

Stitching Sisters
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m with 20 members present. No new members or guests were in attendance. A motion to approve the minutes of the August 3 meeting were approved as written.

An opportunity to move our meetings back to the Community Center was presented and discussed. Pam Edblom was able to talk to the new Center director who then presented this idea to their board. A rental agreement was reached for a September 2026 to September 2027 timeframe for an annual fee of \$425 for the meeting space (see the agreement copy sent out with our last agenda). One correction to the agreement was that "space for our cabinets would be provided", not the actual cabinets. After discussion a motion was made by Pat Brewer to accept and this was unanimously approved by the members present. The next meeting, October 5, will be held at the Center.

Janis presented the treasurer's report through July 2026. At the end of July a \$5,611.07 balance which included revenues of \$3,237.25 for this year so far and expenses of \$2405.09. See full report sent to the membership on August 17 for more information. Janis also said she would send out an updated roster of members as of the end of July.

Janis held the QT drawing in Kathy's absence, Balorie Miller won the \$10. The next drawing will be at the September 21 meeting/party so don't forget to sign up.

Clubs: Puzzle Block of the Month handouts were distributed for block 1 and 2 and will be posted on the website under Handouts. Future block instructions will be posted on the website each month at the second meeting date for 6 months and also attached to the meeting agenda announcements.

Quilt Show 2026 was deemed another success. The Boutique's best seller this year were the Scrap Bags again followed by the zipper pouches and pin cushions and pillows. Members are asked to be on the lookout for future projects that can be created for next year's show.

Challenge Project 2027: It was suggested that this year's project could be in black and white plus one other color. If anyone has other suggestions please bring them to the Oct 5 meeting where a final decision will be made

Fall Party: will be held at the Chetek Lanes event center on September 21 . Members can bring salads and/or desserts to add to the pizza. Please contact Pam if you wish to bring something. Beverages are available for purchase at the event. There will be a block exchange for those wishing to join. Blocks should be 12 ½ inches in a fall color theme. Make sure to sign the back of each block you bring. There will be a quilt showing with the theme of Past, Present and Future. Please bring any quilts to show. The Gift Exchange this year will again have a \$10 limit, should be brought in a brown paper bag and have a note inside with your name as the gifter.

Fall Retreat: October 19 at the Rice Lake Senior Center. Lunch can be purchased on site.

Upcoming Programs/Speakers:

September 7: No meeting due to Labor Day

September 21: Fall Party at Chetek Lanes

October 5: Meeting will be held at the Community Center and features
Quilts of Valor Lecture by Marla Berg. Also at the meeting
Lisa Hinde will present the Curved Piecing Part 1.

October 19: Fall Retreat at the Rice Lake Senior Center

November 2: Sweatshirt Part 1 with Kathy Patterson and Curved Piecing
Part 2 with Lisa Hinde

November 16: Sweatshirt Part 2 with Kathy Patterson

December 7: Get-together, no meeting

December 21: No meeting, Christmas Break

Sunshine: Nancy announced that Esther Trigg will no longer be a member as she is moving out of state.

Area Quilt Shows/Events:

Luther Park Quilt Retreats will be September 16 to 20 and November 18 to 22. Visit their website (<https://lutherpark.org>) for call 715-859-2215 for more information.

Apple River Quilt Show on September 18-19, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Amery, \$5.

Blueberry Line Quilting: "Sleep in your own Bed Retreats", call Darla at 715-790-1216.

20th Annual Falling Leaves Shop Hop, September 25-October 3. Busy Bobbin, Angela's Quilting, Blueberry Line Quilting, Crazy Moose, Dye Candy Fabrics, Fiber Lab, Heart Blossoms, Marigold Quilt Shop, Seams Like Quilting, and The Grain Bin will be participating.

LaCrosse "Quilt Fest on the Mississippi", October 2-3, Omni Center, Onalaska, WI

Chippewa Valley Quilt Show, October 3-4, Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds, Chippewa Falls, \$5

Webster Quilt Show, October 11, 10am to 4pm, Webster High School, Webster, WI

"Sew Full of Hope" Quilt Tour, November 7, Menomonie WI, \$10

Reminder:

If you need a name tag contact Janice C

Send Karen B any information of quilt shows/events, blogs or websites

Please step up and look out for anyone interested in joining the guild.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next meeting is the Fall Party on September 21.

Show and Tell: See the pictures on our website.