



Around the Quilt Patch

From the President

Hello quilting friends. Hopefully you all are surviving our Michigan weather. It has been a crazy weather year.



I am deeply saddened to be writing my last newsletter as president, and am shocked at how fast this year has flown by.

Being the 2024-25 president has taught me so much. There is a lot that goes on "behind the scenes", and it takes the combined work of so many to keep the guild going. I encourage every member to get more involved in the guild. Step out of your comfort zone and try something new. We have some amazing sewing ladies in our guild and true talent. Please consider getting more involved, we really do need you! I am always shocked and awed at all the beautiful show and tell items! I have also been blessed by all those who have encouraged me throughout the year. I couldn't have done it without you and all the kind words and support.

So, as this year winds down for me, I am excited to see what comes in the following year with our new board members and all those at the helm. I'm excited for myself as I will be getting to spend more time with my granddaughters, sew more for myself, and get to enjoy just being a Pieces and Patches member.

Thank you to every member for a great year! Happy sewing.

Val Howard, President
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Take Me Table

I want to thank everyone who has been donating to the Take Me Table, and also for taking home the items that are still on the table at the end of the night. I also want to thank the ladies that stay until the bitter end, and take the leftovers home to donate. Sometimes I will bring items back the following month, just because, in my opinion, it's "good stuff"!

Lu Ann Hammond 😊
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<https://piecesandpatchesquiltguild.org/programs/>
<https://piecesandpatchesquiltguild.org/retreats/>

August 25, 2025

Guild Meeting: "My Quiltworx Journey"
Barb Barringer

September 5 and 6, 2025

Sewing Day Camp
The Coop
Leslie, MI

September 5 -7 , 2025

Fall Guild Retreat: Sauder Village
Archbold, OH

September 15, 2026 6:00 PM

Quilt Show Meeting
Location : TBD

September 29, 2025

Guild Meeting: 35th Anniversary Celebration and
pot luck dinner

September 25, 26, 27, 2025

Sew-A-Long: Coda Quilted Coat
The Coop
Leslie, MI

October 24 and 25, 2025

Sewing Day Camp
The Coop
Leslie, MI

October 27, 2025

Guild Meeting: Get to Know your President
Cindy Fraher

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IN & AROUND THE MITTEN

Quilts and Their Stories
Coopersville Farm Museum
375 Main St. Coopersville, MI
August 2-September 30, 2025

<http://www.coopersvillefarmmuseum.org/eventsexhibits.html>

2025 St. John's Mint Festival
St. John's City Park,
800 W Sickles St, St Johns, MI 48879
August 8-10, 2025
<https://www.mintfest.org/>

Michigan Fiber Festival
Allegan County Fairgrounds, Allegan, MI
August 13-17, 2025
<https://www.michiganfiberfestival.info/>

Yoder's Annual Amish Quilt Auction/Flea Market
10885 N. Leaton Rd., Clare, MI 48617
August 29-30, 2025
[Yoder's Auction & Flea Market - Clare County Convention & Visitors Bureau](http://www.yodersauction.com)

AQS QuiltWeek Grand Rapids 2025
DeVos Place
303 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI
August 20-23, 2025

<https://www.americanquilter.com/grand-rapids-2025>

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale
Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds
17746 County Rd 34, Goshen, IN
September 26-27, 2025
<http://www.mennonitesale.org/>

Capitol City Quilt Show
Ingham County Fairgrounds Main Arena
Mason, MI
October 10-11, 2025
<https://capitalcityquiltguild.org/index.php>

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There have been no suggestions, comments, or concerns submitted recently. If you want your submittal to remain anonymous, please let me know and I will not reveal your name.

Please see past newsletters for responses and action taken on previously submitted questions, concerns, suggestions, and comments.

Renee Nelson, Director at Large



Celebration

Come help us celebrate the guild's 35th anniversary at the September guild meeting and annual pot luck on Monday, September 29, 2025. Come learn about how we started, how far we have come, and share your ideas about what direction we should go in the future.

Hope to see you there!
Karen Prater, Historian



Hand Exercises

The following hand exercises were taken from the website:

<https://www.healthline.com/health/osteoarthritis/arthrititis-hand-exercises>

As sewists and makers, we all want to continue quilting and sewing with ease and comfort for many years. Regular exercising can help reduce hand pain, hand stiffness, and disease activity in people with osteoarthritis. Listed below are gentle exercises designed to ease stiffness and pain associated with osteoarthritis. Strengthening the hand muscles may also improve flexibility and range of motion. These hand exercises can help strengthen the muscles that support the hand joints and help you perform hand movements with less discomfort.

Make a Fist: You can do this exercise anywhere and anytime your hand feels stiff.

1. Start by holding your left hand out, with all of your fingers straight.
2. Then slowly bend your hand into a fist, placing your thumb on the outside of your hand.
Be gentle and don't squeeze your hand.
3. Open your hand back up until your fingers are straight once again.
4. Do the exercise 10 times with your left hand.
5. Repeat the whole sequence with your right hand.

Finger Bends: Start in the same position as in the last exercise, with your left hand held up straight.

1. Bend your thumb down toward your palm. Hold it for a couple of seconds, then straighten it.
2. Bend your index finger down toward your palm. Hold it for a couple of seconds, then straighten it.
3. Repeat with the remaining fingers on your left hand, one at a time.
4. Repeat the entire sequence on your right hand.

Thumb Bend: First, hold your left hand out, with all of your fingers straight.

1. Bend your thumb inward toward your palm.
2. Stretch toward the bottom of your pinky finger with your thumb. If you can't reach your pinky, don't worry. Just stretch your thumb as far as you can.

3. Hold the position for 1 or 2 seconds, then return your thumb to the starting position.
4. Repeat 10 times.
5. Do the exercise with your right hand.

Make an "O": Do this exercise a few times a day on each hand. You can try this stretch whenever your hands feel achy or stiff.

1. Start with your left hand out and fingers straight.
2. Curve all of your fingers inward until they touch. Your fingers should form the shape of an "O."
3. Hold this position for a few seconds. Then, straighten your fingers again.
4. Repeat on the other hand.

Finger Lift: Place your left hand flat on a table, palm down.

1. Starting with your thumb, lift each finger slowly off the table one at a time.
2. Hold each finger for 1 or 2 seconds, then lower it.
3. Repeat the entire sequence with the right hand.

Wrist Stretch: Don't forget about your wrists, which can also get sore and stiff from arthritis.

Hand Exercises

1. To exercise your wrist, hold your right arm out with the palm facing down.
2. With your left hand, gently press down on the right hand until you feel a stretch in your wrist and arm.
3. Hold the position for a few seconds.
4. Repeat 10 times.
5. Then, do the entire sequence with the left hand.

Make these exercises part of your weekly routine for the best results. Talk with a doctor if these exercises become difficult for you to do. A medical physician or physical therapist can recommend more specific exercises for you or other treatments to help your pain.

(Excerpts from

<https://www.healthline.com/health/osteoarthritis/arthrititis-hand-exercises>)

Renee Nelson, Director at Large



Sauder Village Retreat

Hello Quilters! Our fall retreat will be held at beautiful Sauder Village! This will be our first fall retreat and our first time at Sauder Village. The dates are September 5, 6 & 7, 2025. If you signed up to go you will be receiving emails with news and information. We are full!!! This is so amazing and wonderful. Thank you to all those who jumped in and signed up.

To those who didn't get to go, look for our other retreat dates. We have 2 retreats a year. One in the spring and one in the fall. Our next retreat will be in the spring and is held at Creative Passions in Chesaning, MI. Look for more information later on in the year. I usually start taking deposits for this retreat in October/November.

Check out our website for retreat information.

<https://piecesandpatchesquiltguild.org/retreats/>.

Sew on Ladies,
Val Howard, Retreat Coordinator



Ella Sharp Museum

We have been meeting at the Ella Sharp Museum since 2016. It's a beautiful facility that provides a comfortable meeting space for our guild. Please consider supporting the museum by purchasing a membership at the Ella Sharp Museum.



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As I leave my board position this year as the director of membership, I welcome Mo (Maureen) Peterson to the position. When I began in this position in September 2024, we had 121 members, as of July 1st, 2025 we have grown to 145 members!

We welcome new members anytime, and the board is advocating and brainstorming on how to get the word out for more new members. The cost is only \$35 for the full year of fun, monthly meetings, demos, great speakers, projects, Tuesday sew days, and special groups. For an additional fee, there are also workshops, sew camps and retreats. If someone joins the guild in March or later, the cost is half price, at \$17.50. For those age 10 and under the cost to join is only \$10.00! Tell your friends and neighbors about Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild!

Lu Ann Hammond, Director of Membership



National Quilt Day – March 21st

The 2026 National Quilt Day event is scheduled on Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Coop in Leslie, MI. Please save the date!

Over the past several years, we have learned about English Paper Piecing (EPP), slow stitching, foundation paper piecing, stitched a Woolies project, sewed blocks for a swap project, made a pressing board, and shared our favorite sewing notions and tips.

A committee is being formed to start planning the event for next year. Carolyn Fitzpatrick has volunteered to lead a demonstration. If you are interested in joining the committee and/or demonstrating a project or technique on National Quilt Day, please reach out to Renee Nelson at rjnelson2019@gmail.com.

Renee Nelson, Director at Large



Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild of Jackson

Annual dues are \$35.00.
Payment accepted through August 31.
A \$5.00 late fee is assessed after August 31—only for renewals.
Pay by check made out to Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild (or cash), and mail to: PO Box 6294, Jackson, MI 49204. Membership year is from September 1 through August 31. Please include this completed form with your payment. Thank you!

Membership Form

- Are you interested in:*
- Being on a committee
 - Recommending a speaker
 - Making a presentation
 - Doing a demo
- Are you a:* Snowbird
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2025—2026

- Are you interested in a Special Interest Group:*
- Applique Miniature
 - Crazy Quilt Sit-n-Stitch
 - Long-Arm Featherweight
 - Open Sew Days EPP
- Please see "SIT & STITCH GROUPS" handout for more information*

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Hello my Quiltie Friends!

Can you believe how fast this summer is moving? I hope all of you have been getting time to finish your projects.

I have not been getting the quilting time, this summer, that I like! 😞 Between the grandkids and my Tractor-Pull-Loving-Hubby I can't seem to stay home for any length of time 😊 I know when the cooler temps start arriving, I will find more time to get in my sewing room and sew! For now, I am enjoying this fast-paced summer time with my family!

This will be my last newsletter as your Programs Director. I have thoroughly enjoyed choosing the speakers and workshops that we have been having for the last 2 years. I hope you all agree with me! I know as I pass the baton on to Jamie Hukill that I am placing PPQG into great hands! Please continue to email Jamie with any presenters or ideas that you have. That is what makes the programs director job

go so smoothly. Everyone working together to get the presenters we, as a guild, want to learn from.

Our **August 25, 2025** our presenter will be Barbra Barringer. She will be talking to us about her "Quiltworx Journey".

September 29, 2025 is our PPQG potluck! You do not want to miss this time of food, fun, and catching up with members from the guild! We will also be celebrating 35 years as a guild.

October 27, 2025 Jamie and I thought we should start a new tradition for PPQG! "**Get to Know your President**" Our new president **Cindy Fraher** is an amazing quilter. Her hand applique is so beautiful! She is working on a "Dear Jane" that will be stunning! I look forward to seeing her beautiful quilts and learning more about her and her family. Please visit our website for details on our programs. <https://piecesandpatchesquiltguild.org/programs/>

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Thanks for putting up with me for the last 2 years! 😊 I hope you have had as much fun with me as I have had being the Programs Director! You know me, I will still be helping wherever I am needed! Using my best Porky Pig voice, "Well, that's all folks!"

Angie Townsend, Program Director
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We had five cash winners: Joyce Kesterson, Karen Beers, Jan Robertson, Sandy Price and Ellen Hicks.

We are currently working on an idea for next year's challenge, and we think it will be another popular idea!

Joyce Kesterson and Barb Noble
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PPQG Annual Challenge

After searching the internet for challenge ideas, we decided on the magazine page idea. Each quilter chose a number, then a magazine and used the corresponding page number as inspiration for their quilt. Surprisingly enough, people seemed to really like this idea, but they did find it challenging. We had 27 entries. A suggestion from Jan Roys, an original member, was to encourage the use of the number 35 in the entry, as the guild was celebrating 35 years in existence. A big thank you to all who participated!

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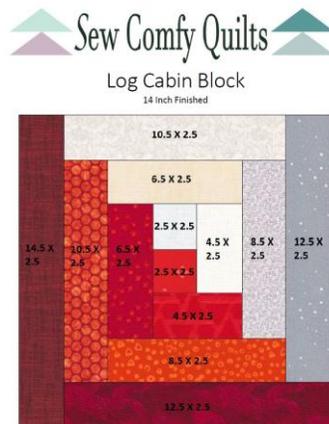
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President's Block

It's that time of year again to start making your President's Block to present to the guild president to thank them for their hard work keeping the guild running smoothly. This year Val Howard has chosen a simple log cabin block. She would like it scrappy with traditional small prints. They can be presented to her any time between now and September. Please write your name in permanent ink on the front of the block so that she



knows which block is yours! Thanks for all the work you have done for the Guild Val!

Block Directions

Pick your fabrics for the block with one side being the lighter colored fabrics and the other side being darker. The center square should be of a contrasting color. Cut 2 ½ wide strips as shown in the diagram.

Starting with the center square, sew them together in numerical order with a scant ¼ "seam. Press and trim as you go. The final block should measure 14 1/2 ".

Jenny Doan - Missouri Star YouTube Video on Log Cabin <https://youtu.be/pzncJHhkQow?si=RLCmdvFL38HHS2RC>

Dawn Fowler



Light Fabric	Dark Fabric	Assembly
2.5 X 2.5	2.5 X 2.5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut out all the fabric from 2.5 inch strips. 2. Start with the Dark 2.5 inch square and the light 2.5 inch square and sew together. 3. Turn the block and add the light 4.5 X 2.5 strip counter clockwise. 4. Continue adding strips in the order shown. 5. Quilt block measures 14.5 square inches and finishes at 14 square inches.
4.5 X 2.5	4.5 X 2.5	
6.5 X 2.5	6.5 X 2.5	
8.5 X 2.5	8.5 X 2.5	
10.5 X 2.5	10.5 X 2.5	
12.5 X 2.5	12.5 X 2.5	
	14.5 X 2.5	

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PPQG Board Positions 2025-2026

Below is a list of the board positions and those who have volunteered for the 2025-26 year. Thank you to all who continue to work to make this guild the best it can be! Your dedication, time and talent is very much appreciated.

President.....Cindy Fraher
 Vice President.....Karen Clark
 Recording Secretary.....Bev Smith
 Treasurer.....Karen Beers
 Immediate Past President Val Howard
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 Quilt RetreatsVal Howard
 Quilt Show 2026Bev Smith/ Cinday Shong
 SunshineJanice Stitt
 WebmasterDawn Fowler

Quilted Coat Sew-A-Long

I will be hosting a quilted coat sew-a-long, September 25, 26 and 27 at The Coop from 4pm to 8pm on Thursday and Friday. Saturday hours are 10 AM until we're done! The pattern chosen is called the Coda Quilted Coat by Love Notions. I have a limited number of printed patterns (no printing and taping necessary) available for \$14, please call, text or email to get one. The Coda Coat is a versatile pattern that offers many options like a finished collar, a hood or a bias binding finish. You can also choose from a regular chest or full bust with sizes ranging from XS to 5XL. The pattern and instructions offer guidance for adjusting the length to your liking as well. This pattern is as customizable as you wish. It will work with an existing quilt you'd like to cut up, your own quilted design or whole cloth. It even offers instructions for a pieced back!

Reach out to me to get signed up and join the fun! mlp4399@gmail.com 734-915-4399

Mo Peterson
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New items have been added to the PPQG merchandise site, such as long-sleeve and short-sleeve denim shirts, light-weight t-shirts, and logo stickers. The website can be accessed by selecting <https://ppqg24.itemorder.com/shop/home/> You pay for the merchandise with a credit card directly on the site.

Premiere Sports processes the orders and I will then collect and distribute the orders at the quilt guild meeting. I have received positive feedback on all the merchandise ordered so far. The prices are very affordable, many size options, and 30+ color choices! Please note that this is not a fundraiser for the guild.



Renee Nelson, Director at Large





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Next meeting is August 27th, 4:30 to 7:30. Location is TBD, but generally one of the library branches. Check the Pieces and Patches Facebook group events for location updates.

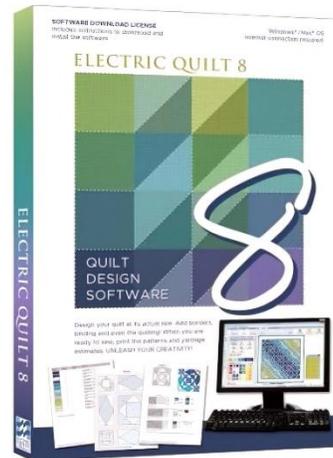
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Dawn Fowler



Electric Quilt 8

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