

Happy July 2025! Summer is marching on with style. With all the hot weather, spending time in my basement sewing has been a joy..... ✂️ 🌻 🌻 🌻

Meet the new members of the 2025/26 LVQG Board

Natalie Megow - President

Hi! My Name is Natalie Megow. I have lived the majority of my life in the Poynette area. My husband, Scott and I will be married for 38 years this August. We have two children, a son, Andrew and a daughter, Katie. Andrew lives in Milwaukee and recently got married this past New Year's Eve to Meg. My daughter Katie lives about 10 minutes from us in Poynette. She is married to Danny and has 3 beautiful girls, Eliie (10), Harper (8) and Quinn (5 soon to be 6). I retired on January 31st from the Village of Poynette as Clerk/Treasurer after 9 years. I enjoy spending family time with our children and grandchildren. I love to quilt, garden, kayak and travel. We have a European riverboat trip planned in September to celebrate my retirement.

Michelle Stachowiak - Vice-President

My name is Michelle Stachowiak. It is my honor and pleasure to serve you as Vice President of the Lodi Valley Quilters Guild for the 2025-2026 guild year. My first introduction to the guild was at Quilt Academy (an educational fundraising event that the guild had for many years, now we have Quilting Inspirations, put April 18th, 2026 on your calendar for a Quilting Inspirations event that you won't want to miss) when the quilt shop that I worked at was one of the vendors. I believe that it was around 2014 when I became a member of the guild and, as they say, the rest is history. I have been sewing quilts since I was 9 years old when I took a class with my grandma and mom. Although some years since then I have had the opportunity to sew and create more than others, it has been an awesome journey with lots of memories and friendships made along the way. Currently, I have the blessing of making quilting memories with my daughter (so excited that one of her quilts will hopefully be on display in the Cloverbuds section of the Lodi Valley Fair this year). In closing, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you over the next year. I look forward to continuing to make quilting memories with you!

Sandra Boehm - Membership

Hi, I'm Sandra Boehm, the new Membership Chair. I've been learning to quilt over the last five or so years, but now that I retired at the beginning of June, I'm hoping to spend

a lot of time working on the many quilt projects I've been preparing for (shopping for fabric and patterns is SO much fun)! Sometime this fall I'm hoping I'll be able to show the Guild members a project I've completed since I've never done that since I joined the Guild almost 2 years ago. I live near Lake Wisconsin with my husband, sweet dog, and very sassy cat, and I'm a very proud new grandma.

Deb Maly - Treasurer

Bio coming

Karen Bender - Immediate Past-President

Karen continues to serve as the Immediate Past-President of the board. Thank you for leading the board this past year.

Committees

Programs

Stephanie Kissel and Mary Vassalotti facilitated membership programs and activities for 2024/25. Stephanie is stepping away from the program committee. Thank you to Stephanie for organizing the door prize goody bags this past year. Mary V. will continue as the program chair and welcomes anyone interested to join her for this coming year.

Lodi Ag Fair Quilt Show: Belina Zeman and Barb Ripp-Statz

Lodi Ag Fair Quilt Turning - Natalie Megow

Quilting Inspirations - Barb Ripp-Statz, assisted by Mary Vassalotti

Hearts & Hands - Dottie Sutfin

August 4th Membership Meeting

Ann Mackowski, the manager of the new *Sew Much More* store opening in Madison will join us to share news and details about the store. Bring your WIPS and completed projects to share with the group during show & tell. We learn and are inspired by each other.

Mary Fisher will be rescheduled in 2026.

All for now - please join us at the Lodi Ag Fair this weekend. Judging for the quilt show starts tomorrow morning.

September 8th, 2025 membership meeting starts the new membership year for the guild.