



AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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Our Going to Pieces Quilt Show 2023 was a huge success! 722 people attended the 2-day event at the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason. While this number is lower than that of past shows, it does indicate renewed and continued interest in quilts and an appreciation for artistry. Hats off to the show committee for their hard work in making this event run smoothly.

Congratulations to **Bev Wilkinson**, the winner of Best in Show at the 2023 Going to Pieces Quilt Show! Her entry "Made In Michigan" garnered 89 votes. Second place with 59 votes was Peg Arnold's "Pretty Birds" and Deb Martens' "Sunsations Magnolia" was third with 55.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For those of you viewing this online, welcome to the Capitol City Quilt Guild website!

I am the current President, and a mostly self-taught quilter. I want to learn more! There are so many different techniques & styles it is hard to choose.

We have so much 'quilty' fellowship to share in this Guild. I have learned so much about so many quilt related topics at our monthly meetings. Our focus this year is on learning from each other and celebrating accomplishments. The monthly Show & Tell is always a favorite with the members. But I gave away my most recent finish to my new daughter-in-law. If she were in Michigan I would go borrow it for the evening.

About that quilt: I improvised and pondered about it way, way too much! Like off and on for 6 months! My kids aren't quilters. They do know enough to not mess with my stuff (scissors!) but NOT enough to be judges. Perfect combination, and it made me really embrace the saying "finished is better than perfect."

By the time this newsletter goes out our Going To Pieces quilt show will have happened. But GOOD NEWS...the raffle for those gorgeous quilts will not! So get your tickets...the photos are excellent and so are the quilts. We have quite a few 'small groups' that meet outside of our monthly 'business meeting' and several of the raffle quilts were created as group projects. Do you have a favorite?

Our Guild will also be represented at the Original Sewing & Quilt Expo in Novi in November. You can see the quilts in person there if you couldn't come to our show in October. And buy more tickets, 'cause you won't be able to resist.

All the best to you this autumn, and happy stitching!

Lisé Dibert, President



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Raffle tickets are still available for sale for the eight beautiful raffle quilts. Thank you to all those who have purchased and/or sold tickets. If you have not had a chance to pick up your packet, they will be available at the October and November Guild meetings or you can contact Deb Feldpausch to have them mailed. Please turn in all tickets by the November meeting or mail them to Deb by December 10. All tickets must be returned whether or not they are sold per State of Michigan regulations. The raffle will be held at the December meeting. Thank you all for supporting the Guild quilt raffle!

If you have any questions, please let Deb know.

THANKS to all the members who donated items for the BASKET RAFFLE. Final figures weren't available at this time, but organizer Kathy Smith estimates that ticket sales topped \$1,000. Gall's Sewing donated a sewing/embroidery machine which was won by Ann Newell's hubby Craig. Can't wait to see what he creates with it.

The BOUTIQUE was a winner! 1282 items were donated by our generous members. Our profit for the sales during the show was \$2,894.30. Good job, Bev Wilkinson.

SILENT AUCTION RESULTS

As of the end of the show, the proceeds from the Silent Auction totaled over \$1700! There are still items to be claimed and paid for so that amount is going to rise.

Many thanks to Ann Newell for a successful and profitable money-maker for the Guild.

DOLLS AND BEARS will be distributed at the October meeting. Please consider taking one or more and have fun dressing it/them in time to return at the November meeting.



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PROGRAMS

2023 has been a year “without a budget” for Programs for CCQG. If you didn’t notice (good!), we tried to make this a fun year by celebrating our members and showcasing some of our very talented members. The hope is that by saving our budget this year, we can springboard more money into 2024 for bigger and better programs.

This year would not have been possible without our generous members and we would like to recognize those Guild members who graciously volunteered their time for the Member Spotlight presentations. These members brought in and shared their quilts and stories for Trunk Shows: Jan Asmann, Jan Gagliano, The Charming Ladies small group (Janet Scott, Jean Kaufmann, Deb Martens, Ann Newell, Carol Rasmussen, Crista Barnhizer, Barb Hollowick, Rosemary Nester, Nancy Ruess), and Liz Cardinal.

We would also like to extend a HUGE thank you to everyone in the Guild for participating this year by showing up and having fun with our monthly themed Show & Tell, the Ugly Quilt competition and the Orphan Block donations.

To finish out the year, we have the auction in November where half of the proceeds supports the Lansing Food Bank and the holiday party in December with Bingo (see below for instructions to make your Bingo block(s)).

With sincere gratitude – Adrienne Scherer and Peg Stiffler, your CCQG Program Chairs

Bingo Block Instructions:

You will need 25 total 2.5” squares

24 - 2.5” Fussy Cut from the below fabric list, select whichever you would like to use

1 - 2.5” white square for the center

Christmas Bingo Block Fabrics			
Snowman	bells	ribbon	xmas lights
reindeer	green	happy faces	candles
snowflake	red	angel	circles
glitter	poinsettia	stars	dots
metallic	blue	ornaments	stocking
santa	silver	train	doll
presents	gold	scarf	holly/wreath
pinecone	sleigh/sled	green/red	Dr. Seuss
xmas tree	swirl	blue/white	Cookies
elves	candycane	menorah	Bike

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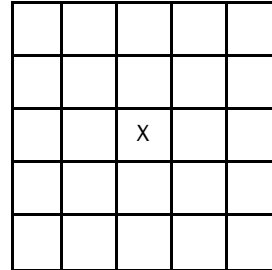


Bingo Blocks, continued from page 5

NOVEMBER

- Rasmussen, Francene 11/4
- Stiffler, Peg 11/7
- Mueller, Louise 11/11
- Waligorski, Jane 11/11
- Hollenbeck, Jo 11/14
- Sterling, Ginny 11/14
- Wexler, Sharon 11/20

Your finished block will look like this and should be 10.5" x 10.5"



Pro Tip: Write down your fabric placement on a slip of paper so when we play Bingo, you can quickly identify each square.

You can make as many blocks as you choose, you can swap them with other members, or share with anyone who does not bring one.

We will be collecting unwanted Bingo blocks at the end of the party.

OCTOBER

- Forro, Denise 12/1
- Bieber, Nancy 12/4
- Arnold, Peg 12/5
- Barnhizer, Christa 12/12
- Freed, Ruby 12/14
- Rowe, Dorothy 12/14
- Wilkinson, Bev 12/14
- Hughes, Beatrice 12/18
- Black, Leah 12/31

PRESIDENT'S BLOCKS

Instructions are available on the Guild website under Activities. Printed instructions are available at meetings on the Vice-President's table. This is Lise's choice.



- 2023 Quilt Challenge Winners**
- 1st Place—Cathy Skelton**
 - 2nd Place—Jan Asmann**
 - 3rd Place—Peg Stiffler**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

OCTOBER *Liz Cardinal Trunk Show*

Dolls and Bears to be distributed

Show and Tell theme—Halloween

NOVEMBER

Collection of Dolls & Bears and the CCQG Board Houses Quilt will be raffled (must be present to win!)

Guild Auction; bring kits, quilting items and fabric. Bundling items is always appreciated. No patterns, books or magazines. A brief description would be helpful!

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.

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!

OCTOBER—Flowers

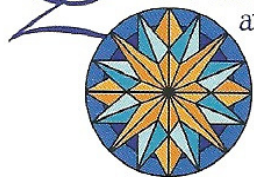
NOVEMBER—Leaves

DECEMBER—Food

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You can cut 18x22" FQs from your stash.

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Next newsletter deadline: December 1, 2023

