

# Around the Quilt Patch

Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild  
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## From the President

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We are gearing up for another wonderful year. There is so much I have to tell you. In spite of covid, we are continuing to meet at the Ella Sharp Museum on the last Monday night of each month at 7 p.m. There are very informative demonstrations at 6:15p and 6:35p before the meetings. We are not using tables yet or refreshments, but we are wearing masks to be thoughtful to our fellow quilters. Thank you very much for doing your part.



burp cloths, and dog and cat comforters. There will be an opportunity for you all to make donations to these charities at future Guild meetings. THANK YOU in advance.

I am so thankful for you all. I really appreciate all of your contributions to the membership. Take good care of yourselves and stay safe.

God bless you.  
Bev Smith



Are you aware of the Guild Challenge? If you haven't been able to attend any of our meetings, call or see Janet Rochefort. (also on our members only facebook). We are doing wearable art: i.e. clothing, tote bags, purses, etc—anything wearable. There will be a fashion show in April and one at the Quilt Show in October.

Quilt show you say? YES!! On October 8th & 9th at the Heritage Elementary, Stockbridge. There is still a need for your help in all areas. Please be thinking of one or more quilts you can bring to show off your talents.

Our February meeting speaker will be Deb Strain from Wisconsin. She is a fabric designer for MODA. She will be bringing some of her merchandise to sell.

In March we will enjoy the company of Pat Yamin, from New York. Besides her quilts and techniques, Pat has also written books, designed templates, and the Brooklyn Revolver—a revolving cutting table. Please continue to support our three charities by making quilts for teens and younger children, bibs,

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## IN & AROUND THE MITTEN

### January 31, 2022

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

**Workshop, Tuesday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>:**

“Featherweight Maintenance”

Jean Dalton

### February 28, 2022

**Guild Meeting:** “Fabric Design

Deb Strain, Moda Representative (See Page 3)

### March 28, 2022

**Guild Meeting:** “Hexagons, Diamonds, Triangles & Quilts”

**Workshop, Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:**

“Seven Starry Sisters”

Pat Yamin (See Page 3-4)

### April 25, 2022

**Guild Meeting:** “PPQG Challenge”

Janet Rochefort (See Page 6)

### May 23, 2022

**Guild Meeting:** “Quilts from Pounded Flowers”

**Workshop, Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>:**

“Pounding Flowers”

Doris Larson (See Page 5-6)

### Where The Heart Is

**March 25-26, 2022**

Franklin County Fairgrounds

4100 Columbia Street, Hilliard, OH, 43026

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### Tulip Time Quilt Show

**May 7-15, 2022**

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**Guild Meetings are normally the last Monday of the month and are held at:**

**Ella Sharp Museum**

**3225 Fourth Street, Jackson MI**

**Demonstrations** begin at 6:15 pm

**Meetings** begin at 7:00 pm

## Upcoming Programs and Workshops

In February, Deborah Strain will be here to speak to us about the process of fabric design. Deb has been a designer for Moda fabrics for over 20 years and has created over 100 fabric collections for them. She will share how her hand drawn and hand painted artwork evolves into lovely fabric for Moda. You can take a look at some of Deb's fabric collections she has designed at <https://my.modafabrics.com/designers/deb-strain>



Deb Strain

In March, Pat Yamin, founder of Come Quilt With Me, will be here. For more than 40 years, Pat has been designing quilt patterns and templates, making quilts, judging, lecturing and teaching quilt making, and has written several books. Pat has appeared on many TV and radio shows. Her company manufactures acrylic templates that assure



accuracy and shorten the time necessary to make a quilt. Pat will be talking to us about Hexagons, Diamonds, Triangles & Quilts. Did you know most quilters love math and have always used basic squares, hexagons, diamonds for patterns? Many antique quilts were made from fabric women already had – old shirts, aprons, dresses, curtains, etc. Pat's lecture and collection of antique quilts from the late 1800s take you back in time as she shares their wonderful histories. See how they survived time and wear, and how hexagons and diamond quilt patterns from our grandmother's era are popular today.

There will be a workshop using the pattern Seven Starry Sisters (see picture on next page). Seven Starry Sister's is a pattern Pat took from one of her antique quilts. She changed it a bit to make it simpler to piece. Everybody loves stars!! This pattern is one of the most popular star patterns available. Working with diamonds that make their own hexagons, then adding triangles and hexagons, turns this quilt into a real show stopper. Pat's acrylic templates make for easy and accurate rotary cutting and sewing. This is one you don't want to miss. The templates and instruction booklet are \$30 and must be purchased for the workshop.

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In April, our own Janet Rochefort will be hosting the PPQG Challenge for 2021-22. Wearable Art – individually designed pieces of homemade clothing as an expression of art. Start working on your challenge piece or pieces now!! See Janet’s article for more information on Page 6.

In May, Doris Larson will be doing a trunk show and workshop for us. Doris has always had an interest in developing her artistic abilities but life as a wife, mother and elementary school teacher made this pursuit



difficult. In retirement, she has been able to pursue her art with passion. Through her initial artistic expression was through watercolor, Doris’ interest in textures soon lead to a body of work in mixed media. She also developed a passion for collage and enjoys making her own papers and experimenting with new techniques and materials. In the last few years, she has begun to combine painting, collage and sewing skills. Much of her current work is “fabric art.” Using color, texture and design to create unique and vibrant pieces is Doris’ forte. Her fabric art is all original; though it occasionally incorporates a variation on a traditional pattern. She enjoys developing a composition, creating a design and employing fabric or paper to produce a dynamic result.

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Doris will be doing a workshop entitled “Pounding Flowers”, and we will be doing just that – pounding flowers to create artwork. Sounds fun!! Doris will explain and demonstrate the process at the evening meeting and will have several examples. She often embellishes the pieces if colors are weak and will demonstrate that as well. Students will be asked to bring plant materials (blossoms, grasses, leaves - strong colors work best) for this workshop, so start collecting now.

Rita Parsons,  
Vice President ☐



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## Pieces and Patches Challenge – April Meeting

I have had over 13 people already join to do our Wearable Art Challenge. To reiterate some of the rules, it must be completed by the entrant, some quilting involved, you can take a previously made garment and create it to be art. Cost is \$5.00 and you can enter more than one article with additional cost (You can only win once with the highest vote you received)

These articles can be made out of old quilts made into jackets, applique, fabric paints, panels, machine embroidery, handmade fabric, embellishments, so many options.

I will be at the quilt meetings to try to win you over with articles I have made (remember I am not in the running) At the quilt show in October there will be a run way show at 1:00pm on Saturday and Sunday!

It is a wonderful way to wear your Art and get others interested in Quilting. Please join me in making this challenge special! (Additional pictures on Page 7)

Janet Rochefort  
Challenge Chair





## Pieces and Patches Quilt Show

As the chairman of Publicity, we are looking at ways to draw a large crowd to our October event with some special displays. Of course, one will be Wearable Art, Eclectic Wall Hangings, Laura Heine Wall hangings and landscapes. Most of us have tried one or more of these and they are beautiful. We have had or will have some workshops on one of these so now you will have a special place for these to be displayed and they will be included in the People's Choice contest. I will have special entry forms later in the year and all publicity will show this. You can think of what you already have or make something new. It's only January you have over 6 months to create something stunning. We have such creative Guild members we want to show near and far what can be done.

Janet Rochefort,  
Publicity Chair ☐

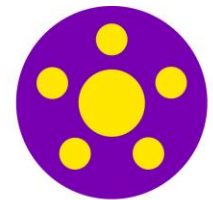
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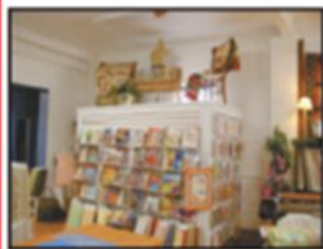


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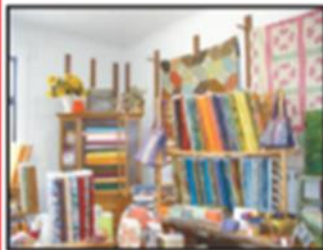
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## Quilt Show General Store Donations

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While looking through your stash for donations to the Quilt Show General Store, please keep the following in mind:

- 100% quilting cotton fabric is preferred
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- We will be accepting scraps over 3" in size
- Not sure about magazines or books (will let you know in the future)

I'm sure there are other things to keep in mind, but thought I would start with these basic guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact me (email and phone listed on member list).

Rita Parsons, Vice President



## Open Sew Days

I have some exciting news!! We will be having Open Sew Days on a regular basis!! Open Sew Day will be the second Tuesday of every month and will be from 9:00am until 4:00pm. It will be at the Toy House Community Room located in Christoff's Floor Covering, 400 N. Mechanic Street in Jackson. This is a great room for sewing. It has lots of windows with great lighting and an outside entry door with a loading zone for easy unloading and loading. Everyone that has attended a past open sew there has loved the room.

We will try and have charity projects available to work on or you can bring your own project(s). Please try and join us. You don't have to come for the whole day, drop in for as long as your schedule allows. It really is fun and a great way to get to know your fellow Guild members.

I will be sending out event invitations via Facebook, but in the meantime please mark your calendar for the Open Sew Days:

February 8, 2022  
 April 12, 2022  
 June 14, 2022  
 August 9, 2022  
 October 11, 2022  
 December 13, 2022

March 8, 2022  
 May 10, 2022  
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Please contact me with any questions (email and phone number listed on Members List).

Rita Parsons  
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## Sit & Stitch Groups

We are currently in the process of updating our Sit and Stitch Groups list. Several groups stopped meeting because of Covid and have not started back up. Because many of the current groups meet at each other's homes or in a small room setting, their available meeting space limits the number of members who can join. If you are interested in joining a sit and stitch group in your geographic area and can't find one available to new members, we encourage you to start a new group. If you know of a group of stitchers that meet on a regular basis and is not listed here, please contact Karen Prater. The Sit and Stitch Group information is listed on the Guild website: [piecesandpatchesquiltguild.org](http://piecesandpatchesquiltguild.org) under the Members Only page. The information will be updated as we learn of any new groups or changes with existing groups. All contact information on member list.

### Formerly Clark Lake Sit & Stitch

Contact: Janet Seaman

This group now meets at the Brooklyn Library  
Meets Every Friday - 10:00 - 3:00p.m.

Because of space limitations this group is closed to new members.

### Tuesdays with Mary

Contact: Mary Graves

This group is currently on hold, but hopes to resume in the near future. Meets every Tuesday in a walkout basement at Mary's house from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Participants are welcome to come and leave as needed. Open to all skill levels; Lots of laughs and tips. By appointment.

### Crazy Quilters:

Contact: Bonnie Streeter

The group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at Bonnie's house from 1:00pm. - 3:00 pm. This group is open to new members.

### It's Not Your Mama's Quilting Group

Contact: Jan Roys

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month - 12:30 - 2:30 pm.

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Meets at Janet Rochefort's house. Membership is closed at this time. This is an art quilt group which is a membership driven group and each member decides what he/she she would like to demonstrate.

**Miniature Group:**

Contact: Sharon Bannister

This group is currently on hold but hopes to start up again soon. Meets the 1st Saturday of every month at Country Stitches (Jackson) from 10:00 - 2:30 pm. Opens to anyone who would like to work on miniatures or small quilts. The members help each other with tips/techniques.

**Woolies:**

Contact: Karen Penrod Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month - at 10:00 am at the Quilts at Marshall House quilt shop. New members are welcome. Members work on wool projects and help each other with tips and techniques.

**The Long Arm Quilters group** is on hold.

**Open Sew Days**

The P & PQG has just started hosting a monthly open sew day for Guild members at the Christoff's Toy House Room, 400 N. Mechanic St. Jackson, MI. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:00 - 4:00 pm. Check the [piecesandpatchesquiltguild.org](http://piecesandpatchesquiltguild.org) website for further details. Contact Rita Parsons for information. New members are welcome.

**The Scrap Dealers**

Contact: Jane Wilkin

Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at Janet Rochefort's. This a closed group which is not taking new members at this time.

**NOTE:** The following groups do not technically qualify as Sit & Stitch groups of the Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild but are open to interested quilters:

**Quilts From the Heart**

Contact: Carrie Hall or Marilyn Troska

The group meets the 2nd Monday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at St. Rita's Church in Brooklyn, MI

They do all charity quilts for Veterans and the Child Advocacy Center. Fabric is provided and new members are welcome.

**Allegiance Hospice Quilts**

Contact Alice Coleor or Karen Davis.

The group meets at the Crouch Senior Center on Lansing Ave, Jackson MI each Tuesday from 9:30 - 2:00pm. Quilts and fidget quilts are made for HFAH Hospice Home and Hospital. Precut kits are available to make at home and return or work on at the Crouch Center. New members are welcome.

**Ministry Quilters**

Contact: Mary Kennedy

This group meets on Thursdays from 6:00 9:00 pm. at the Leslie Congregational UCC. The group provides fabric to make charity quilts. New members welcome.

Joann Fogg has a large quilting facility on 2665 Bellvue, Leslie, MI. She owns the Morgan Quilt Company. She has a long arm business and hosts several closed member quilting groups, including the Loose Threads Group and the Flying Featherweights group that meet at her facility for a fee.

Karen Prater

Director of Communications ☐

**Children's Advocacy Center - Charity**

**W**e are in our second year of this being one of our Guild's Charities. Last year we gave 135 quilts and this year the number is already over 50. The response has not only been from Guild members but also from other friends of mine that have been touched by this charity. As you know this is for abused and neglected children that are going through the court system. The ages range from 5 to 18, they give away on average 40 a month to children from Jackson County. Sister Barb Quincy, a long-term member of our Guild, brought this charity to our attention. She is still making quilts at the mother house in Adrian where she

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now resides. The Charity Offering for January will be this one. The money goes to purchase batting and backing because we get many tops that are not finished. My special friend, Jan Lentine quilts these at no cost to the Guild. She has made complete quilts herself and between last year and this year already the number is over 60 (she is one special angel). I have quilt kits at the sit and stitch workshops every month. I know each one of us have charities that tug at our hearts, I would like you to think about this one. I hope to have a representative at the quilt Guild meeting this month to help answer any questions you might have.

Janet Rochefort, Charity Chair ☐

**“Dear Daughter” BOM For Sale**

I have all twelve month of the Stitchin’ Heaven Quilt Shop – *Dear Daughter Block of the Month* for sale. As happens with many of us, my wish to do this quilt was much bigger than my actual ability to get it done within my lifetime ☺. So, my poor judgement could become a GREAT deal for someone in our Guild! Here are the details:

I paid \$29.99 monthly for 12 months and received all the block directions with all the fabric to make this quilt top measuring 72 X 90. I have the introductory letter which gives you access to a Facebook page for participants in the BOM. I purchased the kits in 2019 and my total cost was \$360. I am hoping to sell the whole thing at more than 40% off at \$200. You can view the quilt at the Stitchin’ Heaven Quilt Shop website where the pattern is still available. I will have it with me at the January 31<sup>st</sup> Quilt Guild meeting or you can contact me and we can arrange a time to meet.

Thanks, from Becky Kopicko ☐

**Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild  
Retreats**

We just had our first retreat of 2022! We had a blast and it was a great success! Our February retreat is totally booked!

Our Retreat for March will be March 18, 19 & 20 2022. Cost is \$160.00, and we have four spots open.

August Retreat is the 12th, 13th & 14th. We have about eight openings!

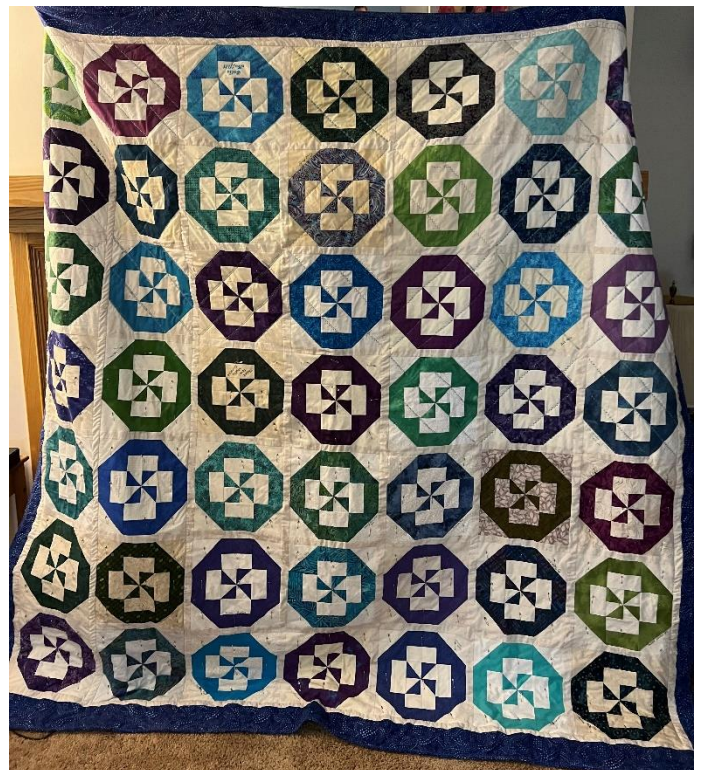
If you are interested in joining us, give me a call at my phone number on the member list.

Cheryl Navarre  
Retreat Chair ☐

**President’s Quilt**

Here is an ‘almost done’ version of my president’s quilt. I love this quilt because so many friends contributed to it. I want to sincerely thank each of you for the beautiful block you made!

Cathey Newhouse ☐





## 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild member \$40 non-member \$45  
 Payments can be mailed to: Rita Parsons, (Address on Member List) or brought to a  
 Guild meeting.

### Superior Threads Bad Habits

Superior Threads suggests that there are some things that quilters should stop doing. Do you have any of these bad habits?

Here are the bad habits that quilter's need to quit, according to Superior Threads: For more detail about each recommendation check out their website at: <https://www.superiorthreads.com/education/bad-quilting-habits>

- Not organizing your fabric scraps
- Too much criticism
- Cutting the same place on your mat
- Sewing over pins
- Not maintaining your machine
- Unthreading the machine incorrectly
- Using dull cutting tools
- Using low-quality thread and fabrics

Submitted by Karen Prater

### Did You Know?

Don't prewash precuts smaller than fat quarters. It can cause the fabric pieces to stretch out of shape and fray, making them harder to sew with.

Use the chart on page 14 to determine the number of squares that can be cut from various precuts. Yardage figures include 1/4" seam allowances. The figures on this chart are mathematically accurate.

\*This information taken from American Patchwork & Quilting Magazine, for more tips on working with precuts go to AllPeopleQuilt.com.

Submitted by Cheryl Navarre

<b>HOW MANY SQUARES CAN I GET?</b>						
<b>SIZE OF SQUARE</b>		<b>PRECUT TYPES</b>				
<b>Finished</b>	<b>Cut Strip Width</b>	<b>5" sq.</b>	<b>10" sq.</b>	<b>2 ½ x 42" strip</b>	<b>Fat eighth (9 x 21")</b>	<b>Fat quarter (18 x 21")</b>
1"	1 ½"	9	36	28	84	168
1 ½"	2"	4	25	21	40	90
2"	2 ½"	4	16	16	24	56
2 ½"	3"	1	9	0	21	42
3"	3 ½"	1	4	0	12	30
3 ½"	4"	1	4	0	10	20
4"	4 ½"	1	4	0	8	16
4 ½"	5"	1	4	0	4	12
5"	5 ½"	0	1	0	3	9

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