



# AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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**Going to Pieces Quilt Show 2023 Update:** The Guild profited \$5,257.22 from this event! We can only imagine what a success the show in 2025 will be.

**SAVE THE DATE: National Quilting Day** is Saturday, March 16. We will have a sew day for all members and friends. More info will come in January. There will be fun, games, prizes, and lots of time to sew and visit. Please plan to come, bring friends and projects to start, finish, or just to make progress.



9am-4pm  
First Presbyterian Church

2021 Aurelius Road (corner of Holt & Aurelius Rds.)  
Please bring 2 non-perishable or personal items for their food bank. Theme and activities will be announced at the January Guild meeting.

And in case March isn't full of enough quilting for you, plan to attend the **Capitol City Quilt Guild Spring Retreat**, March 8, 9 and 10 at the Okemos Event Center. Cost is \$140. Please connect with Coreen Strzalka ([strzcor@gmail.com](mailto:strzcor@gmail.com) or (517)243-5930), or mail payment to her at 14705 West Grand River, Eagle 48822. Checks must be payable to CCQG. Coreen and Sandy Guild are coordinating this event. Rooms at the connecting hotel are \$109 and must be reserved by contacting the hotel directly at (517) 347-6690. All reservations need to be made by February 22. Ask for the **Capitol City Quilt group block rate**. Attendance is limited to 50.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the CCQG website! If you haven't yet taken a look, please do so. It's full of info and inspiration.

We are absolutely a great community to join up with if you are a quilter...there is so much support here for everyone from novice to experienced, and even professionals! And there are members from every demographic, which is a priority for myself especially. Feeling uncertain about what a quilt guild is? Well, ours is a community of quilters of all experience levels, who gather once a month for friendship, learning, community service activities, and fun! There are a lot of member-driven 'small groups' and volunteer opportunities to get involved with (if you choose to) all year 'round. We love to celebrate, whether it be individual accomplishments or larger group efforts.

Charitable projects large and small are on-going. Sharing of skills and inspirations? Heck yes!

Personally? My favorite Guild activity each month is our member 'Show and Tell', especially the 'Tell' part where we get to know each other through our project choices and inspiration, our construction struggles along the way, the intended recipient...even if it's for yourself! I also love each meeting's program, ranging from a wide variety of trunk shows, lectures, learning or re-visiting sewing skills...it is a bustling 2 hour experience every month!

If you read my column each newsletter, you will be congratulating me for starting AND finishing that baby quilt for one of my elderly father's daily helpers. It's a big deal, believe me! Christmas gifting is just a few kitchen items, no worries there.

Goals for 2024? I just want my sewing to be enjoyable and relaxing...no deadlines, no promised gifts large or small. Me, my fabric addiction, and exploring some techniques that I have been hesitant to try, like making friends with my serger, and some special stitches and tricks my Pfaff can evidently do. It seems another goal is to be brave, which I am sure my Guild friends will support because that's what we do!

Please take a few minutes to browse through our website...we would love to see you at our meetings. If you aren't a quilter yet, well what are you waiting for? You don't even need a sewing machine, our ancestors didn't have one!

Keep stitching my friends!

Lisé Dibert  
Prez

## PROGRAMS

### DECEMBER MEETING

No brown bag gift exchange this year, but Bingo players can win prizes.

The Drawing is this month for the 8 quilts featured in recent issues. Good luck to those of you who bought tickets.

Library books will not be available but returns will be accepted. The library will begin to sell selected books in January.

Optional: bring finger foods (1 dozen) to share. Bottled water will be provided.

### JANUARY MEETING

Ugliest Quilt Contest. Billie (last winner) will pass her crown to the winner.



Jean Kaufmann is starting a new small group. The first meeting is Saturday, January 27 at 1:00. Please call her at (517)347-7555 or email at [jejpkaufmann@hotmail.com](mailto:jejpkaufmann@hotmail.com) for location and what to bring.



### CCQG IN THE COMMUNITY

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### New Year's Celebration

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

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One person will win 20% off everything they purchase for their personal use during all of 2024. No purchase necessary to win.

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\* Many ways to earn more entry slips!

\* Great deals on end of the year closeouts!

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If you are reading this online before the December meeting, there is still time for you to make a Bingo Block (or more if you choose).

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

Your finished block should be 10.5" x 10.5"

Pro Tip: Write down your fabric placement on 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 to be made into a quilt top.





**JANUARY**

- Harvey, Rose 1/8
- Wilson, Lisa 1/9
- Asmann, Jan Lee 1/10
- Brandt, Danita 1/10
- Weatherspoon, Lola 1/16
- Keesler, Janet 1/17
- Bus, Bonnie 1/28

**FEBRUARY**

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

**PRESIDENT'S BLOCKS**

Instructions are available on the Guild website under Activities. Printed instructions are available at meetings on the Vice-President's table. Below is Lise's choice—A Friendship Star. A nice, easy block. (But funny how the easy ones sometimes give us the most grief!)



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## MEMBERSHIP

**Our November meeting was attended by 67 members, one new member, and one guest.**

**Total members as of December 1st is 121.**

## 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 for each 1/4 you bring. Good luck!

DECEMBER—Food

JANUARY—Green

FEBRUARY—Orange or Yellow

By the way, you don't have to buy fat quarters to play. You can cut 18x22" FQs from your stash.

## 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.

A Shippewana bus trip is coming up. Contact Sandy Guild for info.



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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](http://CapitalCityQuiltGuild.org)

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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: February 1, 2024

