Capitol City Quilt Guild

As the Needle Turns May/June 2010



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

2010-2011 Officers

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<u>May 2010</u>

Board Meeting Wed., May 5, 6:30 pm, at Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. *All guild members are welcome.*

Guild Meeting Thursday, May 20, 7:00 pm, at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 500 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing, MI.

> Speaker, Ellen Anne Eddy Thread Magic

<u>Workshops</u> (both workshops will be held at Union Missionary Baptist Church)

Friday, May 21, 9 am–4 pm Sheer Magic

Saturday, May 22, 9 am–4 pm Dragonfly Sky

For more information, visit www.ellenanneeddy.com

<u>June 2010</u>

Board Meeting Wed., June 2, 6:30 pm, at Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave, Lansing. All guild members are welcome.

Guild Meeting Thursday, June 17, 7:00 pm, at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 500 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing, MI.

> Speaker, Mickey Depre Tips, Tricks and Other Stuff

<u>Workshops</u> (both workshops will be held at Union Missionary Baptist Church)

Friday, June 18, 9 am–4 pm Machine Quilting 101

Saturday, June 19, 9 am—4 pm Paintstiks - Make Any Fabric Your Own

For more information, visit www.mdquilts.com

* If you have questions or want to register for a workshop, email Program Chair Lorelei Olgine @ loriandtib@aol.com *

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If you wish to receive a printed newsletter and do not receive one, contact Membership Chair Deb Feldpausch at <u>membershipchair@capitolcityquiltguild.org</u>. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please send an email to guild secretary Linda Wells at <u>secretary@capitolcityquiltguild.org</u>.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new year that I hope you will find to be exciting, fun and informative. Once again we have had some changes, not only with the board, but also with the meeting location, which we hope you all like. As we all adjust to these changes, please know we are very open to all suggestions for improvement.

We have several excellent speakers and workshops for the upcoming year. Plan to take a class and learn something new or improve a skill. Our workshops are the best deal in town for the money.

Our Quilt Show is coming up in May 2011, which is an exciting time for everyone. Thanks to Dan Burke and Linda Wells for chairing this show. Please plan to help them make this the best show we have ever had.

Thank you to our immediate past president, Dan, and the outgoing board for all their time and work last year. We had a great year.

I would like to invite everyone to attend the board meetings and feel free to contact any board member at any time with suggestions or concerns. I look forward to working with everyone this year.

Lastly, always remember that this guild, your guild, is like a village . . . it only works if we all work together.

Minda



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New Board in Place

May is the start of the new Fiscal Year for CCQG and our new slate of board officers will be in place from May 2010 — April 2011. Here they are!

President — Minda Schneider Past President — Dan Burke Vice President — Jean Kaufmann Treasurer — Vernita Dailey Secretary — Linda Wells Membership — Deb Feldpausch Program Chair — Lori Olgine

Ass't. Program Chair — Claudia Hudson Webmaster — Kelly Sattler Newsletter — Daynell Rose Library — Sharon Neuner Historian — Ruby Freed Tiny Treats — Jane Waligorski & Fran Mort Fat Chance — Shirley Linn

Guild Meeting Location Chosen

The new location for the Capitol City Quilt Guild Meetings that was unanimously chosen by guild members is Union Missionary Baptist Church, 500 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing, MI. The guild meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

It's not too early to think about the 2011 Quilt Show!!

The CCQG biennial quilt show is just 12 months away, so start planning which quilts or wearable pieces you want to enter. The quilt show "Going to Pieces" will be held at the Summit at the Capital Centre in Dimondale. Setup for the show will be Fri., May 20 and the show will take place Saturday and Sunday, May 21 & 22, 2011.

We ask that guild members provide homemade items for our Silent Auction, which could include: quilts of any size, wall hangings, table runners, placemats, pot holders, bibs, purses or tote bags, aprons, pin cushions, stuffed animals, doll blankets and pillows...use your imagination! Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Capitol City Quilt Guild by way of programs, speakers, yearly retreat and materials for charity quilts.

Half-day classes will be offered for attendees—keep your eyes and ears open for new information!!

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How Many Quilts?

After having been asked how many quilts I've made, who I'm making this one for, or that one for or why, and how many quilts do I think I need...

I came to the following conclusion:

I am a creator, an artist, just as much as a painter is...

Does anyone ask a painter who he is painting for or why he is painting yet another landscape? How many pictures/portraits he has painted? How many canvasses or paintings he needs?

NO!

Does a painter stop wanting to paint because he has reached some number that symbolizes the end of his need to paint? "Okay, that's #100, I'm done now..."

I create because I am driven to create. My medium just happens to be fabric and thread, instead of oil or acrylics on canvas...but I create for the same reason...to express myself, to share myself, to experiment...even if the quilt doesn't have a purpose, a recipient, a reason.

Quilting is my voice.

I Quilt, Therefore I Am!

This piece was written by quilter Bonnie Hunter, May 9, 2004, and found on the website www.quiltville.com. One of our CCQG quilters came across it and could totally identify with it because, she says, "I am always asked 'what are you going to do with all those quilts?"

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Help the months fly away with our new <u>Block of</u> <u>the Month</u>. Each month features a paper-pieced bird, starting with the Robin.

New **Fabrics**, **Books** and **Notions** are arriving weekly, so be sure to stop in and check them out.

We are working with **Quilters Dream Batting** and the **Hopes & Dreams Quilt Challenge for ALS** to provide quilts for ALS patients. Take a class, donate the top, and get the class for free. Help us keep ALS patients warm.

Show your CCQG guild card and receive 10% off your purchase.

Bring in a pattern and buy the fabric for it, receive 20% off your fabrics.

Little bits of fabric sewn into a quilt Form a warm and loving blanket from which memories are built. And when you seek peace and comfort in the quiet of the night. It will keep you warm and snug until the morning's light.

Written by Sue Mullane of Albuquerque, New Mexico for her grandchild; published in the December 1996 issue of Quilters Newsletter.



Treasurer's Report Treasurer Vernita Dailey reported the following balances as of April 23, 2010: Checking: \$9,472.20 Savings: \$2,717.07 If interested, request the monthly financial statement from the treasurer at treasurer@capitolcityquiltguild.org.

...And a Happy Birthday to Jackie Borszich 5/1Beth Donaldson 5/1Lorelei Olgine 5/1Ellen Mills 5/4Lisa Berg 5/8 Sue Kesti 5/8Irene Blanchard 5/9 John Putnam 5/9 **Rosemary Nester** 5/10**Peg Cheney** 5/13Janet Scott 5/13Helen Novak 5/15Nancy Ruess 5/16**Chris Yelvington** 5/19Lynda Craft 5/20Jill Croley 5/21**Carol Erickson** 5/225/22Jean Kaufmann Janice Koenigsknecht 5/22 5/26Jacklyn Beard Marti Caterino 5/26Elaine Hewitt 5/27**Kay Nichols** 5/285/31Mary Ann Waltz Mary Edgar 6/2Linda Cudney 6/6 **Barb Hollowick** 6/7Sharon Neuner 6/11**Gladys Wilson** 6/14Louise Godbold 6/16Nancy Ballard 6/206/22Georgiana Viele 6/23Lori Cole **Dottie Hoopingarner** 6/23Faith Beckon 6/266/26**Dorothy Jones**



Hi CCQG! We are your new Tiny Treats Coordinators, Fran Mort & Jane Waligorski.

We are eager to build on the excellent ideas from past months and to bring you some different designs. In the coming months, we will experiment with fabric choices, larger (12 inch) block sizes and techniques (foundation piecing, etc.)

As an incentive to encourage participation, every entry in May & June will receive a free 12" square of fabric that reflects the next month's theme!

Looking forward to having fun with Tiny Treats,

Fran & Jane

JUNE TINY TREATS Strawberries & Cream 12" finished / 12 ½" raw



- A = Rose Reds Scrappy
- B = Light Greens Scrappy
- C = Creams Scrappy
 - 1) Cut 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strips, the width of your fabric, from each of the 3 colors
 - 2) Sew strips together A on the top row, B in the middle row, C on the bottom row
 - 3) Cut (4) 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Squares from strippy length
 - 4) Arrange blocks & sew together as shown

JULY TINY TREATS Patriot Star 12" finished / 12 ½" raw



- A = Reds Scrappy (center block)
- B = Whites Scrappy
- C = Medium or Dark Blues Scrappy
 - 1) Cut 4 7/8" wide strips, the width of your fabric, from each of the three colors
 - 2) From these strips, cut 4 7/8" squares, 1 red—2 blue—6 white
 - 3) To make Half-Square Triangles:
 - -Put 1 white and 1 blue square, right sides together
 - -Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner
 - -Sew 1/4" on either side of the drawn line
 - -Using a rotary cutter, cut on drawn line to form 2 Half-Square Triangles
 - -Open and press seam allowance toward dark half
 - -Trim Half-Square-Triangles to 4 1/2"
 - -Do this twice to make 4 HSTs
 - 4) Arrange blocks and sew together in rows as shown below





To view a helpful video on making Half-Square Triangles, copy and paste this address into your web browser: http://video.about.com/quilting/Half-Square-Triangles.htm

***** "Fat Chance" Themes for 2010-2011 ******

Get a chance to increase your fabric "stash" by participating in the "Fat Chance" drawing at every guild meeting. Bring a "fat quarter" of 100% cotton quilting fabric, put your name in the hat, and if it's drawn, you'll win up to 25 fat quarters! The more guild members who participate, the more fabric you may win!

The fabric themes for this year have been selected by **The Quilted Roses** small group (Brenda Broughan, Laura Broughan, Shirley Linn and Pat Trumble). All fabric choices were inspired by quilt blocks and patterns from the book *Encyclopedia of Classic Quilt Patterns*.

- May 2010 Grandma's Flower Garden Pastel Floral Prints
- June 2010 Overall Sam Denim and Bandana Prints
- July 2010 Sailboat Water Themed fabrics
- August 2010 Kansas Sunflower Sunflower Prints
- September 2010 Fruit Basket Fruit Prints
- October 2010 Autumn Leaves Fall colors and themes
- November 2010 Sun Bonnet Sue 1930 Reproduction fabrics
- December 2010 Christmas Beauty-Christmas Prints
- January 2011 Mexican Star Reminds-you-of-Mexico fabrics
- February 2011 Amethyst Shades of Purple
- March 2011 Joseph's Coat-Bright Multi-color fabrics
- April 2011 Butterfly-Butterfly fabrics

Be sure to carry this list with you so it will be handy when you drop in at your favorite quilt shop !



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We're always on the lookout for interesting, humorous, or helpful information to put in the CCQG newsletter.

If you find any quilting tips, stories, or other information that you think might be helpful to other members, or just plain fun, please email them to:

newsletter@capitolcityquiltguild.org

New Library Books



LIBERATED QUILTMAKING II Gwen Marston

At long last! Gwen Marston has updated her signature Liberated Quiltmaking! The fascination with Gwen's Liberated Quiltmaking has generated a demand for more, more, more! Introduced in 1996, her distinctive methods for creating original quilts are expanded in this new volume including Liberated Square-Within-a-Square, Liberated Medallion, and Re-cut Blocks and Sashing. Gwen presents nine Liberated Quiltmaking processes and each is clearly illustrated with step-by-step instructions, pieced samples, and loads of example quilts. Multiple techniques and variations are given. Liberated Quiltmaking II provides a way of working without using templates or set patterns. Truly original quilts result that engage the quilter's intuition and emotion as well as technical skills

FRENCH BRAID OBSESSION Jane Hardy Miller

Take your French braid quilts in dramatic new directions with bold new shapes and sizes, techniques, and colors. 8 projects new directions.





EASY MACHINE PAPER PIECING Carol Doak

Now anyone can accurately piece a quilt block in just minutes! Paper piecing is a simple process. Just trace a block design onto paper; then sew fabrics directly onto the paper with a sewing machine. Get sharp points on even the tiniest of pieces.

BLENDED BORDERS Pamela Mostek

This book includes technique which softens the line between the quilt top and the border. Rather than coloring inside the lines, she makes full use of large-scale appliqué shapes to create quilts of unparalleled artistry.



ASK PATSY By Laura Wasilowski

Dear Patsy:

I'm up to my thimbles in quilt fabric! I have boxes in the basement, boxes in the kitchen, and boxes in the bathtub. There's no place left to store my fabric, and yet I can't part with it. What's a girl to do? Sincerely, **"Filled up in Philly"**

Dear "Filled Up":

Let me introduce you to my method of organized fabric storage, called "STASH," or **ST**ore **A**t Someone's **H**ouse. The premise of STASH is to carefully select fellow quilters who are, well, trusting, and to use their houses to store your fabric. Here's how the process works.

Early in the morning, bring a box of fabric to the home of an unsuspecting friend. When she opens the door, yawning and bleary-eyed, greet her with, "I just knew you'd love this box of fabric to use in a quilt!" Your friend, overwhelmed by your generosity, will invite you in for coffee and jelly doughnuts.

The beauty of the STASH system is that not only do you store your fabric elsewhere, you get free coffee and doughnuts, too! And don't worry about your friend using your STASH fabric. She's just like you: she can add, but she can't subtract.

I experienced only one problem with the STASH system. One day I needed a pink floral fabric that I had purchased in 1985, but I had no idea which STASH site it was located in. Fourteen cups of coffee and 25 jelly doughnuts later, I found the errant floral in my friend Millie's bathtub.

This incident led me to invent my inventory-locator system, otherwise known as STASHFASH. With STASH-FASH, or **ST**ore **At S**omeone's House and Find **At S**omeone's House, I can easily locate my fabric anywhere. To set up the STASHFASH system, I traveled to each STASH site and labeled every box. Twenty cups of coffee and 46 jelly doughnuts later, my inventory list read something like this:

Site #1: Fabric Binge 1987 (Sue's house); **Site #2**: Fat Quarter Headquarters (Jane's house); **Site #3**: Fabrics of Hollywood (Sal's house); **Site #4**: The Louisiana Purchase (Jill's house).

I'm considering a similar system for housing my children.

Patsy



≈ AREA QUILTING EVENTS ≈

May 21-22, 2010 <u>Pieces and Patches</u> Quilt Guild Show St. John's School, Jackson, MI Contact: donandfern@comcast.net

May 22-23, 2010 <u>For the Love of Quilting</u> – Quilt Show Lansing Area Patchers The Summit, 9410 David Hwy., Dimondale, MI

June 3-6, 2010 Mark Lipinski, workshops Thunder Bay Resort, Hillman, MI

June 7-10, 2010 Terry Jarrard-Dimond, workshop Susan Moran, workshop Matthai Botanical Gardens Ann Arbor, MI www.buddingartideas.com June 17-19, 2010 Our American Heritage www.michiganstashdash.com

June 19, 2010 Juneteenth Tea Great Lakes African-American Quilters Network, Livonia, MI

July 8-11, 2010 Bobbie Bergquist, workshops Thunder Bay Resort, Hillman, MI

August 9-14, 2010 Quilts of Gee's Bend – Exhibit, workshops, etc. London Convention Center London, Ontario www.quiltskingston.org – Upcoming Events

More area quilting events listed at: www.museum.msu.edu/glqc/onlinenewsletter.html