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February 2014 Coleen Mertte will present a lecture and trunk show. Visit Coleen's website [www.northwaterquilts.com](http://www.northwaterquilts.com) to view patterns and learn more about Coleen.

March 15th is National Quilting Day  
Details on the web site.

March 20 is the presentation of the Challenge Quilts and the Heartwarmers Parade.  
Further information on the Challenge is on the website.



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April 17 Gwen Marston will be presenting her new program on **Abstract Quilts in Solids**. Classes will be held on Friday and Saturday. The Friday class, Abstract Quilts is filled and there is a short waiting list. The Saturday class, Liberated Baskets still has openings. Consider taking a class as Gwen is not only a very entertaining speaker, but also a wonderful instructor. The classes will be held at the Ramada Inn on West Saginaw at Canal Road. The classroom is on the first floor near an entrance.  
--- An opportunity to spend time with a world-class quilter ---

May 22 will be **Suzi Perron**. She will be giving a lecture and has written a book "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement."

When you sign up for a workshop, you must pay at that time. If you cancel your registration for a workshop, there are no refunds!  
If you have questions about workshops, please contact Program Chairperson John Putnam.

**Newsletter and Advertising Information**

► **As the Needle Turns** is published 6 times a year in the odd-numbered months. Deadline for submissions is the 1st of all even-numbered months (Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec.) Please e-mail advertisements (in .jpg or MS Word format) and articles to editor Liz Cardinal at [eacardinal@att.net](mailto:eacardinal@att.net).  
► **Ad sizes and rates** — We offer three ad sizes as follows: Business card—\$12—3 1/2" wide x 2" high (horizontal); Quarter Page—\$18—3 1/2" wide x 4 1/2" high (vertical); Half Page—\$36—7 1/2" wide x 5" high (horizontal); (Discount for members: Business card—\$10; Quarter-page—\$15; Half-page—\$30; want ad—\$3)  
► **Newsletters are now being emailed to all guild members with an email address.** Those who prefer a paper copy should indicated this on their membership form and pick them up at the guild meeting. Any newsletters not picked up will be mailed.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The holidays have been celebrated. The Valentine's Day candies are almost gone. The beautiful flowers from Nemah are starting to bow their heads; their blooms are fading away. Now, after the chaos and hectic pace of the past few months, I can finally sit back, take a deep breath . . . and get back to sewing!!! And, for me, that means I have some catching up to do.

Since mid-July, my arm surgery has really hampered my ability to do anything significant that involved the use of both hands. I spend every Monday with my Mom and my sisters Chris and Cynthia. During the past six months they have made several quilts, countless pillow cases and many lap quilts for veterans. I have made zip, nada, zilch!!! Fabrics that I cut out in early July have been whispering to me, taunting me from the sewing closet. Now I am free to get back to making dolly quilts for my niece and two great-nieces. After that, I want to dedicate some time to making bereavement quilts. As I mentioned at last month's Guild meeting, the request for these small quilts really struck a chord with me and I have made that my commitment for the upcoming months. I am so grateful for my healthy grandsons, my own health, and the good health of the rest of my loved ones. I feel honored to help, in some small way, to ease the heartache of a family who has lost their child.

Many of you have had loss and suffering in your own lives. Take a few moments, during this cold and wintery time, to think about how you might turn your sorrow into an outward expression of love and compassion for a family touched by tragedy. We have so many ways in our Guild to pay it forward through Heartwarmers, angel quilts, bereavement quilts, Quilts of Valor, and many other organizations who have a need for the blanket of love called a quilt.

Cathy Stewart

## Guild News and Notes

- ◆ **Going to Pieces 2015** will be on Friday Sept. 18 and Saturday Sept. 19 at the Summit.
- ◆ **December Share Share Program** results: Capitol City Quilt Guild members have again proven that the guild is a very generous organization. A grand total of \$1,681.00 and 81 pounds of food was donated to the Greater Lansing Food Bank. The breakdown: \$743.00 in cash and checks donated by members; \$728.00 raised by the silent auction; and the guild donated \$200.00. Thank you all for the wonderful response to the request to help those in need in the Lansing area.
- ◆ Quilter's Treasure will be absent for the March 2014 meeting.

## 2013-2014 Fat Chance

|           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| February: | Valentine's Day.  |
| March:    | St. Patrick's Day |
| April:    | April Fool's day  |

Submitted by Cheryl Bliss and Chris Yelvington

## My Quilter's Motto

No one expects the stamp collector to actually mail letters with his stamps.  
 No one expects the coin collector to use the coins in a vending machine for a soda.  
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|-----------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| May       | Janet Keesler     | 11     | Marsha Rosenberger | 240    |
| June      | Chris Yelvington  | 12     | Shawn Witherspoon  | 240    |
| July      | Dorothy Rowe      | 12     | Renee Fisher       |        |
| August    | Lise Dilbert      | 5      | Liz Cardinal       | 91     |
| September | Shawn Witherspoon | 11     | Jean Carlson       | 110    |
| October   | Shawn Witherspoon | 14     | Billie Piazza      | 140    |
| November  | Janet Keesler     | 9      | Toya Charles       | 58     |
| December  | Janet Keesler     | 9      | Kelly Sattler      | 60     |
| January   | Sharon Neuner     | 16     | Dee Chamberlain    | 56     |

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Activity May 2012–January 2014

Checking balance \$23,149.78

Income: \$57,366.75

Expenses: \$41,187.49

Net Income: \$16,179.26

Financials are presented for a two year fiscal period to reflect quilt show activity.



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## *New Library Items by Roselyn Chaffin, librarian*

### **Stars** by Chris Franses

This is a practical workbook concentrating on one style of patchwork block. It includes instructions for 15 quilt blocks, showing colourways and quilt settings, templates and clear line drawings.

### **Strip Easy** by Christiane Meunier

Streamline the cutting and piecing process while making these 9 stunning quilts with the easy Strip-Piecing technique. The beauty of this piecing technique is that great results do not rely on your scrutinizing every measurement, allowing.

### **Sew & Go Totes** by Kristine Poor

Designer Kristine Poor presents 9 quilted projects that include tote bags, purses, duffle bags, and a wallet.

### **Laurel Burch Legends** by Laurel Burch

It's surprisingly easy to create these beautiful new Laurel Burch designs using fusible applique and embellishments.

### **Quilting Up A Storm** by Lydia Quigley

This book gives some great new ideas on using the classic 'storm at sea' block. The color pictures provide lots of inspiration and the instructions are written for quilters of all levels.

### **Scatter Garden Quilts** by Pamela Mostek

Fussy-cut motifs provide the "seeds" needed to create quilts that burst with nature's charm.

### **A Quilter's Christmas Cookbook** by Louise Stoltzfus & Dawn Ranck

Enhance your Christmas celebration with any of the thousand delectable recipes gathered together in this cookbook treasure.

### **Quilter's Academy**, by Harriet & Carrie Hargrave

**Vol. 1** This perfect guide to the fundamentals of quilting for beginners is filled with tried and tested techniques & expert advice. This must-have course guides beginners step-by-step through the fundamentals of quiltmaking.

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### **Tips for Quilting** by Staff, The Old Country Store

This handbook is for anyone interested in quilting. It is filled with hints, shortcuts, timesaving techniques, and tricks of the trade.

### **The Quilt Show, Vol. 11 and 12**

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FIRST SEATING -11:00 -- SECOND - 12:15

### NATIONAL QUILTING DAY 2014

March 15th 9 am—4 pm

First Presbyterian Church, Holt

Theme: Flights of Fancy

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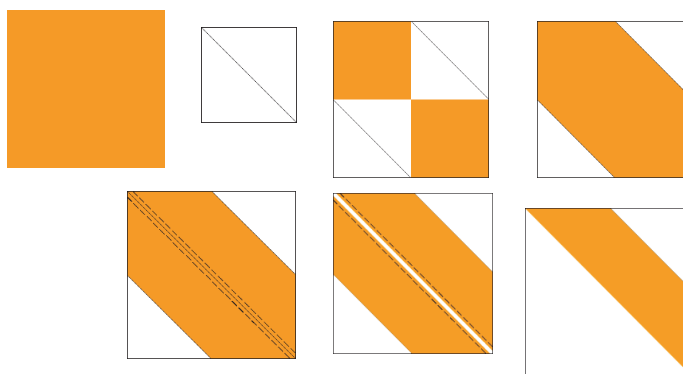
**March: Combo Unit**

Needed: 5 - light 5" squares and 5-dark 5" squares also 10 additional 4½" squares of different fabrics. Mark a diagonal line on each light square. With right sides together, place one dark and one light square together. Sew ¼" on either side of the diagonal line. Cut on the diagonal line. You now have 10 half-square triangles. Square these to 4½", mark a diagonal line on each half-square triangle, and place each on one of the additional 4½" squares. Sew ¼" on either side of the diagonal line and cut on the line. Square these units to 4". There will be 20 units. Someone will get bunches and bunches of combo units.



**April: Shaded Half-Square Triangle**

Needed: 10-light 5" squares and 10-dark 5" squares and 10- light 2½" squares and 10-dark 2½" squares. Mark a diagonal line on each of the 20 small squares. Using 5 dark squares, place a light 2½" square on opposite corners of a dark 5" square. Sew across the diagonal marks. Press the resulting corners open. Cut away the underneath corner. Square to 5" x 5". Do the same with dark 2½" squares on 5 light 5" squares. Mark a diagonal line on each additional light and dark 5" pieces. Place a corner-pieced unit with light corners on a light 5" square. Sew ¼" from the diagonal line, cut on the diagonal line, iron, and square to 4½". Repeat process using light corner-pieced units with light 5" squares and dark corner- pieced units with dark 5" squares. Bring all 20 for a great chance to win a lot of units.



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**CHARITY NEEDS**

| Charity Quilt                               | Description  | Guild Contact Person  |
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| Angel Quilts                                | Small baby quilts, 12-16", given to parents as a keepsake of a premature or newborn child they have lost.  | Deb Feldpausch<br><a href="mailto:feldpau53@yahoo.com">feldpau53@yahoo.com</a><br>989-593-3111    |
| Bereavement Quilts                          | Children's quilts 24x24" with a plain light neutral backing fabric of 100% cotton. These quilts are given to the Emergency Room at Sparrow Hospital. When a child dies in the ER their hand and foot prints are put on the back and given to the family for a keepsake.  | Shawn Witherspoon<br><a href="mailto:lwithe3041@aol.com">lwithe3041@aol.com</a><br>517-371-4032   |
| Chemo Lap Quilts                            | Lap quilts given to chemo patients to help them stay warm during chemo treatments. At least 48x60" and no larger than 60x72". If you provide the quilt top with binding, Bobbie will back with fleece using polyester batting. Masculine or patriotic quilts are needed for men. She will also take donations of finished quilts, fabric, thread, and batting. (If purchasing fleece for backing, please get two yards). | Bobbie Slider<br><a href="mailto:thequiltlady@live.com">thequiltlady@live.com</a><br>517-896-3775 |
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| VFW National Home for Children-Eaton Rapids | Quilts given to children of veterans from small children to teenagers.   | Sue Ann Cole<br><a href="mailto:sueanncl@yahoo.com">sueanncl@yahoo.com</a><br>517-627-9565        |



The Capitol City Quilt Guild meets the third Thursday of each month, 7 pm, at Union Missionary Baptist Church, Lansing, MI

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Next Newsletter Deadline: April 1, 2014

≈ AREA QUILTING EVENTS ≈

**March 22-23**

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 "Stitched in Time, a Community Quilt Show"  
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**April 11-12**

Quilt Celebration"  
 First Baptist Church Lake Orion, 255 E. Scripps Rd.  
 Lake Orion  
[Oaklandcountyquiltguild.com](http://Oaklandcountyquiltguild.com)

**May 11-November 30**

Earth Stories exhibit  
 Exhibit by Studio Art Quilt Associates  
 Michigan State University Museum

AQS Show Grand Rapids  
 August 20-23

More area quilting events listed at: <http://museum.msu.edu/glqc/onlinenewsletter.html>