



AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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OCTOBER Dolls and Bears will be distributed to be returned at the November meeting. Reminder: finish your quilt for your doll or bear.

Shae Vaughn will present historical quilting topics such as fabrics and techniques over the years. Shae owns Stitchery Niche in Kalamazoo.

NOVEMBER Dolls and bears are returned. Our annual auction! Bring complete quilts, quilting items and fabric. Bundling items and a brief description is always appreciated. *No patterns, books or magazines.* Half of the proceeds support our Greater Lansing Food Bank.

RAFFLE QUILTS—here are just four of the seven quilts to be raffled.



We are in desperate need of a few more volunteers for the Apple Butter Festival located at Fenner Nature Center on **October 19th**.

If you are able to attend, even for a short time, please contact Joyce Barker at (517) 588-8355 or Kathy Booth (517) 371-1754.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Autumn has arrived! The trees have begun to change colors. It won't be long and they will be falling and I will be busy raking leaves. October is my birth month. Therefore, I love this time of year. Pumpkins, caramel apples and Halloween are some of my favorite things in the Fall.

I finished my last camping trip to Holland last month. It was a little lonely as it was the first time without my camping buddy, my dog, Bella. She crossed the rainbow bridge as a result of a heart condition. I had a great time with my camping friends, however, and they have 9 or more dogs combined so there was plenty of dog love readily available. The weather was perfect. I went to the beach, Farmer's Market, shopping downtown, and a bike ride to Bowerman Blueberries Farm Market. I also shopped at Pressing Matters Quilt Shoppe. They were only open for one more hour and then closing permanently. It was sad to see another brick-and-mortar quilt store close, but I was happy for the owner who was retiring.

My two year old grandson started Montessori pre-school for half days. My oldest grand-daughter turned 16 and got her driver's license! I just got a new puppy! Her name is Maggie. She is a 4 month old Havipoo (Havanese & Poodle). She is a bundle of energy! She will definitely keep me busy.

Thank you to the Guild members who donated quilts for the raffle! There are seven beautiful quilts that you can help raise money for the Guild by selling tickets. We will have a booth in Novi at the Original Sewing & Quilt Expo November 14, 15, & 16. We will be selling tickets for the raffle, and we will be promoting our Guild to prospective visitors and new members. Winners will be drawn at our November meeting.

I am currently sewing a foundation pieced quilt with Legit Kits called "Deep Dive." It is a Block of the Month, which is a sea turtle. It is halfway done, and I am just starting Month Seven of the BOM. I have also completed several table runners that will be gifts. I am a huge fan of Gudrun Erla from GE Designs. Therefore, I am starting a small group that will make all of her quilts in her new book "Stripology Quickies" over the next year. See the newsletter page 3 for details or contact me personally.

"I turn thread and fabric into quilts. What's your Superpower?"

Kathy Kittle, Madam President

SHOW AND TELL THEMES

OCTOBER Charity quilts/Fall themed quilts

NOVEMBER Small quilts

DECEMBER Creatures great and small



MARCH 7-9, 2025: Spring Retreat. See Sandy Guild or Laura Baert if you have questions. There will be interesting prizes this time! Cost is \$160.



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Jerry will be at our meeting this month and will sharpen scissors! No set fee, just whatever you want to pay.

HAPPENINGS

NOVEMBER 14-16: ORIGINAL SEWING & QUILT EXPO in Novi. This event is a money-maker for the Guild; we usually sell a LOT of raffle tickets here. Please consider representing the Guild by manning our table. Speaking of raffles, one is being planned for our November 21 meeting. If you have a quilt to donate (even if it's still unfinished now) let a Board member know.

NEW SMALL GROUP The new small group (They Who Shall Not Be Named—yet) is about to start a new project and if you want to join a group where we do specific projects together, please come and check us out. Last time we did a block exchange with each member making a specific block for each other. This time we will be building our own quilts using techniques that we draw each month. You use your own fabric, style and size. We meet on the **4th Saturday of the month at 1:00** at Jean Kaufmann's house. The next meeting is **October 26**. Let Jean know if you plan to attend.

I started a small group dedicated to GE Quilt Design patterns. For the next year we will make quilts from Gudrun Erla's new "Stripology Quickies" book. Each month we will watch a video class for the featured pattern, pick out fabric, and have a fun social time getting to know each other better! Meeting days/times are still being determined so see me if you are interested at (517) 775-0565 or kittlequilting@gmail.com. All of Gudrun's patterns include instructions for cutting with Stripology rulers **AND** regular rulers. If you do not own a Stripology ruler, don't worry. *Kathy Kittle*



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We Make Quilts written by Billie Piazza

We dream, we plan

We measure, we count

We cut, we press, we fold

We sew it in

We rip it out

We look, we see

We make quilts!

We touch it, we study it

We display it

We love it, hate it, cry over it

We laugh out loud about it

We make quilts!

We open our hearts in giving

We give out hugs in receiving

We teach and we are taught

We go where no needle has gone before

We work to keep the old ways alive

We make quilts! Come and join us!

How does an idea come in for the next quilt we make?

written by Billie Piazza

It comes in

Quietly, on tiptoe

Dimly in the half dark

Sideways and backwards

Even inside out

No pounding drums

No soaring trumpets

But more like birdsong

You know how birds are

They can wake up

Hundreds of people to a fresh new day

Or sing them off gently

To a night of peaceful dreams.



CCQG IN THE COMMUNITY

We received this note from a quilt recipient:

“Hello,

My family received quilt H24408 at Sparrow Hospital during Judi's final days. It was unexpected and so appreciated. People pack bags to go to the hospital when expecting a birth but we never pack a bag as we never expect the death. That quilt brought us so much comfort, brightened the room and kept her warm, as she was always cold.

Once we get things going with the Estate we would like to make a donation specifically for the Hospice Quilts - I'm not sure how it works... if we are able to donate back to the person/crew that quilted this one so they have the supplies to make the next one or if it must go into a general fund. Either way, please let us know who to make a check payable to and the correct address to send it to. Thank you, Jen Sokol”

Editor's Note: We did receive a wonderful \$200 donation from the family.

On October 11, 37 Angel Quilts and 13 Hospice Quilts were delivered to Sparrow. The next day 50 Heartwarmer Quilts and 5 Bereavement Quilts were also delivered. Three of the Heartwarmers were donated by the Yards of Fabric shop in Mason from their display inventory.

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NOVEMBER

- Stiffler, Peg 11/7
- Harte, Ellie 11/8
- Mueller, Louise 11/11
- Waligorski, Jane 11/11
- Hollenbeck, Jo 11/14
- Wexler, Sharon 11/20
- Gagliano, Jan 11/26
- Barrett, Sharon 11/30

DECEMBER

- Forro, Denise 12/1
- Bieber, Nancy 12/4
- Schon, Carol 12/8
- Barnhizer, Christa 12/12
- Leonard, Anne 12/12
- Freed, Ruby 12/14
- Wilkinson, Bev 12/14
- Arnold, Peg 12/15
- Mielock, Cindy 12/16
- Black, Leah 12/31

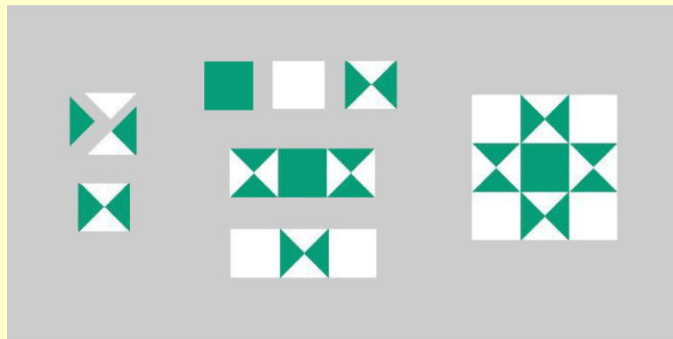
PRESIDENT'S BLOCKS

Block Instructions

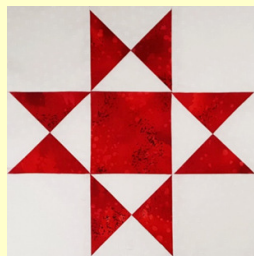
Cut from your background WHITE fabric (shown in white below):
 4 – 4½” squares
 2 – 5 ¼” squares to make QST. Make your QST and trim to 4 ½”

Cut from your focus RED fabric (shown in green below):
 1 – 4½” square
 2 – 5 ¼” squares to make QST. Make your QST and trim to 4 ½”

Piece like this:



But should look like this:

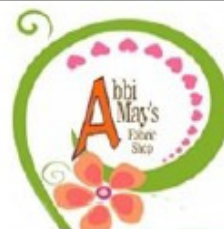


Block should be 12 1/2” cut, 12” sewn.



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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!

OCTOBER-Smiley Faces NOVEMBER-Woodland Creatures DECEMBER-Bears

And you don't have to buy fat quarters. You can cut 18x22" FQs from your stash.

MEMBER PROFILE—**Jolee Hamlin** Jolee is our Program Chair

I developed an interest in quilting well before I began to do it myself. In college, I took several courses which reflected on both quilting specifically and other ways women expressed themselves creatively throughout history. While sewing and quiltmaking were necessary skills for generations upon generations of women, they also were a rare means of conveying creativity, self-expression and artistry – often while ‘making do,’ or using just what was on hand. At the same time, women in my own family modeled a history of exceptional sewing and quilting skills. My grandmother worked at JCPenney back in the day when they had a ‘yard goods’ department. She’d bring home fabric time and again, whipping up dresses, skirts, or a new slip cover – all from only a vision in her head, without the benefit of a pattern. My mom took after her, having a glorious knack for garment making. I also had a favorite aunt who used every piece of fabric ever thrown her way to make a new quilted creation or to breathe new life into previously treasured pieces. I knew that someday, I wanted both to develop my own talent and to pay homage to those ‘who sewed before me.’

Today, I have been quilting for about 25 years. For the first several years, I only sewed in the summers when I was at my parents’ lakeside cottage. There, having a break from the rigmarole of daily life, I would have an extra set of hands to watch my little ones who were pitter patter about. Nowadays, I seem to dream quilts. Every night, I go to bed, thinking about my current and future projects. I like both the opportunity to create a beautiful quilt with confidence and the opportunity to push myself to continue to develop new skills and expertise. I love the fellowship quilting has afforded me around a shared interest, around which I can enjoy laughter, friendship and encouragement... and SOOO very much talent!



Jolee and her beloved Aunt Jane, her favorite quilting partner.

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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.

Next newsletter deadline: December 1, 2024

