



AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE MARY AND KATE EDGAR?

They WERE in Iceland with Gudrun Erla!

You may recall that Gudrun was our speaker and class leader back in October of 2019. Here is what Gudrun had to say to those who traveled so far to stitch with her: "Happy Friday! It's been a work filled week here in Iceland, albeit work I love! Quilters are great travel companions. Look at those smiling faces. May you be surrounded by smiling faces this weekend. Cheers to a laughter-filled weekend, my friend."

Can you find Kate and Mary in the photo below? (Answer below photo)



Mary is on the far left in 2nd row and Kate is in 3rd row standing in front of guy wearing baseball cap

AUGUST'S MEETING IS THURSDAY THE 19TH, 7PM IN THE PARKING LOT OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 510 W. OTTAWA. SHOW AND TELL TIME!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"It's summertime and the living is easy." George Gershwin certainly got it right. As I write this, it's a rather warm August morning, and humid. We've certainly had some warm days this summer, as well as a lot of rain. The garden (and the weeds, of course) has loved this weather. The tomatoes in the garden are going full tilt, and I am exploring different ways to use them. Salsa is yummy; I discovered home made tomato soup puts Campbell's to shame, and pasta with tomatoes is a great dinner on a hot summer evening. And this year I started harvesting the basil all along, started making pesto and – oh, my – what a taste treat on Triscuits. And on toast with tomato and cheese. And in pasta. And on chicken.

On the quilting front, Gudrun's quilt along for the Hey June quilt has finally produced a top for me, now to get it quilted. I've also put sashings on Moth in the Window blocks not once, not twice, but three times to get them on the correct sides of the blocks (sigh). I am managing to keep up with a monthly quilt along run by Duck a Dilly for their Fairy Tale Forest quilt. Lots of paper piecing, all pretty repetitious, but the Liberty of London fabrics are lovely and make it enjoyable to work on.

And reading, there is always summer reading! Being able to download books from the library to an electronic reader has been a great convenience. A little brain engaging reading (The Hidden Life of Trees (Peter Wohlleben) was fascinating), and lots of brain candy, from sci-fi to mysteries.

I hope all of you have also been finding your easy living this summer. In the midst of all the turmoil in the world, it never hurts to find the things that bring one peace of mind and pleasure. We hope to begin indoor group meetings sometime this fall, but everything is still in such a state of flux that all we can do is take it month by month and do what we can when we can. In the meantime, let's enjoy the rest of the summer, and look forward to being able to meet outdoors for now.

Cathy Skelton

Quilter's Showcase in Nashville

Enjoy a fall day color tour with the reward of enjoying a quilt show too! This event will feature quilts by award-winning quilter Wanda Warner in this one-woman show. The show will take place on Friday, Oct. 1 and Saturday, Oct. 2 at FoxView, 975 N. Main, Nashville, MI 49073

Hours are 10-4 both days. There will be vendors for shopping, food options and some outdoor fall surprises. Admission is \$6. Proceeds from this show will benefit First Congregational Church, Union City. Any questions? Contact Angie at FoxView at 269-758-4200.

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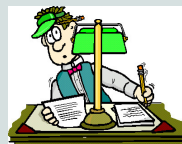
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 Income Received for period 05/01/21 - 04/30/22: \$612.09
 Less Expenses 05/01/21 - 04/30/22 : \$417.56
 Net Earnings \$194.53
 Payables: Quilt Show Reserve = \$11,845.79
 Payables for Meeting Expenses: \$0
 NET Available: \$10,214.01
 This reflects our fiscal year 05/01/21 -04/30/22
 Expenditures for this month include
 Zoom Software July Fee \$15.89
 Rental Payment for Frances Park Pavilion 2 months \$140.00
 Total expenditures \$155.89



FALL RETREAT CANCELED

Due to growing concerns about the new COVID variant, the retreat planned for late October is canceled. The Guild will plan for a Spring retreat.

MEMBER PROFILES

Paul Bossenbroek



I did most of my growing up in Pella, Iowa, a small town established by Dutch settlers. My earliest sewing memory is from when I was around five years old, in our house on East Third Street. I remember working on my mother's treadle machine there.

In the early 1990s, I purchased a sewing machine for my young daughters for Christmas. I wrapped the large box and placed it under our Christmas tree. One day the tag read "from Santa to Leah and Lynn" and the next day, "from Paul to Rebecca." I wanted to keep everyone guessing and I enjoyed having some fun by changing the gift tags. It turns out that I was the one who used, and enjoyed, the machine most often, although I do not remember what we created back then. One of my daughters now enjoys quilting when she has the time. She also enjoys being the recipient of machines I pass on to her!

When my first grandson, Kipton, was born on 12/12/12, we did not see him until January as our daughter was in Okinawa at the time of his birth. I recalled the quilts my mother made for all her grandchildren, and so set to work creating a replica for Kip. This led to making quilts for the other three grandchildren, which led to my first quilt that hangs on the wall in our basement.

The first quality machine I purchased was from Gall's in Frandor, and I am now saving up for my fourth. I find the work fulfilling because I have always had a need to create beauty with my hands and because the work somewhat mimics carpentry, especially in the sense that precise cutting is crucial. I have been told I am not the only licensed builder who enjoys quilting. The carpentry skills have come in handy when I need to make a template for some piece in a quilt. I deftly move back and forth from the sewing machine to my work bench.

Whenever I travel, I seek out quilt shops and fabric stores. I have made purchases in Germany, South Carolina, Indianapolis, Marshall, Carson City, and Merrill. One of the best things about quilting is that we can enjoy it year-round and the beauty we create is a gift to others.

Sharon Wexler



Hello, my name is Sharon Wexler and I am currently serving as Vice President of the Guild. I have belonged to the Guild off and on for about 20 years; but when I retired in 2014, I became a steady member. I have served on the membership committee for 3 years, quilt raffle committee for a couple of years, as secretary for 2 years, and now serve as VP.

Through the Guild, and especially when I served on the membership committee, I met and learned the names of almost every member! For me, that was an accomplishment because I am so bad at names! I love coming to the meetings to chat with my quilting friends, some of which I only see once a month. Show and tell is a highlight - it is a mini quilt show each month. We are lucky to have so many talented people in our Guild.

I started quilting over 35 years ago when we traced our template pieces with a pencil on the back of the fabric and then cut them out with a quarter inch seam allowance using our Gingher scissors (those scissors cost \$25, so we guarded them with our lives). I pieced my quilts with a machine, but many quilters pieced by hand. So needless to say, I did not get much accomplished very quickly. I decided to give up quilting for awhile while my daughter was growing up. But in the fall of 2000, she went to college. Her cat, Buttons, and I went to the sewing room and came out with 7 quilt tops by Christmas. Thankfully, long arm quilters were around by then and I did not have to hand quilt them. Since I enjoy picking out the fabrics and piecing the most, I was happy. I have made over 200 quilts (although I don't have pictures of hardly any of them), and I still have fabric in my stash for many, many more. My taste in fabrics has changed over the years many times, so I will always be buying new fabrics and getting rid of the ones I no longer appreciate.

In addition to the Capitol City Quilt Guild, I belong to Holt Piecemakers, and 3 small groups – Pinups, Outlaws and Scrap Fever. I love to go to retreats and spend time with other talented quilters.

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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.

The garage sale that was held from Mary Jo Mercer's estate earned \$1,100 which the family donated to the Salvation Army. Funds will be used to purchase the dolls and bears for this year's collection (see page 7). Many thanks to Jan Gagliano for holding the sale and all the work that went into it, and to Mary Jo's family for their generosity.



SEPTEMBER

- Cosgrove, Marlene 9/6
- Perry, Debra 9/10
- Holm, Carol 9/15
- Crenshaw, Alicia 9/22
- Cole, Sue Ann 9/25
- Sattler, Kelly 9/26
- Schaude, Kathryn 9/29

OCTOBER

- Kittle, Kathy 10/3
- Patriarche, Lynda 10/6
- Solomon, Carolyn 10/6
- Surette, Virginia 10/7
- Stahl, Susan 10/19
- Newell, Ann 10/29
- Lee, Teresa 10/30
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When will we meet in person again?

At the current time, the church will allow us to meet inside in September, however all participants **MUST BE MASKED**. Changes to this are possible so stay tuned.



We're sad to report that Past Guild President Lonnie Brewer passed away on June 22, 2021. He is survived by his husband, Michael John Kegley II, his children: Katie, Bonnie, and Andrew; grandchildren Merick, Noah, McKenzie, and Oliver, and one on the way - Adalyn.

He had a passion for quilting and produced award-ribbon winning quilts, including one that he was most proud of for best use of colors. He was brilliant with his color selection, and meticulous with his piecing, some of his quilts having six thousand pieces or more. Two of his quilts were juried into two American Quilting Society shows, a great honor. Lonnie worked on several of our Guild's shows as well, manning the ladders and hanging quilts.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. A celebration of life will be held at a later date, and his ashes will be interred at Wacousta Cemetery.

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 Home: 323-7709 Cell: 285-5289. Blocks can be mailed to her at 5003 Aspen Dr., Lansing 48917.

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.

Let your imagination run wild and fly!



DOLLS AND BEARS will be distributed in October and will be collected in November. Contact Ann Newell if you have questions.



CHARITY QUILTS

Heartwarmers, Chemo, Angel, and Hospice quilts will be collected at the September meeting. If you need labels, contact Bev Wilkinson.



Jean Kaufmann is now taking items for the 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 or brought to meetings. The event will be held **Sept. 24, 9-4**, and the **25th, 9-2**. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**. Contact Jean at jejk Kaufmann@hotmail.com or at 347-7555 or 285-1584. The sale will be held at Carole Rasmussen's at 4458 Hickory Woods Drive in Okemos.

The Capitol City Quilt Guild usually meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm at First Presbyterian Church, 510 W. Ottawa St., Lansing, MI. *Meetings at this location are in the parking lot until further notice.*

See us on the web!
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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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Next newsletter deadline: October 1, 2021

