

## Oconomowoc Quilters Guild

### **Annual Quilters Retreat Thursday, October 31 - Sunday, November 3, 2019**

**Pilgrim Center W1010 Spring Grove Road, Ripon, WI 54971**

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The Pilgrim Center is a United Church Camp which is open to retreat groups when camp is not in session. It is located on the southeast shore of beautiful Green Lake. We stay in the Oak Mound Lodge, which has rooms for 2,3 and 4 people with either private bathrooms or bathrooms that are shared between two rooms. All meals (except Thursday evening) are prepared by the camp staff and served in the dining room adjacent to our sewing room in the Norenberg Lodge. On Thursday evening, we order out from a local restaurant. For more information about the camp, please go to the website above and click on "Pilgrim Center".

Arrival: Thursday, November 1 any time after 1:00 PM Departure: Sunday, November 4 no later than 2:00 PM

**A Shop Hop is being planned for the drive up to Green Lake this year. Our first stop will be Ben Franklin in Oconomowoc. Terri has a quick project for us to see at 9:30. Our other stop will be Mill House Quilts in Waunakee. We will find a place for lunch and then proceed to the Pilgrim Center.**

This year our 2 quick Retreat Projects will be a mug rug with a twist and a reusable grocery sack. Supply lists for both projects are attached. Participation is voluntary but we hope you will find this a fun, fast, pleasant way to create community.

**Following is the suggested list of items to bring with you on retreat.**

Personal Items:

Twin size bed sheets, pillow and pillow case (The beds are comfortable, but not plush. If you prefer a softer mattress and have a foam bed pad, feel free to bring it.) You can bring a sleeping bag, instead, if you don't want to bother with sheets.

Towels Personal hygiene products (soap, shampoo, etc.)

Night light for your room Flashlight (if you intend to quilt late at night)

Snack to share

- Bottled water, soda or other liquid libation if desired

The Pilgrim Center provides coffee, tea, hot chocolate, water and ice.

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## Sewing Supplies:

- Sewing machine (don't forget your cords and foot pedal)

Power strip Extension cord Small cutting board Rotary cutter

Rulers

- Patterns, fabric, thread, etc...whatever you need for the projects you'll be working on

Pillow to sit on, or your own chair if you prefer Small table for supplies or your sewing machine (optional)

## Sewing Supplies to Share:

- Large cutting mat (if you have one)
- Rulers

The Pilgrim Center provides large cutting tables, sewing tables, irons and ironing boards.

SPECIAL NOTE: We will be doing a white elephant gift exchange this year. Please bring a wrapped gift from your storage area, garage or sewing room to be exchanged on Saturday night. This has provided LOTS of laughs in years past. Gift does not have to be sewing related.

Due to several people joining us this year for the first time, we are adding an agenda to this letter:

Thursday: Arrive, setup, order dinner and play game to select the kit for your mug mat.

Friday 1 p.m. mug mat group project

Saturday 10:30 grocery sack project and after dinner will be White Elephant gift opening.

Sunday 9:30 Show and Tell

# WHAT TO PACK: SEWING RETREAT

## EXTRA, EXTRA

## PROJECTS

### SEWING, CUTTING, PRESSING

Rotary cutter

Scissors

O Small cutting mat

Ruler

Sewing machine (including  
foot pedal and power cord!) o Neutral thread (plus colors  
needed for specific projects) O Prewound bobbins

Pins and pincushion I Needle threader

4-inch foot

Walking foot

Zipper foot

O Seam ripper O Shelf liner to put under  
machine O Wide rubber bands to hold

foot control in place Spray bottle for water (to use at ironing station)

Wooden seam presser

Portable pressing surface O Mini iron

### GETTING COMFY

O Extra lighting O Snacks (fruit, veggies,  
nuts, and cheese)

o Water

Layers of clothing

o Slippers

Plastic cup with a cover Cushion or special chair Your own pillow

Extra sewing machine needles

Spare rotary cutter blades Fabric basting glue

Fusible web

Marking tools o Specialty rulers or acrylic  
templates

Freezer paper

O Interfacing

Batting

o Container or tool caddy

Notebook and pencil

Bedding, towels, blow dryer, extension cords, large cutting mat, iron, or ironing board. If you'll be walking between buildings, don't forget umbrella, flashlight, and boots.

## MORE RETREAT TIPS:

- Kits are great for retreats, everything is in one bag ready to go. Make sure you include the instructions.
- For extra special retreats, make signature blocks and have each attendee sign one. Put them together in a wallhanging for a memento.
- As a courtesy to other attendees, ask before you post any photos to social media. Someone may be working on a special project they don't want shared or they may be in their jammies (yes, all day!) and don't want their photo shared.
- Bring handwork for when you are tired of sewing at your machine.

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