



Oconomowoc Quilters Guild

January 2026

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Hello!

Things to remember for this meeting:

- Bring your 25 in 25 Bingo Cards
- Bring your filled and labeled Bock Bock Bucket (name under lid and on bucket bottom)
- Crazy Quilters Guild selling raffle tickets at this meeting, bring your cash
- 2026 Raffle tickets for your to sell will be handed out at this meeting

Quilts of Valor Thank You submitted by Pat Richman and Mary Hiemke

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to create the powerful Quilts of Valor that were created this year. As you know, for the first time, we had a committee that met a Nancy B's "River House" each month. We would not have been able to complete this quantity of quilts without all the time and talent devoted by so many members.

Committee members included: Nancy B, Karen B, Kay D, Carol G, Heather H, Mary H, Sharon J, Jane K, Karen K, Kim N, Mary P, Patty R, Amy R, Cheryl R, Linda S, Dee W.

All Guild members are welcome to join us at any time.

Yes, we have the "River House" and the committee, but the time and talent doesn't stop there. We would not have been able to complete all the QOV's without so many members stepping up:

- Jane G donated \$500.00 for batting (Our budget ran out)
- Karen B and Kay D made over twenty QOV Jean tot-bags
- Members donated panels, material, backing material and completed blocks
- Jody and guild members made star blocks during sew-time before the meetings
- Amy and Margaret handed out kits to complete blocks as an activity
- Everyone who took kits and completed the tops and sometimes the entire quilt;
 - Chris C, Jane K, Karen K, Heather H, Linda S, Pat O (We miss you Pat)
- All our "Quilters"; Amy's sister, Carol G, Charleen A, Denise D, Gwen R, Jane G, Jane K, Jody G, Karen B, Nancy B, Terry G
- Gwen R challenging herself to quilt 25 QOV's in 2025
- All our binders; Amy R, Cheryl R, Cindy S, Jane G, Jane K, Jean S, Karen B, Kim H, Kim N, Pat C, Sharon J
- Help displaying twenty-one quilts at the Waukesha County Fair
- Coming and helping with the presentations

This year we will be handing out QOV panels. Groups have started to be formed and in January you will be able to pick up your panel. The quilts will be hung at the Waukesha County Fair. More information to follow.

Last year the Guild joined the Quilt of Valor Foundation (QOVF). This has helped financially. QOVF is a 501(C)(3) not for profit foundation. Organizations or people can donate money in our Guilds' name and number. There have been several donations made to our account. Many of you might remember Elizabeth (friends of Amy and Kim) who came to the IT sale. One of the memorials was QOVF in our name and number. Sharon J's past employer donated money because of the volunteer work Sharon does in the community. Three of our members have also joined the QOVF foundation. If you want to become a member the cost is \$10.00 a year. Our foundation name is Oconomowoc Quilt Guild, and our group number is 10235. I wasn't thinking very hard when I set up the group. Hence the incorrect name but it still works as Oconomowoc Quilt Guild #10235.

Please check out the QOVF website <https://www.qovf.org> There is a ton of information on this website. There is also a challenge block of the year. This last year it was the Log Cabin block, including a tutorial. You can also find patterns on the QOVF website.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any possible way. The outcome of everyone's hard work is beyond words. This year alone we have presented 74 quilts to service members and veterans. A record year. To honor these quilts to our service members and veterans is the most rewarding feeling. We will be presenting Quilts of Valor again at our April meeting. We want everyone to be able to see what this means to our veterans.



Birthdays, etc.

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

Carolyn C. & Carol G.

Welcome to the new members who joined us in 2025!

Carolyn C., Susan R., Kelly S., Lynn U., & Robyn Z.



Next Meeting Preview

Refreshments provided by: Amy R, Dee W, Mary H, and Jane G

1:00 Open Sew

- Come with your own projects to sew and socialize.
- Make a card for Sunshine Committee, make a QOV block, check out the Freebie Table for new goodies!
- Jody will bring her Accuquilt Qube 8 inch cube and companion dies.
- Block Party for QOV: Learn to use Accuquilt, practice piecing, and donate to QOV.

6:00 Board Meeting

- See Jane's recent email for agenda

6:30 General Meeting Highlights

- See Jane's recent email for detailed agenda and tentative budget
- Don't forget our guild is a member of the national QOV. If you want an individual membership, see Mary H. for info.
- Program: Maribeth Schmit, NQA Certified Judge
Entering Your Quilts in Shows: What a Judge Sees

Ever wonder how quilts are judged in competitions? Want to know what takes a quilt out of ribbon contention? Learn about quilt judging standards and processes. Hear about the common mistakes quilters make and how to avoid them. Become a savvy exhibitor and increase your chances of success at any show!

- Show and Tell



Ongoing Activities

“Freebie” Table

- Bring items you think someone else may like
- See an item you want? Make a small donation to the jar and it's yours!
- All donations go directly to the guild
- Please check the table and take your items home if they're still there at the end of the night

Quilting Bees

- QOV Block Party
 - When: During Open Sew.
 - Materials needed: sewing machine and sewing supplies.
 - Fabric: will be provided or bring your own.

Bock Bock Bucket

- A Chicken Bucket was passed out in December 2025 and January 2026 and you are to label it and add two yards of fabric into the bucket.
- You will swap buckets each month and make at least one 12-1/2' block (or many) out of the fabric in someone else's bucket. You may add additional fabric from your stash and we want you to put your skills to work. Paper piece, traditional piece, appliqué and use all your talents and make these blocks for someone else in the guild. You will get one credit for each different 12-1/2 block you make. Each pattern must be different from others in the bucket. Variety is the spice of life!
- The next month you'll check in and get your credits from me. Please make sure you return the bucket each month and also please make sure each block measures correctly.
- Grab the next bucket and make another block or two. You may also call people up and swap early if you know you'll miss a meeting.
- Save your credits for the end of the year for fantastic prizes and awards!!!!!!
- Any questions contact Amy

Quad Sew Along

- Don't forget to communicate with your group about exchange times and project plans

Wheelchair Quilts

- Requested size 36inx36in
- Rounded bottom corners please to prevent from getting caught in wheels

Dog Beds

- We now have three facilities that will take dog and cat beds!
- Save your scrap fabric and thread cuttings (be sure there are no sharps!)
- Fill a pillowcase and sew shut (now make any size bed for a dog or cat!)
- Pillow cases also available at meetings, see a committee member

Quilts of Valor

- Kits are available
- Come help construct blocks during open sew before our meetings

Comfort Quilts

- Kits available and tops needed to be quilted
- Looking for more quilts suitable for older kids and teens

Book Bags

- <https://www.abookahead.org/home>
- [Instructions for making book bag](#)
- Kits are available

Name Tags

- Kits are available (see Jane Graff)
- Remember to wear your nametag!



Community Happenings

Mukwonago Crazy Quilter's 37th Annual Quilt Show "Celebrating America"

March 28, 2026 (9am-4pm & March 29, 2026 (10am-3pm)

Park View Middle School

Mukwonago, WI

Admission: One day \$8.00 | Two-day Pass \$10.00 | Children 9 and under free

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show in Madison WI

September 10, 2026 – September 12, 2026

Thurs & Fri: 9 am to 6 pm

Sat: 9 am to 5 pm

Alliant Energy Center 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, Wisconsin

Presented by PBS Wisconsin and Nancy Zieman Productions, The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show is an exciting three-day event that celebrates the art of quilting.

Explore exhibits of truly stunning quilts,...

2026 Admission Fees

– One-day – \$? in advance/\$? at door

– Two-day – \$? in advance/\$? at door

– Three-day – \$? in advance/\$? at door

Lighthouse Legacies Quilt Show

October ?, 2026 - October ?, 2026

Festival Hall

5 Fifth St.

Racine, WI

Are you planning a trip in 2026? If so, consider these upcoming quilt shows! You can admire quilts, meet and learn from makers, and share in the stories of this timeless art. Click [HERE](#) for listings!

And, of course, there is always something to see at the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts in Cedarburg! Click [here](#) for their calendar of events



Odds and Ends

Sunshine:

- If you have any spare cards, Sunshine committee is in need.
- This committee (Shelly Salke) sends cards to our members.
- Please let her know if a member has been ill or has lost a loved one so that she can send them a note.



Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes are available on the guild website.



Treasurer's Report

- The treasurer's report is available on the guild website.