

Quilters' Connection Applies for Grant

QC, through the Membership Growth Committee, has applied for a \$2700 grant from the Watertown Community Foundation to bring a Quilting Outreach to the Watertown community

In the program, QC will be collaborating with the Watertown Free Public Library and HATCH (a learning and doing space under the aegis of the library), both of which can generously provide support in the form of technology, space, supplies and staff. Our project will include (1) hands-on learning in the form of sewing and quilting classes at HATCH; and (2) quilting appreciation through lectures, exhibits, and social events at the Watertown Free Public Library.

At HATCH classes we will teach specific skills and offer participants the chance to take home a finished piece.

Library programming will take a broader look at quilting. It will include library-wide hangings of quilts; scheduled talks on quilting and its history, with show-and-tells, demonstrations, and sharing; and a social hour after each lecture to encourage continued conversation.

We hope to start this project in September 2021 and run it over six months. We propose 12 classes at HATCH and 6 library lectures and exhibits. Coordination and support work would come from the Quilters' Connection community. We would recruit teachers and lecturers from QC members and the greater Watertown community.

QC will not know until the end of May whether we will be offered the grant. If we are successful, **we will need help in the form of organization and coordination as well as people to teach and lecture. If you would be interested in helping on this program please email membershipgrowth@quiltersconnection.org**

QC Summer Picnic

Yes. It's almost time to connect again IN PERSON. Let's have a picnic!

The Membership Growth Committee is working on having a picnic (or two), probably in late August at Arsenal Park in Watertown. The park is a 13 acre area complete with picnic benches, grills and bathrooms.

The picnic would be open to vaccinated members so that we can be together, outside, with no masks.

Now. That's the goal.

At this point we all know life can take strange turns. We'll need to make final decisions based on CDC, state and city rules. We think it will be July before we set dates.

At this point the town of Watertown will allow gatherings of 10 people max. Not enough. At the last ZOOM member meeting we asked how many people might go to a picnic and 30 people replied positively. There is a possibility that we may need to have more than one picnic even if the gathering rules are changed.

When we know more this summer we will send out email blasts with information and sign up.

HOWEVER. You can start to get ready for the picnic now. We are reviving The Great Name Tag Challenge. We'd like you to come to the picnic not only with a name tag but with your personally made name tag. Any type or form you would like. More on that later as well.