

Around the Quilt Patch

Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild

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From the President

Greetings to all my quilting friends.

As I am writing this in the 80° weather in April, what better time is there to be in Michigan? There are new buds and blooms on the ground and in the trees, the beautiful birds are singing, and even the frogs are croaking. I can't help but admire the great majesty of God. It is so breathtaking.



There is some sad news as you may have heard by now, our long time and very talented, active member Sharon Bannister has passed away. She will be sorely missed. Gone too soon. Rest in Peace Sharon. Please see the wonderful tribute of her legacy to the Guild in this issue.

I have been working on my Guild challenge piece. I hope you have to!! There will be stiff competition because there are so many talented and creative people. There are 59 entries at last count. WOW!! I love to see such great participation. Invite your friends for a great evening of art, food and fellowship.

As you read through this newsletter, please take note of the advertisements. Sue Kofflin has done a nice job of securing these sponsors. When you patronize these wonderful businesses, please mention to them that you are a member of Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild and that you saw their ad in our newsletter. Let them know how much you appreciate them.

Our membership is growing. We are at 120 members now because of your encouragement to others. Thank you so much.

Take time to greet one another at the monthly meetings, keep attending your small groups, and

please enjoy each other. Personally, I have been fortunate to do all three. Life is too short, buy the fabric. Lol

See you soon, and sew on.

Bev Smith
President



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Coming
events



IN & AROUND THE MITTEN

May 22, 2023

Guild Meeting: "Quilt Judging"

Presented by Sue Cortese, Certified Quilt Judge

June 26, 2023

Guild Meeting: "3 B's - Borders, Bindings and Battings" by Vernita Dailey

Workshop (Tuesday, June 27):

"Vernita's Precision Piecing"

July 31, 2023

Guild Meeting: "A Walk Through My Quilting Journey" by Guild member Jan Roys

August 28, 2023

Guild Meeting: "The RE-ality of Rescue" by Lucinda (Cindy) Herring

46th Annual Sauder Village Quilt Show
Wednesday, May 3 – Saturday, May 6

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Founder's Hall

www.saudervillage.org

Tulip Time Quilt Show
May 6-14

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<https://www.tuliptime.com/events/quilt-show>

**"The Threads of Friendship Biennial
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Fri, May 12 and Sat, May 13

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

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Demonstrations begin at 6:15 pm

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm

Upcoming Programs

Happy Spring!!! Sue Cortese is a Certified Quilt Judge through the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges and a Regional Representative for Studio Art Quilt Associates. Sue will be here in May to talk to us about Quilt Judging. She will talk about show organizing, categories, commenter sheets, the judging process and the qualities of prize-winning quilts. She will also bring along some of her prize-winning quilts. As a reminder, our May meeting will be on Monday, May 22 due to Memorial Day.

Vernita Dailey is an avid quilter, teacher, lecturer and quilt designer in the Lansing area. She will be here in June to talk to us about her love of sewing, specifically the 3 B's - Borders, Bindings and Battings.

Do you have problems with wonky blocks, mismatched seams, or sewing precise blocks? Vernita's Precision Piecing workshop will give us tips and tricks to assist in achieving successful techniques for cutting, pressing, and sewing precise blocks. Please let me know if you would like to sign up for this workshop.



In July our very talented Guild Member Jan Roys will be doing a trunk show entitled "A Walk Through My Quilting Journey".

We've had a change of programs for August. Lucinda (Cindy) Herring will be coming in August to talk to us about The RE-ality of Rescue. Cindy loves to find old quilts and redo, re-quilt, rehome, reuse and re-love them. She will bring some of the finished quilts she has rescued. She will be sharing the before pictures of these rescued quilts.

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This is a rescued quilt that Cindy purchased for \$10 and has redone. She used the back to make the 1/2 square triangles. The back is from some fabrics she purchased at another estate sale.



Please plan to join us for these presentations and workshops. There is always something new to learn and discover.

Rita Parsons,
Vice President



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Guild 2023 and Beyond

Our quilt Guild membership and meeting attendance has been shrinking since Covid and over the last few years. The Guild’s mission is to promote interest in and the appreciation of the art of quilt making. The Guild Future Advisory Committee has been formed to help with activities to update our Guild and expand Guild membership. This will help to ensure that the Guild continues well into the future. We have developed many ideas to modernize the Guild to attract new members.

The Advisory Committee is looking at several different things to increase the diversity of the Guild. The new Instagram page was our first step in increasing the Guild’s online presence. The next step is that we are working to update the website by making it more user friendly. We are open to any suggestions.

Community outreach will also go a long way to publicize the purpose of the Guild and the benefits of

joining. Guild presence at local museums, festivals and the County fair will help encourage new membership. We also need to consider what discourages people from joining the Guild like the hours that activities are scheduled, and the openness to new people and new ideas, just to name a few.

Increasing the interest in the Guild and adding more members will contribute to the Guild mission of promoting the art of quilt making. Additional members to participate in the different activities will expand opportunities, and help with the work necessary to keep the Guild running. Additional knowledge and inspiration will help to spread the interest in quilting. The sharing of skills and inspiration will help to protect quilting’s existence in the future. Any and all ideas are welcome!

Dawn Fowler



Monthly Guild Buy/Sell/Swap!

Watch the Facebook group for this post every month. The post will be our internal "buy/sell/swap" for members! It will be posted the week before the monthly meeting so that payments and pick-ups can be arranged at the meeting for everyone's

convenience. If you need help posting your items, reach out to Mo Peterson on Facebook: [fb.com/peterson.mo](https://www.facebook.com/peterson.mo) or email mlp4399@gmail.com or call/text 734.915.4399.

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Maureen Peterson, Facebook Administrator

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Meeting Survey

At the March Guild meeting, I took a little survey on what you listen to while sewing:

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- 12 people listen to the radio.
- 4 people listen to E-books.
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President's Block

As a thank you to the President of the Guild each year we like to present them with a President's Block that they can later put together into a quilt. This year Bev Smith has chosen a Simple 9 patch block. Her request is that it is a scrappy block, but with NO BATIKS. This can be presented any time between now and September, and please remember to put your name in permanent ink so that she knows who made which block. Thank you for all of your work for the Guild, Bev!

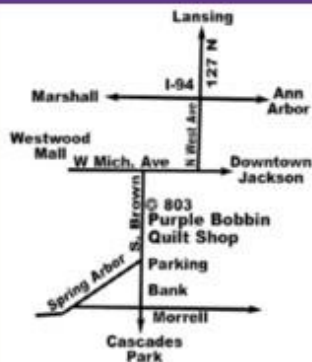
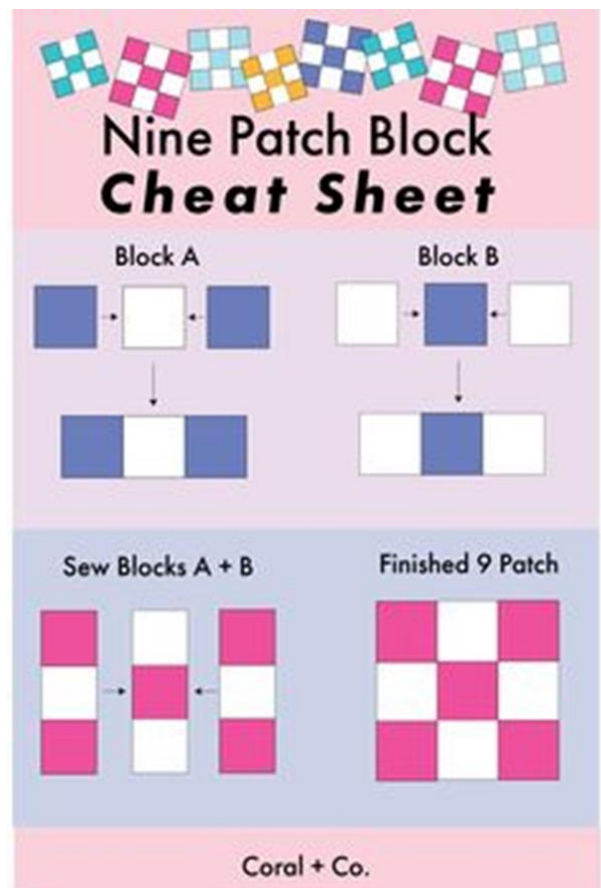
Simple 9 Patch Block Instructions

Cut 5 - 4" dark colored blocks and 4 - 4" light colored blocks.

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In Remembrance

Recently we lost a very special member of our Guild. Sadly, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 Sharon Bannister passed away. Since that time, we have heard many wonderful stories about Sharon, some of which we would like to share with you. Sharon joined the Guild in 2003. Her excellent quilting talents and skills quickly became apparent along with her very generous willingness to share those skills. Linda Mumby said "I always made sure I took any class Sharon taught because I knew I would learn so much. I loved the way she taught her classes. She was always so caring and helpful to each student."



Guild members remember Sharon as very strong, quiet and modest. Anne Richards said, "I was a friend of Sharon's for many years and she always had a beautiful smile and an encouraging word for others. I had the pleasure of attending many retreats and classes with Sharon. I never heard Sharon say a negative word about anyone. She was always so positive and generous." "Sharon was always up for new challenges," said Linda Burke, "even when we found the 1/4" hexies on the take me table." Elvia Shirkey said, "She was always there for her friends with a listening ear. Sharon didn't give a biased direction, just constant positive support. She was the kind of person that made you want to do better."

Sharon was an applique artist who spent much of her time making quilts for others. Most of her work included hearts somewhere on the quilts. Because of her excellent quilting skills, she frequently contributed in major ways towards making the Guild quilt show raffle quilts.

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She also served on the Board as President, Vice President, Member at Large, Director and Historian. For many years Sharon took the photos of the quilt show quilts as well as the Show & Tell quilts at Guild meetings which in turn helped to preserve the history of our Guild. We are fortunate to have several scrapbooks of photos taken by Sharon to help document the Guild's story.

Sharon raised three boys on her own. She made sure that each of her children and grandchildren all had quilts. She also did many other crafts with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her extended family was very important to her. She had two sisters and a brother. Sharon and her sisters loved



to do crafts together – everything from paper, ceramics and paint pours. Sharon also loved fishing. She often went over to the west side of Michigan to fish with her brother and cousins. Sharon retired from MACI after 25 years. She was in charge of parts in the Maintenance Department. She created manuals and helped implement a new computer system. Sharon went on a bucket list road trip to Savannah, Georgia and Florida with her son and daughter-in-law about a year ago after recovering from a very serious illness.



While we are all asked to give back to the Guild, Sharon gave back in so many ways that were above and beyond the norm. In addition to teaching classes and serving on the Board, Sharon participated in several sit and stitch groups including the Woolies group, a founding member of the It's Not Your Momma's Quilting Group, and the for many years, the leader of the Miniatures Group. She also had a sewing group at her church. She sewed every day.

Sharon entered her beautiful quilts in many competitions and won many awards. In 2016 Sharon completed a miniature quilt that was a pattern from Edyta Sitar's book, *A Handful of Scraps*. Sharon's Flower Garden quilt was made of 1/4" hexagons. This quilt took 2nd place at our 2016 Quilt Show and then went on to be accepted at the AQS Paducah Show. In addition, the *Quilting Digest* April 2018 magazine featured Sharon's Flower Garden Quilt. In Sharon's typical very generous way, she gifted this amazing quilt to Edyta Sitar, the original designer. Sharon also won many awards at the Sauder Village Quilt Shows including a Silk Ribbon Quilt that won Viewer's Choice award.



Sharon touched so many lives in such a positive way, not only her family but her many friends. The Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild has been blessed to have had Sharon as a very special member for so many years. She will be greatly missed.

In loving memory of [Sharon Bannister](#), her family plans to celebrate her life by sharing some thoughts, stories, and memories, they will have some of her

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beautiful artwork on display, and will have lunch together. They invite you to join them Saturday May 13th at 11:00 a.m. at Village Hope Church 123 W. Porter St. In Jackson Michigan. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Anna Pedrotte, Newsletter Editor and
Karen Prater, Communications Director ☐

Sharon's "Country Cottage" won the People's Choice award for small quilts at Sauder Village 2022



Sharon's beautiful log cabin and applique quilt won 3rd place at our PPQG Show in 2022.

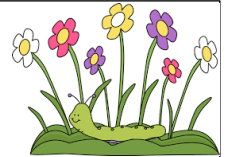


Below are some other recent entries of Sharon's beautiful and diverse work





May Meeting Date Reminder



REMINDER: May PPQG meeting will be held on Monday, May 22nd instead of the 29th due to Memorial Day weekend.

Please plan ahead and join us on **Monday, May 22nd.**

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