



## AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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### WE'VE GOT SOME GREAT PROGRAMS LINED UP!

#### APRIL

Board Elections.

Video demonstration on Double Wedding Ring construction by Nancy Roelfsema. If you have a DWR, please bring it to show! Masks are now optional. Nametags are still recommended.

#### MAY

Concert by Ann Marie Rowland. Ann Marie is a singer / songwriter and columnist of Michigan Girl - Dirty Knees - The Apologetic Chef. You can find her on the web at [annmarierowland.com](http://annmarierowland.com).

#### JUNE

Lecture by Pepper Cory. Pepper is a lifetime member of our Guild. She was here at the beginning and has been back again and again since her move to North Carolina. On this trip, she is going to give a lecture on scrap quilting with a Japanese flavor.

Friday, June 17: Class at Country Stitches: "It's a Wrap!" (a sashiko-embellished wrapping cloth)

The class has a morning session teaching Japanese hand stitching called sashiko (10AM-noon). In the afternoon session (1-3:30 PM) assembling by machine piecing a traditional Japanese wrapping cloth (furoshiki, right photo) using the sashiko sample from the morning session (left photo).

Sign-up starts at the April Guild meeting.

The class is \$70 plus \$25 for the kit.

Contact Pepper if you have questions: [pepcory@gmail.com](mailto:pepcory@gmail.com).



### QUILT SHOW 2023? POSSIBLY!

The Board discussed starting to begin thinking and talking about possibly holding a quilt show in 2023. To begin, there will need to be a meeting of anyone interested in helping, in any capacity, and members who have had experience in running a quilt show. Time and place for that meeting will be determined at the Guild meeting.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

And here I thought I had done my last president's letter in the March/April issue. I promise this is the real last one. And rather than looking back, let's look forward to good things coming the Guild's way.

Our new Board members take on their new duties this month, and sound like they are all eager to get to work. A big thank you to everyone who stepped up to fill a position on the Board. Program offerings are starting back up as speakers become available again. There is always so much to explore in the quilting world, it will be enjoyable to see the upcoming speakers.

As always, members have done a generous job of making donation quilts for Heartwarmers, Bereavement, Hospice, Chemo and other places. Keep up the good work!

First tentative explorations for an appropriate venue for a Guild quilt show are starting. The next show may be very different from the last few, but we will start with what we can do, and go from there. There will be a lot of work to make this show happen so start thinking about what you would like to do to help make it a reality.

News on the pandemic front continues to stay hopeful. We still need to stay careful and be ready to respond to any changing conditions, but I am keeping my fingers crossed.

Over and out, this time for sure, *Cathy Skelton*



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**NAMETAGS SUGGESTED**  
We no longer need to use masks, but nametags are still a good idea at meetings.

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## CHEMO QUILTS UPDATE

A dozen dedicated quilters plus a small group have kept our chemo quilt project going during 2021 despite all the challenges, with other folks donating supplies - many thanks to each of you! The patients at the Breslin Cancer Center (McLaren) are very grateful to receive our beautiful handiwork! Someone who is facing cancer with long hours of chemo treatments, and feeling alone and scared, can be wrapped in an unexpected hug that will warm the body and, many times, the heart too. *Would you be interested in participating this year?* Quilt top size can be from 48" x 60" up to 60" by 76" (no wider). Any pattern you like and any colors would be fine; panels work well too. Quilts are needed for both women and men. I will do the quilting for you. Fleece is used for the backing, and only needs to be 5-6" longer than the quilt top. This month I have a stash of it, so you can ask me if I already have a piece the right size/color for your quilt. Binding to match the quilt top is very helpful, and needs to be at least 2 1/2" wide because fleece is **thick!** If you don't have any coordinating fabric left though, I can try to find a solid fabric that will work, so don't let that stop you. If you have no fabric, kits of fabric left over from our garage sale will be given out soon along with simple patterns that can be made a little bigger - take one and try it. They're fun and easy! And you'll feel good about sharing your talents. Questions are welcome! - Elaine Hewitt

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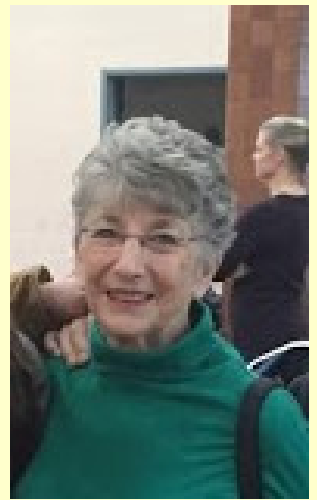
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## MEMBER PROFILE—Rosemary Nester

I'm Rosemary Nester, currently Secretary of the quilt Guild. As I was growing up, my mother taught me to sew and I made clothes off and on for many years. I always admired quilts but didn't know any quilters. About 25 years ago, I decided to make my youngest son a quilt for his college graduation so I took a class and quickly decided quilting was for me. Not long after making that first quilt, I joined the Guild and have been an active member ever since.

Over the years, I previously served as secretary and have been program chair, and National Quilt Day chair. With my friend and "quilt buddy" Janet Scott, we have been small group coordinators and admissions chairs for many quilt shows. Not long after joining the guild, I joined a small group (Charming Ladies) and am still a member. We have done many projects and challenges, made charity quilts, and shared a lot of knowledge and ideas, and made many friendships. I strongly recommend small groups.

I have made quilts for my sons, grandchildren and friends as well as all those that are just for me. I like all kinds of quilting (except paper piecing—even I don't know why) especially needle turn applique and anything scrappy. In my career doing system design for computer applications, I learned that I like planning better than doing. In quilting this means I have lots of UFOs and plans for many future projects! I have a huge fabric collection including some from many states and Europe purchased while my husband and I travelled. I am currently on a "fabric diet" but won't guarantee that it will last!



## Time to Renew Your CCOG Membership

With April comes Spring, and the end of the Guild fiscal year. That means it's time to pay annual dues of \$40 (plus an extra \$5 if you wish to receive printed newsletters and a member directory). You will find a registration form to download on the Guild website - make sure it says "2022", as we are slow getting the new, revised form posted. (If the old form is still there, wait a few days and try again.) We will also have registration forms available at Guild meetings. You may pick one up at the membership table when you check in. And we will be accepting renewals now, by mail or in person, if you want to get a jump on the process. We're looking forward to a resumption of normalcy in the coming year, so get your renewal in to keep on having "quilty fun" with your friends!

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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.**

## CHALLENGE QUILT

Challenge quilts are due at the September meeting. The frog in the center needs to be at least 4 inches square. For details contact Adrienne Scherer. *Rrrribbit!*



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**MAY**

- Borszich, Jackie 5/1
- Donaldson, Beth 5/1
- 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
- Zavala, Shelly 5/16
- Thomas, Cathy 5/21
- Erickson, Carol 5/22
- Kaufmann, Jean 5/22
- Koenigsnecht, Janice 5/22
- Hewitt, Elaine 5/27
- Nickols, Kay 5/28

**FAT CHANCES ARE BACK !!**

The Fat Chance drawing is an opportunity to win fat quarters of fabric for your stash. Check the theme of the month, bring one fat quarter (18" x 22") to the meeting, and enter your name in the drawing. Good luck!

May—FLOWERS

June—STRIPES

Sharon Wexler is now in charge of the charity quilt batting distribution, so if you are in need of 60" wide batting for a donation quilt, contact Sharon at 517-285-5289 or [Sharonwexler7101@comcast.net](mailto:Sharonwexler7101@comcast.net).



**JUNE**

- Edgar, Mary 6/2
- Gray, Brian 6/5
- Hollowick, Barb 6/7
- Hall, Regina 6/13
- Bard-Curtis, Marie 6/18
- Brown, Charlane 6/21
- Dibert, Lise 6/22
- Miller, Linda 6/22
- Cole, Lori 6/23
- Barker, Joyce 6/26
- Gaier, Sharon 6/30

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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 ½” 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.



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### CHARITY QUILTS

On April 11, **56** Heartwarmer and **26** Bereavement Quilts were delivered to the Sparrow Foundation.

Also, **16** Hospice Quilts and **57** Angel Quilts are going to their destinations this week.

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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. *Masks optional.*

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