NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2006



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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Capitol City Quilt Guild meets on the third Thursday of each month at Faith Church, 2300 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing (across from Eastwood Towne Center).

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NOVEMBER

November Board Meeting: November 6, 6:30 PM at Foster Community Center. All members welcome!

Guild Meeting: Thursday, November 16, **7:15 pm**

Program: "NO ONE EVER TOLD ME"

(Preparing to Work with a

Long Arm Quilter)

Learn how to work with professional long arm quilters to make your quilt tops into beautifully finished quilts. The LALA's (Lansing Area Long Armers) will clue you into how best to prepare your top, batting and backing to make your quilt the best it can be.

DECEMBER

December Board Meeting: December 4, 6:30 PM at Foster Community Center. All members welcome!

Guild Meeting: Thursday, December 21, 7:15 pm.

Program: Holiday show and tell, Annual Quilt-O

Join us for a show and tell of our holiday projects and our own form of Bingo. Prizes will be awarded to winners of Quilto.





'Tis that Time of Year.....to form the nominating committee for the 2007-2008 Board. We need volunteers for the committee. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Richardson.

As the Needle Turns is published the first week of each odd month. For submissions and advertising information, please contact editor Amy Brugam at 485-7772 or email brugamam@sbcqlobal.net.

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This month, and following months, the newsletter will be sent only those who did not opt to receive it on the website. The newsletter is available online at http://capitolcityqui Itguild.org in PDF format for easy downloading and printing.

Labels are now available at the library for your Heartwarmers quilts

THE CCQG WEBSITE IS HERE!!!

Check it out! http://capitolcityquiltguild.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

'Twas founded be th' Puritans to give thanks f'r bein' preserved fr'm th' Indyans, and' . . . we keep it to give thanks we are preserved fr'm th' Puritans."

—Finley Peter Dunne, *Mr. Dooley* in Peace and in War (1898), Thanksgiving.

Like the rest of you, I've been wondering where our fall went this Nevertheless, vear! the holiday season is upon us, ready or not. For many of us, our good intentions to start gifts early went the way of our New Year's resolutions and both are making sure the road to hell has no potholes in it! But I know that many of you are diligently working at your sewing machines, putting those finishing touches on the works of art with which you will bless your family and friends.

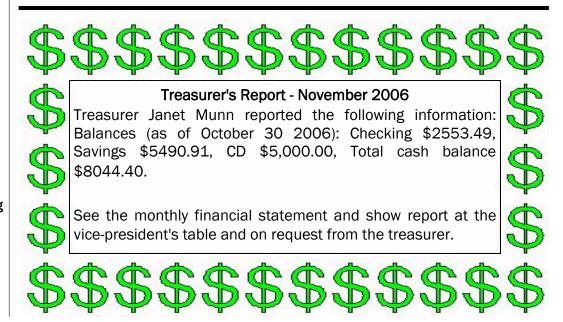
This season, there are many things for which I am thankful, not the least of which are the friendships that I have made through this guild. The opportunities to do this are many. I participated in a quilting retreat at

Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan and had the opportunity to get to know some of you better over those three days. I make sure to attend the meetings of Seamrippers, the small group of which I am a member, and we inspire each other with creative ideas and new challenges. your president has service as allowed me to work with other guild members whom I did not know at the start of my term. And the upcoming quilt show and National Quilting Day provide other chances for me to become better acquainted with more members. I hope that you also will vourselves of these avail opportunities.

So this season, as I plan for a Thanksgiving feast and wrap gifts to share with friends at Hanukkah and Christmas, I will give thanks for each and every one of you. And thanks that we are "preserved from the Puritans"!

Wishing you the most joyous of all holiday seasons!

Lynn



2007 GUILD CHALLENGE—BITS & PIECES

Almost all quilters have them: boxes or plastic baggies or bins of scraps too small to put back into their stash, but too large (or too pretty) to toss. For this challenge, guild members are asked to begin with those *Bits & Pieces* and create a quilt, using the technique of your choice.

The Rules

- 1. Quilts should be created predominately from scraps. Yardage may be used for backgrounds, borders, backings and binding.
- 2. Quilts must be at least 30" square and no larger than 60" x 90"

The Deadline

Quilts will be hung for the March 2007 guild meeting. Judging, by the guild members and guests attending the meeting will be based on:

- 1. Best use of scraps
- 2. Design
- 3. Workmanship

Need Scraps?

If you are a rare quilter who uses everything or gets rid of everything left over, you can still play—ask your friends and other guild members to share some scraps with you.



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COMMUNITY PAGE

Member Fran Mort received the following thank you notes from her friend, who took the quilts donated through the Katrina Project-"Building Bridges" to the families in Port Sulphur, Louisiana.

Dearest Fran, August 10

I hope this card finds you well and quilting. I have all of the beautiful quilts you brought at my house and safe. I am so glad you could make it to Portland last Saturday. We are probably looking at going down to Port Sulphur, Louisiana in October. We will take all the quilts that are completed with us. Thank you so much for your hard work and caring. You need to take care of yourself as I want to enjoy your company for a long time.

Thank you. See you soon, Your friend Susan

Dear Fran, September 26

I am so sorry I missed you on Satruday but thankful that you did come and the raggedy ann quilt you brought was so beautiful and it will make a little 5-year-old girl very happy. Julie Clement would like to send it to the child in her adopted family in Port Sulpher. Your generosity and love for this project has touched me very deeply and will touch the people in Port Sulphur next week when we get down there. We are leaving on Sunday Oct. 1 and will return on Saturday Oct. 7. Julie Clement is coming to my house one day this week and will photograph all the guilts and I have documented who made them and

quilted them. The photos should be able to be seen on the Building Bridges website soon. Thank you so much again and I will keep you informed.

Your friend Susan Baldyga

Dearest Fran

October 10

We have returned from our long journey to the South. I hope this note finds you well and still quilting. It was a very emotional trip. I met a lot of wonderful people and I will tell you more when I see you next. The folks in Louisiana were very, very touched by the quilts and in fact each presentation of a quilt brought a long emotional outpouring. My week has been very draining for me but I fell wonderful about giving the quilts. Your quilts went to a variety of places around the Port Sulphur area such as a nursing home, a disabled children's home, a domestic violence shelter, som specific families that still have practically nothing and everyone just loved them. I plan to continue to have some quilting gettogethers through the winter. The next one possibly in November. I have to check on availability of the arts center. I would still like to gather materials for a quilt lending library. Talk to you soon.

Love, Susan

Fran turned in 19 quilts on August 5 at a Quilting Bee in Portland at the new arts center.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Our Quilt Show has a Date and Place

Going to Pieces 2007 will be held on Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1 at Haslett High School, Haslett, MI. More details will be in the next newsletter and also on the website as they develop.



SILENT AUCTION—QUILT SHOW 2007

Remember the Quilt Show's Silent Auction is only a few months away. The date is approaching rapidly. Five members have already contributed. Hurrah!!! Let's hear from the remaining 200+ members. And SMALL GROUPS, let's get busy and contribute again to the 2007 Silent Auction. Everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated.

Quilts of all sizes and themes, including seasonal do very well. Gift items are a nice addition to the selection. Hand-quilted items are especially desirable.

Questions? Contact Carole Davis.

QUILT SHOW DOOR PRIZES

Part of the fun of attending the Capitol City Quilt Guild Quilt Show is the possibility of getting a door prize. And part of the fun is giving one! If you would like to use your Jo-Ann Fabric 40% off coupon and contribute a new quilt related door prize it will be much appreciated. I will place a plastic container marked "Quilt Show Door Prizes" near the stage at our monthly Guild Meetings to receive your donations. You will spread much joy!

Where in the World is CCQG? Fat Chance for 2006

November Mexico-Brights, sombreros,

jalapeno peppers

December Poland-Polka Dots

The rules for Fat Chance are to enter one fat quarter (18" X 22") per month for the theme of the month. This is for members only, please.

If you have an AQS \$3 book certificate you do not plan to use, please consider giving it to Kristen Forester to purchase library books. Thanks!

Request for Donations for Quilt-O Prizes

We are in need of donations for prizes for our December Quilt-O program. If you are able to contribute anything quilting related-fabric, books, patterns, notions, etc.-please bring your items to the November guild meeting and give them to Inge Bommarito for wrapping.



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Thanks to Rosemary Nester and Susan Lilly who have agreed to co-chair National Quilting Day 2007. More details on NQD to come.

There are currently 50 quilts on display at the East Lansing Public Library from the Michigan Quilt Artists Invitational. The theme is Australia. Quilts by Guild members Cindy Mielock and Linda Kuhlman are two of the many on display. Check it out!

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

NEW SMALL GROUPS

If you want to meet other quilters, consider joining a small group. Small groups help us get better acquainted with other quilters, learn new things, and have fun doing projects together. Mary Dunn has volunteered to put sign-up sheets out on a table at guild meetings. Pick your interest or home area and sign up. She will pull together several people at organizational meetings and form some new small groups. If any small groups want new members, please let Mary know. You may contact Mary Dunn.

NEW SMALL GROUP IN ST JOHNS

A new small group of quilters has formed in St. Johns. They will next meet on Monday, November 13, at 6:30 PM, at a site to be determined. New and experienced guilters in the St. Johns area are welcome to join. If too many join, they could break into separate daytime and evening groups. Spread the word to folks who are not presently members of CCQG. For more information, please contact Lynn Benninga or Mary Dunn. Thanks to Arline Minsky, who opened up the grand St. Johns Center for the Arts at the old Depot for the initial meeting.

FOR ADOPTION: Adorable five-month-old, black and white, female kitten. She will need vaccinations and spaying. If interested, please contact Shawn Witherspoon at 517-371-4032 or lwithe3041@aol.com.

Newsletter on the Web

(how to opt out on the newsletter by mail)
Please contact membership chair Linda
Ziegenhagen if:

- You do not want to receive the newsletter by mail (you will download it yourself from the CCQG website) or;
- You do not remember if you signed up to stop receiving the newsletter by regular mail.

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A TIME SAVING TIP FROM MARY DUNN

Whenever I make binding, I always make a bit extra, especially if it means using up a piece of fabric. The leftover bindings get stored in a plastic shoebox to use whenever I need them. Mixing up different color makes a great addition to scrappy quilts or to quilts for kids. It helps to always use the same width, like 2 1/4 " or 2 1/2", as these are easier to join together.

FOR SALE

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Fat Chance &
Tiny Treats Winners
September
Tiny Treats
Shirley Lynn
Fat Chance
Janet Keesler

October
Tiny Treats
Karen Berry
Fat Chance
Karen Berry

INDIANA HERITAGE QUILT SHOW

The show is scheduled for March 1-3, 2007 at the Bloomington Convention Center 302 South College Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47403. Times are Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. - 6p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and admission is \$6.00 per day.

There will be over 200 quilts from around the country on display. Nationally known instructors will be teaching three days' worth of workshops for all levels of quilters. Special quilt exhibit in the main hall, plus Merchants Mall, book signings and a Teacher Q & A Forum will round out this quilting extravaganza. Other special quilt exhibits throughout the community with free transportation. Anyone who wants to enter a quilt must do so by January 17, 2007. Entry forms can be found on the show website at www.ihqs-quiltshow.org.

Please call 1-800-800-0037 with any questions.



President's Block



Let's each give Lynn Richardson a warm thank you for being our President. Please make her an Ohio Star block in bright and happy colors. (9 1/2 "unfinished)

Cut 2 background and 2 color squares 4 1/4" x 4 1/4" and cut each diagonally twice.

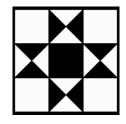
Cut 4 squares 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" of background fabric. Cut 1 square 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" for center.

Piece like this:









Please sign the front of your block and leave it at the VP's table or give it to Mary Dunn.

Questions? Call Mary Dunn.

AREA QUILTING EVENTS

October 8-December 31, 2006 Gee's Bend, The Architecture of the Quilt Indianapolis Museum of Art 4000 Michigan Road, Indianapolis, IN http://www.ima-art.org

November 9-12, 2006
Greater Chicago Quilt Exposition
Shaumburg Hotel and Convention CenterShaumburg, IL
http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=36

November 11, 2006
John Garrett lecture
FAN Network annual meeting
Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Rd
Ann Arbor, MI
Contact Sue Holdaway-Heys, 734-971-4960
or shhart@aol.com

November 28 & December 2, 2006 Jeana Kimball, lecture and workshops West Michigan Quilters Guild Wyoming, MI http://www.wmgg.org/speakers.htm January 17, 2007
Marcia Knopp, NQA Certified Judge, lecturePiecemakers Quilt Guild
Saginaw, MI
http://www.piecemakersquiltguild.com/
programs.htm

January 23, 2007 Libby Lehman, lecture and workshops West Michigan Quilters Guild Wyoming, MI http://www.wmgg.org/speakers.htm

January 28, 2007-October 28, 2007 Redwork: A Textile Tradition in America Michigan State University Museum

February 21, 2007
Sherry Peterson, Trunk Show
Piecemakers Quilt Guild
Saginaw, MI
http://www.piecemakersquiltguild.com/
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See the Vice President's Table for information on these and other upcoming events.

Capitol City Quilt Guild P.O. Box 26022 Lansing, MI 48909



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Next Newsletter Deadline: October 15

TINY TREATS

December 2006 Tiny Treat - Anvil Christmas Block



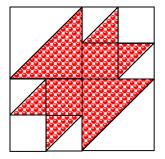
Cut 2 - 2 ½ inch squares for the outside corners

Cut 2 – 2 7/8 inch squares for the small half square

triangles

Cut 1 - 47/8 inch square for the large half square

triangles



Note: You may cut the squares for the half square triangles in half before sewing to the Christmas fabric or you may use an alternate method. If using Thangles for the large half square triangles you will need 4 inch finished and for the smaller - 2 inch finished.

Color Fabric: Christmas Theme and/or Christmas Color

Cut 2 - 2 ½ inch squares for the inside corners

Cut 2 – 2 7/8 inch squares for the small half square

triangles

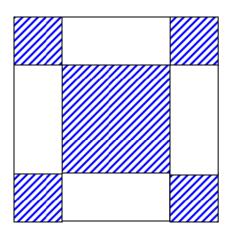
Cut 1 - 47/8 inch square for the large half square triangles

See note above

Assemble: Make the half square triangles and then assemble as illustrated.

Finished block size - 8 inch square

November 2006 Tiny Treat - Churn Dash



Background: White on White

Cut 4 - 3 x 5 ½ inch rectangles

Color: Primary Color – Print or Tone on Tone (Red, Blue, Yellow, Green, Orange, or Purple)

Cut 4 – 3 inch squares

Cut 1 – 5 ½ inch square for center

Assemble as illustrated

Finished block size 10 Inch Square

"Fall Into Winter", Quilt Exhibit II

This exhibit at the Hospice of Lansing at 6035 Executive Drive, Lansing, was hung on September 13. Members of CCQG who helped with this hanging are Jan Gagliano, Marilyn Palmer, Phyllis O'Connor and Louise Mueller. This groung hung 11 bed quilts, four large wall quilts, two panels of small wall quilts. Panel One shows seven Fall quilts, and Panel Two has six winter/Christmas quilts.

This second exhibit showcases quilts made by Ruth Dukelow, Daisy DeHaven, Ruth Farmer, Jan Gagliano, Georgia Hayden, Dorothy Jones, Cindy Mielock, Louise Mueller, Teri Nessia, Phyllis O'Connor, Marilyn Palmer, John Putnam and Carol Schon (yes! Carol Schon!). An Open House will be scheduled soon so watch the newsletter and listen for an announcement at Guild.



Quilting Websites

There are several great websites with free patterns for quilts and blocks. If you need to find a certain pattern or want to get some new ideas, try these websites.

www.baumtextile.com

www.benartex.com

www.blockcentral.com

www.cranstonvillage.com

www.freequilt.com

www.marcusbrothers.com

www.modafabrics.com

www.northcott.com

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