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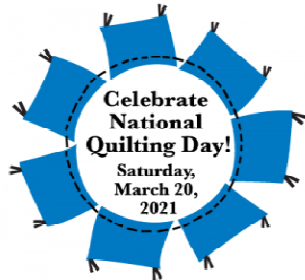
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## THE TIME IS HERE! LET'S GET TOGETHER!

We are going to have a 'social meeting' Thursday, April 15th at 7 p.m. It will be in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church (our usual meeting place), outdoors and socially distanced. There will be no business meeting, and no organized program/speaker. Bring your show and tell quilts, bring your lawn chair, bring your mask if you are wearing one. Some members are now comfortable, having had their series of COVID vaccines, with dispensing with masks while outside and distancing. Everyone is encouraged to find their own comfort level in terms of distancing, masking and attending as well as respecting others' preferences for distancing and masking. We will also be relying on common sense in terms of the weather – if it is pouring rain, the meeting will not happen.

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## NATIONAL QUILTING DAY March 20, 2021

Well, this editor didn't get any reports about how members spent NQD, so I will share my own. That day, like many this year for me, was spent working on a 3" paper-pieced block of the DAY quilt. Yes, 3" blocks, 364 in total, to commemorate 2021.

Cathy Thomas

This is the bingo quilt from the last NQD we were able to participate in. It's a beauty!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The temperatures are rising and I hope everyone's spirits are, too. Spring seems to be playing its usual hide and seek game again this year, but at least every time it comes out again, it seems to stay around a little longer. I now have some spring bulbs up and flowering – crocus, daffodil (or maybe narcissus?), chionodoxa (or scilla, I guess they are called now), and more coming along. Can't wait to see my flowering trees in bloom, too. The anticipation of all the glories to come is one of my favorite parts of spring; that and knowing there are months of lovely weather ahead of us.

Spring in the garden is a lot like starting a new quilt project, isn't it? You may need to clear out the garden beds or clear off the cutting table, but then the fun begins: deciding what new plants you want to try this year or choosing pattern and fabrics for the new quilt. You may need to divide some perennials in the garden to make \*more\* plants and you get to cut your fabrics into the right size pieces for the quilt. Plant your new plants and sew your cut pieces together to make something appealing.

I find both gardening and sewing to be very relaxing and sometimes meditative. The repetitive motions of both allow my mind to drift from thought to thought, solving all the problems of the world some days (and other days just figuring out what to make for dinner). And at the end of both the garden project and the quilt project, there can be such a feeling of accomplishment.

I hope all of you are also feeling anticipation of the seasons to come, whether you garden or not. If not a gardener, enjoy putting your creative efforts to your quilts in the coming months. *Cathy Skelton*

### MYSTERY QUILT 2020-2021

The first **SEVEN** installments of this project are now available on the Members Only page on the Guild website. The next clue will be posted on April 15.

**SPEAKING OF MYSTERIES...**can you identify this item? If so, contact Jean Kaufmann. First to do so with the correct answer wins a prize!





Jean Kaufmann is now taking items for the future garage sale and auction. We are taking only sewing and craft items including knitting, cross stitch, etc. No outdoor equipment, clothes, or household things. Donations can be delivered to Jean's house anytime. The event will probably be held in June.

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Current Cash Balance \$21,967.93  
 Income Received for period 05/01/20 - 04/30/21: \$4,300.00  
 Expenses 05/01/20 - 04/30/21: \$3,634.46  
 Net Income: \$188.54  
 Payables: Quilt Show Reserve = \$11,845.79  
 Payables for Meeting Expenses: \$15.89  
 NET Available: \$10,106.25



## 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. Feel free to nominate members for the next issue!



Hello quilters! I'm Elaine Hewitt, a Guild member since 2004, and area resident since arriving at MSU in the '70s. I learned about our Guild at a local shop event, and it sounded like so much fun! After only one bed-size quilt I had plenty to learn, and CCQG has been a great place to do that. I still work full-time so I cherish any quilting time, along with some gardening, and my two cats insist on some attention too.

Over the years I've enjoyed being a library assistant (back in the days when we took all the books home with us!), participating in a small group, occasionally attending Foster Fridays where I met several friends, and of course National Quilt Day and our fabulous retreats! Now I've become the gal who converts all those beautiful tops you've been bringing into finished quilts for McLaren's adult chemo patients, and count my blessings to have found a niche to help provide warmth and comfort. In any spare time, I love piecing coordinated-scrappy quilts from my plentiful stash - "free entertainment".

Show and tell is my favorite part of our meetings, and I can hardly wait until we can safely meet again to visit with friends, make new ones, and see what you have been working on, in person!



Our donation quilt collection event in March brought in 113 Heartwarmer quilts, 3 Bereavement quilts, 32 Hospice quilts, 19 Angel quilts, 20 completed Chemo quilts, 20 Chemo tops and 2 supply donations. All in all, another success for the Guild. A big pat on the back to all who participated. And a big thank you to Bev, Deb and Elaine for their organizational work wrangling these quilts and getting them to their various homes.

### (2019) 2020 CHALLENGE QUILT: Fly Quilters, Fly!

This year's challenge features a well loved and traditional block, Flying Geese. The challenge quilts will be displayed and judged at the next in-person meeting. There are no size requirements for this year's challenge, so here we go:

Your quilt must have at least one recognizable flying geese block in it as well as at least 6 square inches of turquoise. The fabric can be a solid, batik or can read as a solid. The 6 inch square can be cut into smaller pieces as you wish.

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with Chelane Priller at 517-525-0906 or [chelane.priller@gmail.com](mailto:chelane.priller@gmail.com).

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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 you're interested in joining the group, contact Jean Kaufmann. **Zoom meeting is May 6, 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.**

**MAY**



- Borszich, Jackie 5/1
- Donaldson, Beth 5/1
- Lounds, Sue 5/6
- Fisher, Renee 5/7
- Putnam, John 5/9
- Smith, Kathy 5/9
- Nester, Rosemary 5/10
- Cheney, Peg 5/13
- Scott, Janet 5/13
- Ruess, Nancy 5/16
- Wilson, Sue 5/16
- Craft, Lynda 5/20
- Thomas, Cathy 5/21
- Erickson, Carol 5/22
- Kaufmann, Jean 5/22
- Koenigsknecht, Janice 5/22
- Beard, Jacklyn 5/26
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- Bard-Curtis, Marie 6/18
- Van Conant, Nancy 6/20
- Dibert, Lise 6/22
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### PRESIDENT'S BLOCKS for Cathy Skelton

Cathy has requested that these fabrics be used: Nature fabrics (plants, animals, geology, weather, astronomy, for examples) for the star, and medium to dark green for the background.

#### Instructions

Cut from background fabric:

4 - 4" squares

2 - 4 3/4" squares. Cut these squares twice diagonally to make 8 quarter square triangles.

Cut from star fabric:

1 - 4" square

2 - 4 3/4" squares. Cut these squares twice diagonally to make 8 quarter square triangles.

Assemble as an Ohio Star block, 11" unfinished, 10 1/2" finished. Please sign your block, bring it to the next Guild meeting and leave it at the Vice President's table, or contact Sharon Wexler at [Sharonwexler7101@comcast.net](mailto:Sharonwexler7101@comcast.net) Home: 323-7709 Cell: 285-5289. Blocks can be mailed to her at 5003 Aspen Dr., Lansing 48917.



## Come Sew With Us



### Summer is Around the Corner!

It is finally getting warmer and the snow has melted! I am sure many of you are just like us, planning work in the garden, visits to the beach, camping, and enjoying Michigan's sunny weather to the full!

Then again, this is Michigan so there are plenty of rainy days and we all know that week where it is over 90 degrees, and we would rather stay inside with the air conditioning on. That is when we SEW!

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Next newsletter deadline: June 1, 2021

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