

# Capitol City Quilt Guild

Mar.-Apr. 2020

# AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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#### 2019-2020 Officers

**President:** John Putnam

Vice President: Cathy Skelton

**Secretary:** Sharon Wexler

**Treasurer:** Dan Burke

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# Teal Quilt Project Update

Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers, we have a total of 412 quilts. 402 are finished, eight quilts are being bound and two tops are being quilted. We are no longer accepting donations and have moved to the distribution phase of the project. To respect the privacy of the recipients, we are distributing the quilts through their attorneys. There are many attorneys involved and their offices are all over the country. Although this phase of the project is slow, we are making contact and the quilts are welcome. If you know any Sister Survivor and would like to get them a quilt, contact me at <a href="mailto:donald20@msu.edu">donald20@msu.edu</a> to make it happen.

The donations of fabric, backing, and blocks have been very generous. I have given the leftover backing fabric to Elaine Hewitt for the Chemo Lap quilt project. Smaller pieces of fabric will be available at the Quilters Treasures Table. If you are interested in turning a UFO into a charity quilt, I will have those available, too.

Thank you again to everyone who participated in this project. My non-quilting friends are truly amazed at the speed with which so many quilts have been produced. I, however, was not surprised. After being a member of this Guild for 36 years, I know how utterly fabulous this group is!

Gratefully, Beth Donaldson and The Teal Quilt Project

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Yogi-ism for this newsletter: "I tell the kids, somebody's gotta win, somebody's gotta lose. Just don't fight about it. Just try to get better."

Hmmm, this might not be a true Yogi-ism as it seems to make sense. I know it applies to me when trying a new quilting technique. If the first attempt doesn't work out, then take a look at it and give it another try - the ole practice makes perfect thing. Certainly makes sense when working with new colors.

Part of this issue's message is again a request for volunteers to serve on the Board. We are looking for a new Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Library Chair and Assistant Membership Chair. None of these jobs is incredibly time-consuming. Your Guild needs a Board to guide the group through each year. If you are dissatisfied with how things are going, you could volunteer for a Board position and work for change. It won't hurt.

Speaking of change, during the time that I have been back on the Board as VP and as President, I have not been contacted by anyone about the activities of the Guild. No expressions of love it or hate it. No requests to please make this change. The Board is available for comments and suggestions for change. Better to let us know if something is making you unhappy than simply walking away from membership because it isn't what you want. I am mentioning this because of our declining membership. Declining membership is being experienced by many groups due to aging membership, younger folks being more interested in online community, and other reasons. So I am just saying I would like to keep our present members and not lose you because you are unhappy with the way things are going.

This has been on my mind because a former member had said to me, several years ago, that she was not coming back to the Guild if they "didn't step up their game." No suggestions as to what that might mean and absolutely no help either.

Okay. Enough blabbing from me. Oh wait, one more thing: The Board meetings have been booked through 08/2020 at the Foster Center in Room 211. Remember that Board meetings are open to all members. *John* 

# TREA\$URER'\$ REPORT

Current Cash Balance \$13,451.28

Income Received: \$194.00

Expenses: \$500.75 Net Income: : -306.75

Payables: Quilt Show = \$5,000.00

Table/Drape = \$ 5,000,00

Programs = \$2,000.00

Current NET Balance = \$ 1,451.28





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# Come Sew With Us

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prior issue. I haven't received current copy from Gall's this issue so the dates are bad. But since they have paid to advertise, I thought it best to present something. By the way, there are open sews at their GR location on the first and third Wednesdays. No charge, nice space to work in. Contact me to sign up.

Editor's note: This is ad copy from a



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# **QUILTERS' TREASURES TABLE**

Billie had recent surgery and will not be able to man the table for the next few months so if someone is willing to take over for a while, please let John know.



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# PROGRAMS

**February** - Susan Kruszynski, "Story Telling With Quilts" lecture and trunk show. Susan began landscape fabric design in 2014 and won an award in Grand Rapids ArtPrize Nine in September 2017 – TOP 25 in the time-based category. She currently divides her time between creating original fabric landscape designs, teaching the art of quilted fabric landscaping in classes around the state of Michigan, and running her Quilting Fabrics in Time business from Muskegon.

**March** - **Ann Shaw** will be coming from Portland, Oregon. She will be teaching a class, "Foliage" on Thursday, March 19th 9-4 at Country Stitches. Cost is \$45 and you can register at the Feb. meeting or by contacting Kathy Kittle at programchair@capitolcityquiltGuild.org or 517-775-0565 Later that evening, she will be speaking at our Guild meeting.





April - Guild Challenge, Heartwarmers, and Election of Officers.

# 2019 CHALLENGE QUILT Fly Quilters, Fly!

This year's challenge features a well loved and traditional block, Flying Geese. The challenge quilts will be displayed and judged at the **April** meeting.

There are no size requirements for this year's challenge, so here we go:

Your quilt must have at least one recognizable flying geese block in the quilt as well as at least 6 square inches of turquoise. The fabric can be a solid, batik or can read as a solid.



The 6 inch square can be cut into smaller pieces as you wish.

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with Chelane Priller at 517-525-0906 or <a href="mailto:chelane.priller@gmail.com">chelane.priller@gmail.com</a>.

Let your imagination run wild and fly!



#### **MARCH**

Rosenberger, Marsha	3/1
Munn, Janet	3/2
Chamberlain, De	3/6
Reisig, Cindy	3/10
Borton, Teresa	3/11
Kerr, Kathy	3/11
Priller, Chelane	3/23



M-F 10-5:30 2211 E BELTLINE AVE NE SAT 10-4 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49525 SUN 12-5 616-881-3448

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### **APRIL**

Craft, Donna

Cardinal, Liz 4/1
Miller, Karen 4/1
Piazza, Billie 4/4
Hoelzer-Maddox, Victoria 4/7
Tesner, Betty 4/9
Hayden, Georgia 4/15
Qayyum, Yasmin 4/21





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#### **President's Block**

As a tribute and thank you to each CCQG Board President, Guild members are asked to make an Ohio Star block in the President's choice of colors. For the 2019 - 2020 President's block, *John Putnam has asked that the blocks be black and cheddar Civil War repro fabrics.* Colors can be in any position (cheddar star on black background or black star on cheddar background). The block size should be 11" unfinished, 10 1/2" finished.

Please sign your block, bring it to the Guild meeting and leave it at the Vice President's table *no later than the May meeting.* 

If you need cheddar fabric, you can check the President's table for some.

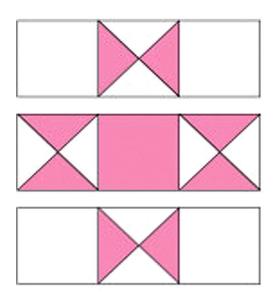
### Instructions

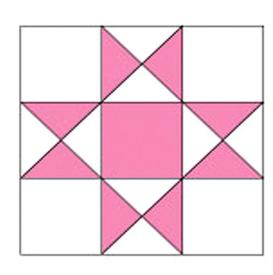
Cut from your background fabric (white in the example below):

- 4 4" squares
- $2 4\frac{3}{4}$ " squares. Cut these squares twice diagonally to make 8 quarter square triangles.

Cut from your focus fabric (pink in the example below):

- 1 4" square
- $2 4\frac{3}{4}$ " squares. Cut these squares twice diagonally to make 8 quarter square triangles.





The Capitol City Quilt Guild usually meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm (social time 6:30pm) at First Presbyterian Church, 510 W. Ottawa St., Lansing, MI. Capitol City Quilt Guild P. O. Box 26022 Lansing, MI 48909

See us on the web! CapitalCityQuiltGuild.org

Next newsletter deadline: April 1, 2020

As The Needle Turns is published 6 times per year in the evennumbered months. Deadline for submission is the 1st of all evennumbered months. Please e-mail advertisements (in JPG format) and articles to NewsletterEditor@CapitolCityQuiltGuild.org.

Ad sizes and rates: We offer three ad sizes as follows: Business card (3 1/2" wide x 2" high) \$12 per issue/\$68 per year; Quarter Page (3 1/2" wide x 4 1/2" high) \$18 per issue/\$97.20 per year; Half Page (7 1/2 " wide x 5" high) \$36 per issue/\$194 per year. Member want ads are \$3 per issue.

Newsletters are now being e-mailed to Guild members with an e-mail address. Those who prefer a paper copy should indicate this on their membership form and pick them up at the next meeting. Any newsletters not picked up will be mailed.

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## LOCAL QUILT DAY 2020 Saturday, March 14, 9am-4pm First Presbyterian Church 2021 Aurelius Road, Holt

Due to conflicts in schedules, our yearly quilting day to honor National Quilting Day will be held a week earlier on March 14. All are welcome to come sew, celebrate the love of quilting, and recognize the art, heritage, and contribution quilt makers have made to families and communities. Come spend an enjoyable day of fun, food, fellowship and quilting.

Admission: Please bring at least 2 non-perishable food items or personal products to be donated to the Holt Food Bank.

Bring: A dish to share and lunch (unless you plan to order or go out), your projects, supplies, and your *Bingo Card*.

Using 2 ½" squares, construct a bingo card, 5 squares x 5 squares. Use the subjects below to pick squares. You need only 25, so select what works from your stash. Place them randomly. Only you need to be able to recognize the squares. Put WHITE as the middle square. This is a good time to talk to your small groups to trade. You may bring more than one card, but will only play on one. We will play bingo on the cards for door prizes, so you'll need a card to win. When the day is over, the cards will be collected and turned into a donation quilt (one or more).

# Categories for blocks:

White – middle	Red	Blue	Green
Yellow	Orange	Purple	Brown
Black	Pink	Tan/Beige	Black & White
Checks	Stripes	Dots	Stars
Christmas	Trees	Baby	Kids
Batik	Dogs	Cats	Hearts
Birds	Flowers	Leaves	Words/Letters
Animal	Insects	Oriental	Food
Cars	Sewing/Quilting	Planes	Music
Barns	Clocks	Maps	U of M
MSU	Fruit	Halloween	Patriotic R/W/B
'30s Retro	Numbers	St. Patrick's Day	Road Signs

### SPRING RETREAT 2020

Save the date! The **Spring Retreat** will be **March 20 - 22, 2020.** It will again be at the Quality Suites Hotel on the west side of Lansing. The retreat begins at 9:00 on Friday and ends at 3:00 pm on Sunday. If you wish to stay at the hotel, you need to contact them directly to make reservations at 1-844-306-1519.

Quilters bring their own machine, a portable light, sometimes a small iron, portable Board and their own projects. Often, there are charity blocks which you can work on with the project graciously arranged by one of our members. We just enjoy each other's company, eat, and sew.

The cost this spring will remain at \$85.00 for the retreat. Signup: Linda Wells will continue taking reservations at the February 2020 Guild meeting. PLEASE note that payment to the Guild is needed at the time of sign up. Linda has had some problems with people being signed up, or people signing up, not paying, and then not attending with late notification given, not allowing the spots to be filled, and we don't want anyone to miss out. If cancellation is necessary, whatever the reason, it needs to occur by March 1 in writing to Linda.

Ann knows how to have a good time!

