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AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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BOOKS FOR SALE

Stop by the library table at the meeting and find the table with books for sale! There will be some new books available each month. Your purchases will fund the guild's purchase of new books for our library.



PROGRAMS for 2022-2023

OCTOBER

Show and Tell–Fall and Halloween Quilts, plus Dolls and Bears distribution. Library books for sale.

NOVEMBER

Auction. Start gathering your donations (quilt-related items only please, and no small cuts/scraps). Raffle tickets will be available to sell.

DECEMBER

Holiday Party & Gift Swap. As in the past, quilt-related gifts are brought to the meeting in bags. Value range will be announced later.

SPRING 2023 RETREAT

The Fall retreat was such fun that one is being planned for Spring in March! Coreen Strzalka and Sandi Guild are in charge of this event. Linda Wells is stepping down as retreat organizer after expertly coordinating many of our past retreats. As it stands now, the Spring retreat will be held in the Okemos Conference Center adjacent to the Comfort Inn just off I-96. Unlike past retreats, this will be held Saturday through Mon.

2023 QUILT SHOW

Coreen Strzalka and Cathy Skelton are chairing this show and could use help in these areas: Publicity, door prizes and baskets. Please contact either of them if you can step up. The tentative date is a weekend in October. A search is on for a venue.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all,

I love the crisp sunny days we are having this Autumn. Everywhere I drive, I notice the beautiful color of the trees. The flowers on the deck, which survived the heat of the summer, have started to die during some of the cold nights. So, it's time to clean them up until next year. I have a very large pot of succulents that I bring in every year. When I purchased the ceramic pot, I loved it because it was so big. The nursery loaded it into my car, but when I got home, I found out that I could barely lift it. Once the dirt was added and it was planted, it was so heavy that the only way to get it in and out the house was to "roll" it through the door. So, I need to face that task this week before the frosty nights kill all those beautiful succulents.

Every year I go to a nearby retreat center the weekend before Thanksgiving. My birthday usually falls close to this weekend, so it becomes a birthday gift to myself. Both of my sisters also come, along with several friends. We have done this for over 10 years and each year I look forward to work on my UFOs and spending time with my sisters and friends.

There are only a few months to finish up those Christmas gifts. I usually set a goal of projects to finish every year for charity or for gifts and those usually get finished near the end of the year. If you are planning on giving a quilt, give your longarm quilter plenty of time because there are a lot of procrastinators out there - especially me!

Our group is getting back to normal. We had a successful retreat in September at the Quality Suites and look forward to a Spring retreat. The plans are already in the works, so look for details in the upcoming months.

We also have a committee working on our next quilt show. Many of the committee positions have been filled, but there are still openings. Contact Coreen Strzalka or Cathy Skelton if you wish to volunteer. If you can't be on the committee, don't worry. We will need plenty of help later to put on the quilt show. So, start finishing up those quilts that you would like to enter in the show.

The Novi Sewing Expo, November 10-12, 2022, is coming up soon. We will have a booth there selling tickets for the 4 beautiful quilts that we will be raffling. This raffle will help raise funds for our quilt show. We will also have a packet of tickets at the November meeting for our members to sell. They will make great stocking stuffers to give for Christmas. The drawing will be February 16, 2023 at our monthly meeting. And don't worry, if you aren't a lucky winner for this raffle, we will also be having a bigger raffle for the 2023 quilt show.

Enjoy the beautiful Fall months!

Sharon Wexler







Submitted by Peggy Elkins, Treasurer



Janet Keesler was the lucky winner of this year's Board quilt top designed by Cathy Skelton. Congrats, Janet! We will look forward to seeing it in a future show and tell. This year's GARAGE SALE was quite a money-maker for the Guild. Another one is planned for 2023 so keep sorting out items in your stash that you can do without. You know the saying: If it doesn't bring you joy, toss it! Our <u>auction in</u> <u>November</u> is another opportunity to clean out those closets. And dresser drawers. And bins, boxes, and other places your spouse has no idea about.



PRESIDENT'S BLOCKS

Instructions are available on the Guild website under Activities. Printed instructions and background fabric are available at meetings on the Vice President's table.



CCQG IN THE COMMUNITY

71 Heartwarmer Quilts and 16 Bereavement Quilts were delivered to Sparrow on October 5th. 28 Angel Quilts and 13 Hospice Quilts were delivered on the 18th. These numbers are amazing. We have some very prolific and generous members!



Attention small groups! The Guild has Zoom available for you to use for your virtual meetings. You can be on for longer than the usual free 40-minute meeting. Call John Putnam at 517-505-3782 and he will set it up for you.



QUILTERS AND DOLLS AND BEARS, OH MY!

At the OCTOBER meeting, dolls and bears will be distributed for your creative dressing! See Ann Newell or her elves for a selection and take as many as you want and can do in time. All are due back at the November meeting in order to get them to the Salvation Army in time for the holidays. We've rocked this



project in the past and our contributions are always appreciated.





NOVEMBER

Rasmussen, Francene 11/4 Stiffler, Peg 11/7 Mueller, Louise 11/11 Waligorski, Jane 11/11 Hollenbeck, Jo 11/14 Sterling, Ginny 11/14 Wexler, Sharon 11/20 Gagliano, Jan 11/26 Barrett, Sharon 11/30

DECEMBER

Forro, Denise 12/1 Arnold, Peg 12/4 Schon, Carol 12/8 Freed, Ruby 12/14 Rowe, Dorothy 12/14 Wilkinson, Bev 12/14 Mielock, Cindy 12/16 Pearson, Mary 12/18 Black, Leah 12/31

FAT CHANCES

The Fat Chance drawing is an opportunity to win fat quarters of fabric for your stash. Check the theme of the month, bring one fat quarter (18" x 22") to that meeting, and enter your name in the drawing. Good luck!

October—Gold November-Animals December—Holiday colors/theme

Sharon Wexler is now in charge of the charity quilt batting distribution, so if you are in need of 60" wide batting for a donation quilt, contact Sharon at 517-285-5289 or <u>Sharonwexler7101@comcast.net</u>.

MYSTERY QUILT 2022 AVAILABLE

The first installments are now accessible on the Members Only page on the website.





2022 FALL RETREAT WAS A BLAST!

37 quilters enjoyed 3 days/nights of stitching, chatting, and munching. MANY THANKS to Linda Wells for clearing all the hurdles presented to her to make this event a go.

Videos from the retreat are available on the Guild website home page. So many beautiful creations!

CHALLENGE QUILT WINNERS

1st Place—Jackie Borszich 2nd Place—Paul Bossenbroek 3rd Place—Peg Stiffler





CURRENT GUILD MEMBERSHIP: **113** AND GROWING

STARTING NOV. 1, DUES WILL BE CHARGED AT 1/2 THE YEAR RATE FOR NEW MEMBERS



NAMETAGS SUGGESTED

We no longer need to use masks, but nametags are still a good idea at meetings.



Large Selection Online

WWW.ethelbird.COM

The Capitol City Quilt Guild usually meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm at First Presbyterian Church, 510 W. Ottawa St., Lansing, MI. *Masks optional.*

See us on the web! CapitalCityQuiltGuild.org

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

Next newsletter deadline: December 1, 2022

