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SPRING RETREAT 2023

Maybe it's because we haven't gotten together for years, or maybe it was because of the new venue, but this year's retreat totally rattled our bobbins! 46 quilters attended the 3-day event in Okemos and the walls were filled with completed tops.

Due to the Quilt Show this fall, there will be no fall retreat, but the next one is scheduled for March 8-10, 2024, so mark your calendars.

Many thanks to our organizers, Coreen Strzalka and Sandy Guild, for tireless coordination of every little thing that went into making this event a success!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello CCQG members,

This is my last newsletter as your president. I will move to the position of Past President and serve on the Board for one more year. So, I won't be far away.

We have had a busy year as we continue to come back full-time into in-person meetings. The snow did not cooperate a couple of months, so I am sure many of couldn't make all the meetings. But still, it has been fun and I hope you have enjoyed seeing your quilting friends each month.

As a recap of some of the highlights of our year, we started out last June with a wonderful program by a former member and a long-time speaker and quilt teacher, Pepper Cory. Since then, we have had a very successful Guild garage sale raising over \$5,000, organized by Jean Kaufmann. We had a great weekend retreat in October. Many thanks to Linda Wells for arranging that retreat as well as many, many retreats in past years.

Lise Dibert arranged for our Guild to sell our quilt raffle tickets at the Novi Sewing Expo. We were so successful that we plan on selling at the Expo again. Also in November, we had a very successful auction with our ever-popular auctioneer, John Putnam. We all enjoyed John's terrific sense of humor and many of us got some great deals that night too. Despite the snow, we had great attendance and raised \$1,450.

Our holiday party was loads of fun with the brown paper bag gift exchange. Then, January was one of our funniest programs with the competitive "Ugly Quilt Contest." Billie Piazza gets to wear the crown until next January until she passes it to next year's winner.

February was another snowy day, but we had to hold a meeting to draw our quilt raffle winners. Many thanks to the few adventurous members who attended and congratulations to the 4 lucky winners. The March retreat, arranged by Coreen Strzalka and Sandy Guild, was plenty of fun and I know everybody is looking forward to another one next year. Also last month, our own Jan Asmann gave us a fantastic trunk show of many of her quilts. I know it was one of the most popular programs. Look forward to other members giving us a trunk show of their projects in programs later this year. As you know, each month our show and tell is a mini quilt show. We have some amazingly talented people in our Guild. We love to see each and every one of their quilts.

March was also the Heartwarmer's Parade. We are an extremely generous Guild giving heartwarmer's quilts, hospice quilts, chemo quilts, bereavement quilts, and angel quilts. Thanks to all for your warm, giving hearts! Make sure to check out the website capitalcityquiltguild.org for information on our upcoming programs and much more information about our Guild.

Our quilt show is scheduled for October 13-14, 2023. Save this date because we will need volunteers to help at the show. The quilt show committee is in full swing, but if you are interested in helping with preparations, please see Coreen Strzalka or Cathy Skelton to volunteer.

I am thankful to many members of the Guild for all their help this year, but especially for the 2022-2023 Board for giving so much of their time to contribute to the success of our Guild. They are such a great group of people and I have been very blessed to work with them. I am sure our Board next year will be just as successful.

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

Thanks for a great year, 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)!



MEMBER PROFILE

Hi, I'm Julie Doyle. I started quilting in about 1985. I made myself a log cabin quilt and my then-boyfriend a larger log cabin quilt for Christmas. He proposed, we have been married for 36 years and we still have that quilt. After that life got very busy so I didn't have much time to sew. My daughter was born a couple years later and her sister in a few years after that.

I retired in 2017 and thought about what I wanted to do next. I dusted off my old Kenmore and started experimenting with different projects. My skills were very rusty and it took some time to figure things out again. I joined the Prayer Shawl and Quilt Ministry at the Catholic Community of St. Jude in Dewitt and the ladies of the group were a huge help to get me going. I learned a lot from them and still learn something new every time the group meets. We make all kinds of quilts for people going through difficult times. I enjoy trying new patterns and techniques for these quilts and I enjoy the company of this group of ladies.

During COVID I decided to try a Quiltworx Judy Niemeyer Zoom class for the Dinner Plate Dahlia quilt. This was my first Quiltworx quilt and I had no idea what I was getting into but I loved the quilts made with these patterns so I gave it a try. It took me about 7 months to finish the top and I was amazed at what the top looked like when I had it completed. I never thought I could make something so intricate and gorgeous. So now I'm hooked on paper piecing and the Quiltworx quilts are my favorite.

I am enjoying the CCQG very much. I joined to meet people with similar interests and to learn more about ways to make quilts and to find places that could use them. The people of the CCQG are extremely talented and friendly and I enjoy the meetings. I always come home with my mind spinning with all the wonderful possibilities of things I could try. It's fun to visit with people at the meetings and find out what they are working on. It's inspiring to me to see all the beautiful quilts being made and the impact the different groups make for the organizations outside the group.



Editor's note: This is another of Julie's Niemeyer quilts after she "dusted off" her old Kenmore. If my count is right, she's made three!

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2023 Shows and Events

SHOWS



AQS - Paducah, Ky - April 26-29
 AQS - Grand Rapids - September 13-16
 OSQE - Novi - November 9-11

EVENTS

dime: The Scoop on in the Hoop
 Virtual Event - April 19th

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



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MAY

- Borszich, Jackie 5/1
- Donaldson, Beth 5/1
- Lounds, Sue 5/6
- Kesti, Sue 5/8
- 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
- Kaufmann, Jean 5/22
- Koenigsknecht, Janice 5/22
- Nickols, Kay 5/28

JUNE

- Hall, Regina 6/13
- Guild, Sandra 6/16
- Bard-Curtis, Marie 6/18
- Dibert, Lise 6/22
- Kelterborn, Deb 6/22
- Miller, Linda 6/22
- Cole, Lori 6/23
- Gaier, Sharon 6/30

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!

APRIL—Animals
MAY— Grunge
JUNE— Celestial/Moon/Stars



MYSTERY QUILT 2022

Seven 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.

2023 Quilt Challenge

Theme: Reinterpret a Classic Painting



Rules:

- Must use a classic painting as your inspiration, the interpretation is up to you!
- Use any type of fabric you want to create your "painting"
- Dimensions must be 36"x 42" (wall hanging size)
- Must have a brown border 2" wide to frame your "painting"
- Provide an image of the inspiring painting to display next to your quilt. Contact Adrienne Scherer or Peg Stiffler if you want us to print the image for you.
- Must be completed (quilted and bound) for the **September 21st Guild meeting** for judging 1st, 2nd, 3rd places – (we want to display these at the Quilt show in October!). Have FUN!!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

APRIL

Board Elections, Charming Ladies Small Group Presentation.

Signups will be available for the Member Garage Sale in July and Whistlestop Activity in August.

Show & Tell Theme: Think Spring

MAY

Member Spotlight: Jan Gagliano will be having a Trunk Show with an emphasis on design.

Signups will be available for the Member Garage Sale in July and Whistlestop Activity in August.

Show & Tell Theme: Your favorite pattern or block.

JUNE

Quilt Show Boutique Whistlestop: seeking volunteers to demonstrate small items we can make for the show.

Show & Tell Theme: Applique/Embroidery/
Embellishments

Signups will be available for the Member Garage Sale in July and Whistlestop Activity in August.

NAMETAGS ENCOURAGED

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.

CURRENT GUILD
MEMBERSHIP:
125 AND GROWING.
DUES FOR 2023-24
SHOULD BE PAID BY
APRIL 30.



LIBRARY NEWS

We have books for sale and 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.

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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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