Stash Accumulation Beyond Life Expectancy.

Having way more fabric than you could ever possibly sew.

WOMBAT: Waste Of Money, Batting And Time.

A project that just isn't working out and ends in regret.

FART: Fabric Acquisition Road Trip.

A fun excursion to visit various local quilt shops to buy more fabric.

FOB: Fear Of Binding.

The dreaded anxiety of finishing the edges of a nearly complete quilt.

Don't let anyone talk you out of that 30 minute sewing project. Those two hours could be the most enjoyable six hours you've ever spent.

From the President's Desk - Ellen Lewellen

Are you a person who hates deadlines, or are you someone who needs that push to get to the finish line? Tis the season for graduations and weddings — both occasions for gifting quilts. Or maybe you're relaxing with your favorite quilt magazine and you see a cute pattern for a summer picnic quilt, table runner or door hanging you just have to make. There's room in this world for both the quilters who finish on time and those who finish the project at a later date.

However, maybe the less structured time of summer would be a good time to challenge yourself to make good progress on the really great quilt you hope to enter in our show next spring (hint, hint).

At the June meeting we will be electing Vice President and Treasurer (although the current fantastic people are running for a second term) and 2 members-at-large for our Board. One of the tasks of the officers over the summer is to compile all the information needed to print our little booklet for the fall. If you have not done so already, PLEASE fill out the registration form, paying special attention to the section where you can choose which committees you'd like to help, and send it to the address listed. Also, you are given the option to list several people you'd like to team up with to host a meeting and if there are any months when you are unavailable. We try to do our best to juggle all that when making assignments. It is also really important that you double check that the email, address, and phone numbers are accurate. You already know that our newsletter is fabulous and chock full of information, so you don't want to miss that. As always, we do offer snail mailing of the newsletter to those few who don't have computer access, but we ask those of you who do to refrain from asking for a printed copy from our overworked Secretary/Newsletter Editor simply for your convenience.

Have I mentioned THERE IS NO MEETING IN JULY? After the June meeting, the next whole guild event will be the August picnic which is again planned to be held at Woodland Dunes.

Enjoy your summer!



finding patterns, notions and fabrics in the PJF (post Joann Fabrics) Era

For those of you who asked Guild members to share relevant web sites and remembering what Elaine West from The Sewing Basket told us last fall about garment pattern companies, I recently came across a You Tube (CreateWithKaterina) updating that. Apparently Simplicity, McCalls, Vogue, New Look and others were sold off then bought up by some employees of Simplicity along with investors. Now you can go to [Simplicity.com](https://www.simplicity.com) for all these companies' patterns plus more on the one site. There is often a category of patterns for sale, and you can get the patterns printed as usual and mailed to you, or for less, you can print them off yourself (and presumably have to tape the pieces together, Ugh). If you are tutoring a young person or never sewed garments yourself, there are "Inspo" Look Books and sewing tutorials on just about every facet of garment making including how to choose the pattern size and reading the envelope back, and also sew-alongs for select patterns.

Two other online companies which were new to me are [Fabric Wholesale Direct](https://www.fabricwholesale.com) and [Wawak](https://www.wawak.com). Looking at Fabric Wholesale, I wasn't at all impressed with their cotton selection like we would use for quilting—I think for sure you should go to our local quilt stores. However if you need some specialty fabric for another purpose that

might be a place to check. I thought Wawak would be an overseas knockoff company like Temu but it's an American company with a long history. It has sewing supplies like needles, thread, and zippers with periodic sales. Non tech people like it because it has a free paper 148 page catalog they will mail you. Reviewers also said their customer service is outstanding with live people on the phone. For comparison, I checked zippers by the yard for bag making, and a brand of long arm thread cones I use. Both had really good prices and are not something I can usually find with any selection at our local quilt stores. Hope this is helpful for some of you. ~Ellen Lewellen

Help feed the Hungry Spool Monster!

Reminder: the Props
Committee is collecting
spools for the quilt show.
Any size and style.

Contact person: Naomi



~ May 14, 2026 Guild Meeting Minutes ~

- **Welcome & Pledge**
- **Guest Speaker:** Steve from De Repairs
 - Certified in Viking and Singer for warranty work and other machines past the warranty
 - Approx. 2 week turn around
 - Appointments are highly recommended
 - General home cleaning tips
 - DO NOT use air can for cleaning
 - This blows dust into the machine
 - Your basic vacuum with attachment will work well
 - Remove your stitch plate
 - Remove bobbin, case
 - Needle Threader
 - Use brush to gently clean
 - Yearly check up
 - You check your car, furnace, and other appliances, you should also check your sewing machine
 - What to bring with for a repair/check up
 - Your power cord
 - Foot Pedal
 - Bobbin
 - Thread
 - Quick Tips “My thread keeps breaking!”
 - Thread gets old and brittle
 - Store away from sun and in a container to prevent dust
 - Recommend guterman, aurafil
 - Zigzag foot
 - to check tension
 - What to leave behind for a repair/check up
 - Case / cover
 - Slide on tray
 - Basic tools for DIY cleaning
 - Screwdriver
 - Brush for cleaning
 - Recommended oil brand: Triflow Oil - synthetic oil
 - He checks:
 - Spacing between moving parts
 - Checks amp to make sure motor is running with proper speed
 - Much more...I couldn't type fast enough

~ May 14, 2026 Guild Meeting Minutes Continued ~

- Social Time and Snacks
- Show and Tell
- Business
 - Secretary Report: Motion: Marlene Denor Second Lori Hansen-Stein
 - Treasurer's Report given verbally
 - Motion:
 - Info shared on investing some of the guild's funds for better interest return
 - Discussion tabled for future more "research"
 - Thank you to
 - committees for Workshop impressionist
 - Hand Applique Workshop
 - Vivien W will be teaching a hand applique workshop
 - Two options, details in newsletter
 - Manitowoc County Fair
 - Quilt Block Contest
 - Demonstrations wanted for Wed Aug 26 at 1pm and Thurs Aug 27 at 1 at the County Fair
 - One hour for a small demo
 - Volunteers wanted for selling raffle tickets
 - Quilts for Veterans
 - See Nan with questions
 - Quilt Show
 - Volunteers needed for
 - Make and Take project and workers needed
 - Responsibility: Come up with a simple sewing idea and then prep kits with fabric and whatnot that is needed
 - Someone to work with Mary Hutchison to learn how to do the Quilt Descriptions
 - A final member for the publicity team. Contact Mary Ellen Beebe
 - Quilt Registration Form for show is being finalized
 - Charity to be chosen to receive funds from Raffle Baskets and charity booth
 - Challenge Quilt information shared
 - Details will be outlined in the newsletter
 - No Meeting in July
 - Nominating Committee will be asking for volunteers

~ May 14, 2026 Guild Meeting Minutes Continued~

- August Picnic
 - Woodland Dunes
 - August 13, 5-8pm
 - 5pm Garden Walk
 - 6pm Meal
 - Plus more to be announced
- Tip Jar
 - Keep the tips coming!
- Guild Leaders are working on how to better share new information on new members
 - Any suggestions?
- Charity Quilts
 - Holy Family Cancer Center looking for quilts
 - Generous Lap Size
 - Give to Winnie K and she will pass them along
- AccuCut Machine available
 - Die cutting machine with dies
 - Asking \$200
 - See Vicki Patt
- Motion to adjourn Pam Posvic Second Lori Hansen Stein

Submitted: Naomi Anderson

2027 Quilt Show Corner

- Show dates: April 3 & 4, 2027
- Location: Manitowoc County Expo
- Theme: A Stitch in Time
- Quilt Show Chairwomen: Julie K, Kathy G, Jeanette W
- Featured Quilter: Ellen Lewellen

Committee Meetings: Committee Chairs meet the second Monday of the month at 6pm at the Two Rivers Quilt Shop.

Got Quilt Show info to share with the guild?

Contact Naomi to get it in the newsletter: naomianderson428@gmail.com

A Patch of Lakeshore Quilters Guild Membership 2026-2027

CIRCLE ONE: New Member or Returning - Please print or use address label:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

E-mail: _____ *

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Birthday (Just for fun) _____

*email is the primary way we communicate. Notify us that you don't receive email.

ANNUAL DUES

_____ \$30.00 Membership if receiving Newsletter via E-Mail

_____ \$40.00 Membership if receiving Newsletter via US Postal Service

_____ \$10.00 Junior Membership (10 – 18 years) with paid adult member:

Mentor' name: _____

_____ \$8.00 Membership name badge ~ circle which: pin or magnet on back

Make Checks payable to: A Patch of Lakeshore Quilters Guild

Return forms and payments to Treasurer or mail to:

A Patch of Lakeshore Quilters Guild

Attn: Treasurer, P. O. Box 1952, Manitowoc, WI 54221-1952

Committees: Place an **X** by committee(s) you would like to participate in.

Circle any committee you would be willing to lead.

(committee descriptions on next pages)

___ Camp Quilt ___ County Fair Quilt ___ Mystery Quilt ___ Picnic

___ Charity Projects ___ Historian ___ Sunshine ___ Workshop

___ Christmas Social ___ Membership Booklet ___ Nominating

___ New Member Reach Out ___ National Quilting Day

___ Hostess ~Choose a month(s) for Social Hostessing:

___ Sept ___ Oct ___ Nov ___ Jan ___ Feb ___ March ___ April ___ May ___ June

I would like to work with: _____

TREASURER'S USE ONLY:

Dues rec'd: Date _____ Cash _____ Check # _____

Amount _____ Rec'd by _____

Committee Info (most are worked as a team)

● **Camp Quilt**

- Set up dates with Camp Tapawingo (currently rolling over the deposit)
- Reserve table at Two Rivers Family Restaurant for Friday breakfast
- Contact local quilt shops for camp discounts
- Committee is responsible for camp menu – That means ordering from the restaurant and picking up if need be and coordinating cooking with members once the menu has been decided
- Come up with a quick project
- Get the necessary items out of the storage shed (i.e. irons, ironing boards, plates, napkins, plastic ware, plastic wrap and food storage items, etc)
- Set up tables/chairs on the Thursday before camp
- Insure that everything is cleaned up when we leave on Sunday

● **Charity Projects**

- Organize/suggest projects which can be made by members. Contact organizations within the community which may be in need of items.
- Collect quilts from members and deliver to the charities as needed.
- Keep records of donations made.

● **Christmas Social**

- As a committee (usually 3-4 people) Plan a Christmas Party for the December Guild Meeting. Usually some fun games/activities, delicious food, prizes, and sometimes entertainment. There is a budget.

● **County Fair Quilt**

- Inform Guild of rules for next fair and encourage participation.
- Make blocks from previous year's entries into a quilt. Obtain raffle tickets and supervise raffle events prior to the next fair.
- Ask guild members to be present with the quilt at the fair

● **Historian**

- Ensure the safety of Guild records and photos. Document current events with photos and add to the collection.
- May coordinate with or be the person to showcase our history at our biannual quilt show.

● **Hostess**

- Working with a team of 3-4:
 - Assist in setting up chairs/tables for the meeting.
 - Bring a light snack for all to share. Help serve. Clean kitchen area.
 - Take out garbage. Return room to its original order.

● **Membership Booklet**

Along with the president or other board member, compile the data from the annual registration forms into booklet form and print them.

Include members' contact information, the officers, committees and monthly hostess schedule.

The booklet is usually compiled over the summer to be ready for fall.

- **Mystery Quilt**

Choose a quilt pattern which can be broken down into multiple steps.

Email the newsletter editor in time for each month, then bring a sample of that block or step to the next meeting to keep everyone's interest.

- **National Quilting Day**

- Mid March event. Reserve Ascend or another venue for the event.

Organize an open sew day/s (Bring irons, cords etc from storage shed).

Solicit members to give short demonstrations.

- **New Member Reach Out**

Pay attention as guests and new members are introduced at meetings.

Introduce yourself and answer all questions, especially how to find our website with newsletter and member registration information.

If you have obtained contact info, follow up and invite them back.

- **Nominating**

Mid spring, ascertain which officer and board member positions will be vacant. Ask members who might be interested in the position and explain the duties of the job. By the June meeting, have a ballot prepared with at least one name for each position. After the call has been made for nominations from the floor, distribute the ballots then tally up and announce the winners for each position.

- **Picnic**

- As a committee (usually 3-4 people) Plan a picnic for the August Guild Meeting. Usually some fun games/activities, delicious food, prizes, and sometimes entertainment. There is a budget available for this.

- **Sunshine**

On behalf of the Guild, send a card or remembrance to members who have had a death of a spouse or close family member.

- **Workshop**

- Organize workshops for members to learn new techniques.
- Set the date, reserve a place, and inform the members.
- If the instructor is not a Guild member, be the one to meet, introduce, then follow up with payment from our Treasurer and a thank you.