



# HHQ NEWSLETTER

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HHQ Website: <http://hudsonheritagequilters.org/>

**Monthly 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.

## Meeting Program Calendar

| Date   | Presenter                          | Topic   |
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| December 31, 2023  |                                    | Membership Dues are due. See membership section below for more details  |
| January 20, 2024<br><b>This is an Invite a Friend program!</b> | Rhonda Pierce from Schmetz Needles | "What Needle Should I Use?"<br>Confused about what needle to use? What do all those numbers mean on the needle package? Is changing the needle really important before it breaks? What needle should I use? Successful sewing is often about paying attention to the little things – like the needle in your sewing machine. Get the low-down about how this little piece of steel can solve some very BIG problems, including broken threads, skipped stitches and puckered fabrics. Your sewing machine is an investment and protection begins by using the very best needle. |
| February 20-25, 2024   | Quit Retreat                       | 24 attendees have registered, which is the maximum allowed. If you'd like your name added to the Waiting List, please contact Anita Cole at <a href="mailto:nitarae@me.com">nitarae@me.com</a> , or 612-817-5753.   |
| November 8th & 9th, 2025                                       |                                    | 2025 HHQ Quilt Show   |

## Projects, Ongoing Meetings & Announcements

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| Sew 'n- So Applique Group    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month at 9 am<br><br>Next Dates: January 10th and February 14th. | <p style="text-align: center;">The Sew 'n So Applique Group continues to meet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Second Wednesday of each month at 9 AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church, 1901 Vine Street, Hudson.</p> <p>In case of bad weather, we will try to Zoom or cancel. Please join us to share your projects, tips, and good fellowship! Feel free to bring any hand projects. Hope to see you there!<br/>Kathy Carlson 715-531-9016</p> |
| Octagon House Quilt Project: | Mondays at 10am at the Octagon House, Hudson  | Help measure, inspect and categorize the quilts that the Octagon House has in their inventory. This can be one-time or ongoing as you are available.<br>Contact Linda Straub at 651-334-8561 for further information and to see if someone will be there to let you in (sometimes I watch my grandkids).   |

### HHQ 2024 Quilt Show Thoughts from Mary Lucas:



- It has been brought to my attention that not everyone in the guild knows what the “Youth Connection” category is. This category is for members to share their knowledge with a grandchild, niece/nephew, neighbor, and create a quilt to display in the Hudson Heritage Quilt Show. The youth can be school age k-12. Please consider working with someone you know.
- Show Judging Process as discussed at the November meeting:

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| <p><b>A “People’s Choice Award”</b> is given in each individual category of the show. These quilts each receive a ribbon. The mayor and other specified individuals also award their favorite quilts with a ribbon.</p> <p>Quilt Categories include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large Pieced Quilt (260” perimeter or larger)</li> <li>• Small Pieced Quilt (less than 260” perimeter)</li> <li>• Applique</li> <li>• Home Décor/Accessories</li> <li>• Show Challenge (table runners/toppers)</li> <li>• Youth Connections (18 years or younger)</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Best of Show Judging, November 6, 2023</b></p> <p>Judges: Meridith Anderson<br/>Ingrid Barlow<br/>Angela Kondrasuk</p>   |
| <p>1 ) Each judge will independently walk through the show and select no more than ten quilts thought to be worthy of praise.</p>  |
| <p>2) The three judges will meet on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 pm. At this time, the judges will compare their lists and agree on 3 quilts to further evaluate.</p>  |
| <p>3) Each judge will use the listed criteria to evaluate the few quilts agreed upon using a scale of 5 (superior), 4 (above average), or 3 (average). <span style="color: red;">No need to use either 2 or 1 as these quilts have already been seen as prize-worthy.</span> This is not a professional quilt show. These evaluation sheets and notes by judges will not be shared with the quilters.</p>  |
| <p>4) Judges will come together again to compare notes and select the quilt deserving of the title “Best of Show.”</p>   |
| <p>5) Report the information to Mari Lucas (Quilt Show Chair) or Nancy Gavin (Quilt Show Site Manager).</p>  |

• **HUDSON HERITAGE QUILTERS QUILT JUDGING CRITERIA:**

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| <p>5 4 3 OVERALL VISUAL APPEAL<br/>         Fabric color and value should enhance the design of the quilt<br/>         Quilting threads should complement the top<br/>         Design should get your attention and encourage a second look</p>  |
| <p>5 4 3 GENERAL APPEARANCE<br/>         Corners should be square and edges should be straight<br/>         The quilt should hang straight</p>   |
| <p>5 4 3 PIECING<br/>         Pieced block elements should be accurately cut and pressed<br/>         Thread should be invisible in the seam lines<br/>         Curved piecing should be free of distortion<br/>         Sashing should be consistent width and align perfectly to cornerstones</p>  |
| <p>5 4 3 QUILTING<br/>         Quilting designs should complement the mood, style, or theme of quilt<br/>         Curved lines should be smooth, points sharp, and lines straight<br/>         Quilting designs should fill their intended spaces well<br/>         Quilting motifs intended to be identical should be consistent across the quilt<br/>         Quilting stitches should be even and consistently spaced<br/>         Starts and stops should be secure and knots buried<br/>         Stitch-in-the-ditch should be in the "ditch"</p> |
| <p>5 4 3 EDGE FINISHING<br/>         Borders proportional to quilt size, complements quilt design<br/>         Borders provides an effective frame and is consistent overall<br/>         Binding should be consistent in width, full of batting, and securely applied<br/>         Bending corners should be square and miters stitched closed<br/>         Border miters should align with binding miters</p>  |

**This and That...**

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| <p><b>Free to a good home:</b></p> <p>2 large totes of old denim jeans, all sizes, all condition.</p> <p>Connie Nelson. 952-412-8490.</p>  |  <p>(Stock photo)</p> |
| <p>HUDSON QUILTERS HONOR LOCAL VETS</p> <p><b><u>WRITTEN BY KAITLYN DOOLITTLE</u></b></p> <p>PUBLISHED ON NOV 6, 2023</p> <p><a href="http://www.hudsonstarobserver.com/news/hudson-quilt-show-honors-local-veterans/article_42b7c020-7d03-11ee-b3ad-bf0f8a9d6298.html">http://www.hudsonstarobserver.com/news/hudson-quilt-show-honors-local-veterans/article_42b7c020-7d03-11ee-b3ad-bf0f8a9d6298.html</a></p> |                       |

**Save the Date:**



Ready to fill your 2024 calendar?

Flip to June and add

The Minnesota Quilt Show, June 13 - 15 at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, Duluth.

Follow The Minnesota Quilt Show page on Facebook and choose 'attending' for our event. Finally, add it to your electronic calendar. Done!



**TICKETS are AVAILABLE!!**

Plan to attend for one day? You can avoid the ticket lines and gift your family and friends with daily admission tickets.

Tickets can be purchased now. If you aren't a member of Minnesota Quilters, now is the time to purchase as they are \$2 off.

Good news: we have lowered the price of admission to \$15. Member rate is still \$12.

Quilts of the Pinery show will be later than previous years:



**March 8 through the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024** in Menomonie at the Rassbach Museum and the entry fee remains at \$10 per quilt.

Each exhibitor gets free admission to the museum and all the activities sponsored by the museum throughout the quilt show.

Features this year:

- Virtual bed turning featuring some of the quilt collection of the museum.
- Beginning Quilting 101.1 and 101.2 on March 14th & 21st from 5 - 8 pm at the museum. A good chance to learn if you're new to quilting or to brush up on your techniques if you've made a few quilts already.
- On Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>:
  - Demonstrating how to make a woven star ornament
  - Speaker--Diane Klemme will present a trunk show of her quilted creations and share her journey of quilting.
  - Drawing the winner of the Historical Society raffle quilt

Please share this information with your guild members and invite them to enter one or two quilts in the show as well and come visit the museum during the quilt show.

Happy Holidays to you all!  
Barb Hauck

A great article found by Marcia Borgstadt in the Seattle Times. Worth a read!

<https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/a-seattle-mans-19th-century-quilts-tell-our-story-of-slavery-and-freedom/>

**A Seattle man's 19th-century quilts tell our story of slavery and freedom**

Dec. 8, 2023 at 2:13 pm

**Excerpt:** From plantations and farms in Kentucky and Tennessee, Mollie Barnes had a story to tell and a message to convey.

Her story started in the late 1850s, when she was enslaved, and continued when she was a newly freed woman. Yet it wouldn't be fully told until decades later, through her quilts and the African American tradition of oral history, spread through generations of her family. Her message was to enslaved people seeking freedom and those already free, and to her children, and their descendants;



those who would be born free decades after she died. Those descendants would spread their wings across America, including to Seattle.

Now Jim Tharpe bears the story and messages left by his great-great grandmother in the form of 12 quilts she created. The Seattle man is on a mission to ensure the tale and legacy will educate and enrich thousands for decades to come.

More than 150 years have passed since Mollie made those colorful works of fabric art. At 76 and with no children, Tharpe is the last in the family to be trusted with the precious heirlooms. His dream is to create a traveling exhibit to share the quilts with the entire country. After he's gone, he wants the collection to remain intact so people can learn the story of his family and what it says about America's history.



Jim Tharpe's great-great grandmother Mollie Barnes, who was enslaved in Tennessee, made this quilt, along with others in Tharpe's possession. Some of the quilts are Underground Railroad quilts and contain messages and...  
  
(Written by Carlton Winfrey / The Seattle Times)

## Membership Corner:

Welcome to **Mary Gosse** as our new Membership Coordinator. Thank you, Mary!

2024 Dues (\$40) are due by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. According to our HHQ Payment policy, if dues are not received by February 15th, the member's name will be removed from the membership and email (i.e. newsletter, announcements) list. You can pay your 2024 dues by sending your check (made out to HHQ) directly to our Treasurer, Karen Reed, 514 Spruce Drive, Hudson, WI 54016.

### Membership benefits:

- Monthly events to inspire you & provide an opportunity to gather in community with other quilters
- Guild Sewing Challenges
- Annual picnic & Holiday Luncheon
- Participate & enter quilts in our biennial Quilt Show (November 4th & 5th, 2023)
- 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).

### Meet our newest Members: WELCOME!

**Syble Thon of Hudson** came to HHQ after enjoying the New Richmond quilt show and looked for one in Hudson. She attended the HHQ show and enjoyed the beautiful quilts. Syble is a beginner quilter, but has experience sewing clothing for her children. She writes *"I started some simple baby quilts as great-grandchildren came along a couple of years ago. But I stop and start as health problems allow. Just 3 finished baby quilts and 2 UFOs. I've been learning by reading and watching you tube. I need a mentor or mentors and inspiration to keep at it!"* She's hoping to meet experienced quilters to keep her inspired.

**Shannon Mattinson of New Richmond** joined HHQ after attending the quilt show. She has several quilters in her family: her mother and aunts. Shannon is an intermediate quilter. She writes "I grew up sewing. My Mother had been a 4-H sewing leader for years. My first quilt was made during the summer to take to college. When my children were little, I took a class with my Mother. Since, I have done classes with my daughter and have enjoyed making quilts for others".

**Barb Richison of River Falls** joined HHQ after visiting the quilt raffle table in Prescott! She has been sewing since high school, making clothes for herself, her children and grandchildren- even some Bride's maids dresses! She began quilting after her daughter made a quilt in high school. Barb is an intermediate quilter. She writes "I'm mostly self-taught. I do my own quilting. I've gifted quilts to most of my family and many friends. My favorite quilts are scrappy or samplers. I also like photo quilts and applique. I always try to work on a new skill with each project".

**Rose Hand of Hudson** joined HHQ after attending the HHQ show. She first learned quilting from her mother, feeding the needles up through the quilt from under the frame her father made for her mother! Rose is a beginning quilter. She describes her career and quilting career as "Retired as an OR Nurse in 2021. Air Force Veteran. Mother of 3, grandmother of 6 with husband of 46 years. Have done baby, twin and queen quilts, but would like to quilt better! Am looking forward to meeting new friends, having fun and learning new techniques!"

**Lisa Shrum of New Richmond** joined HHQ after attending the HHQ show. She became interested in quilting after moving from Colorado to Arizona. Her new co-workers invited her to join a class and she made HER FIRST QUILT IN 2019! An intermediate quilter, Lisa describes herself as "Mostly self-taught, my distraction during COVID pandemic (my husband is an ICU nurse). I have made 58 quilts from 2019 – 2023, 25 gifted to family or donated. I consider quilting to be my therapy, it feeds my soul to choose fabrics and patterns, to make something functional and beautiful. I work fulltime, so I enjoy the time I get to satisfy my creative side."

**Jo Anne Cowley of Menomonie** also joined HHQ after attending the HHQ show. She came to quilting after attending a quilt show with a friend and instantly wanted to learn. She is an intermediate quilter. She writes "I grew up in NH and went to the Vermont Quilt Festival and had classes with a lot of famous quilters. I lived many years in Scotland, for many years I could go to the European Quilt Festival, so exposed to many more teachers. I am more of a traditional quilter. I moved to Wisconsin from Scotland eight years ago, never having been in the Midwest before."

**Laura Fecht of River Falls** also attended the HHQ River Crest Show. Laura began quilting when she and a neighbor took a quilting class as "Girl's Night" when their children were small. She also quilts with her mother. She describes her career and quilting history as "Married, retired RN. 4 adult children, 9 grandkids. Have lived in RF for 20 years. My mom was a quilter- wasted NOTHING. Started hand-quilting with my next-door neighbor. Have always sewn for my family. Did cross stitch for many years, currently knitting as well."

## Charity Opportunities:

**We Honor Vets. Lakeview Hospice:** Lakeview Hospice provides end-of-life care to our neighbors throughout the St. Croix River Valley in both MN and WI. In partnership with the U.S. Veterans Affairs, Lakeview Hospice focuses on the unique care needs of our veterans. Part of that care includes recognition ceremonies. These are very memorable and dear to the patients and their families. Lap quilts in patriotic theme would be helpful in making that ceremony even more special. If you would like to donate a quilt to a veteran through Lakeview Hospice, please contact Lennet Radke. 715-897-6123.

**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 9-11am. These quilters make 60" x 80" quilt with (48) 10 ½ inch squares for Lutheran World Relief. Ways to support their quilt ministry:

- Donate yardage for backing fabric (4 yards never been used yardage preferably washed)
- Provide (48) 10 1/2" blocks for a quilt top (cut accurately)
- Provide and sew quilt top according to their specific measurements 6 blocks wide by 8 blocks long
- A few HHQ members would be welcomed at their meetings each month. They pin the quilt sandwich and tie with baby yarn. No sewing is done at monthly gathering.
- Bring specific items for donation to any HHQ Meeting and Gena Hartmon will deliver to Mt. Zion Quilters.

## GUILD CONTACT INFORMATION

### 2024 OFFICERS

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### 2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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