

Capitol City Quilt Guild

~As The Needle Turns~

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CCQG Dues

Just a reminder, our annual dues are due April 30. They are \$25.00. The membership form can be printed from our website or see membership chair Laura Broughan for an application.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here it is. The end of February.....a little sun, a glimpse of Spring....a perfect day for a drive with quilting friends –

Five of my quilting “buddies” and I traveled to Flint to the FIA, Flint Institute of Art to see the Gee’s Bend Quilt Exhibit. “Seeing” somehow falls short of the experience. The exhibit is truly a journey into the lives of these women in the first half of the 20th Century. Their lives were modest at best. The friendship and love they shared with both their families and their friends was incredible. It is truly a “must see”. The exhibit is on until mid-April. Go experience it with a quilter-friend. It may just change your life, or at the very least, bring back memories of a time gone by or it may give you insight into a way of life in the Southern States before the mid 1900’s. Share it with a friend.

As Spring fast approaches, there will be numerous Quilt Shows across the State and at least 3 big ones in the Midwest: IQA in Chicago and AQS in Landcaster and Paducah. These big shows mark my “Quilters New Year”! The closer the shows get, the faster my heart beats! The thought of all those quilts hanging in one place....and all those vendors! WOW!

I hope you’ll enjoy the last days of our Michigan winter and prepare for an incredible Spring in an incredible State. There are so many new projects awaiting us....and trips to Quilt Shows....and, oh those Shop Hops!

Quiltingly Your,

Dan

The winner of the Raffle
Quilt in Sept, 2009 was....

Sandy Peiss

2010 - 2011 Slate of Officers

The Board is happy to announce a slate of offices for next year. If any member would like to run for an office, and we have more than one person seeking the same position, we will have a vote in April.

Past President - Dan Burke

President - Minda Schneider

Vice President - Jean Kauffman

Secretary - Linda Wells

Treasurer - Vernita Dailey

Membership - Deb Fledpausch

Program Chair - Lori Olgine

Asst Program - Claudia Hudson

Webmaster - Kelly Sattler

Newsletter - Daynell Rose

Library - Sharon Neuner

Historian - Ruby Freed

Tiny Treats - Fran Mort and Jan

Fat Chance -

We are still looking for a small group coordinator. Any volunteers?

CCQG Bus Trip to Chicago

Jackie Beard in coordinating again this year. The bus is currently full and has a waiting list. Contact Jackie for more info.

Thank You!

From Heart and Hands in Eaton Rapids:

Your December donation of 3 boxes of non-perishable food items was given to our local Heart and Hands food bank from Greater Lansing Food Bank. We are very grateful for your support as each community attempts to make all families food source. J. La Mere, H & H Volunteer

Written on a beautiful Christmas card:

Dear Quilt Guild, Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the gift of time, materials, talent and love that went into Quilt No 2325! It was priceless what this hand made quilt did to help a child overcome and accept with hope the major changes in his young life. God Bless you! Love Sophia Russell

From the Hampton Inn in Okemos about the 1st Annual Guild Retreat:

Dear Coreen, I just wanted to thank you for setting up the Quilt Guild again at the Hampton Inn & Suites. We enjoy having you ladies here! Please let me know when I can help out again. Signed, Thanks again, Kate Jenkins.

From Sparrow Volunteers:

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the beautiful blankets that you donated to the Sparrow Health System. We are sure the patients here at the hospital will appreciate them. Thank you for all the time and effort that you took in making these very precious items. Sincerely, Melissa Sherry, Volunteer Service Director

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Upcoming Program

March 18, 2009

Heartwarmers and Challenge Quilts - Members show off the quilts they made and are donating to hospitals (Heartwarmers) and people vote on the challenge quilt entries. Challenge this year - What spring means to me - any size up to a lap and any colors.

April 15, 2010

Aniko Feher Lecture: "From Closet Quilter to Portrait Artist" Quilts and stories.

Portrait in Fabric - 6 hour class - one day

Project, pattern, instructions and facial fabrics provided in a kit.

Pet Quilt - 6 hour class - one day

Bring your own photo, no kits in this class.

A Look Ahead ~

MAY ~ Ellen Eddy Lecture: "Thread Magic" - 2 workshops - May 21: Sheer Magic and May 22:

JUNE ~ Dragonfly Sky June 17 - Mickey DePre Lecture: "Tips, Tricks, and Other Stuff" - 2

Workshops - June 18: Machine Quilting 101 and June 19: Paintstiks, "Make any fabric your own"

JULY ~ Garage Sale and Auction - members bring items to auction off for charity

AUGUST ~ Round Robin -Go from station to station to see a technique demonstrated

SEPTEMBER ~ Heartwarmers and Amy Davidson's Lecture: "Color for Quilters" - 2 workshops -

Sept. 17: Applique and Sept. 18:

OCTOBER ~ When Quilts Go Bad Cathy Geier Lecture - 2 workshops - Oct. 21: Forest Scenes and

Oct. 22: Watercolor Landscape Quilts

NOVEMBER

~ Small Groups - share what they've been doing

DECEMBER ~

Party and auction

Quilt Shows & Happenings In Michigan

Midland Quilters Squared Quilt Show

Their 2010 Show, Pass the Tiara - Buttons, Beads, & Bows will be April 30 - May 2, 2010. It will be held at the Herbert H. Dow Historical Museum, The Carriage House, 3200 Cook Road, Midland, MI Admission is \$3.00.

The William Bonifas Fine Arts Center

present a national exhibit, Points of View, from the Studio Art Quilt Associates, in conjunction with their regional competition, Fabrications II: Art Quilts of the U.P.

Bonifas encourages and supports Upper Peninsula fiber artists by offering a venue for their work and bringing the latest in workshops and artwork being created by their colleagues throughout the country.

Bonifas invites all MQN members in the U.P. to submit entries into this juried show. If you are interested, please contact me for an entry form. Submissions must be received by Sat., June 15-26, 2010 at 3 p.m.

For the rest of us, the show runs from Aug 12-Sept 16, 2010. The Bonifas Center is located 700 1st Ave South, Escanaba, MI. Their website is www.bonifasarts.org. If you are traveling in the U.P. this summer, you may want to plan to visit this wonderful exhibit

January 23-April 18, 2010

Gee's Bend Quilts and Beyond

[Flint Institute of Arts](#), Flint, MI

Hey! They're A Year Older



Patty Baldwin 3/20	Georgia Hayden 4/15
Inge Bommarito 3/16	Shirley Linn 3/24
Teresa Borton 3/11	MaryLou McPherson 4/14
Sue Boven 3/16	Karen Mirras 3/15
Jennifer Brandt 3/7	Janet Munn 3/2
Ruth Bratzel 4/12	Billie Piazza 4/4
Idabell Bush 3/6	Yasmin Qayyum 4/21
Joan Capel 3/15	Alberta Richburg 4/21
Liz Cardinal 4/1	Patti Ruggiero 4/16
De Chamberlain 3/6	Minda Schneider 4/9
Donna Craft 4/28	Judith Silsby 4/28
Vernita Dailey 4/15	Cristy Smith 3/2
Daisy DeHaven 4/23	Sheron Snyder 3/22
Ruth Dukelow 3/7	Barbara Srivastzva 4/28
Vicky Hartig 3/13	Berry Tesner 4/9
	Claire Vlasin 4/3



NEW LIBRARY BOOKS ARE IN

CRAZY FUN-N-GAMES by Buggy Barn--A new way to cut and sew quilts without having to match seams and corners. Make several blocks with each cut.

THAT CRAZY THING WE DO by Buggy Barn--Cut several blocks at once without worrying about matching seams. It's crazy!

SUPERSIZE 'EM by Debby Kratovil--22 Quilts from oversized blocks. Big Blocks and big prints make the most out of sewing time and make a big impact.

SASHIKO by Ai Takeda--Japanese traditional hand stitching projects and stitches.

QUILT CHALLENGE by Sharyn Craig and Pamela Mostek--"What if" ideas for color and design. (See the article by Deb Martens)

THREAD WORK UNRAVELED by Sarah Ann Smith--Everything you need to know about thread and maching quilting. Threads, needles, tension, foundations, marking tools, ergonomics are all discussed plus several projects.

A TREASURY OF MENNONITE QUILTS by Rachel & Kenneth Pellman--A collection of 149 dazzling quilts from Mennonites.

A YEAR OF PAPER PIECING by Beverly Maxvill--12 Sensational Seasonal Designs for a block a month.

100 PAPER PIECED QUILT BLOCKS by Linda Causee w/CD of 2" to 8" blocks to print out on your computer.

FANCIFUL QUILTS TO PAPER PIECE by Wendy Vosters--One of a kind pictorial paper-pieced blocks.

BLOCK MAGIC, TOO by Nancy Johnson-Srebro--50 new fanciful blocks from squares and rectangles.

THE FONDATION PIECER by Elizabeth Schwartz--For quilters who love foundation piecing

FEATHERED FRIENDS by Jette Norregaard Nielsen--18 Paper pieced blocks for bird lovers.

AMERICA'S GLORIOUS QUILTS by Dennis Duke & Deborah Harding--Richly illustrated huge encyclopedia of American folk art--the quilt.

**Library Policy:**

Please remember that when you sign out a book it is for a month. There is a \$1/month late charge on overdue books. Please try to get them returned on time. Thank you, the Librarian.

~WANTED~

I would like to find someone who has the book ROMANCE OF THE PATCHWORK QUILT IN AMERICA and borrow it briefly.

Thanks Jean Kaufmann

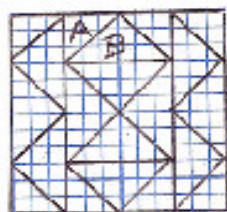
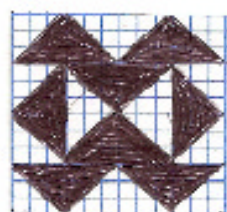
Tiny Treats

TINY TREATS

APRIL 2010 - FOOL'S PUZZLE

Size: 9" finished, 9 1/2" unfinished

Colors: Light & Dark Batiks



Light: Cut 4 @ 3 1/8" square, cut diagonally to make 8 small triangles

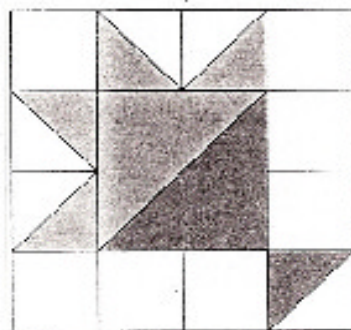
Cut 1 @ 5 3/4" square, cut diagonally twice to make 4 large triangles

Dark: Cut 2 @ 5 3/4" square, cut diagonally twice to make 8 large triangles

MAY 2010 - BASKET OF FLOWERS

Size: 8" finished, 8 1/2" unfinished

Colors: Green for basket, florals with cream background



Green: Cut 1 triangle from half of 4 7/8" square

Cut 1 triangle from half of 2 7/8" square

Floral: Cut 1 triangle from half of 4 7/8" square

Cut 2 @ 2 7/8" square, cut diagonally to make 4 triangles

Cream: Cut 3 @ 2 7/8" square, cut diagonally to make 6 triangles, use only 5

Cut 7 @ 2 7/8" square

Assembly: Make center square. Make top & bottom center sections, Attach to center square. Make side pieces and attach to center strip.

FOR SALE:

Reasonably priced 1975 Singer Sewing Machine and Sewing (desk) cabinet with electric riser for machine. Cabinet has large fold out leaves. Excellent condition. All metal machine. Can be seen by appointment.

Quilting in Detroit in the 1930s

Sunday, April 11 - 2 p.m.

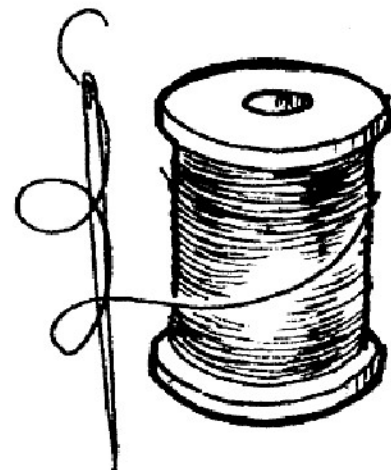
Beth Donaldson, collections assistant at the Great Lakes Quilt Center at the Michigan State University Museum, discusses the vibrant quilt revival of the era and showcases Depression-era quilts from her private collection. Those attending are encouraged to bring their quilts from the 1930s for a show-and-tell.

**Free Form Applique Class by Laura Simpson from
Ann Arbor**

She will be the guest speaker at Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild of Jackson on Monday, March 29, 2010 at 7:00pm until 9:00pm

Her class will be on March 29, 2010 from 10:00am until 4:00pm at Hankerd Inn in Pleasant Lake. Fee is \$20.00 per person. Kits will be available for purchase.

Pieces and Patches meetings are held the last Monday of each month from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the First Church of the Nazarene, 3905 Clinton Road, Jackson, MI Mini demonstrations and Social Hour is 6:00pm - 7:00pm.



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Wednesday June 23, 2010

Eleanor Burns will sign books, answer questions, & be available for photo opportunities after the opening seminar

Thursday June 24, 2010

Eleanor Burns will sign books, answer questions, & be available for photo opportunities

Meet author & designer Penny Haren for demos and book signing

Friday June 25, 2010

Lois Dunten will share techniques on choosing colors

Last chance to meet Eleanor Burns!

Saturday June 26, 2010

Barbara Perrin will share the techniques she used in creating last year's Grand Prize Quilt

Find more info at www.ShipshewanaQuiltFest.com

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February 27 - May 8, 2010

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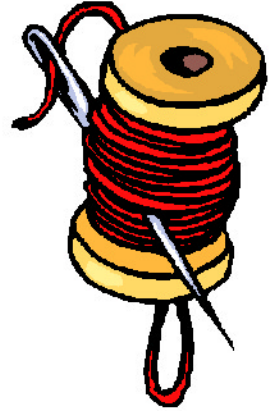
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Art Workshop Retreats in Ann Arbor, MI

Budding Art Ideas will be hosting several fiber art retreats with award winning instructors from all over the country. Below is a list of workshops we have currently scheduled:

Art Quilting with Sue Holdaway-Heys

Mixed Media Surface Design with Laura Cater-Woods

Art Quilting with Terry Jarrard-Diamond (yes, our fellow student!)

Shibori with Susan Moran

Watercolor with Don Andrews

Pastel with Jim Markle

Mixed Media Watercolor with Mark Mehaffey

Deconstructed Screen Printing with Kerr Brabowski

And we will be adding more! Please visit the website www.buddingartideas.com for all the details about the workshops.

Tea & Textiles

March 13, 2010

2:00pm-3:15pm

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan 48236

This enjoyable afternoon features a special highlighted tour of Pieced Together, led by a local quilt maker, followed by a delicious patchwork of delectable sandwiches, delicate pastries and flavorful tea. Optional - bring your favorite quilt for "show and tell."

Fee: \$30, \$25 for members

A book review and . . . a challenge for you

“Quilt Challenge: ‘What if’ ideas for color and design”, by Sharyn Craig and Pamela Mostek

A newly published book by Sharyn Craig and Pamela Mostek poses some interesting questions and shows the fabulous results - what happens when a group of quilters is challenged to stretch their creativity?

This is not a pattern book; it is not a ‘how-to’ book, either, really. The authors have provided an intriguing set of ideas and challenges, and show us the quilts that resulted from their own experiments in setting up quilt challenges. Each challenge uses one block pattern and a color idea. The quilters in the group were asked to take these two minimal starting ideas and run with them . . . and run they do!

For instance, the first challenge illustrated is the simple “Rail Fence” block, along with one fabric for everyone to use - a texture with various shades of purple in it but no other colors. From there, the quilters came up with results ranging from a simple brightly colored child’s quilt in traditional rail fence layout, to quilts using variations of the block and using color combinations one might never expect had started with the color purple. Block variations included using only two strips per square up to six or eight; straight strips and curvy strips, parallel strips to sharply angled, and so forth. In other words, the makers were limited only by their imaginations. Some of the quilts look “purple”, but most look predominantly green, rust, multi-color, black and bright, and wildly scrappy.

Another challenge illustrated in this book included giving each quilter a small piece of one multicolor print fabric, and they were to use every color in that print in their quilt. This color challenge was combined with the “X” block - and, as in the rail fence challenge, there were many variations of the block used. The quilts were all different, all spectacular.

There are many more challenges posed to this creative group of quilters. I could describe them, but - they are best illustrated by the wonderful photos in the book. You really need to see this book to believe what they came up with!

I enjoyed this book so much, I wanted to share it with my fellow guild members, so I have donated a copy to the guild library. Once you have a chance to check it out, please consider joining me in a challenge of our own. I would love to start a new small group based upon the principles of this book - a challenge based on a block design and a color idea. If you are interested in stretching your creativity in this way, please contact me.

Deb Martens



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The Capitol City Quilt Guild meets on the third Thursday of each month, 7:15 p.m. at Cornerstone Church in Okemos.

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