



AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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PROGRAMS for 2023

DECEMBER

Holiday Party. Quilt Gift Exchange: Item must fit in a grocery brown bag (bags will be available), range around \$20. Signup will be available for January's Ugly Quilt Competition. Seeking 15+ participants.

Show & Tell Theme: Holiday. *Optional:* bring finger foods (1 dozen) to share. Bottled water will be provided.

Library books can be returned at this meeting but the inventory will not be available to check books out.

JANUARY

Ugliest Quilt Competition. Winner receives a crown to wear for a whole year. Show & Tell Theme: Bring your quilted crafts: postcards, bags, coats, vests, etc.

FEBRUARY

Member Spotlight: Jan Asmann will be having a Trunk Show. Guild Challenge Quilt Announcement Show & Tell theme: Love and Hearts

SPRING 2023 RETREAT

The Fall retreat was such fun that one is being planned for Spring in March! Coreen Strzalka and Sandi Guild are in charge of this event. As it stands now, the Spring retreat will be held in the Okemos Conference Center adjacent to the Comfort Inn just off I-96. *Unlike past retreats, this will be held Saturday through Monday, March 18-20.*

2023 QUILT SHOW—SEE PAGE 4

BOOKS FOR SALE

Stop by the library table at the January and February meetings and find the table with books for sale! There will be some new books available each month. Your purchases will fund the Guild's purchase of new books for our library.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all,

Well, those crisp sunny days of autumn are behind us. Now as I look out onto my deck it looks a bit cold and gloomy. I am always a bit behind on getting my Christmas decorations up; but, then again, I am always a bit behind on getting them down. All that work deserves a bit of time to enjoy. I am just a bit embarrassed to admit that one year, the tree stand gave way and my tree fell down. It was February! Of course, I blame it on my cats for playing in the tree, but that's only avoiding taking the blame myself for not getting it taken down sooner.

I went to my retreat the weekend before Thanksgiving again this year. And, as usual, it was loads of fun. Both of my sisters attend and I get some quality time together with them before the rush of the holidays. The whole group was very busy working on their UFO's and enough projects got finished so that we had a mini show and tell. And, of course, we all signed up for next year.

The November meeting was our annual auction. Many thanks to John Putnam, our favorite auctioneer. Unfortunately, some of you missed the meeting because of the terrible weather that night. And some of you even braved the weather long enough to bring in your auction items and then turned around and headed home. Thanks to all of you that were able to stick around because we sold every item on those 4 tables. Sales totaled \$1,450 which we will split with the food bank.

The quilt show committee continues to work on plans for the October 13-14, 2023 show. I know they still are looking for volunteers for the committees, so please consider giving your time and working with a great group of people.

The Novi Sewing Expo, November 10-12, 2022, was a great success for selling our raffle tickets.

We collected \$750 from sales of tickets at the show. Now we are passing out packets of tickets to the members to sell (or buy for themselves) for those 4 wonderful quilts that were donated for the raffle. The raffle drawing will be at the February 16, 2023 meeting and 4 lucky people will win a quilt.

Enjoy the season! *Sharon Wexler*

Come Sew With Us

Thank You!

We at Gall Sewing and Vacuum Centers would like to say "Thank you!" for all of your support during 2022.

We were grateful to see you all again at AQS and OSQE. Now the spring Home and Garden Shows are just around the corner! We are working to increase the classes offered and to make your experience with us a good one.

We look forward to seeing you whenever you stop in during 2023. Come check out the latest sewing machines, quilters, and fabric selections or just stop in to say hello. We look forward to continuing to provide for all your sewing needs.

Come sew with us!

The Gall Sewing Family

WANTED: SEWING INSTRUCTORS

If you love to sew, quilt, embroider, or craft, and you would like to share that joy with others, we would love to have you as part of the Gall Sewing Family



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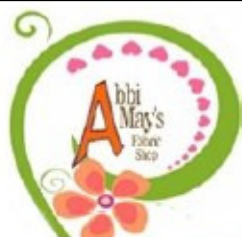
January
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Is NOW!



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FABRIC PAINTING CLASS

Some of you may have attended the Guild meeting last winter when Nancy Roelfsema from Grand Rapids demonstrated fabric *painting*. A friend and I attended Nancy's class at Smith-Owen in GR and had so much fun that we invited Nancy to come back to our area to teach it again. Please see me if you're interested! *Cathy Thomas*
Date: Saturday, January 7
Time: Class 10-1, Lunch (provided)
Free painting time: 1:30-3
Cost: \$90 includes class and supplies
Location: Wacousta Community United Methodist Church, Wacousta

DOLLS AND BEARS, 2022

50 dolls and bears were delivered to the Salvation Army shortly after our November meeting. Many thanks to Ann Newell for managing this much-needed community service.

QUILT SHOW 2023

Going to Pieces 2023 (aka GTP23)

If you haven't heard, we are having a quilt show next year on October 13 and 14, 2023. Of course we will need you to make quilts for it! There will be no limit on the number of quilts you can enter. We are trying to have at least 250 quilts in the show. There will be a few special categories, but certainly, every type of quilt is welcome. Also, you can enter quilts that you haven't made, but you own. Some of the categories are as follows:

Friday the 13th/ Halloween (October 13, 2023 is Friday the 13th!)

Animal quilts (dogs, cats, fish, zebras, giraffes, lizards are a few examples)

President's Choice - Antique quilts.

Challenge quilts from the past years.

To go with the Friday the 13th theme, we will have a Haunted House/special display for the Halloween quilts. If you would like to help organize this, please contact Coreen Strzalka. I am specifically looking for a witch....

There are still committee chair spots available. We need help with Publicity, Sponsored Awards, Sewing Machine Raffle and the Program Handout. If you have other ideas of how you would like to be involved, please let Cathy Skelton or Coreen Strzalka know.

Silent Auction at Quilt Show

No quilt show is complete without a Silent Auction!.

Use your imagination. Get out those UFOs and finish them up or find some old orphan blocks and turn them into a tote bag or potholders. Also for the larger (quilt size) UFOs consider turning them in as they are with an explanation of how much of the project has already been completed. This may work for the larger quilts as we don't seem to get what a large quilt is worth at the auction considering all your hard work but may get a more fair price for the UFO. Items that do especially well at the auction are wall hangings, table toppers and small quilts. Other great quilted items include pot holders, placemats, purses and tote bags. You may also donate embellished items (sweatshirts, t-shirts, and towels) or sewn items like aprons, pillowcases, dolls or pillows.

When donating an item, please complete a donation form which includes a minimum bid amount. We feel the donor should have some input as to the value of the donated item. This amount will be listed on the grid sheet for the first bid. Items will not be auctioned for less than the minimum bid and will be returned to the donor.

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Donation forms will be available at Guild meetings on the Vice President's table or from me at Guild meetings. They will also be on the CCQG website under the Forms tab. For questions please contact me at 517-349-2789 or via email at margaretann3@comcast.net. *I will not be here for the January, February or March so please give finished items to Danita Brandt.*

Thank you in advance for all the beautiful items I know you will donate. I know they will make our Silent Auction a success as it has been in the past.

Boutique

Now that we have a venue and date for our 2023 Quilt Show, I will start collecting hand-made items for the Boutique booth. Please bring your items to the guild meetings. Pickups can be arranged by email: wilkinson7614@netzero.net

A list of popular items sold at our last quilt show will be available at the Vice President's table. *Bev. Wilkinson*

Super Bowl Sale

Friday, February 10 from 10am-6pm &
Saturday, February 11 from 10 am-4 pm in East Lansing
Hundreds of Sale Items

- **100% Cottons - 400 Bolts** (in addition to our current Sale Fabric) including Free Spirit, Timeless Treasures, Benartex, flannels and much more - 30-50% Off
- **Kits** - Selected kits 30% - 50% Off • **Selected Books, Patterns and Gift Items** - up to 50% Off
- **Sewing Machine Feet and Needles** - 25% Off
- **Floriani Stabilizer, Quilters Select Rulers & Mats**- 25% Off
- **Pfaff, Husqvarna Viking, Baby Lock Sewing, Bernina, Juki Machines & Cabinets** -- new and used, overstock, open boxes, old models, new models, lots of machines and cabinets up to 75% off manufacturer's suggested retail

New Year's Celebration

East Lansing & Jackson

Sun, January 1 – New Year's Day - 12pm to 4pm

*** * * Win 20% Off for an Entire Year * * ***

One person will win 20% off everything they purchase for their personal use during all of 2023. No purchase necessary to win.

* Free gift for the first 100

* Many ways to earn more entry slips!

* Great deals on end of the year closeouts!

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JANUARY

- Burke, Dan 1/9
- Wilson, Lisa 1/9
- Asmann, Jan Lee 1/10
- Brandt, Danita 1/10
- Wells, Linda 1/13
- Weatherspoon, Lola 1/16
- Keesler, Janet 1/17
- Person, Terry 1/17
- Bus, Bonnie 1/28

FEBRUARY

- Preston, Carol 2/1
- Booth, Kathy 2/7
- Nash, Judy 2/8
- Babcock, Janet 2/14
- Ezell, Charlaine 2/15
- Arnold, Donna 2/18
- Easterling, Diane 2/21
- Martens, Deb 2/25



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.

FAT CHANCES

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 that meeting, and enter your name in the drawing. Good luck!

January—White on White (think snow)
February—Batiks

MYSTERY QUILT 2022 AVAILABLE

The first installments are now accessible on the Members Only page on the website. They are updated the day following meetings.



This year's GARAGE SALE was quite a money-maker for the Guild. Another one is planned for 2023 so keep sorting out items in your stash that you can do without. You know the saying: If it doesn't bring you joy, toss it!

Our Auction in November netted \$1,450, which we will split with the food bank.

PRESIDENT'S BLOCKS

Instructions are available on the Guild website under Activities. Printed instructions and background fabric are available at meetings on the Vice President's table.

CAPITOL CITY QUILT GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT

Period ending 11/30/2022

Current Balances

Savings \$22,566.10

Checking \$3,872.99

Checking Balance 10/30/2022 \$3,363.55

Expenses

Church rent 200.00

Raffle Ticket printing \$100.56

Cash Box for Novi \$300.00

Deposits

Raffle tickets \$1,063.00

Library books \$47.00


Less payable Quilt Show \$11,845.79

Balance Available \$10,820.31

Peggy Elkins, Treasurer

**CURRENT GUILD
MEMBERSHIP:
117 AND GROWING**

**DUES ARE NOW CHARGED
AT 1/2 THE YEAR RATE FOR
NEW MEMBERS**



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Sun. 12 noon - 4 pm
Current Hours

**NAMETAGS
SUGGESTED**

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

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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.*

See us on the web!
CapitalCityQuiltGuild.org

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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.

Capitol City Quilt Guild
P. O. Box 26022
Lansing, MI 48909

Next newsletter deadline: February 1, 2023



PASS IT AROUND ACTIVITY

A 6-month round-robin style block exchange. This first go-round we will do "Flowers" in 9 1/2" blocks. If you have questions, please see Chelane Priller.

February Meeting #1 Pick your background fabric and fill out the form detailing how you want other quilters to make the blocks for your project. You might tell them to do whatever they like or you might print off paper piecing patterns for them to use or you might choose certain colors or types of flowers.

Place your background fabric and form in a tote bag and bring it to the meeting. At the meeting, we will meet at the break and pass our bags. Now you have someone else's bag.

At home, before the next meeting, you will read the instructions in the bag and if you have questions you can contact the owner of the bag.

Make two blocks measuring 9 1/2 inches square according to the instructions with the background fabric in the bag. Put the 2 blocks, the remaining background fabric and the form back in the bag. Bring the bag to the next meeting.

March - June, Meetings #2 - #5 We will meet at the break and pass the bags, checking to make sure nobody has a bag they had before.

July Meeting #6 We will meet at the break and collect our own bags. Each of us will make 2 blocks for our own projects.

August Meeting #7 We will show our tops at Show & Tell.

PASS IT AROUND ACTIVITY-2023 (Flowers)

Each month we will make TWO Different (unless specified below) 9 1/2 inch (to finish 9") utilizing a flower pattern.

INSTRUCTION FORM

Name _____

Contact info _____

Orientation On-Point _____ or Straight _____

Colors to use _____

Applique ok to use? Yes _____ or No _____

Embroidery ok to use? Yes _____ or No _____

Request pre-wash? Yes _____ or No _____

FPP patterns included? Yes _____ or No _____

Location of Signature on Block _____

Other instructions _____

Name of Block Creator

Month 1 _____ Month 2 _____

Month 3 _____ Month 4 _____ Month 5 _____