

WILD RIVERS QUILT GUILD

April, 2022 Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, APRIL 26 at 5:30
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
900 Central Avenue, Florence



Meanderings

Happy Spring, Friends!

I love the promises given by April. The warmth of the sun can be felt through a jacket, snow is melting quickly, puddles show up in the low spots of the yard and gravel roads, winter weary deer come out of the woods searching for the first nibbles of green, tiny crocus slip short leaves up, almost unnoticed, daintily revealing flowers of purple, yellow, and white, while daffodils stretch their long slender leaves upward, with swelling buds that soon burst into sun-golden trumpets, heralding the return of the sun.

In Ecclesiastes 3, we are reminded that "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

What joyful news! Let us celebrate the return of Springtime, the beauty unfurling around us, and the promise of new life!

*Love and
Piece,*

Lori



April Tips and Techniques Program to be presented by Kathy Clawson: Westalee Ruler Work

Tuesday, April 26 at 5:30 pm.



For the past 24 years Kathy has been piecing and free motion quilting her own work. Initially, the need to learn to quilt her own creations was purely financial, but with time and education Kathy began and fell in



love with free motion quilting. Over the past four years Kathy has been taking classes and instruction in Westalee Templates and

Rulers. Teaching and ongoing education of her students is Kathy's passion. Kathy is one of 11 Promoted Teachers worldwide. Each have shown a high level of understanding and



knowledge on the Westalee Design quilting system and



have gone through a training program to achieve this status. The Westalee Ruler system can be used on most domestic sewing machines to

complete your quilts using over 400 templates, rulers and tools.

Kathy will discuss a hands-on Workshop in which we can participate when she is with us on April 26th.

SHOW & TELL!

We want to see what you've been working on.

46 MISSION QUILTS MADE and will be DELIVERED TO The Mission in Gaspra on Thursday, April 14.



If you want join in the delivery of the quilts, meet at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Florence at 11:00 am on Thursday, April 14

Way to go WRQG members!

VACANT POSITION Vice President Elect

KAREN HALLENBECK has graciously offered to be considered to fill in this position for the duration of this year. A vote will be taken at the April meeting of the Guild to confirm her appointment. Below is Karen's short bio for your consideration: I worked in the Corporate world all my career. It was here that I was introduced to "Toastmasters International" and attended those meetings for 15 years and served in most positions. I lived in the Milwaukee area most of my life, but moved to the U.P. about 20 years ago, and I absolutely love it here!!

I started quilting by taking a class in the Milw. area, but when I moved up here, a neighbor got me involved in making quilts for World Relief. Now I quilt at 2 Churches - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Kingsford, and Zion Lutheran in Felch. We make Hospice quilts and various other things like pillow case dresses, bloomers for boys (which are sent to second world countries) and baby blankets for neo-natal departments in hospitals.

I would like to learn more about the Guild as this is my first one - and I'm willing to learn by beginning with the vacant position, then, who knows?



OPEN SEW

Please RSVP on our Website by noon the day prior to event -details below! Minimum of 5 needed

Upcoming Dates for Open Sew:

1st Tuesday, May 3, June 7
3rd Thursday evening, Apr 21, May 19

Sign up for all day or ½ day on **Gatherings** page of our website. Here is the link to that page
wildriversquiltguild.org/gatherings

SIMPLE / QUICK / FUN EASTER TABLERUNNER 13 x 39



- *Cut 3 squares 13 ½ x 13 ½ Background fabric
- *Cut a variety of Easter-colored scraps in widths of 1" to 2 ½" and 10" long.
- *Cut 3 pieces Steam a Seam 2 Lite @ 9 ½" x 9 ½"
- *Cut binding 3 @ 2 ½" x 42"
- *Cut backing fabric about 18" x 44"
- *Draw an egg-shaped template about 9" tall and trace onto the 3 Steam-a-Seam 2 lite pieces, Cut out egg template – I know you can draw an egg shape!
- *Sew 3 large blocks together.
- *Sew variety of 10" strips together in random order – make 3 @ 10" x 10" squares
- *On wrong side of 10" strips, iron on 3 egg templates and cut out after cooled.
- *Remove paper from egg back; iron one egg onto center of each large block.
- *Using a small zig zag or straight seam, sew around the entire edges of each egg to secure.
- *Quilt as desired; apply binding.



Done is far better than perfect!

What is it corner?

TRAPUNTO

Trapunto is a quilting technique that involves thicker batting in a quilted design to raise it higher than the quilted background and adds some extra dimension to your quilting. This quilting technique produces slightly raised areas in your quilting and will make your patterns come to life. While it simply comes from the Italian word for "quilting," this technique is so much more than a boring old quilt block.

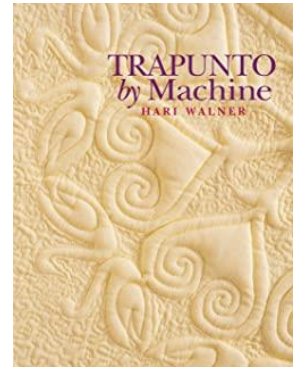


Upcoming Presenters:

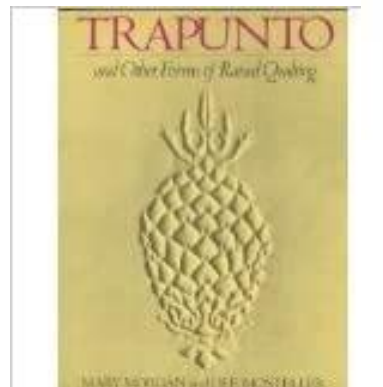
- *May – Kathy Kelm – Barn Quilts – History +++
- *June – Dorene Augustyn – Joy in the Journey – Get your Creative Hat On – Award Winning Quilter from Fort Worth Texas



Trapunto uses specific shapes that are delineated on a quilt with stitching. Typically, these patterns are intricate and visually stunning, utilizing the texture of the pattern instead of fabric color to make the design pop. An extra layer of cotton batting is used between the top and the batting. This puffs up the shape, giving the quilt a three-dimensional texture.



There are several methods to do Trapunto and the best thing to do if you are interested in trying it is to buy a couple of books on different methods and experiment try on a small block. Here are a couple of books to consider.



Upcoming Hands-On Workshops
Sign-up at Guild Meeting –
payment in advance required* –
checks made payable to
Wild Rivers Quilt Guild

Submit payment to Program Committee
 Representative Kathy Bednarski in person
 at our Guild meeting or mail to her at:
 3907 County Road D
 Florence, WI 54121

Antique Linen Pincushions \$30
Monday, May 16 Noon to 4/5pm
Led by WRQG Member Carol Ries

A wonderful complete kit will be provided for you and Carol will lead you through making your own beautiful antique linen pincushion. Look forward to a fun day.



Using Westalee Rulers to Free-Motion
Quilt on Domestic Machines
Date/Time/Cost TBD
Led by Kathy Clawson

This workshop is a possibility that Kathy Clawson will discuss with us at the April 26 meeting. She will require 10 participants to run a workshop for us and there is an investment in the rulers to consider.

***If a minimum number of participants is required by a Presenter for a workshop, payments will be held until the minimum is met and workshop is confirmed. Refunds will only be made in rare instances if the Presenter cancels, if the minimum is not met OR if there are more than enough participants to hold the workshop and someone must cancel for a various health / family reasons.**

Undersea Creatures Workshop

Wednesday June 29th 3 to 8 pm

Led by Dorene Augustyn

Cost \$45, includes pattern and some art supplies

Minimum of 5 participants, Maximum of 20

We'll discuss fabrics, adhesives, stitching & painting techniques and a lot of fun and useful info, all while creating an Underwater Sea Creature. Once you learn the basics your creations will be limitless! The



class incorporates applique and other artistic mark making methods. This class is a creative, crafty and expressive style of Art Quilting, where you will learn a variety of easy and fun ways to create

your very own Art Quilt! Supply list to be sent upon paid registration. You will get to try some fun methods for creating your sea Creature. Select from an assortment of animals. (Breaching Humpback Whale, Sea Turtle, Blue Crab, Whale Shark, Manta Ray and others available at the workshop.)

Make Your Own Barn Quilt

JULY Date / Time / Cost to be determined

led by Kathy Kelm

Minimum of 8 participants.

Design and paint your very own unique Barn Quilt about 24" x 24".

Can be used indoors or outdoors. Since building material prices are changing so rapidly, Kathy will wait until closer to date to determine workshop fees. This will be a fun day of creating a "quilty" item with no sewing required!

