



AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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CONGRATULATIONS TO BILLIE PIAZZA WINNER OF THE UGLIEST QUILT CONTEST!



LIBRARY NEWS

We have new books in the library! We have added 4 – count ‘em – 4 new books with 3-yard quilt patterns. These are quilts that use 1-yard cuts of 3 coordinating fabrics. These patterns are great for larger scale prints as well as for donation quilts as the patterns all work up quickly.



We also have books for sale. We have had a donation of numerous quilt related books, and rather than overwhelm us all with all the books at once, we will have a selection for sale each month until the guild garage sale. Any unsold books will have one last hurrah at the garage sale; any remaining books after the garage sale will be sent on to thrift stores. So check out the ‘Sale Books’ table each month for new offerings.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello CCQG members,

I put up the snowman display on my back deck before Christmas so that I could enjoy something cheerful during the dreary winter months!

Now we are more than a month into 2023. Our Michigan winter has arrived with some very cold weather and now the February thaw is about to begin. So, it's time to get busy and finish those UFOs. I know I have way too many to count. I have several retreats scheduled this year where I can hopefully put a dent in that UFO pile.



The theme for this year's programs is "Celebrating Our Members." We started off in January with an ugly quilt contest. If you didn't make the January meeting, you missed a great time. Billie Piazza won the contest and gets to wear the crown for a year before she passes it on to next year's winner. So, dig around and look for an ugly quilt entry to save for next year. And we also learned that one person's ugly quilt is not necessarily what we might think of as ugly! Beauty, as well as ugly, is in the eye of the beholder!

Continuing with our program theme, Jan Asmann is going to give us a trunk show of her quilts at our February 16, 2023 meeting. I hope you can make it to the meeting to see her wonderful quilt collection. The February meeting will also include drawing winners from our latest raffle. There are four lovely quilts waiting to go home with the lucky winners!

You can go the CCQG website and check out all of the monthly meetings' programs by clicking on the Calendar tab. Then go to the date and "click for details." We have the 2023 Fat Chance selections on the website so be sure to check it for what the fat quarter theme is to bring to the each monthly meeting. For each fat quarter you bring, you get one entry into the drawing. Hopefully, you will get lucky and win all the fat quarters in the basket for that month.

If you haven't volunteered to help on our October 2023 quilt show, please consider doing so. It is a great way to get involved and to work with some really great people.

We still have some open positions on our 2023-2024 CCQG board. We have had a volunteer come forward for Assistant Membership, so we only have Secretary and Vice President left to fill. So please consider helping fill one of these positions.

Hope you get those UFOs finished and maybe even some new projects.

Sharon Wexler

QUILT SHOW 2023

Going to Pieces 2023 (aka GTP23)

Capitol City Quilt Guild is having a quilt show October 13 and 14, 2023 at the Mason Fairgrounds and we need your help! First of all, we need quilts. You can enter any quilt that you have made or that you own (and hasn't been in a past quilt show). The theme of the quilt can be anything. We do have some special categories: Bonnie Hunter Quilts, Friday the 13th (Halloween Quilts), Animal Quilts, and Antique Quilts, but your quilts don't have to be in one of these categories. We will also have a special display for challenge quilts and small group quilts. John Putnam is preparing the registration form and will provide us with more details soon.

Next, we need items for our Silent Auction, Boutique and Basket Raffle. Start thinking about what you could donate to each of these areas. Small quilts, gifts for Christmas, and baskets with a theme are a few ideas for each area. The last show we had was in 2017 and we made over \$6,000 with these three areas! What do you think? Can we do it again or even surpass what we did?

Also, we need help with the Halloween display. If you love Halloween and dressing up, consider dressing up as a Halloween character when you are volunteering as a quilt angel (person who roams the show making sure everything is going well, helping visitors, etc.).

Lastly, we still have a few chair positions to fill: Publicity, Sewing Machine Give Away and Themed Awards from Quilt Stores. If you are interested, please see Cathy Skelton or Coreen Strzalka. At each guild meeting, we will be available for questions. Thank you in advance for all your help!

We also need YOU. We will need volunteers to help with set up and take down of the show, as well as volunteers to man the various tables (entrance table, Silent Auction, Boutique, raffle quilts and baskets) as well as the quilt angels. So mark your calendars for October 12 (set up), 13 & 14 (show days)!

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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 potholders, 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. Donation forms will be available on the Vice President's table or from Ann or Danita at Guild meetings. They will also be on the CCQG website under the Forms tab. For questions please contact Ann 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. *Ann Newell*

Boutique-Now that we have a venue and date for our 2023 Quilt Show, I will start collecting handmade 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*

Gift Baskets Needed for Raffle-There are a several ways you can help with this money-maker!

#1.) A lot of us have been downsizing lately, so sewing items, grandchildren's toys, collectibles etc. make great fillers for baskets. I have started a grouping for several baskets but don't have enough to fill a basket. So, if you have anything new or gently used that would go into one of the baskets let me know. The themes I have started are: Sesame Street, Minnie Mouse, Kids Trains, Unicorns, Halloween, Tea, and Santas. The items don't have to be quilt-related. I have uncovered a couple of baskets, but could use a few more, especially large flat ones. Also, if you can't help with any of the above ideas, I could always use colored tissue paper and rolls of cellophane.

#2.) Get together with a couple of your friends or your small group, come up with a theme and get a basket together.

#3.) When you are shopping look for cute things marked down on clearance. If you pick items, get them to me and I'll put them together in basket.

#4.) If you are in a thrift shop and see baskets that are very reasonable, pick some up and get them to me. I can use them or pass them on to small groups or individuals.

Here are a list of ideas to get you starting thinking: Spa, Gourmet Breakfast, Snow Day, Movie Night, Get Well, Teacher Gift, Baking, Sports, Handyman, Coffee, Teddy Bear, Martini, Wine, Summer Fun, Disney, Baby, Chocolate, BBQ, Gourmet Food, Downton Abbey, Breadmaking, Cat, Dog, Felting Supplies, Pink Ribbon, Embroidery, Dots and Stripes, Reproduction Fabrics, Hand Dyed Fabrics, Pattern Books, Batiks, Kit up a Pattern. Also, your container doesn't necessarily have to be a basket. It could fit with your theme - such as a tool box for a handy man basket, fishing tackle box for a fishing basket. If none of these ideas appeal to you go to Pinterest, type in Gift Baskets, and you will get hundreds of ideas.

I will be getting more information to you soon. Thanks in advance for your help.

Kathy Smith

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2023 Shows and Events

SHOWS

West Michigan Home & Garden Show - March 2-5

Lansing Home & Garden Show - March 16-19

AQS - Paducah, Ky - April 26-29

AQS - Grand Rapids - September 13-16

OSQE - Novi - November 9-11

Mark Your Calendars



EVENTS

dime: Edge to Edge Quilting with Your Embroidery Machine - Virtual Event - **FEBRUARY 8th**

We are also scheduling several other events this year. The details are still being finalized but this will be an exciting year!

WANTED: SEWING INSTRUCTORS

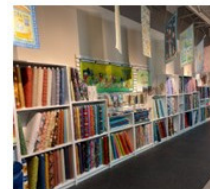
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- Rosenberger, Marsha 3/1
- Chamberlain, De 3/6
- Reisig, Cindy 3/10
- Borton, Teresa 3/11
- Mason, Dace 3/15
- Olivier, Suzanne 3/16
- Smith, Pat 3/18
- Green, Carla 3/20

APRIL

- Piazza, Billie 4/4
- Hoelzer-Maddox, Victoria 4/7
- Sanchez, Alicia 4/15
- Ruggiero, Patti 4/16
- Ribby, Mary 4/18
- Qayyum, Yasmin 4/21
- Craft, Donna 4/28

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!

FEBRUARY—Batiks
MARCH—Polka Dots
APRIL—Animals

For Sale: Handquilter Advante with 12 foot frame. Pantographs, groovy boards, some rulers, thread, needles, etc. Purchased in 2012. Asking \$3000 or BO. Call 517-488-7793 (leave message) or e-mail muellerw@comcast.net for additional details.

**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.



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.

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. 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. There are still spots open.*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MARCH

Heartwarmers Parade

Activity will be some quilt themed games with prizes
Signup will be available for the July Member Garage Sale
Show & Tell Theme: Seeing Green

APRIL

Board Elections

Small Group Presentation

Signup will be available for the July Member Garage Sale
Show & Tell Theme: Think Spring

MAY

Member Spotlight: Chelane Priller – more details TBA

Signup will be available for the July Member Garage Sale
Show & Tell Theme: Your favorite pattern or block

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NAMETAGS

ENCOURAGED AT MEETINGS

We no longer need to use masks, but nametags are still a good idea at meetings. Now that we can see our faces again, we can put names to those faces! Stick-on tags are available at the sign-in desk.

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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: April 1, 2023

