



# AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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It's hard to believe that CCQG is 40 years old. March's meeting will be a birthday party celebrating all that has been accomplished over the years.

There's still room at 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 Guild group block rate. Attendance is limited to 50.

The **new small group** met in January and made a few decisions on what they want to do. This year they are each picking a block and a month. Every person will make the block that is chosen for that month. The first one is a tree block for Jean Kaufmann (me). It can be any season with a light background and the block size can be anything in 3" measurement with the largest being 12 x 12". So for example 3x3 or 3x6, etc. I prefer more realistic rather than fanciful. They are to be done by and brought to the Feb. 24 meeting and given to me. Next month we will be making a block for Cathy Skelton. Each person will decide what kind of block they want and will pick a month to receive them. Any questions, call me at (517)347-7555.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow quilt lovers! It looks like the groundhog might be right about an early Spring for 2024...it's 60° and it's been sunny 2 days in a row. That being said, several Board members reported at the last Zoom meeting that they have significant green sprouting going on in their flowerbeds. Even though this winter has been pretty mild, you know we are all ready for the days to keep getting longer and brighter.

March and April are busy times for CCQG every year. There is the Spring quilt retreat, National Quilting Day and THE GUILD'S 40th birthday. We are celebrating that at the meeting in March, and I want to encourage everyone to attend. If you know a "founding member" who is not active any longer, for whatever reason, please, please bring them to the March meeting for recognition and celebration.

We do have business to address in March and April as well. April is the end of our fiscal year, and that brings election of officers for 2024-25. I am begging you to remember that we are ALL volunteers, and I know so many stepped up to give their time and skills for the quilt show last Fall. Serving on the Board is really not a big time commitment. You may not realize that there is only one meeting a month, for usually an hour or less, on Zoom. Send me an email or text if you are hesitant so I can shamelessly bribe you with treats. Heaven knows it isn't a particularly formal Board!

The other business we have to take care of will be a vote to approve (or not) an Amendment to the by-laws to include a conflict-of-interest policy. This vote will be in March, and the proposed policy will be available well ahead of time for your review.

So, in April I will transform into "past president." This presidency has been fun in ways I never expected. Thank you so much for your support and love, all year long.

I appreciate you all so much,  
Lisé D, Prez



## PROGRAMS

**FEBRUARY**—Trunk Show by Cindy Mielock, Peg Arnold, and Peg Stiffler.

**MARCH**—Celebration of our 40th Birthday! Come share stories from your time as a member and some birthday treats! Also, Heartwarmers Parade. Charity quilts are collected at this meeting.

Fabric for the next challenge will be given out. This year only a 6” block will be the challenge, not an entire quilt.

**APRIL**— Board elections. Please consider volunteering!

**MAY**—We will have an activity with Deb Grogan at the Quilt Factory <https://thequiltfactory.com/> at the May meeting. She will do demos and will have patterns for sale.

### **What is a C-O-I anyway?**

In a nutshell, it serves to protect a business from potentially unethical situations. A conflict-of-interest policy is a requirement by the Feds for non-profit status groups to include in their by-laws. It wasn't part of the Guild's original by-laws 40 years ago, as life was simpler then. Since we have to include it now, a formal amendment has to be voted on by the members. This vote is happening in March. The actual policy will be comprehensive, and it is lengthy. The amendment will be a lot shorter. Basically it will state that we HAVE a policy, and that it is readily available for review. Please ask questions if you have them. A similar message, including the actual policy as an attachment, will be sent by email to members.



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# HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

**National Quilting Day** is Saturday, March 16. We will have a sew day for all members and friends. There will be fun, games (Bingo!), 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 on a project. Flyers are available at our meetings.



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.

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**The Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild** is having a show July 27-28.

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If you hurry, you can catch the **West Michigan Quilters Guild's Quilter 2 Quilter Sale** at the Craft Outlet, 1450 Buchanan SW, Grand Rapids, Feb. 15-16, 10-5pm. Large Yardage pieces \$4, Small yardage \$2-6, Scrap bags \$2 per gallon or 3 bags for \$5. 5" squares 10 for \$1. Books for sale. Cash/check only.



**Hop on the Bus!** April 20th, 2024. We will be going to 6 quilt shops total. Our dinner will be at Essenhouse in Middlebury, Indiana. The cost of the trip is \$60, which is due in February. The cost of dinner is *not* included with the \$60. Also, there are no refunds. If you need a replacement that will be up to you to find someone.

Contact Sandy Guild at 517-515-9710, or mail payment to her at 120 East Kent St., Grand Ledge MI. 48837.





**MARCH**

- Rosenberger, Marsha 3/1
- Chamberlain, De 3/6
- Reisig, Cindy 3/10
- Borton, Teresa 3/11
- Wallace, Penny 3/12
- Olivier, Suzanne 3/16
- Smith, Pat 3/18
- Green, Carla 3/20
- Priller, Chelane 3/23

**APRIL**

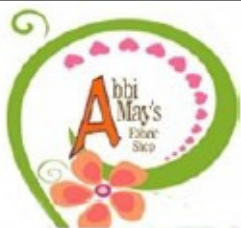
- Piazza, Billie 4/4
- Hoelzer-Maddox, Victoria 4/7
- Swick, Shirley 4/10
- Sanchez, Alicia 4/15
- Ribby, Mary 4/18
- Qayyum, Yasmin 4/21
- Craft, Donna 4/28

**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!)



**CONGRATULATIONS TO KATE EDGAR,**  
**winner of the Ugliest Quilt Contest for**  
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## 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 or more fat quarters (18" x 22") to that meeting, and enter your name in the drawing for each 1/4 you bring. Good luck!

FEBRUARY-Orange or Yellow

MARCH— Flannel

APRIL—Blue & White

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



Thank you, Deb Feldpausch, for sharing this with us.

## CCQG IN THE COMMUNITY

We received the following from a recipient of one of our quilts: *"On behalf of my family, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the thoughtfulness extended towards our family during a most difficult time. My mom, an avid quilter herself, would have marveled over the lovely quilt laid upon her during her last hours with us. While we the family were grieving, you stepped in and added this amazing touch to our experience. To say the least, it was a moment I will never forget. You are truly angels! We can't thank you enough, Shannon Miller and Family"*

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## 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!

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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.*

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[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: April 1, 2024

