



# AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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## STAYING SANE IN 2020

### MYSTERY QUILT 2020

The first THREE installments of this project are now available in the Members Only page on the Guild website



Here are some members' interesting fabric choices and piecing from months #1 and #2. Whatever will they become? It's a mystery!

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**MORE FUN —> A NEW BLOCK OF THE MONTH! See details on Page 5**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, fellow quilters! The holidays are approaching. They will be different this year, but I am sure that for most, if not all, of you they will involve some quilting. Quilts for presents, quilts for holiday décor, quilts just because. And baking – cookies, candies, pies, cakes - yum.

There are so many sources of inspiration these days for quilting ideas – I don't think I can make all the quilts I want to make in my lifetime. We are just a few months into our Guild mystery quilt and Bonnie Hunter will be starting her annual mystery quilt the Friday after Thanksgiving. And Gudrun Erla has been offering a number of quilt-alongs with new patterns and Laura Heine keeps coming up with new collage quilt delights. The list is long – I know I am missing lots of great quilt designers. And then there are all the lovely magazines and books and individual patterns available, too. So, among the blessings we can count this holiday season, let's add quilt inspirations to the list.

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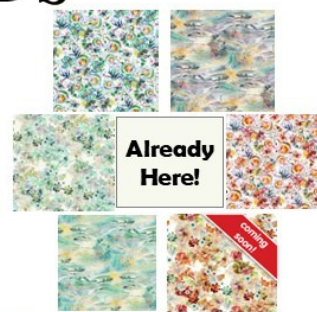


Jean Kaufmann is now taking items for the future garage sale and auction. Please make sure items are quilting/sewing/craft related only.



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## TREASURER'S REPORT

For period ending 10/2020

Current Cash Balance: \$21,286.47  
Income Received for period 05/01/20 - 04/30/20: \$3,733.00  
Expenses 05/01/20 - 04/30/20: \$3,463.92  
Net Income: \$269.08  
Payables: Quilt Show Reserve: \$11,445.79  
Payables for Meeting Expenses: \$615.89  
NET Available: \$9,224.79





## MEMBER PROFILES

Here's something new! Every month, let's put faces to names and get to know our fellow members a little better. It seems like when we do have meetings that the social hour isn't long enough to really interact, so here are two CCQG members, randomly selected from the editor's quickly-fading memory. Feel free to nominate members for the next issue!



### MARIE BARD-CURTIS

Hi, I'm Marie Bard-Curtis. I've been married to my husband Darryl for 48 years. I met him on my first day at MSU. We have a son who lives in North Carolina with our 2 beautiful grandchildren. I retired from the Michigan State Police after 30 years as a Forensic Scientist.

After retirement, I wanted to increase my skills and knowledge of quilting, so I purchased a longarm machine and joined the CCQG. Six months after I joined, John Putnam asked me to volunteer as President of the Guild. I laughed out loud and knew then that he was really desperate. I did however serve as the Assistant Library Chair and as Chair the following year. Currently, I longarm customer quilts and teach Quilter's Creative Touch (QCT) software for assisted computerized quilting. I've started a YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/TheQuiltedPoodle>, uploading videos on the use of QCT and various quilting tips and tricks called "Quilted Poodle Bites."

I have truly enjoyed getting to know people in the Guild and am in awe of the great talent and generosity of the Guild members as they contribute to various charities. I look forward to a time when we can all meet again.

### ANN NEWELL

Ann was a Client Services Director in the State's IT Department before she retired and has been a CCQG member for 8 years. She reports that her quilting has at least tripled since retiring, which allowed her to finish a 27-year-old UFO! Her favorite pastime is making quilts for her grandkids, including doing her own machine quilting.

You won't see her at winter meetings because she and her husband Craig are snowbirds. But before she leaves next year, she will be coordinating the Guild's project of dolls and bears for the Salvation Army in October.



Thanks, Ann, and happy travels!

## QUILTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

On October 14th, Deb Feldpausch and Bev. Wilkinson delivered quilts to Volunteer Services at Sparrow Hospital. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to donate 183 quilts. Here is the breakdown:

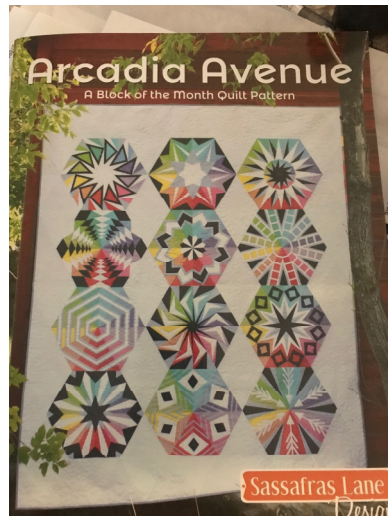
- 43 Angel quilts
- 20 Bereavement quilts
  - 4 Fidget pads
- 82 Heartwarmer quilts
- 34 Hospice quilts



Thank you for your support of our charity quilt programs!

## ARCADIA AVENUE BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Several members are doing *ARCADIA AVENUE* as a block of the month. It is a **paper pieced** pattern and we will get the patterns at a discount (around \$12). Each month we will make a block and then the next month we will do a show and tell, either in person or via Zoom (or both). If interested in joining the group, contact Jean Kaufmann. Zoom meeting is Dec. 3, but join even if you don't Zoom!



**Attention small groups! The Guild has Zoom available for you to use for your virtual meetings. You can be on for longer than the usual free 40-minute meeting. Call John Putnam at 517-505-3782 and he will set it up for you.**



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- Mueller, Louise 11/11
- Waligorski, Jane 11/11
- Savage, Joyce 11/15
- Wexler, Sharon 11/20
- Kelly, Sheila 11/24
- Gagliano, Jan 11/26
- Barrett, Sharon 11/30

**DECEMBER**

- Forro, Denise 12/1
- Schon, Carol 12/8
- Barnhizer, Christa 12/12
- Freed, Ruby 12/14
- Rowe, Dorothy 12/14
- Wilkinson, Bev 12/14
- Mielock, Cindy 12/16
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## CCQG honors Mary Jo's Legacy



Long-time Guild member Mary Jo Mercer passed away last November after a lengthy health struggle. Many of us will remember Mary Jo for the beautifully dressed dolls and bears which she contributed every year to our Salvation Army Christmas project. But the toys provided for the Guild to dress were not her main focus. Each year, she would add many, many more dolls and animals of all varieties to her contribution. Every creature that Mary Jo touched would be creatively dressed and be accompanied by a personalized mini-quilt. She could dress anything, no matter the size or configuration of the critter. Mary Jo liked to explain that she hoped each toy would become the new best friend of some little girl or boy. It was her joy and her passion.

The last year of her life was difficult, and she was not able to work like she had in the past. Mary Jo's passing left behind a menagerie of animals (and also some dolls), waiting for her to work her magic and send them out into the world. As it happens, the Covid-19 crisis left the Salvation Army unable to provide dolls and bears as they had in the past, and our Guild meetings were in suspension. But CCQG members stepped up to the plate when a call went out to distribute and get Mary Jo's dolls and critters dressed and ready for their Christmas debuts. In September, members met in the church parking lot and took all the toys away. In October, they were returned, looking ready for the big day. In early November, I had the pleasure of delivering 42 critters, seven dolls and seven extra doll quilts to the Salvation Army's Christmas distribution center. This was the ultimate feel-good project, and Mary Jo would have been so pleased.

I recently received an email from Mary Jo's husband, Don Mercer. As it happens, I had unknowingly sent him an update and photos on the first anniversary of the day she passed away. As you can imagine, it was a very difficult time for him, and he told me that the news helped him immensely to get through the day. He wanted me to let you all know how much he appreciated your work in helping to carry on Mary Jo's legacy.

I would like to add my own thoughts, as well. Mary Jo was a dear friend. Before she passed, I had promised her that I would not let her beloved critters and dolls go out bare-naked into the world. As always, the Guild has come through magnificently. We may not be able to meet like we have in the past, but we still know how to come together to get things done. A heartfelt thank you from me and from Mary Jo. *Jan Gagliano*

## SAD NEWS



The coronavirus has claimed one of our own. Sharon Neuner passed away on Nov. 12. Her obituary State Journal said "Sharon was...deeply involved in the Lansing quilting community. She sewed quilts for disabled veterans, severely ill infants, others in need, as well as for family and friends. She cherished her friendships from memberships in such organizations as the Bath Community Quilt Guild, the Capitol City Quilt Guild, to name a few...A memorial service will be planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, please direct gifts to the Bath United Methodist Church and/or Haven House of East Lansing."

The Capitol City Quilt Guild usually meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm (social time 6:30pm) at First Presbyterian Church, 510 W. Ottawa St., Lansing, MI. *Meetings are suspended for now.*

See us on the web!  
[CapitalCityQuiltGuild.org](http://CapitalCityQuiltGuild.org)

As **The Needle Turns** is published 6 times per year in the even-numbered months. Deadline for submission is the 1st of all even-numbered months. Please e-mail advertisements (in JPG format) and articles to NewsletterEditor@CapitolCityQuiltGuild.org.

**Ad sizes and rates:** We offer three ad sizes as follows: Business card (3 1/2" wide x 2" high) \$12 per issue/\$68 per year; Quarter Page (3 1/2" wide x 4 1/2" high) \$18 per issue/\$97.20 per year; Half Page (7 1/2" wide x 5" high) \$36 per issue/\$194 per year. Member want ads are \$3 per issue.

Newsletters are now being e-mailed to Guild members with an e-mail address. Those who prefer a paper copy should indicate this on their membership form and pick them up at the next meeting. Any newsletters not picked up will be mailed.

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