



HHQ NEWSLETTER  
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**HHQ Website:**  
<https://www.hudsonheritagequilters.org/>

**Membership Dues** for 2025 Dues (\$40) are due by December 31, 2024. Please mail your check (made out to HHQ) to our Treasurer: Karen Reed, 514 Spruce Drive, Hudson, WI 54016

**January 18 - Monthly Guild Meeting**

Conquer Your Fear of Free Motion Quilting. Join Kim Jamieson-Host of Chatterbox Quilts in this inspiring and fun presentation where you will learn how to conquer your fear of free motion quilting so that you'll actually look forward to, and enjoy, quilting your projects. So many quilters find free motion quilting intimidating, but it's really just another technique to master.

**February 15 - Monthly Guild Meeting**

Lee Monroe of May Chappel Tips of the Trade & Trunk Show Why didn't I think of that? This lecture is packed full of tips, tricks and tools to make your stitching faster, easier and more organized. Constantly updated, even the most experienced piecers will be reminded of a long-forgotten trick. This lecture is perfect for all levels of sewists.

**Wednesday, April 9 or Saturday, April 12 for a one-day (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) online workshop with Krista Moser! Mark your calendar now!!**

- Krista was our August speaker on "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend"
- Krista will be teaching us how to make her Double Struck Star pattern using the large 60-degree diamond ruler that she designed for Creative Grids. <https://www.kristamoser.com/double-struck-star>
- More details for sign-up and the required materials, including a discount code for her pattern will come in January. A non-refundable fee of \$10 is due at sign-up.
- This workshop will be for HHQ members only.

**Ongoing Events**

**Sew'n So Applique Group**

- When: 9:30am the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Next meetings: Jan 8th and Feb 12th
- First Presbyterian Church, 1901 Vine Street, Hudson, WI. We meet in the Fellowship Hall (left from the parking lot entrance)
- Meeting Purpose/ focus: We chat about projects, tools, stores, shows, etc. in a small group setting. The discussions last about 1.5 to 2 hours. We don't have an agenda; it is just a sharing of ideas and conversation. Please join us to share your projects, tips, and good fellowship! Feel free to bring any hand projects (not just applique) and a beverage, if you wish. Feel free to bring a friend - even if they're not a HHQ Member!!

- If you want to get your name on our email reminder list (sent out 2 days prior) or if you want your name removed from our email reminder list, please contact Kathy Carlson. Feel free to call, if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome! Thanks!
- For more information or questions, contact Kathy Carlson at [kathleenmcarlson@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmcarlson@gmail.com) or 651-303-1475 cell

### **Upcoming HHQ Events**

#### **2025 Retreat - Feb 4 – 9, 2025 Woodland Ridge Retreat Center, Downsville, WI**

We have 2 openings for our upcoming HHQ retreat in February 2025.

The members on our current waiting list are unable to make a decision about attending at this time. Therefore, we are informing 2024/2025 guild members about this 1 space availability now. Due to rising insurance costs, there will be a price increase in the retreat cost January 1st. Notification now allows an opportunity to make a decision and payment before January 1st.

To attend the retreat, according to HHQ Payment Policy, your 2025 dues must be paid by 12/31/2024.

If you are interested, please contact Anita Cole, HHQ Retreat Coordinator. email [nitarae@me.com](mailto:nitarae@me.com) or call/text 612-817-5753.

#### **Challenge Committee**

The challenge for 2025 will be a set of Ice Crystals. There will be one crystal a month for 9 months and then you will put them together. These Ice Crystals can be paper pieced or pieced with templates. The finished block size is 12" and you can make this as scrappy as you like but you will need scraps at least 4 1/2 X 12. Detailed information will be provided in January. We hope you enjoy the 2025 Challenge.

Barb, Brenda, and Colleen

#### **HHQ Quilt Show – November 8-9, 2025. Held at Crestview Elementary School, Hudson, WI**

After some more research, it has been determined that 2027 will be the 45<sup>th</sup> year for the guild. So, we will not be celebrating an anniversary in 2025. More research is being done to see how many Quilt shows we've done.

HHQ Show Volunteers will be needed on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. All Members are encouraged to participate and display their quilts. Watch here for more information on participating and helping with the show!!

**Door Prize Quilt** – We need at least 150 - 200 Crumb quilt blocks for the Door prize quilt. We are currently at 100. We hope to put the quilt top together at the HHQ Retreat, so would like all the blocks by the January meeting. Contact Deb Barron at [redbarnfarmwi@gmail.com](mailto:redbarnfarmwi@gmail.com) if you have questions. She will do pick up if needed!!!

**Pattern and Book Sales** - Thank You to all the super organized quilters who have already donated used books, patterns and magazines for our sale at the HHQ Quilt Show next November! Money made from this sale helps pay for our HHQ monthly programs. Holidays are such a busy time of year, but so many people start organizing in January. So, please think of us and Happy Holidays! Please bring your donations to HHQ meetings. Questions – contact Marcia Borgstadt at [quiltqueen1958@gmail.com](mailto:quiltqueen1958@gmail.com) or 651-592-7277 or Kathy Carlson at [kathleenmcarlson@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmcarlson@gmail.com) or 651) 303-1475

## Volunteer Help Wanted and other announcements

### 3rd Volunteer Needed for Zoom Team:

- We are looking for a 3rd volunteer to work with our Zoom Team at our monthly meetings. If you have the computer skills to help manage the Zoom feed during our "In-Person" monthly meetings, please let us know.
- Erica Vranak and Christine Canino will be happy to get you all trained in!

### Members only Facebook Group

- Hudson Heritage Quilters now has a *member only* Facebook group you can join. Just go to Facebook - search for **Hudson Heritage Quilters After-Hours** Click on groups and ask to join.
- Finish a project that you're really proud of?? POST IT! Got a question about how to do something? POST IT!! Looking for something specific, or any kind of quilting question? POST IT.
- Thanks to Erica Vranak, Phyllis Albert, and Nancy Gavin for making this a reality!

### HHQ Mentoring Program

- Members are matched together to explore/learn quilting techniques and skills.
- If you would like to participate as either a mentee or mentor, please use the contact tab on the HHQ website [hudsonheritagequilters.org](http://hudsonheritagequilters.org) or email HHQ at [hudsonheritagequilters@gmail.com](mailto:hudsonheritagequilters@gmail.com)
- If you are looking to learn a specific skill (machine embroidery, wool applique, needle turn applique) this is the place to go to find someone who can help you learn new things!!

We are missing a HHQ quilt rack. It is black rack and in a black bag with a Hudson Heritage Quilt label. If you have it or any information about it, please let us know. It was last seen in the summer of 2023 - people remember the two quilt racks in the bags. Please check and let us know if you have an HHQ Quilt rack or have any leads of where it may be.

Do you have a Longarm and quilt for others? Please let us know as we would like to publish a list of local Longarmers!! Email Deb Barron at [redbarnfarmwi@gmail.com](mailto:redbarnfarmwi@gmail.com) with your information!!

**You tube links:** Do you have a favorite YouTube Quilter? Share your favorites with us – email Deb Barron at [redbarnfarmwi@gmail.com](mailto:redbarnfarmwi@gmail.com). The rest of us may be missing out on some fabulous information!!

## Membership Corner:

Welcome to our new members for 2025!

Jacqueline Gerhardt lives in River Falls and considers herself an intermediate quilter. She has been quilting for some time and enjoys all aspects of quilting as long as it doesn't include handwork!

Gail Schutz lives in Hudson and first got interested in Quilting from Eleanor Burns – Quilt in a Day. She also worked at JoAnn fabrics as a district manager and at their corporate office. She has also contributed 7 crumb blocks for the door prize quilt already!!

Mary Japs lives in Hudson and grew up sewing clothing, but about 10 years ago she started doing BOM's with Twin Cities Quilting. She is now retired and looking forward to creating a larger variety of quilts and challenging herself to learn new skills and designs.

Cathy Mariana lives in Cottage Grove and heard about us at the 2023 Quilt Show. She is now retired and decided it was time to use up all that fabric that she had been procuring over the years. She has also been doing Machine embroidery for at least 10 years.

Brenda Yurs is from River Falls and started sewing in 4H and High School. She also taught adult Ed classes at a fabric shop. Her second quilt project was a Judy Niemeyer paper pieced quilt. She is also part of the new trio that are doing the challenge quilts for HHQ.

Welcome to all of our new members!! We look forward to meeting you and helping each other grow and learn new Quilting skills!!!

### Monthly Guild Member Meetings:

- **Occur 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month** with the exception of June and December.
  - Up-to-date meeting and program information can be found on our website under events: <http://hudsonheritagequilters.org>
- **Hybrid format:** Attend in person or via Zoom. Email sent prior to meeting with Zoom link.
- **Location:** In person at ***Mt. Zion Lutheran Church***, 505 13th St S, Hudson, WI 54016
- **Meeting schedule:**
  - 9:00 - 9:30 am social
  - 9:30 -10:15 am business meeting
  - 10:15 to 10:30 am break
  - 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Presenter
- **Show-n-Tell Format:** Members are encouraged to share their latest *projects-n-finds* during the *Show-n-Tell* section of monthly HHQ zoom meetings. Send .jpeg photos (avoid “live” i-phone pictures) to the [HudsonHeritageQuilters@gmail.com](mailto:HudsonHeritageQuilters@gmail.com). Phyllis Albert will curate. She will share photos while members narrate.

### Membership benefits of HHQ:

- Monthly events to inspire you & provide an opportunity to gather in community with other quilters
- Guild Sewing Challenges
- Mentoring, member supported
- Annual Picnic & Holiday Luncheon
- Participate & enter quilts in our biennial Quilt Show (November 8th and 9th, 2025)
- Annual Retreat in February

### Address-Phone-Email Updates:

Please check the latest membership directory you received to make sure your information is accurate. Update HHQ with any changes in your address, phone or email by contacting Mary Gosse at [mkgosse@gmail.com](mailto:mkgosse@gmail.com).

### Charity Opportunities:

**Quilts of Valor:** A Quilt of Valor® (QOV) is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, “Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation.” Quilts of Valor are requested to be approximately 60" x 80". Patriotic designs are most popular. For more information contact Karen Nelson at 715-377-5600 or email [karenbnelson@msn.com](mailto:karenbnelson@msn.com). The QOV website is [www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org).

**We Do Feet:** an outreach program associated with Trinity Lutheran Church, Hudson. They would like 45"x60" toddler size quilts. These are given with toddler beds to families in need. Contact Nancy Gavin (715) 386-3513 for more information. Quilts could also be dropped off with Nancy for delivery. Nancy Gavin, 715-307-2833, 625 Spruce Drive, Hudson, WI 54016

**Teen Parent Services:** a program of the Minneapolis Public Schools that provides pre-natal and parenting education for teen mothers. Baby quilts (~40" X 50") along with companion children's books are accepted for donation. The books encourage the teen mothers to read to their child. These donations will be accepted at any of our guild meetings. Contact Debbie Johnson 715-245-3187.

### **Quilts for Lutheran World Relief:**

Mt. Zion Lutheran Quilters meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9-11am in the lower level (use elevator) of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 505 13th Street S, Hudson.

Please join in! No need to call ahead. Just arrive and you will be warmly welcomed. Anyone who would like to take the squares they already have cut for quilts and make tops would also be appreciated.

These quilters make 60" x 80" quilt with (48) 11" squares for Lutheran World Relief.

Ways to support their quilt ministry:

- All are welcomed at their meetings each month. They pin the quilt sandwich and tie with yarn. No sewing is done at monthly gathering.
- Donate backing fabric: 4 yards of never been used yardage, preferably washed
- Provide (48) 11" blocks for a quilt top (cut accurately)
- Provide and sew quilt top according to their specific measurements 6 blocks wide by 8 blocks long
- Bring specific items for donation to any HHQ Meeting and Gena Hartmon will deliver to Mt. Zion Quilters.

## **GUILD CONTACT INFORMATION**

**A Special Thank You** to all officers and committee chairs who will complete their volunteering duties in 2024.

Kathy Graham & Sandy Riebe - 7 years serving as guild Challenge Coordinators

Nancy Young - 6 years' service as guild Secretary

Karen Nelson - 4 years as guild Vice President

Barb Despen and Catherine Elzinga - 3 years as December Holiday Luncheon Coordinators

### **2025 OFFICERS**

- President: Gena Hartmon ~ (715) 821-2673 ~ [mghartmon@gmail.com](mailto:mghartmon@gmail.com)
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### **2025 COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- Annual Retreat Chair: Anita Cole ~ 715-262-9899 ~ [nitarae@me.com](mailto:nitarae@me.com)
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