

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Meanderings

Are you a planner? Do you like to keep lists and check them off? I confess I am, and I do. But when life interrupts, I sometimes have a hard time transitioning. Since this is the time of making plans (e.g. Resolutions), I find this quote



inspiring: "The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written." - Melody Beattie. How wonderful that each day, we get to choose what we do, how we

do it, and what we write. I also love this adaptation. Don't be startled when I yell it out! "When something goes wrong ...just yell PLOT TWIST and move on."- Molly Weis. I'm wishing you the most lovely plot twists during 2023!

*Love and Piece,
Lori*

OPEN SEW

TUESDAY, February 7, 2023

9 am to 3 pm

Sign up for Open Sew on Gatherings page now.
wildriversquiltguild.org/gatherings

At Open Sew, you can:

- Make gadget quilts – lots of supplies to use
- Work on items for Quilt Show Sale
- Work on your own projects
- Have fun visiting with friends and making new friends
- Come and go as your schedule permits

Two open sews/month in Feb. 7 & 21 and Mar. 7 & 21

**TIPS AND TECHNIQUES PRESENTATION:
How to you use and organize your stash?**

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Our meeting this month will revolve around Show and Tell. We will focus on how we use our stash. Not only how we use it, but how we manage it and where we store it / organize it. We ask that you bring quilts that were particularly made from your "stash" rather than quilts for which you purposefully purchased fabric. Perhaps you have made table runners out of leftover stash fabrics, which would fit perfectly with this theme. Each person bringing a stash quilt will have plenty of time to tell the story about the quilt(s) and how you used your stash, etc. If you can bring something in which you store your stash or tips for organizing it, please bring and tell us all about that as well. This is a low key, member-led meeting where we will just share our quilts and best ideas for keeping our stash under control. With the start of the New Year, we hope these stories will help us to get our quilting supplies and especially, our fabric stash more organized. We really look forward to seeing your "stash" quilts.



Watch for upcoming workshops and other events throughout 2023!

Fabric /Craft Sale

Baby It's Cold Outside.....and what a perfect time to organize, sort, and pass along some of those items you're not sure what to do with and make room for new "stuff" to add to your stash. Wild Rivers Quilt Guild's Fabric/Crafting Sale is coming up soon (date and location TBD soon). Team members (Teri Sanborn, Ginny Jaranowski, Connie Tosdale) have been sorting and organizing a generous donation of fabric and are ready to accept donations (fabric, quilting/sewing tools and supplies, art and craft supplies) from guild members. Bring your donations to the January and/or February meetings or reach out to any of the team members to arrange a drop off or pick up or if you have any questions. Bags and labels will be available at the meetings. Team members are happy to bag and label donations for you if needed. This is a great opportunity to clean out your stash, add to your stash and raise funds for our guild!

NEWSLETTER PREPARER – The work of the Newsletter Preparer is to arrange information that will be provided to you by others. For instance, “Meanderings” is provided by Lori Friberg and Jackie will continue to write the “What is it Corner.” The monthly presenter information and workshop schedule will be provided to you by the Program Committee, and various Guild members may inform you of upcoming quilt-related events. Any ads will be supplied by those wanting to advertise, so basically, all the newsletter preparer will do is put everything in order. Will you consider doing the Newsletter? Jackie Lehto will work closely with you to get you started! Please express your interest directly to her. Email: jslehtois@gmail.com or call Jackie at 906-779-5852. Thank you!

GUILD PHOTOGRAPHER – Laurie Hird is currently unable to take pictures at meetings. Would you be willing to snap a few pictures with your phone at our meetings? Contact Lori if you are able to help. All that is required is to get your phone out, take some pictures of Show and Tell, of the Presentation, etc. One of the easiest jobs to do! Thank you for your consideration.

Quilt Show Team – a HUGE thank you to Karen Hallenbeck who has taken the “reins” of leadership of the Quilt Show Team. Currently, the team is working on finding a venue for the Show. More to come.



Still accepting **Ohio Block**

Stars – if you have the time, consider making one or more of these blocks. Directions can be found on the Wild Rivers Quilt Guild Facebook page. **Make one of any**

colors and/or **Make another one red/white/blue**

TREASURER VOTE AT JANUARY MEETING:

Val Lucas has indicated an interest in serving as Guild Treasurer – we will vote on her candidacy for the WRQG Treasurer position at this month’s Guild meeting. Here is Val’s “bio”:

I have been sewing almost as long as I can remember, first by hand with scraps of fabric my mom would give me when she sewed. She taught me to use her Wards sewing machine when I was 8; that started my life-long love of sewing. By high school I was making most of my school clothes. I did make a couple of baby quilts for my children; but didn’t really know much about the quilting we do today. Around 2008, I took a beginning quilting class with Marsha LeMire in Norway and joined the Saintly Stitchers Quilt Guild. “The rest is history” as they say.

I initially started out going to Nursing School but didn’t feel it was the right career for me even though I loved working in the medical office setting. After I got married, I worked in ShopKo’s fabric dept. for 11 years and in bookkeeping for 3 years. In 1989 I moved on to a position as a receptionist at Northpointe Behavioral Health. After a few years I was moved to billing, then took a position as the payroll clerk, and finished my time there as an account manager. In 2000, I took a position as the Practice Manager for our local surgeons. The last few years I have been working less and less hours and I am now very semi-retired and am enjoying more free time for my hobbies.

What is it Corner? By Jackie Lehto HOW TO APPLY BETTER BORDERS

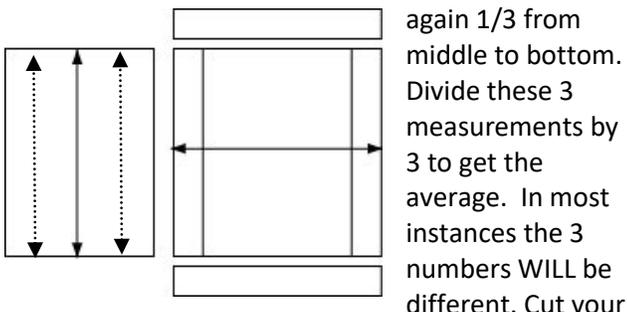
Your borders deserve the same care and attention as the center of your quilt top!

Usually, at least for me, by the time I get to the borders of a quilt, I am ready to be finished and get the borders on as fast as possible. Consequently, the borders are rushed, and we always exasperate any unevenness from one side to the other, making our quilt unsquared. It may not lay flat and will cause problems for your longarm quilter when the longarm process is square and your quilt is not as shown in



this picture. So, how do we apply borders and use them as an opportunity to square-up our quilt? Proper border application! Here are the steps to good border application technique:

Lay your quilt out on the floor and get it as smooth as possible. Measure through the middle of the quilt from one side to the other, record the measurement. For a very large border, measure about 1/3 of the way between the center and top of the quilt and



side borders to the average. Fold your quilt in half along the sides and mark with a pin. Fold your borders in half and mark with a pin. Match exact centers. Then pin at the far edges. Then pin the center between the center of the quilt and the top edge. Keep working back and forth between the pins you've already placed, pinning and easing in any differences in the quilt versus the border. I put pins along border as close as 1" apart. Sew and press. Then, repeat the entire process with the top and bottom. With each additional border you add, following this process gets your quilt top more and more square (or rectangle). It really keeps those borders from skewering the shape of your quilt.

New Facebook Sew-Along Opportunity: "The Sparrows"

Lynda Plamann will once again lead a Sew-along on our Facebook page

You are all invited to join a winter sew along that will put you in the mood for spring! The Sparrows sew along will kick-off on January 24, 2022, the day of our next guild meeting. We will follow a six-week schedule that was set by Lindsey of Pen + Paper Patterns (the designer of the Sparrows pattern) for the original Sparrows Sew Along that she hosted in spring 2021.

- 1/24-1/30: Cut and organize fabric pieces
- 1/31-2/6: Sew and trim half square triangles
- 2/7-2/13: Sew eight blocks
- 2/14-2/20: Sew eight blocks
- 2/21-2/27: Sew eight blocks
- 2/28- 3/6: Assemble quilt top

Here is a link to purchase the pdf pattern:

<https://penandpaperpatterns.com/.../pdf-sparrows-quilt...>

Alternatively, you may order a paper copy from Pen + Paper patterns or your favorite online fabric store. We will share our progress from fabric selection to finished quilts in the WRQG Facebook group. Questions? Post in the comments, and I will do my best to answer them. 😊



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Will you be our "Backup"? Snap a few pictures in Laurie's absence. Contact Lori Friberg for details.

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PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

What do you have for sale?

Sell it here!

Contact Jackie Lehto @ jslehtois@gmail.com by 1st of the month.

*Quarter page ad \$3.00 *Half page ad \$5.00

*Full page ad \$10.00 *Includes picture(s)

Do you have a skill to share? A craft? A tool? A sewing machine? Sell it here!

See a new ad on the next page!

The following advertisement paid for by Jackie Lehto/Jackie's Sewing Service

COLOR THEORY FOR QUILTING by Jackie Lehto

Comprehensive two-day course
Bethlehem L Church in Florence
Class fee: \$80



When you learn how colors play together, many design opportunities open up for you.

Email Jackie to enroll at jslehtois@gmail.com

This class will be held two days, from 9 am to 4 pm

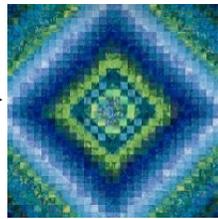
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
February 1 and 2, 2023

What you will learn:

- *The feel and psychology of colors
- *10 amazing color schemes
- *Value (not color) does all the work- learn how
- *Unity, harmony, and balance in quilt making
- *How to achieve luminosity and luster in your quilts through use of colors
- *What are "magic" colors and how to use them in your quilts for stunning results
- *How to achieve some amazing illusion tricks with simple color play

Take your quilts from beautiful to extraordinary when your new color theory skills are applied to your color selections for your quilts!

Same quilt, same colors – notice the HUGE difference when color theory of luminosity is applied



A new class offered by Jackie:

APPLIPIECING

This class meets over 2 days at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Florence. Class fee: \$50

Wednesday, February 15 from 9 to 4
Thursday, February 16 from 9 to noon

Email Jackie to enroll at jslehtois@gmail.com

Join Jackie to learn an interesting technique called APPLIPIECING. It is the method taught by Caryl Bryer Fallert Gentry and allows you to create one-of-kind art quilts with NO curved piecing, but you get the beautiful look of curved piecing! Jackie will also be teaching how to make perfect circles, stems and leaves in this class. It is a simple method that will allow you to draw / design your own art quilts that will be unique and whatever you want them to be. While we will use this simple leaf pattern on the left picture below that Jackie created, she will teach you how to draw your own. To the right is another quilt Jackie designed and created using this method. This is a whimsical method that is sure to be fun, fun, fun!

