

STITCHING SISTERS QUILT GUILD

Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2026

Members Present: 21

President Pam Edblom called the meeting to order

Welcome to The Center

Janene, the new director of The Center, stopped by to welcome our guild back. She shared that she was very happy to have us meeting at The Center again. She encouraged members to check the bulletin board for upcoming programs and activities, noting that many do not require membership at The Center. Guild members were equally happy to be back at The Center!

Membership and New Members

Pam reported that four new members signed up during our quilt show but have not yet attended a meeting. Pat Brewer volunteered to reach out to these ladies to welcome them and remind them of our meeting dates.

We welcomed new member Cheryl Anderson to her first meeting. Cheryl recently retired and enjoys gardening and quilting. She shared that she has always admired the quilts displayed at our quilt show.

Treasurer's and Membership Report – Janice Zmrazek

Janice emailed the financial report to members prior to the meeting. She also reported that she is working on the budget for next year.

Membership dues will remain the same for 2027

Winter Weather Meeting Cancellations

Pam reviewed the guidelines for canceling meetings due to winter weather.

- Meetings will be canceled if the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser School District cancels classes.
- Other factors include wind chills near -20°F or a winter weather warning.
- Members will receive an email by 10:00 AM on the day of the meeting if it is canceled.
- If a cancellation is anticipated earlier, an email may be sent Sunday evening.

2027 Quilt Challenge

The 2027 Quilt Challenge will feature black-and-white fabrics along with one additional color

QT Report

Congratulations to Jean Wacker our latest QT winner! The next QT drawing will be held November 16.

Clubs and Programs – Kathy Patterson

Kathy Patterson and Pam have been working on the calendar of speakers and activities for 2027. They hope to have the schedule completed by the November meeting.

Fall Party Recap – September 21

The Fall Party at Chetek Lanes was a big success! Everyone enjoyed the event and expressed interest in returning to the same location next year. Pam encouraged members to share ideas for new activities or games for next year's party. If you have seen something fun at another guild gathering, please pass your suggestions along to Pam.

Fall Retreat – October 19

The Fall Retreat will be held at the Rice Lake Senior Center.

Karen S. will also be hosting an open sew during that time, so our guild will be sharing the space with her group. Pam announced that she will be unable to attend because she will be leaving for the winter. Kathy Shipley will also be unable to attend. It was decided that supplies from our guild cabinets will not be transported to the retreat. Members should plan to bring their own irons, ironing boards, cutting mats, and other necessary supplies. Anyone wishing to use equipment from The Center may pick it up themselves and return it afterward. Members planning to eat lunch at the Senior Center will need to complete a new pink lunch form, which will be available at the center.

Sunshine Report – Nancy Blechinger

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating in October!

- Sara Patterson

- Sara Adamek

- October 12 – Lyn Peacock

- October 13 – Jean Wacker

- October 14 – Anne Watton
- October 14 – Carol Spangler
- October 24 – Donna Mabry
- October 31 – Kathy Shipley

Upcoming Programs and Activities

November 2 – Sweatshirt Class, Part 1 – Kathy Patterson

Kathy shared information about her upcoming sweatshirt quilting class. She has two different patterns available. The project involves using an old sweatshirt as a base and quilting over it to create a unique garment. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Anyone interested should contact Kathy.

November 2 – Curved Piecing, Part 2 – Lisa Hinde

November 16 – Sweatshirt Class, Part 2 – Kathy Patterson

December 7 – Guild Get-Together No business meeting.

December 21 – No Meeting Christmas break.

Area Quilt Shows and Events

Members shared their experiences at recent quilt shows.

Chippewa Falls Quilt Show: Lisa attended and reported that more than 200 quilts were displayed.

Amery Quilt Show: Jean Wacker attended and shared how much she enjoyed the show. One highlight was a quilt challenge in which everyone used the same pattern but selected their own fabrics. Jean commented on how different all the finished quilts looked despite using the same pattern.

Upcoming Events:

- November 7 – "Sew Full of Hope" Quilt Tour, Menomonie. Admission: \$10
- November 18–22 – Luther Park Quilt Retreats. Call 715-859-2215 or visit <https://lutherpark.org>.
- Blueberry Line Quilting – "Sleep in Your Own Bed Retreats." Contact Darla at 715-790-1216 for information.

Important Announcement – January Elections

****We Need Your Help! ****

Pam announced that she will be stepping down as Guild President at the end of the year after serving for the past three years. We want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Pam for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and all the time and effort she has given to our guild. Her hard work has been greatly appreciated!

Pam encouraged members to consider volunteering for the President position and offered to answer questions about the responsibilities involved.

Kathy Shipley will also be stepping down as Vice President, so both positions will need to be filled. Thank You, Kathy, for being our Vice president and filling in for Pam when needed. Your time and effort is appreciated by us all.

Until these positions are filled, board members will rotate responsibility for conducting meetings.

Please consider stepping forward to help keep our guild going strong!

Next Meeting

Our next regular guild meeting will be held November 2, 2026, at The Center.

Sew 'n Tell

Members shared a wonderful variety of projects:

Pat Brewer: Halloween wall hangings and table runners

Jean Wacker: A Halloween quilt she made several years ago

Julie: Baby quilts made from scraps

Audrey: Christmas table runner

Nancy: Wall hanging made for her daughter

Program Presentations

Quilts of Valor Lecture – Marla Berg

Marla gave a wonderful presentation about the Quilts of Valor program. She shared the history of how the organization began, explained how quilts are presented to veterans, and talked about the Quilts of Valor group that she and her sister have established. It was an

interesting and meaningful presentation that gave members a better understanding of this special program honoring our veterans.

Curved Piecing, Part 1 – Lisa Hinde

Lisa gave a very informative presentation on curved piecing techniques. She demonstrated how to successfully sew curved pieces together, shared the rulers she prefers to use, and offered helpful tips for achieving accurate seams and beautifully finished projects.

Karen Barlow

Secretary, Stitching Sisters Quilt Guild