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News from Mad City Quilt Guild

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August 2020

“Virtual” Great Wisconsin Quilt Show 2020 Sept 10-12, 2020

As promised, The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show is going to happen, albeit virtually, on Sept 10-12, 2020! For the past 15 years, The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show (formerly Quilt Expo) has welcomed thousands of quilting enthusiasts to Madison, Wis, to celebrate the joys of quilting. This year, due to COVID-19, we're invited to experience the event online at QuiltShow.com!

It's easy to be part of this exciting and unusual quilt show experience. Simply visit QuiltShow.com to **register** (provide your name and email address. That's all!). After that, you can download the Event Guide or view the offerings online. *Everything is free!* Lectures, demos, presentations, vendors and their shopping possibilities, as well as the quilt exhibit will still be part of the experience.

The juried quilts were shipped to Beaver Dam where they were collected before being delivered to the Alliant Energy Center on August 17. Each piece was hung, as usual, in the Exhibit Hall, where they were judged and photographed via 3-D photography. Beginning Sept. 10, enjoy an immersive and interactive walk-through of the exhibits with access to high resolution images, detailed information about each quilt, and video interviews with select quilters who share the stories behind their quilts. (The quilt display was in place for 5 days, then was dismantled, and quilts were sent back to Beaver Dam for mailing to or being picked up by their owners.)

There are several things you can do now: Contribute to a virtual community quilt (Nancy Zieman 4-H Virtual Community Quilt: check the website for details), purchase event T-shirts and tote bags, schedule a quilt appraisal, participate in the community service project (Quilt to Give – from home – Aug 24-28), preview the vendors and their websites to explore the fabrics and notions they will be offering, and plan which educational presentations you'll watch during the virtual experience.

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show is PBS Wisconsin's largest annual fundraising event. This year, the goal is “to provide a free and accessible experience that unites the quilting community, provides educational opportunities and helps sustain our vendors.” If you are able to help support these efforts to bring you this virtual experience, please consider making a **donation** at QuiltShow.com/donate. Your special gift is 100% tax-deductible. Your support will help next year's Great Wisconsin Quilt Show come back stronger than ever!

Check it out!!!

Community Projects

As we keep to our sewing rooms through the pandemic, contributions to Linus continue. The Linus Project has been proactive in finding additional places in need of blankets, such as food pantries. We anticipate that Hospitals in the area will resume taking donations in the near future. The totals below consist of end-of-year tallies. I will start the count over just as if we were beginning our meetings for the 2020-2021 Guild year. A few things to consider . . .

1) I will **not** be accepting any fabric donations at this time. (Our “stash” is plentiful) And if YOUR stash is running low and you are making tops for charity, feel free to contact me.

2) I continue, with the help of others, to finish quilt tops.

My door is open if you need to drop things off at my house, or you can donate when our meetings resume. Call or text me to make sure I'm home before you come. You may also drop finished quilts off at Linus drop-off sites, although they will not be counted in the donation from our Guild.

Donated quilt tops to the Guild 131

Donated finished quilts to Linus 127

Stay safe and keep on quilting!!

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www.projectlinusmadison.org (drop off sites are listed)

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Mad City Quilt Guild Mini-Quilt Challenge HOME SWEET HOME
(postponed until Sept 2021)

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Odds and Ends

Many of you have entered quilts in the show. We'd like to create a list of pieces, so members can check them out when the show "opens." Please drop **Dee** a quick email (mydeezigns@hotmail.com) with your name, quilt name(s), category number – by Monday, Sept 7 – so she can send out the list.

Jane Vaughan reports that the Home Bound quilt (blocks made by members) is nearly complete. Watch our Mad City Quilt Guild Facebook page for pictures.

Dee is driving to Beaver Dam on Wed, Aug 26 at noon, to pick up her quilt. If you'd like her to collect yours on the same trip, call her (landline: 605/467-6496) or email and *provide your acceptance letter*.

Did you know that Nancy's Notions was sold in May to Missouri Star Quilt Company? Nancy's Notions retail store in Beaver Dam was owned by Tacony, a Missouri-based company, for 17 years, and closed at the end of July, 2019. Kits and notions are available through Missouri Star.

Carmen Golde offered these ideas to stay engaged during our "quarantine":

"The two online sites that have kept me busy, and inspired are:

"Thequiltshow.com with hosts Ricky Timms, and Alex Anderson. They have a special rate of \$19.95 for 6 months, where you get to see any & all classes offered in their many years of broadcast. Alex Anderson teaches classes 3x/week, and does workshops/lectures online. I have heard her ask guilds to connect with her as she offers this by Zoom, among other speakers. I don't know what fees are charged, but I think it would be good to know. No travel & lodging expenses, anyway!

"The other website that's been fun is gequiltedesigns.com. Gudrun Erla (from Minneapolis) hosts great quilt alongs, and tries to keep our spirits up and our quilt community strong. You may know that before March, she, like many other instructors traveled & are now online. They need our support as well."

Join the MCQG Facebook Group!

"I don't do Facebook."

MCQG has a private Facebook group, and members have enjoyed sharing news and quilts in the last months since we haven't met in person. But some people "don't do Facebook" because of privacy concerns, and rightly so!

However, it is possible to create a Facebook account with almost no exposure of your information, and then to join the private MCQG Facebook Group! No need for Facebook "friends" or the Facebook app, and no one can search for your Facebook information if you choose that in your Facebook Settings.

If you need help or have questions on how to do this, you're welcome to contact Hallie Ray, new Evening VP, for assistance, at hlaywisc@gmail.com or 540-842-3070 (phone/text). She can Email you detailed instructions!

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Block Lotto Continues (for 2021 BLOTTO): *Summer: Barn Quilt Trail*

Discover Barn Quilt Blocks on your summer travels. Find them in neighboring Green and Rock counties; barnquiltinfo.com.

Design your own barn quilt block, or check out: sewingforbeginners.info/barn-quilt-patterns-designs-ideas/#Madison Trail

Unfinished Block size: 9.5" x 9.5" unfinished

Fabrics: bright, clear, solid colors (no prints or textures)

Block Style: Traditional or contemporary, medium to high contrast colors, usually geometric and/or symmetrical

All remaining 2020 Mad City Quilt Guild meetings have been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

We will attempt to begin again in January 2021.

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

Next Newsletter Deadline:

October 15, 2020

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