



Around the Quilt Patch

Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild

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From the President

Greetings Everyone,

It is so beautiful these days as the fall weather creeps its way to us via rain and wind. Hopefully you all are enjoying the sunshine and fall colors. There is no place better to be than in Michigan during the fall.



I am excited to be able to share with you face-to-face and in person meetings. Let's hope we can continue meeting and we can enjoy each other's company that we missed so much. It feels good to connect with old friends and meet new ones. If you haven't met anyone new, make sure you do at the next meeting. She may surprise you and be your neighbor! LOL

There are some great programs lined up for the rest of this year. I have never done landscape quilts, nor improv style quilts, so I am looking forward to October and November workshops.

January and on will be some very interesting speakers, workshops, and designers. Also, don't forget about the Guild Challenge that will prove to be a hit. I am looking forward to seeing what creativity comes out of wearable art.

There is a small group of women that took on public commissioning of a quilt from Linda Haas that depicts a local Jackson family who hid slaves (the underground railroad) and helped them on their journey north thru the help of hidden clues in quilts. 2022 will bring us a year full of fun and learning. We have 108 members at last count. We want to be a strong empowered group that makes things happen in the quilting world. You all are very knowledgeable artists.

There is a lot happening in our group, so keep up the good work ladies.

See you soon,
Bev Smith, President ☐

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Coming
events

November 29, 2021

Guild Meeting: “Did You Even Taste It?”
Kathy Schmidt

Workshop (Tuesday November 30): “Quilting
Improv Style”

Kathy Schmidt (See Page 3)

Demo: Quilted Mat for under your Sewing Machine
- Chris Carothers

December 2021

NO GUILD MEETING – HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

January 31, 2022

Guild Meeting: “Featherweights – Singer’s Little
Hidden Treasure” Jean Dalton

Workshop (Tuesday, February 1): “FW
Maintenance Workshop”

Jean Dalton (See Page 3 & 4)

Demo: TBD

February 28, 2022

Guild Meeting: “Fabric Design” Deb Strain

Demo: TBD



IN & AROUND THE MITTEN

Quilt N Go Retreat

November 10-14 2021

Farmstead Inn, Shipshewana, IN

<https://shipshewanaquiltretreat.com/product/november-2019-retreat-registration/>

Original Sewing & Quilt Expo – Novi, MI

November 11-13, 2021

Suburban Collection Showplace

<https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Novi,MI.aspx>

Quilted Turtle Retreat

December 6-9, 2021

Creative Passions Retreat locations

<https://quiltedturtle.com/retreats/>

Northeast Michigan Arts Council-

Annual Quilt Show

January 29-30, 2022

Northeast Arts Center Auditorium

3233 Grove St., Standish, MI 48658

<http://nemiac.org/quilters-corner.html>

**Guild Meetings are normally the last
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Presentations and Workshops

We have some exciting presentations and workshops coming up. In November, Kathryn Schmidt, author of *Rule Breaking Quilts* will be joining us for a lecture/trunk show and workshop. Kathy has been a quilter for over 35 years and is still excited by all the possibilities of her art. Kathy's workshop is on Tuesday, November 30, 2021. She will be teaching us her rule-breaking approach to quilting she calls "Quilting Improv Style". Kathy tells us: Be bold! Be brave! Put down your ruler and attack your fabric armed only with a rotary cutter and a sense of adventure. Experiment with curvy shapes and pointy points and extreme fabric choices and fear none of them. You will end up with a completely unique small project, designed totally from your creative side and your rotary cutter. We will explore as many improv techniques as possible in the time allowed. Embellishments of all types will also be discussed.



We will not have a Guild meeting in December. Happy Holidays!!

In January, Jean Dalton will be here for both a lecture and workshop. Jean will be teaching us all about the Singer Featherweight Sewing Machine. On Tuesday, February 1, 2022, Jean will be doing a workshop on Featherweight Maintenance.



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The FW Maintenance workshop is an all-day affair where Jean will teach you how to oil, grease and lube your machine. You can purchase the oil/grease/motor lube kit at the class and we'll have your machine all happy and humming. You'll also learn how to thread the machine. Jean will set your bobbin tension to the correct spot and you'll be ready to sew up a storm. This workshop is limited to 12 participants, so if you would like to attend, please get your workshop registration form and payment to me. Please remember, you are not signed up until I receive these. Please let me know if you have any ideas for upcoming lectures and/or workshops you would like to see in the future.

Rita Parsons,
Vice President ☐

Demos

We still need volunteers to do demos for the rest of the year. The demo is a short technique or whatever given at 6:10 and 6:35pm before each Guild meeting. Do you know of some trick that makes doing something easier in quilting? We would love to hear about it.

Chris Carothers will be doing the November demo. She will be showing us how to make a mat for under your sewing machine. Thank you, Chris!

Cynthia Shong ☐

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P&PQG WORKSHOP GUIDELINES

Workshop Guidelines:

- Workshop locations will be announced at a later date.
- Workshops are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and usually limited to 20-25 students depending on the speaker's requirements. A waiting list is kept for workshops that are filled.
- Supply lists will be available at the time of sign-up for the workshop.
- Full day workshops begin at 9 a.m. and end by 4 p.m. Half day workshops are normally from 9:00 a.m. until noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Participants need to arrive for class 30 minutes prior to the starting time.
- Workshops include a 30-45 minute lunch break. Workshop participants may bring a sack lunch or plan accordingly.

Payment and Enrollment:

- Full day workshops cost \$40.00 for guild members and \$45 for non-members. Half day workshops cost \$25.00 for guild members and \$30 for non-members.

- Payment is required at the time of registration and is nonrefundable.
- Registration forms are available here and from the Program chairperson.
- Payment is by cash or check made out to Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild of Jackson.
- The Program Committee requires a separate check for each month's workshop(s).

Workshop Cancellations:

In case of an emergency, workshop participants are responsible for transferring their workshop registration to other guild members. To facilitate this, one should contact the program chairperson to acquire names from a potential waiting list.

Rita Parsons, Vice President



Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild Workshop Registration Form

Name _____ Member/non-member _____
 Address _____ City, state, and zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

 Workshop Name _____
 Workshop Teacher _____ Workshop date _____
 Date Registered _____
 Total Amount Due _____ Check # _____ or cash _____
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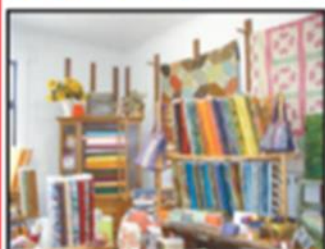


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Winter Retreats for 2022

Just a reminder that our 2022 Retreat reservations have already started taking place! Your reservation is complete at time of payment (See form on Page 7). Payments are non-refundable.

January 14, 15, 16 is full. I will be happy to put your name on a waiting list just in case an opening comes up.

February 11, 12, 13 has three openings left.

March 18, 19, 20 has eight openings left.

August 12, 13, 14 has nine openings left.

We are now retreating at the Artistry on Evans in Tecumseh. Ten people is our limit! Retreat rate is \$160.00.

Checks should be made out to:
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Mailed to:
Cheryl Navarre
2050 Elwood Blvd
Spring Arbor, MI 49283

If you have questions, just call me at 517-750-1933.

Thank you, Cheryl Navarre ☐

Brother Sewing Machine purchased in 2019 for a sewing class that was cancelled. It was never used. Asking \$90. Contact Ann Midkif at 517-745-5633 for more information if interested.



Quilt Show

How to have a successful quilt show? It all starts with volunteers!

We are in need of volunteers in order to pull off our 2022 Quilt Show. We need the quilt show to raise money for the Guilds operating expenses. It pays for our meeting place, speakers and other expenses.

We still need Chairmen for the following:

- Advertising
- Raffle Tickets
- General Store
- Labels (quilt stories)
- Silent Auction
- Quilt Show Entries (set up/take down)
- Set up/take down
- Special Displays

Please, please , please... Step up and volunteer.

Cynthia Shong
Quilt Show Chair ☐

DeLand Family Quilt

Pieces and Patches was contacted by Linda Hass about commissioning a quilt honoring the DeLand family of Jackson and the role they played in the Underground Railroad.

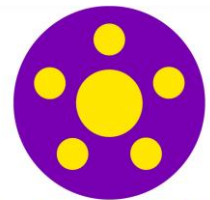
The quilt would be among pieces displayed at the Ganton Art Gallery, Spring Arbor University, for an Underground Railroad exhibit planned there in February (the quilt would have to be finished by Feb. 4, 2022).

A few of us responded and made arrangements to make this quilt. Linda Hass is paying for the materials, and had several ideas about what she wants. We have taken her ideas, have designed the quilt, and purchased the fabrics. Construction of the quilt should begin over the next couple of weeks. We look forward to sharing it with you when finished.

Cindy Fraher, Bev Smith, Kathy Burger ☐

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PPQG Challenge For 2021-2022

This year's challenge for our Guild will be Wearable Art. The definition of this is individually designed pieces of handmade clothing as an expression of art! Here are some of the rules

1. The item must be completed by entrant.
2. There must be some quilting involved.
3. You can take a previously made garment and create it to be art.
4. Cost will be \$5.00 to enter, and the word "artist" must be somewhere on the item. You can enter more than once, but each entry will cost \$5.00.

These entries can be coats, jackets, vests, dresses, etc. but also handbags, large bags, scarfs, hats...anything that you can wear or handle with your body.

Why did I choose this? I believe strongly we are all artists and when we make something to wear out in the world it shows we are artists. Many of us grew up with 4-H or home economics in school and have made garments. There are many simple patterns out there for all the above items. Our quilts/wall hangings stay in our homes or are given as gifts and Jackson doesn't see what great artists we have in this group.

These articles can be made of old quilts made into jackets, applique, fabric paint, panels, machine embroidery, hand-made fabric, and/or embellishments. There are so many choices, and use all that you can imagine! You can look at Pinterest, YouTube or Instagram for inspiration. Make it fun! I will try to show ideas every month...this is a challenge to your art quilting ideas!

This challenge is not due until April so you have a lot of time to get something completed. I will be at the Guild meeting in October with some ideas and bring your \$5 to enter. This will be a special addition for our quilt show...THANK YOU, ARTISTS!

Janet Rochefort ☐



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Friendliest Quilt Guild

Over the period of several years my husband and I vacationed at a place whose motto was "the friendliest hometown in America." Recently, board members have received several comments about the lack of friendliness at our Guild meetings. Check out our October membership list and see how many new members have joined our Guild. Thanks to Kathy Miller our membership list was emailed with all the newest updates last week and the newest list can also be found on the members only page of our website. How many of these new members have you met?

At the next Guild meeting please make an effort to introduce yourself to someone you don't know and perhaps share a little bit about how long you have been a Guild member and the type of quilting you enjoy. Covid restrictions have definitely made socializing more difficult. In our efforts to keep our members safe at these meetings by eliminating the round tables and requiring masks, we have also made things more challenging. I would love to see the Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild be known as "The

Friendliest Quilt Guild in Michigan." If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can do a better job of making all our members feel welcome and appreciated, please contact one of the Board members so we can implement a plan to work together to be the friendliest quilt Guild around.

Karen Prater
Website Administrator
karprater@aol.com □

Quilted Hearts

Do you have scraps laying around? Want to make someone smile and make their day! There is a group called I Found a Quilted Heart (IFAQH). This a community of volunteers who place small quilted hearts around the globe to brighten the day of a stranger.

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Would you like to create handmade quilted hearts to participate in the project? They can be as simple or as fancy as you would like. After creating your heart, print and attach a label that states:

I NEED A HOME!
 I found a Quilted Heart
 www.IFAQH.com
 #IFAQH

You can find a link to print tags on the website or I still have some left over from when I did the demo. Do not hand hearts, gift hearts or give hearts to people. Hearts need to be "found" in a public place. You can follow up on hearts that are found on Facebook or Instagram.

Cynthia Shong ☐



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Sharing Our Art A Story about Dena

"Give friend a quilt and she'll be happy for a few days. Teach that friend to quilt and she'll be happy for a lifetime!"

When I saw this quote, I thought of my friend Dena when I saw her coming into the quilt Guild 4 years ago. I hadn't seen her in many years because our lives hadn't crossed. She told me that another Guild member was teaching her and her daughter to quilt and she wanted to see what the Guild was all about.

The more she quilted the better she got and had even learned to quilt them herself. She lost her daughter last year from cancer and quilting took her mind from the tragedy. She started quilting for neighbors and friends. She called her friend that had started her on this journey many times to thank her for the gift she gave her of learning to quilt.

She loved learning new techniques and started putting more of her own ideas into the quilts. She was excited

for the holidays coming up and all the quilts she was making for gifts. This week she had a heart attack and had a few stints put in. Tragically she lost her life yesterday, but the gift her friend gave her filled her last years with joy and comfort.

We never know how others are affected. It is important to talk about and share our art. This experience tells me even more how we must share our gift and give back what we were given. Rest in Peace, Dena.

Most Sincerely, Janet Rochefort ☐

Member at Large

Wearing many hats this year, I might not be able to get to each one of you at the guild meeting. Please, if you have any questions or concerns contact me at my email shongquilting@yahoo.com., (this is a Guild only email) or feel free to give me a call 517-536-7329.

Cynthia Shong, Member at Large ☐

Guild Charity Child Advocacy Council

Summary of Annual Report for PPQG for 2020-2021 year

As you know every two years the Guild determines who will be our charities. I am so proud to say that for the first year we gave to the children 135 quilts made by our members and friends of our Guild. They were all so beautifully made with love for these abused children and I am sure you all have made a mark in their lives that will live with them forever.

This is another year that I am reaching out for help to make a difference in the lives of these special children. I no longer have a large space to hold workshops but my home is always open for small gatherings to work on quilts. I will have kits at the Guild to pick up and make the tops. I love to receive those completely finished but we have one special friend of the Guild, Jan Lantine, that quilts and binds them. This special gift from you does make a difference. If everyone just made one quilt it would bring us close to last year's number. Think about it, and make this year another great year for these children!

Janet Rochefort

The last 6 months of meetings of the Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild for 2019-2020 year (March – August) were canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. No Guild meetings were held during that time, although the board continued to meet regularly, in-person through March and via Zoom April 2019 - June 2020. In September of 2020, it was decided to try virtual Guild meetings instead of not meeting at all or having in-person meetings. Though there were people who were adamantly against the idea of virtual meetings, we pushed forward with the idea and we found that the virtual Zoom meetings were very successful in keeping our Guild viable. In September of 2020, we started our first Zoom Guild membership meeting with just a 15-minute demo given by Cathey Newhouse, then took a vote about having virtual meetings and found that the great majority of people were in favor of trying virtual meetings. For each of the next several months we had a speaker present a program virtually and found it to be well-received. In October we had Nancy McNally present a trunk show and refer to her tutorial on her woven stars pattern.

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November brought us Mary Bajcz who had prepared several tutorial videos just for our Guild on free-cutting and curved piecing techniques. In January we did several member demos (still virtually), in February Cheri Pickett presented a program she called 'Ask your quilt for a Date'. In March Rhonda Dort presented an interesting program on the use of vintage linens in quilts. April brought us Barbara Eikmeier who talked to us (still virtually) about combining orphan blocks into beautiful quilts. In May, Janet Rochefort presented (yes, still virtually) a program on using Ricky Tims' Convergence technique and enhancing it with unique applique. In June we heard from Teri Lucas talking about color and thread in a program she called "Learning to Stitch with Reckless Abandon". July was our first in-person meeting in 17 months and it was our Challenge reveal. In August we enjoyed Deborah Richmond from the Quilted Turtle, telling about gadgets and tools for quilters.

Through all those months with only virtual contact with others in the Guild we were able to have many interesting and informative programs, we increased our membership numbers through those months, we enjoyed virtual show and tell slide shows, we learned to use and enjoy the members only private Facebook page, and we managed to stay somewhat connected with our quilting friends. Now that we are again meeting in-person, even though it is masked and with more socially distanced seating, it is becoming a little more like 'normal' times. Our membership numbers are once again climbing into the triple digits.

A number of our board members have worked hard to provide mechanisms for our Pieces and Patches members to remain in touch. Our sunshine chair, Pam Reinker remained active in her role in the Guild sending many get well, sympathy, and thinking-of-you cards which she continued to send even during the pandemic months. Our hospitality person, Cheryl Navarre came up with a very creative way to give out door prizes even when we were not meeting in person for meetings. Rebecca Turner, our Facebook coordinator, created a members-only Facebook page where members can show their work and otherwise 'get together' virtually. We now have 75 members of that private page with many postings daily allowing members to remain in contact with each other. Our

newsletter editor, Anna Pedrotte, has done a very fine job of creating a newsletter each quarter, providing yet another means of keeping in touch with other members. And our webmaster and director of communications, Karen Prater has done an amazing job of maintaining a current and well-managed website for our Guild. Karen also did a great job of helping members to learn and troubleshoot the Zoom program which was our venue for the virtual programs.

Retreats were held with fewer attendees and precautions like masks and spacing in place. The January and February retreats were held at Janet Rochefort's but with only 7 attendees. After the Inn was sold, retreats were held at a new venue in Tecumseh with 10 attendees and our being responsible for food. Cheryl Navarre, the retreat chair-person said that the new venue (and providing food instead of having it provided to us) still made for very successful retreats. Dates for future retreats in January, February, March, and August of 2022 have been set, all for the Tecumseh venue. Retreats are an excellent way to get to know others in the Guild and are LOTS of fun! Plan to sign up for a retreat in 2022!

Members of the executive board met monthly planning for future meetings, discussing and handling problems that came up, and other necessary business for successfully running the Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild during a sometimes quite unusual year. Recording secretary, Karen Clouse submitted minutes for board approval each month and treasurer, Janice Stitt submitted treasurer's reports each month, always balanced to the penny, and other officers fulfilled their duties as required. All in all, it was a difficult but very successful year in the life of the Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathey Newhouse,
President of PPQG for 2020-2021 ☐

REMINDER: Guild meetings at the Ella Sharp Museum will be cancelled on any day the Jackson School District cancels its evening events for that day.



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