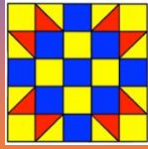


# Stitching Sisters Quilt Guild



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## Stitching Sisters Quilt Guild

New Members Welcome!

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The purpose of our Guild is to preserve and encourage the art of quilting and to promote the gathering of people with this common interest.

- Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month (exceptions for the quilt show, holiday party and national holidays) at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 419 Third Street, Chetek, Wisconsin.
- 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. socializing time for members.
- Speakers, trunk shows, bed turning and workshops, followed by a membership meeting.
- Guild "clubs" are organized within the Guild and focus on special topics.
- Agenda is emailed to members prior to a scheduled meeting.
- Sew 'n tell follows the general meeting.
- Guild's fiscal year starts February 1 and ends January 31 of the following year.
- Guild's member-elected Board is comprised of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President.
- Members-at-large appointed by the Board or membership.
- Annual dues are \$25.
- Guild website is: [www.stitchingsisters.net](http://www.stitchingsisters.net)
- Members are eligible to join the Guild's private Facebook group.

Sponsored Guild activities are:

- Spring and Fall day retreats
- Workshops, clubs and guest lectures
- Annual quilt show
- Fall holiday party

# Stitching Sisters Quilt Guild

Established January 2004

## Bylaws

(10/2025)

### Purpose Statement

The purpose of our Guild is to preserve and encourage the art of quilting and to promote a gathering of people with this common interest. Instruction and education are provided in the design and techniques of quilt making.

### Meetings

The Guild shall meet on the first and third Mondays of each month, with the following exceptions: July, third Monday meeting only; September, no meetings; December, first Monday meeting only and January, third Monday meeting only.

### Dues

Members shall pay annual dues to the Treasurer by the end of March, with the amount to be recommended by the Board and approved by the membership at the third Monday meeting in November. Yearly membership shall be from February 1 to the following January 31. New members may join throughout the year by paying full dues.

### Election of Officers

A Board will be elected for a one (1) year term. Candidates will be presented to the members at the third Monday meeting in November. Election by a majority of members present will be held at the third Monday meeting in January. The Board will begin their duties at the first Monday meeting in February.

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Duties of Officers

(10/2025)

President shall preside at all meetings of the Guild and the Board.

Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

Secretary shall record minutes of Guild and Board meetings, conduct correspondence of the Guild, keep a permanent record of all minutes and send every member an email copy of those minutes.

Treasurer shall maintain a record of all financial transactions and shall provide a written quarterly report to the members. Treasurer shall provide verbal reports at membership meetings as directed by the President. The Treasurer shall submit a written annual report to the membership at the last meeting in January.

Members-at-large shall perform divided duties to include programming, membership, special events, sunshine duties and any others assigned by the Board or the membership.

Past President shall serve as a member of the Board.

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Policies 2019

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## **Activities/Classes/Clubs**

Member-lead lessons: Clubs taught by individual members of the Guild are encouraged either before or after the regular meeting or at a time convenient for those participating. Generally, a month's advance notice as to time and type of lesson will be announced.

Participants may be asked to sign up for a specific lesson or club, especially if special materials are provided by the leader. In that case, the leader will state the cost to each participant, unless the leader wishes to donate the cost. Otherwise, materials to be furnished by the participant will be announced.

## **Reimbursement for Expenditures Incurred by Members**

Computer-generated copies: Members may be reimbursed for any copies made on a home printer. When instructional sheets are prepared by an individual leading a lesson for a small group of the membership, it is suggested those people make a donation to the leader, unless the leader offers to donate this cost.

Materials: Generally speaking, all materials purchased for the use of Guild members, as a group, are reimbursed by the Treasurer. The original receipt should be attached to a voucher form.

The cost of materials required for special lessons prepared by an individual leader, if purchased by the leader, should be paid by those participating in the lesson, unless the leader wishes to donate the materials.

## **Dues**

Dues are currently set at \$25 per year and are not prorated for new members. The amount of annual dues is to be recommended by the Board and approved by the membership at the third Monday meeting in November for the following year.

## **Cancellation of Meetings**

Guild meetings will be cancelled for any of the following reasons:

1. Chetek/Weyerhaeuser schools are closed due to weather.
2. Wind chill is -20 or below.
3. A winter weather warning has been issued for the area.

If a meeting is cancelled, an email will be sent to the membership by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

# Stitching Sisters Quilt Guild

## Activities

(10/2025)

**Meetings:** The Guild meets the first and third Mondays of the month, with the following exceptions: July, on the third Monday only (quilt Show/4<sup>th</sup> of July), September, no meetings (Labor Day and holiday party), December, on the first Monday only (Christmas holiday) and January, on the third Monday only (New Year's holiday). Programs at the meetings vary with speakers, trunk shows, bed turnings, workshops and clubs. Clubs are organized within the Guild and are focused on special topics.

**Sew 'n Tell:** Members are encouraged to share their finished quilting projects and anything quilting related (such as going to a quilt show, visiting a quilt shop, etc.) at Guild meetings. This sharing is an opportunity to explain techniques used, purpose of the quilt, difficulties that were encountered, etc. This activity takes place after the business portion of the meeting.

**QT (Quilting Target):** This is an activity in which a member chooses a project or goal that she wishes to accomplish within the given time period (usually monthly). The targets range from trying a new technique, finishing a project, sorting fabrics or cleaning your sewing table. The choice is up to each individual. Those who complete their project are entered into a drawing for a gift certificate.

**Holiday Party:** The Guild has an annual holiday party on the third Monday in September. One of the activities members may choose to participate in is a 12-1/2 unfinished block exchange. A theme will be decided by the members (such as Christmas, fall, etc.). Members make any number of blocks that they will exchange for an equal number of blocks. Another activity members may choose to participate in is a gift exchange. A \$10 - \$15 price range is a guide for gifts, which can be store-bought or home-made.

**Clubs:** These are special interest groups within the Guild. Members may choose to participate in several clubs or none. The choice is up to each member. Topics may be art quilts, round robin, row quilts, embellishments or block of the month. Ideas are solicited from the membership and may run for several months or for the entire year.

**Retreats:** The Guild sponsors two retreats a year--one in the spring and a second in the fall. These retreats are a single day long. Members work on their own projects or may plan with other members to work on a special project or technique. The choice is up to each member.

**Quilt Show:** The Guild sponsors an annual quilt show held in conjunction with Chetek's Liberty Fest 4th of July celebration. All members are

encouraged to enter this non-judged show. Items range from bed-sized quilts to mini-quilts, bags and table runners.

**Boutique:** A quilt boutique is held at the time of the Guild's quilt show. Members donate material and quilting or sewing items to this fundraiser. In the past, items sold have included table runners, fat quarters, bundles of magazines, quilt books and other quilt-related items. One special item is our scrap bags. Members donate their scraps of fabric that are sorted by color and bagged up for sale.

**Challenge Project:** A long-time activity of the Guild is the challenge project. Details of the challenge are decided by members and may change from year to year. Members who choose to participate make a quilted item, based on the challenge details, that is displayed anonymously at the annual quilt show. Show attendees vote for their favorite. A cash prize is awarded to the top three vote-getters (1<sup>st</sup> - \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$15).

**Website:** A website is maintained at <https://stitchingsisters.net>. Items found here include upcoming events, photos of entries at past quilt shows and contact information.