



AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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2025 SPRING RETREAT

MARCH 7—9

Okemos Event Center, 2187 University Park Drive, Okemos

Cost: \$160 per person includes sewing room from 9am Friday until 3pm Sunday. PAYMENT IS DUE DECEMBER 19TH. After that, the retreat will be offered to non-members.

You'll get a 6' table per person. There will be ironing boards, irons, and cutting mats available for all to use. If you have any of these to share, please let Sandy or Laura know.

Meals: Friday lunch and dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday lunch. Breakfast is available for those who are staying at the Comfort Inn. Please feel free to bring a snack for our snack table. There will be a **Garage Sale** table. Please label all the items you want to sell with your name and price.

Hotel rate is \$109 plus tax per night. All reservations need to be made 21 days prior to the event. *Be sure to ask for the Capitol City Quilt Guild block rate.* Call directly at 517-347-6690.

This year's theme is Down on the Farm.

Activities: Blotto Blocks: Make a quilt block (as many as you like) to be entered into the drawing to win the blocks. Blocks can be any size and must have the Down on the Farm theme. Depending on how many are received, there could be multiple winners.

Left, Right, Center: If you wish to play LRC bring 3 batik, shop-quality, fat quarters. We will play 3 games so you will need 3 FQs per game to play (9 total for all 3 games). Play as many times as you like.

There will be other games explained at the retreat.

Contact Sandy Guild at 517-627-9848 rsguild@comcast.net, or Laura Baert at 989-802-1051 laura_baert@yahoo.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear CCQG Members,

The holidays have arrived! I spent Thanksgiving with my daughter, son-in-law, grandson, my mom and my daughter's in-laws. We had a lovely dinner and time together. I will be spending Christmas at my daughter's in-laws opening gifts and feasting on a prime rib dinner. My son and his family live in North Carolina, therefore, I will be shipping their gifts. I have already ordered my grand-daughter's gifts and have most of my shopping completed. I put up my Christmas tree and have decorated my house for Christmas. I am feeling quite accomplished! Let the festivities begin!

My son, David, and his business partner were on Shark Tank pitching their FOAM cooler. which is a lightweight beach cooler made out of the same material as Croc shoes. The highlight of the show was when they had a steamroller come into the studio and run over the cooler. It popped right back to its original shape! As the steamroller was backing up to exit the studio, it ran into the stage damaging it. They ended up with a deal with Daymond! I'm so proud of my son, and I hope his business is very successful!

Are you busy sewing quilts or last minute projects to give as gifts? This is a busy time of year, but I always find time to sew! Happy Holidays! Let us sew, let us sew, let us sew!

Kathy Kittle
Madam President

SHOW AND TELL THEMES

DECEMBER Creatures great and small

JANUARY UFO Challenge Show & Tell: Bring quilts that you have started or even never got beyond throwing everything in the closet from the beginning.

FEBRUARY Sampler Quilts

MARCH Green Quilts Show & Tell: we're feeling the luck o' the Irish this month. Bring quilts spotlighting or using the color **GREEN** . Plus a favorite is back: The UGLY Ugly Quilt Competition.

SMALL GROUPS

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. *No meeting in December.*

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! **Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1: 00 pm** at 6428 Norburn Way, Lansing. Contact 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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Pfaff, Husqvarna Viking, Baby Lock, Bernina, Juki Sewing Machines and Cabinets -- new and used, overstock, open boxes, old models, new models, lots of machines and cabinets up to 70% off manufacturer's suggested retail

East Lansing Only: 100% Cottons - 500 Bolts at 30-50% Off | Samples for Sale

Jackson Only: NEW! One Yard Pieces on Sale

BROWN BAG MYSTERY 2025: "DEALER'S CHOICE"

Kits go on sale February 1st, 2025 - Join the fun! Choose your kit based on the feature fabric peeking out of the bag. One clue is revealed every 2 weeks starting mid March. The pattern is easy enough for a "Confident Beginner." There is also a private Facebook group where Karen, the pattern designer, will teach each clue. Finished size 50" x 66." Call for more details.

Besides being fun, our raffle is a great money-maker for the Guild. This year the raffle brought in a total of \$1,628.77!



Want to recycle your old textile scraps? Bring them in to Grandma's Thimble Quilt Shop, 117 W Main St, Stanton, MI 48888, during regular business hours and they will send them to The Acorn Resale Shop in Rockford. They take ANYTHING TEXTILE! Threads, any size fabric scraps, socks, towels, blankets, sheets, pillows, blankets, T-shirts, mattress pads, even cloth tennis shoes...anything that is a textile. *Including batting!*



CCQG IN THE COMMUNITY

Our Auction brought in \$732 so we gave \$366 to the **Greater Lansing Food Bank**. Our donations are especially appreciated this time of the year.

Again this year we provided the **Salvation Army** with 50 dolls and bears. These will be paired by the Army with doll beds and other toys to make sure all their clients have a great Christmas. Ann Newell, who leads this effort, says she is so proud of our Guild. And we're proud of you and your helpers, Ann!



Many THANKS to Jean Carlson who donated postage for printed newsletters for many years. This expense will now be covered in part by the extra \$5 fee charged to those who get a printed copy via the US Mail or at meetings. FYI the cost of printing each copy is \$1.20. With 6 issues per year, the \$5 fee does not cover the printing cost, and mailing costs are due for more increases to the current 73 cents next year. Please consider opting out of a printed newsletter. The Board may have to increase the printed version fee.

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JANUARY

- Harvey, Rose 1/8
- Asmann, Jan Lee 1/10
- Brandt, Danita 1/10
- Weatherspoon, Lola 1/16
- Keesler, Janet 1/17
- Bus, Bonnie 1/28

FEBRUARY

- Preston, Carol 2/1
- Booth, Kathy 2/7
- Babcock, Janet 2/14
- Ezell, Charlaine 2/15
- Holem, Marie 2/20
- Easterling, Diane 2/21
- Martens, Deb 2/25

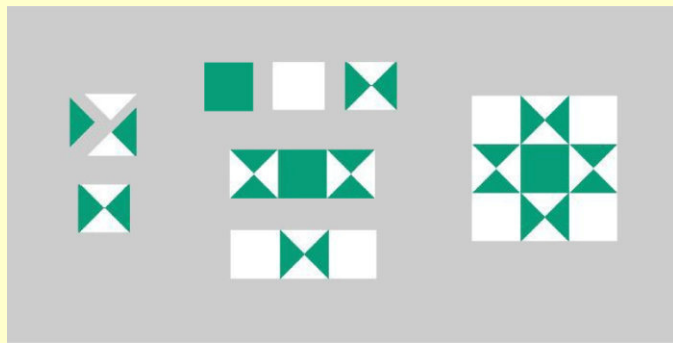
PRESIDENT'S BLOCKS

Block Instructions

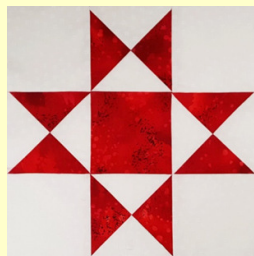
Cut from your background **WHITE** fabric (shown in white below):
 4 – 4½” squares
 2 – 5¼” squares to make QST. Make your QST and trim to 4½”

Cut from your focus **RED** fabric (shown in green below):
 1 – 4½” square
 2 – 5¼” squares to make QST. Make your QST and trim to 4½”

Piece like this:



Block should look like this:

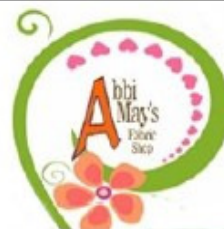


Block should be 12 1/2” cut, 12” sewn. Please *sign* your block, bring it to the guild meeting and leave it at the Vice President’s table.



Mon. - Sat. 10 am - 4pm
 Sun. 12 noon - 4 pm
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FAT CHANCES For the whole year.

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!

DECEMBER '24-Bears	JANUARY- White	FEBRUARY- Red
MARCH-Green	APRIL-Pink	MAY-Purple
JUNE-Blue	JULY-Yellow	AUGUST-Orange
SEPTEMBER-Brown	OCTOBER-Cream	NOVEMBER-Gray
DECEMBER '25-Gold		

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



Retreats are SEW much fun!

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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

As The Needle Turns is published 6 times per year in the even-numbered months. Deadline for submission is the 1st of all even-numbered 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/\$64 per year; Quarter Page (3 1/2" wide x 4 1/2" high) \$18 per issue/\$97 per year; Half Page (7 1/2" wide x 5" high) \$36 per issue/\$194 per year. Member want ads are \$3 per issue. Full year ads receive a 10% discount.

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: February 1, 2025

