



# AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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**THE SPRING RETREAT WAS A WINNER!**  
 55 quilters attended the **Capitol City Quilt Guild Spring Retreat** held March 8, 9 and 10 at the Okemos Event Center. Here are some photos that definitely capture the fun.



Danita won the "Best Pirate" contest.



I think Laura was the first to finish a top that day—>



<—Joyce kept us all in line and on schedule. Hua!



We were so productive that blew the electrical circuit! (Sorry, OEC)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### FEELING NOSTALGIC...

Feeling all sorts of ways about current trends being a re-run of my life. It's 1975, give or take, and a lot of stuff is back "in," like hand embroidery. Who else still has a LOT of floss?

Macramé is back in. Also, crewel embroidery. I was very good at that, big wall art (stamped) but that's got to be long gone by now, probably in somebody's cottage up north.

Long straight hair. Puffed sleeves. Smocking. Multi-tiered gathered skirts and dresses. I made several of those! It's crazy to see, and gosh...where did the years go? Patchwork clothing, especially jackets...back in. There are tons of imitation, printed patchwork everywhere. Cheaters! Although, the printed ones do look pretty 'real' which is impressive. I am definitely making one, probably using one of my jean jackets as the base.

After that era came angora sweater sets and blazers for women. (And horribly huge shoulder pads a bit later). I was determined not to fall for the blazer trend - it would never last. Right? I was positive that that style would fade away in a season...and adamantly refused to buy one. Um, EVER...my denim jackets are not blazer-like at all, LOL.

So, quilt trends came back around too. Dresdens and hexies and yo-yos, all types of handwork. Endless examples of beautiful slow stitching, and crazy quilting! We were right not to get rid of that embroidery floss! I have a notion to pull it out again, but saying nope to the macramé. (No offense intended.) And I will never lose my love of piecing quilts.

*Soon-to-be-ex-prez, Lise.*



## PROGRAMS

**APRIL** Board elections. Also: Presentation from Lianne Wendling, owner of Diamonds in the Rough quilt shop. Lianne is coming from Pinconning to explain the All Michigan Shop Hop. She is bringing ShopHop magazines (at \$11.95 plus tax = \$12.67) which has maps, patterns etc.

She will also be bringing:

- extra magazines with gifts
- Large shopping bags \$3 each
- Project bags \$2 each
- Passport bags \$1 each (included if they buy the magazine from me)
- Shop Hop kits \$15 each
- The Special Shop Hop Fabrics

The Shop Hop Kit is:

- A project bag
  - quilt pattern for the Shop Hop squares
  - a full check list of the shops that is not provided in the magazine.
  - Daisy case filled with 75 safety pins. Goes with quilt instructions for the Shop squares
- BONUS- When you buy the Kit, you can get the electronic copy of this list. Links take you right to

- .. Google or Apple maps per shop
- .. website per shop
- .. Facebook Group per shop

She will also be doing several Giveaways! Preferred payment methods: Cash, but she will take CashApp, Venmo, Zelle and checks. She can take debit and credit cards too, but prefers the other methods listed.

**MAY** We will have an activity with Deb Gorman at the Quilt Factory <https://thequiltfactory.com/> at the May meeting. She will do demos and will have patterns for sale. Deb will be discussing the creative process about how patterns make it from design to production to sell.

The Quilt Factory offers patterns with easy to follow, detailed instructions, diagrams and tips to make your creative journey a pleasant one.

**JUNE** Meeting program TBD - Side activity: Garage Sale to the Public.

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## UP COMING EVENTS

- We look forward to seeing you in Paducah, KY! April 24-27, 2024. Special pricing will be available at our stores.
- Longarm Quilting 101 - May 10, Lansing & May 11, Grand Rapids
- **GET READY FOR NEW PRODUCT UNVEILING** -April, May
- Kids Camp dates are coming soon. Check our website for updates

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Sale ends May 31, 2024

## 1/2 OFF CLASS SALE

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# HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

**National Quilting Day** was Saturday, March 16. Plan for next year's event on March 15, 2025.

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**WMQG Quilter 2 Quilter Sale**, May 8-10, 9-5, and May 11 9-2. 1450 Buchanan, Grand Rapids.

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**The Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild** is having a show July 27-28. More info to follow.

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**Genesee Star Quilters** present: **A Garden of Quilts!** Near Flint. Friday May 3, 2024 10 am - 5 pm. Saturday May 4, 2024 10 am - 4 pm Admission \$7

Cornerstone Baptist Church 6273 Miller Road, Swartz Creek, MI 48473. **SHOW ENTRANCE IS AT BACK OF CHURCH PARKING LOT!** Over 120 quilts on display. The Stars Boutique has hundreds of totes, quilted table runners, place mats, and a few small quilts and baby quilts for sale. We have amazing vendors and so much more! Hope to see you there.

**Hop on the Bus! Still a spot or two left! April 20th, 2024.** We will be going to 6 quilt shops total. Our dinner will be at Essenhouse in Middlebury, Indiana. The cost of the trip is \$60, which is due immediately. The cost of dinner is *not* included with the \$60. Also, there are no refunds. If you need a replacement that will be up to you to find someone.



Contact Sandy Guild at 517-515-9710, or mail payment to her at 120 East Kent St., Grand Ledge MI. 48837.





**MAY**

- Borszich, Jackie 5/1
- Donaldson, Beth 5/1
- Kesti, Sue 5/8
- Putnam, John 5/9
- Smith, Kathy 5/9
- Nester, Rosemary 5/10
- Cheney, Peg 5/13
- Scott, Janet 5/13
- Ruess, Nancy 5/16
- Zavala, Shelly 5/16
- Thomas, Cathy 5/21
- Kaufmann, Jean 5/22
- Koenigsknecht, Janice 5/22
- Hewitt, Elaine 5/27
- Nickols, Kay 5/28

**JUNE**

- Day, Deb 6/1
- Hollowick, Barb 6/7
- Hall, Regina 6/13
- Guild, Sandra 6/16
- Dibert, Lise 6/22
- Miller, Linda 6/22
- Cole, Lori 6/23
- Gaier, Sharon 6/30



**CCQG IN THE COMMUNITY**

Deb Feldpausch reports that our last Heartwarmers Parade brought in 7 Hospice Quilts and 54 Angel Quilts. Amazing work, CCQG!

**PRESIDENT'S BLOCKS**

Instructions are available on the Guild website under Activities. Printed instructions are available at meetings on the Vice-President's table. Below is Lise's choice—A Friendship Star. A nice, easy block. (But funny how the easy ones sometimes give us the most grief!)



**DUE\$ FOR 2024-25**

Dues for the current year should be paid by the May meeting. Unfortunately, due to increased cost of printing and postage, members who wish to receive printed newsletters will need to pay an extra \$10 this year. Regular dues are still \$40.

The database will be updated after the July meeting and unpaid members will be removed.



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**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 or more fat quarters (18" x 22") to that meeting, and enter your name in the drawing for each 1/4 you bring. Good luck!

APRIL—Blue & White

MAY-Flowers

JUNE-Birds

By the way, you don't have to buy fat quarters to play. You can cut 18x22" FQs from your stash.



**MEMBER PROFILE—Cindy Reisig**

Hi! I'm Cindy Stafford-Reisig of DeWitt - wife, mom and quilter! My day job is with the Michigan Association of School Boards supporting Michigan's dedicated board members with educational offerings and services.



I joined CCQG in the mid-nineties. Unlike the experienced quilters who typically join, I learned how to quilt making "mini-treats." Like our current monthly fat quarter drawing, back then we made 6-8" themed blocks for a monthly drawing. I used blocks that I won in one of the monthly drawings towards my first quilt, which had over 2,000 pieces. My quilting path has included the Charming Ladies small group, teaching at Country Stitches in East Lansing and now commission work refurbishing family quilts, creating t-shirt quilts and other requests. I've developed quality friendships through the Guild and show and tell motivates me to use my God-given talents. I look forward to meeting you!

**NAMETAGS ENCOURAGED**

We no longer need to use masks, but nametags are still a good idea at meetings. Now that we can see our faces again, we can put names to those faces! Stick-on tags are available at the sign in desk if you don't have your own.

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See us on the web!  
[CapitalCityQuiltGuild.org](http://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.

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Next newsletter deadline: June 1, 2024

