



Around the Quilt Patch

From the President

Happy New Year!!!

As I am sitting here staring out the window at the beautiful Gulf of Mexico trying to decide what to write about, I've found it a bit hard to get back into the "Quilt Guild" groove. Not having an Executive Board or Guild meeting in December allowed me to be lazy and not think about Guild activities but now it's time to get back in the groove. We have some awesome events planned for the Guild this year. Great speakers, informative workshops, sew camps, a retreat, a Quilt Show and a potential trip to the Missouri Star Quilt Company. It takes a lot of work and planning to put together such great events. Please think of ways you can help make the Guild even more awesome.



The days are getting longer and spring will be here in no time. In the meantime, keep quilting!!

Rita Parsons
President



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Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

It is that time a year again when we meet via Zoom. Does it cause you concern or anxiety? I would like to help. We have a few volunteers in the Guild that are willing to open their home to other Guild members for a Zoom Party! Well, maybe not a party but a place to view the upcoming zoom meetings with Jenny Doan in January and Meg Cox in February. I will provide the home addresses and phone numbers of the members willing to open their homes, including myself. Please let me know if you are willing to host others. I would like to have places across the county for the Zoom meetings. I will also schedule a couple of "test" meetings prior to January 29th so you can test your Zoom connection. If you have any problems, please contact me and I will do my best to help you.

See you on ZOOM!
Dawn Fowler ☐



Coming Events

February 26, 2024

Guild Meeting (via Zoom):

“The International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska”
Presented by Meg Cox

March 16, 2024

“National Quilt Day”

Watch for more information to come!

March 25, 2024

Guild Meeting: “Hexagon Quilts and Y-Seams”

By Gary Harvey

Workshop (Sat, March 23rd):

“Machine Sewn Hexagons Y-Be Afraid”
Gary Harvey (See Page 3)

April 29, 2024

Guild Meeting: “Challenge Reveal”



IN & AROUND THE MITTEN

OH-MI Shop Hop March 14-23, 2024

<https://saudervillage.org>

Quilt Spectacular 2024: Festival of Quilts March 22-23, 2024

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<https://www.experiencecolumbus.com/event/quilt-spectacular-2024%3A-festival-of-quilts/81341>

Quilt-n-Go Retreat April 16-21, 2024

Farmstead Inn
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<https://shipshewanaquiltretreat.com/>

Spring Fiber Expo April 20-21, 2024

Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
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<https://www.fiberexpo.com>

47th Annual Quilt Show at Sauder Village May 1-4, 2024

22611 State Route 2
Archbold, Ohio

<https://saudervillage.org/classes-events/2024/05/01/default-calendar/quilt-show---47th-annual-exhibit>

Tulip Time Quilt Show May 4-12, 2024

Midtown Center
96 West 15th Street
Holland, MI 49423

<https://www.tuliptime.com/events/quilt-show/may-4-10:00>



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

Hello my Quilty friends! I can't believe how fast time is moving! Hopefully all of you are getting lots of quilting done during these cold winter days!

February we will have Meg Cox talking to us via Zoom meeting, about "The International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska" I have had the opportunity to visit this quilt museum and the quilts are truly amazing! Make sure you plan to join us to see the amazing quilts!

If a quilt pattern you are looking at has "Y seams" is your first thought No Thanks! Well, you will absolutely want to take the workshop "Machine Sewn Hexagons Y-Be Afraid" by Gary Harvey on Saturday March 23 starting at 10:00am at The Coop in Leslie!

Gary Harvey will be our presenter at the March 25 Guild meeting showing us his beautiful hexagon quilts he has made with the method he will teach at the Workshop! Please mail in your reservation form and payment for this workshop. I can't wait to learn his secret of how to do Y seams so I don't fear a pattern with them ever again!



April is our challenge reveal! It is still not too late to create your quilt for a chance to win a cash prize!

I am excited about all the learning opportunities we have during this next quarter of the Guild year. Make sure you join us. We always have a great time!

Angie Townsend
Programs Director ☐

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Day Camp

Happy New Year! We are cruising into our second week of January and time seems to be flying by already. I love the month of January for so many reasons, but one of my all-time favorites is that it's a new beginning!!

I'm not sure if all of our members have heard, but we do have a new sewing venue for Day Camps along with our original space. Both spaces are wonderful but as I mentioned at many meetings, I am always looking to expand to help get everyone that wants to be involved!! So, drum roll please...

Our new location is THE COOP! (see pictures pg.11)

THE COOP is located in Leslie, MI and is right off the highway. It's beautiful, comfortable and has everything we sewing girls need! The owner Joann has been so accommodating and welcoming for our group. Some of you have come to sew there already and I'm sure will agree it's great! We will still have our time at Waterloo Township Hall in Waterloo, but I'm going to try and flip flop the venue's. Here is the beginning list of dates. I hope you all will join us at one of our locations.

April 19&20: WATERLOO TOWNSHIP HALL

June 7&8: THE COOP LESLIE, MI

More dates will be added and emails will be sent out with more information and addresses. Please email me anytime you would like with questions, concerns, or ideas! Happy sewing Ladies!

Valarie Howard
Vice President ☐

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Member Suggestion Box

At each monthly meeting, members have access to a Suggestion Box where they can submit questions, concerns, and suggestions. As Director at Large, I will take these questions, concerns, and suggestions to the monthly Board meetings for review and discussion. Feel free to submit these anonymously!

At the October 2023 meeting held at Ella Sharp Museum, the following suggestion was submitted: In the winter months, how about having Guild meetings on Sunday afternoon about 2:00 p.m.?

Response: Thank you to the member who submitted this suggestion. The Board of Directors thoroughly discussed this suggestion at the November Board meeting. There are several reasons for having meetings via Zoom during the winter months. The main reason is for safety considerations when winter weather may be inclement and driving may be difficult especially at night. Secondly, the Ella Sharpe

Museum is not open on Sundays except for special events. A committee has been formed to look into other venue possibilities for the monthly Guild meetings. Also, there are many members who leave Michigan during Winter. Having meetings via Zoom gives them the ability to join the meetings.

At this time, the meetings will remain on the last Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Directions on how to join meetings via Zoom will be made available to all members.

Renee Nelson, Director at Large □



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2024 Retreats

The New Year has me off and running to finalize our Retreat! I have been in contact with Creative Passions and have sent in our down payment! Whoop whoop!

As many of you know this is my first year doing Retreats and so far, I love it! It does have its challenges and it is work, so I do want to take a moment to do a shout out to Cheryl Navarre for all the years she put them together!! Thank you so much!!

My first year is taking us to Chesaning, MI to Creative Passions. I know that many of you have been there before and gave some positive feedback, so I thought I would start with a “tried and true” venue! I am so PROUD to say that our Retreat is full!!! This makes me so happy as I was worried taking on this roll. THANK YOU ALL for supporting both me and our Guild!

Everyone that is signed up for the Retreat should have been getting emails with updates and information

needed. You will be receiving a Welcome Packet from Creative Passions.

Once again, if you have any questions, concerns, or retreat ideas please email me.

Happy sewing in the New Year!
Valarie Howard ☐

English Paper Piecing Sit ‘n Stitch Update

At the November Guild meeting, I mentioned that I would be looking into starting a Sit ‘n Stitch group specific to English Paper Piecing. I have a list started of Guild members interested in joining this group. I’m still working on selecting a date, time, and venue. Please stay tuned for updates.

Renee Nelson ☐

Blotto is back. What is Blotto?

Blotto is a block lottery. It is used in many guilds as an opportunity for members try a new block, be creative and to use up some of their fabric stash. The blocks can be used by the winners to start a quilt for themselves or for charity.

Rules:

- All blocks must be turned in prior to the beginning of the meeting designated as Blotto night.
- Members can enter up to 3 different blocks. Please add a piece of paper with your name with each entry for the drawing.
- A member may win once per block theme.
- If you're unable to attend the meeting, blocks may be sent with a representative for Blotto night.
- Please use quality cotton (not fabrics from Hobby Lobby or Joann's unless it's a designer quilt fabric).

- First winner drawn will get the first choice of a block grouping. The more participation the more blocks you can WIN!!!!!!

Fabric cuts:

Background: 8 (3.5 inch) squares cream fabric, please no muslin

X squares: 4 (5.5 inch) cotton small to medium print

Cross: 1 (2.5 x 6.5 inches)

2 (2.5 x 2.5 inches) a bright color fabric to help pop the center

Cross Ends: 4 (2.5 x 3.5) your choice

Unfinished block measures 12.5 inches

- You will also be able to make 2 (5 inch) pinwheel blocks from the corner please share with your entry if you can.

X Plus block Blotto

To assemble:

- Take 1 print square and in opposite corners place 2 cream blocks. Sew corner to corner and trim a slight quarter inch seam. ••••Save your trimmed off pieces to sew 1/2 square triangles. These can form your bonus pinwheel blocks. ••••

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- Sew cross ends to cross center pieces.
- Assembly- take and sew 2 X blocks with 2 short cross pieces for each side. Then attach to center cross strip piece.

You are done!!!! Blotto lottery drawing night will be at the March 25, 2024 meeting!!!

•••call or email any questions. Look on Pinterest or your garden for color inspiration. You got this!!!! Pattern source: Pinterest post from the April 2019 block of the Month for tvmqg. Original block designer Nancy Cabot.

Thank you, Linda Kinney-Koziol ☐

Historian’s Corner

Did you know a steering Committee was formed which resulted in the creation of the Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild in January 1990?

Take a look at the first flyer on the page 10.

Karen Prater, Historian ☐



Stir-Crazy Shop Hop



Everything is fabrics...Must go out and get more fabric!

Friday March 8th through Sunday March 17th

- There are many shops participating. Use your cell phone to take a picture of the QR-Code below. Follow the link to see all the locations on a Google Map to help you plan your adventures.
- At your first stop, purchase a Passport for \$5.00.
- Passport holders will receive special discounts or exclusive sales (some exclusions may apply).
- Each shop has donated a prize of at least \$50 in value for a drawing on the last day. Each shop will draw their respective winner from entries they each receive. Passport holders must register in person but does not need to be present to win. Passport holders could win from multiple shops they visited.



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Guild Website

Check Out the revised Guild website:
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While the Guild's website continues to be a work in progress, there is a wealth of information available to you such as:

- Charities
- Newsletters
- Speakers at Guild meetings
- Workshop schedules and topics
- Retreats
- Vintage Sew Days and Open Sew Days
- Quilt Show
- Blotto requirements
- Annual Quilt Challenge requirements
- Show & Tell and Quilt Show Photos
- Board members

In the Members Only Section of the website
 (Requires the password on the back of your current membership card):

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- Sit and Stitch Groups
 - Current membership list
 - Board Meeting Minutes
 - Budget Reports
 - Governing Documents (Bylaws, Job Descriptions, policies)
- Suggestions, comments and ways to improve the website are always welcome.

Karen Prater ☐

Quilt Show Raffle

The Quilt show is fast approaching, and we have some exciting news. This year we have five quilts that will be raffled off in October. Tickets are ready for pick up and we will be there at the March meeting to hand out your packets. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Each packet contains 24 tickets for a \$40 donation.

As you all know, this is the Guild’s major fundraiser that carries the Quilt Guild for two years. We asked that you please do your best in selling these tickets, or even purchasing them yourself. Consider handing them out as gifts to your friends or neighbors or to someone who has done something nice for you.

Once again, we will have great monthly prizes for the individual who has sold the most during that month. A grand prize for the person who has sold the most tickets. We will also have a nice gift basket for any Guild member that attends the quilt show, as well as any new members who may join at that time.

If you have any questions or if you wish to pick up your tickets early, please call:

Kris Rulison or Carol Metz at numbers listed in our member list.

Thank you, we look forward to hearing from you.
Kris Rulison and Carol Metz ☐

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- This Exclusive “Sewposium Shop” program starts February 1st.
- This year’s quilt is called “Pie of Cake”.

- The only fabric you can see is the feature fabric. The rest of the fabrics in the kit coordinate with the feature fabric.
- One “Clue” is revealed every 2 weeks starting March 1, 2024. Each clue is a portion of the quilt.
- The pattern is easy enough for a “Confident Beginner”.
- With the purchase of a kit you also get to Join the Private Facebook group.
- Karen Montgomery, the designer, will post virtual classes in the Facebook group when each “Clue” is released.
- There is also a free “Bonus” project to help you learn how to do some of the piecing in the quilt.
- It’s a great place to meet new friends and share ideas with other quilters.
- We have 22 different kits to choose from. These are displayed in our EL store now.
- Email us at countrystitchesquiltshop@gmail.com and on Feb 1st we’ll we will email you a form with pictures of the “Feature” fabrics so you can order your kits right away. Each kit has limited quantity. Optional Border Kits are available and must be purchased at the same time as the Brown Bag Kit.
- You can also go to countrystitchesshop.com to order your kits. ([scan](#) the QR code)





Subscribed to online events

Aug 27 - Sew 'Till You're Tired
 Learn to create a beautiful quilt. We'll help you with the design, fabric, and sewing. Call us for more info. We'll show you how to design it to show off your favorite quilt plan (favorite quilt plan)

Oct 24 - Making Templates
 You've got the book, you've got the fabric... but now what??? We've got a few helpful hints. We will also be selecting officers & selecting a logo. This is a "don't miss" meeting!

Oct 28 - Easy Trouser's Path Impossible??? Come on out and learn our slick trick!

Nov 26 - Work Bee Potluck
 Only 28 days left and every minute counts. You can join us and still get some work done.

Dec 11 - NO MEETING -- Have a Happy (and Safe) New Year.

NOTE: To get the greatest benefit from each of the events above, some supplies are required. Call a member of the steering committee for supply list.

Several "quilting circles" have been formed that have members associated with Pieces & Patches. Some circles meet weekly, others monthly. All share an interest in quilting and are a great source for ideas, solutions and encouragement. If you're interested in participating in a quilting circle, call a member of the steering committee.

Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild Steering Committee

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Mark your calendar and start saving your money!! We are going to visit the Missouri Star Quilt Company. For those of you that went with us on the trip to the American Quilt Show in Paducah, KY in 2023, I'm sure you remember how much fun we had and how great our tour guide and driver were!! This trip to Missouri Star Quilt Company will be with the same tour guide and driver and is scheduled for September 22-25, 2024. I am still working with the tour company on the itinerary and will send it and sign-up instructions out as soon as it is finalized.

Rita Parsons, President ☐

The 2024 PPQG Quilt Challenge

Our April 2024 challenge is based on your initials (Not your name). You will be designing a quilt incorporating your initials in the design.

There are three design categories:

1. Quilt design, decorative stitch, or embellishment
2. Technique or block name
3. Color or fabric motif

Use one initial for each category. Be creative!

Here are examples:

Barbara Ellen Noble

B could be a butterfly (embellishment)

E could be ecru (color)

N could be a nine patch (block name)

Angelia Marrie Townsend

A could be an animal print (fabric motif)

M could be meandering (quilt design)

T could be Tall Ships (block name)

If you need help thinking of ideas, Quilters Cache has an alphabetical list of block names, and color-

ize.com and Wikipedia both have alphabetized lists of color names.

Quilts can be anything from miniature to lap-size. Cost to participate is the \$5.00 entry fee. Enter as many times as you wish. The Top five entries will receive cash prizes. Start working on those ideas!

Barb Noble and Angie Townsend ☐

Pictured below is THE COOP which is located in Leslie, Michigan and will be used for Day Camp June 7 & 8 and other events



Take Me Table

Happy New Year! I want to thank you again for making sure you take your items home that didn't get "taken" from the table during our Guild meetings. There have only been 1 or 2 items left on the table.

And now with the New Year, you know you want to (need to) clean out your stash! March will be the next time we meet in person, so look at all the time you have to destash. Make a pile or 2 or 3, and bring it to the March 25th Guild meeting. Oh, what fun!

Stay warm and safe.

Lu Ann Hammond ☐

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