



# Around the Quilt Patch

## From the President

Hello everyone. I am Cindy Fraher, your new president for 2025-2026. There is a lot going on in our guild. Check out the calendar for opportunities to get together with other quilters. Machine sewing, hand sewing, impromptu lessons, lots of talking, and many other things occur during the group sews. If you're not in the mood to sew, just come and visit. There might be chocolate available!

Just a reminder that the executive board meets at 10:00 on the third Thursday of the month at the community room at Christoff and Sons Flooring, 400 N. Mechanic Street, Jackson. All guild members are invited to attend. There are many things that go on behind the scenes to make our guild successful.



We will be voting on charities for our guild to support for the next two years. Forms for charitable group nominations are due by January.

I have a challenge for you. Go through your UFOs. Decide which ones you still like and are willing to finish. Pick one and commit to finishing it. If there are some that you no longer like or just do not want to finish, get rid of them. It's ok to dismount a dead horse or in this case to not finish a project. Donate them to the free pile, a friend or some other place.

Finally, enjoy this beautiful fall weather and keep stitching.

Blessings to all,  
Cindy Fraher  
President



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Coming  
events

**October 27, 2025**

**Guild Meeting:** Get to Know your President  
Cindy Fraher

**November 20, 2025**

**Board Meeting**  
Toy House Community Room  
Jackson, MI

**November 24, 2025**

**Workshop:** Easy Sashing Quilt as You Go  
Technique  
Nancy Roelfsema  
The Coop  
Leslie, MI

**November 24, 2025**

**Guild Meeting:** Know Before You Sew  
Nancy Roelfsema

**December 2025**

**Guild Meeting:** No Meeting!  
Happy Holidays

**December 5 and 6, 2025**

**Sewing Day Camp**  
The Coop  
Leslie, MI

**January 15, 2026**

**Board Meeting**  
Toy House Community Room  
Jackson, MI

**January 26, 2026**  
**ZOOM MEETING**

**Guild Meeting:** The Best Quilter You Can Be  
Karen Brown

**January 30 and 31, 2026**

**Sewing Day Camp**  
The Coop  
Leslie, MI

**February 20 and 21, 2026**

**Sewing Day Camp**  
The Coop  
Leslie, MI

**February 23, 2026**  
**ZOOM MEETING**

**Guild Meeting:** 3D Art Quilts  
Mary O. Gregg

**March 21, 2026**

**National Quilt Day**  
The Coop  
Leslie, MI

**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



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THE MITTEN**

**Original Sewing & Quilt EXPO**  
Novi, MI

November 6-8, 2025

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

## Important Links to the Guild's Website:

<https://piecesandpatchesquiltguild.org/>

Click to follow link.

- Home page - Guild's mission, upcoming events, calendar and links to other pages.
- Forms - membership form, workshop registration, sew camp registration and others.
- Newsletters- last 3 years
- Programs - upcoming programs for the next year and past programs.
- Workshops - details of upcoming workshops and the supply lists. Past programs also listed for the last few years.
- Quilt Show - detail of planning for upcoming show and details of past show. Meeting minutes are available on Members only page.
- Charity Projects - Guild Sponsored and others.
- Retreats - details of upcoming sew days and overnight retreats.
- Photo Gallery - pictures of Guild programs and show and tell by months.
- Members Only- Sit and sew groups, bylaws and policies, membership lists, financial statements, meeting minutes, etc. (Password needed from membership card. Changes yearly.)
- Resources - Various links, neighboring Quilt Guilds, advertisers.

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## Fall Retreat Recap

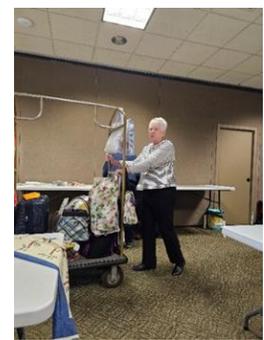
Hi Ladies! I am happy to say that our 1st retreat at Sauder Village was a success!!! We had 20 ladies in attendance and it was a great time. We laughed, shopped, ate, and then did it all over again during the next 2 days!! To say that Sauder did not disappoint is an understatement. We even managed to get some projects done. We had 2 rousing rounds of Left-Right-Center, using fat quarters. There were some fun door prizes and pass the bobbin.



Everyone had such a good time, that I was asked to hold our 2026 Spring retreat there again. So, May 28-31, 2026 will be our Spring Retreat at Sauder Village

Inn. The location is perfect, the grounds are beautiful, and the company is the best of all! (I'm talking about the sewing company). This time I will be able to host 30 people. I hope you will join us in the fun. The cost is \$260 per person/2 people per room. I hope to see you there!!

Happy Stitching,  
Valarie Howard  
Retreat Coordinator  
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## Year End Review

The 2024-25 fiscal year was a very good year for the guild, growing from 129 to 145 members. We had a variety of awesome speakers and a well-attended workshop making the Haralson Belt Bag using the pattern by Noodlehead.

The guild was very generous in supporting our three charities. To support the charity Together We Can Make a Difference, we made and donated 17 Blankets, 23 Baby Blankets, 1,030 Christmas Stockings, 12 bibs, 3 doll blankets, 106 burp cloths, 7 quilts and 1 child's apron. For the Jackson County Animal Shelter, 89 cat and 11 dog comforters were made and donated and for the Jackson County Children's Advocacy Center, 188 quilts were made and donated.

The vintage sew, open sew and English Paper Piecing (EPP) days continued to be very popular and well attended. The EPP group made a quilt for the upcoming quilt show raffle.

The National Quilt Day celebration was held at The Coop in Leslie, Michigan and was very well attended.

There were many more activities and accomplishments that happened during the 2024-25 fiscal year. For more details on these activities and accomplishments, please visit the members only section of the Guild's website. <https://piecesandpatchesquiltguild.org/membersonly/>

Rita Parsons



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## 4-H Learn to Sew - Community Outreach Project

In June, a group of PPQG volunteers held a learn to sew event at the 4-H MSU Extension Office on Lansing Avenue in Jackson. The pupils were 4-H members looking to learn about sewing and to make a project that could be submitted to the Jackson County Fair for judging and display in August. We had 12 total attendees and about 15 volunteers. This allowed us to have low stress one-on-one instruction with each attendee plus have a few runners and floaters available for questions and special requests. The majority of the kids made Owl Stuffies, a few made Magic Pillowcases and one made a Drawstring Backpack. Some of the moms even stuck around and made Magic Pillowcases! The event was two evenings, after school/work. The first evening they started with talking about machine sewing and picking out fabric. Then, the kids moved on to practicing sewing on paper practice sheets. Once they got the hang of the process, they jumped right

into cutting and sewing. They all were engaged in learning and followed instructions perfectly. It was very satisfying to attend the fair and see the projects our members played a part in, displayed in the 4-H section of the Gumper Building. Janice Stitt's 4-H'er won Best of Show in the Fair with his project (and many others)!

The next date has been set for November 13 and 14. It will again be an after school/work event. They have requested to bring back the Magic Pillowcase and Owl Stuffie. They also requested PJ Pants, a simple quilt and Christmas Stockings. Can we count on you to volunteer? Watch your email for a survey or reach out to Mo at 734-915-4399 or [membership@piecesandpatchesquiltguild.org](mailto:membership@piecesandpatchesquiltguild.org).

Mo Peterson  
Director of Membership  
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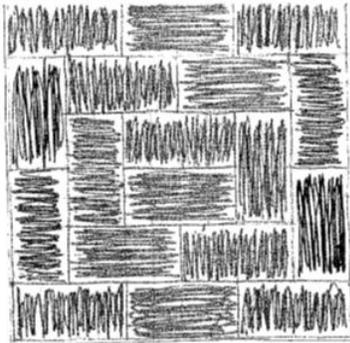
Block size – 12 ½” unfinished

Color – Uncontrolled scrappy

All pieces (18 total for one block) are 2 ½ inches by 4 ½ inches

Instructions for the block:

Starting with the center portion, sew 2 pieces together along the 4 ½” side. Open and press to one side. Sew one piece to each end and press.



Sew 2 pieces together on the 2 ½” side. Repeat making a second strip set. Then add these strips one to the top and one to the bottom of the started block. Press.

Repeat sewing 2 strip sets together. Now sew to the opposite sides and press. \*\*\* note a variation for your personal use is making a 16 block by continuing to build using 32 blocks!!

Have fun with this pattern. There are fun variations out there to find. It will be due when we return for in person guild meeting March 2026.

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All blocks must be turned in prior to the beginning of the night’s meeting at designated entrance table.

Members can enter up to 3 completed blocks. Please turn in a piece of paper with each entry for the drawing. A member will be able to win once per drawing.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, blocks may be sent with a representative for blotto night. Please use quality quilt fabric, not craft fabric. First winner drawn gets the first choice of the block groupings. The more participation, the more blocks and winners!

Happy Sewing

Linda Kinney Koziol





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## Strings, Strings, Strings!

For our 2026 challenge, we are excited to see your creations made from strings! It can be any size. Show us your quilts, wall hangings, bags or more made from strings! Your creation does not have to be 100% strings. If you do not know what a string is, it is a skinny piece of fabric.

The cost for each entry is \$5. You can enter as many times as you like. The reveal will be at the April guild meeting. The entries with the five highest votes will receive cash prizes. You can sign up at the October and November meetings.

Barb Noble

Joyce Kesterson



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## Programs

Hello my Quiltie Friends!

I'm using Angie's greeting out of respect for the awesome job she has done in this position. She has the 2025-2026 program year fully filled. I will be working to get 2026-2027 booked. Please feel free to send me suggestions on presenters and workshops you would like to see.

Our November presenter will be Nancy Roelfsema. She will be teaching the workshop "Easy Sashing Quilt As You Go Technique" on Monday November 24 (this is the guild meeting day) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at The Coop



in Leslie, MI. (2665 W Bellevue Rd) If you have time, I highly recommend watching her YouTube channel. It's very informative.

December we will not have a meeting allowing all of us to spend time with our families and friends during this busy holiday season.

Our January meeting will be on Zoom. Our presenter will be Karen Brown of Just Get It Done Quilts. Her topic is Be the Best Quilter you can be. I'm very excited to hear her take on this topic!

Jamie Hukill  
Director of Programs



## Spring Retreat Announcement

Hello Guild friends, it's that time of year that I put together our spring retreat. Our spring retreat will be as follows:

Location: Sauder Village Inn @ Sauder Village in Archbold, OH  
Dates: May 28, 29, 30 & 31  
Price: \$260 per person/per double occupancy

Includes: 3 nights, 4 days at Sauder Inn  
Breakfast is included by Sauder Village Inn. All other food is on your own. Coffee and water are available each day and of course we have a snack table. Sewing is held in the Homestead B event room. It is available Thursday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to Sunday, May 31 at 3 p.m.

I will be taking the \$50 deposit at our October guild meeting, or you can mail payment to: Valarie Howard 1897 Murray Rd., Dansville, MI 48819. This deposit will go toward your final payment. Final payment will be February 15, 2026. There is a cut-off date of January 15, 2026 for cancellations, after this date the deposit is no longer refundable.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We had a great time in September! Please join us in some sewing fun!! I can fit more than 20 people so come sew with us!!

Happy Stitching,  
Valarie Howard  
Retreat Coordinator  
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## Retreat Registration form

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Member/Non Member \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due: \_\_\_\_\_ check/cash \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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