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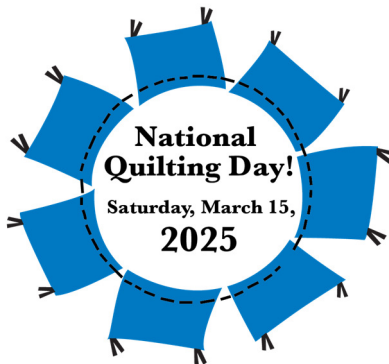
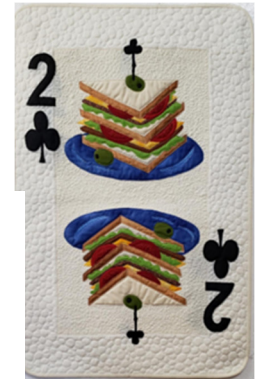
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FEBRUARY Global Mending Traditions and Visible Mending Demonstration

Jessy Gregg from Seams Sewing & Mercantile (East Lansing) is our speaker. Learn about historical, traditional and global mending traditions. We will have an opportunity to learn basic sashiko running stitches. For a nominal cost, members will have the chance to purchase a kit on-site to practice along, if they wish.

MARCH Ugly Quilt Competition Let the showdown begin! Our annual competition where we can share the best of our worst always promises to bring a laughter-filled good time. The uglier, the better!

APRIL Trunk show by Guild member Carla Green.



NATIONAL QUILTING DAY this year is on Saturday, March 15, 9am-4pm, at First Presbyterian Church, 2021 Aurelius Road (corner of Holt and Aurelius Roads). Bring two non-perishable items for the food bank and your lunch (or plan to go out or get delivery). Also, please bring a few 6 1/2" squares of light, neutral fabric.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 2025! I hope this year brings you health, happiness & lots of quilting! Be sure to join us in our UFO Challenge and get those quilts and projects finished!

Consider attending our Spring Retreat March 7-9th. You can contact Sandy Guild or Laura Baert for more information. The cost is \$160. This retreat is always enjoyable. It's a great way to get to know other Guild members better, enjoy delicious food, and get a lot of sewing accomplished. Unfortunately, I will not be attending this year because I had already committed to another sewing retreat that was scheduled the same dates. I will miss you.

It's not too early to consider joining the 2024-2025 CCQG Board. There are several positions available.* We meet once a month via ZOOM for an hour or less. You can view the position descriptions on our website under the Member tab. It doesn't require a lot of time or prior experience. It just requires a willing heart. It takes all of us working together to make our Guild successful.

"Live Life Like a Quilt"...be soft when its important, be warm when its cold, be proud to show your true colors, and always scrap together when times are tough.

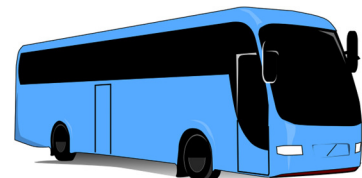
Kathy Kittle

Madam President

**Editor's note: Although I won't mind another year as newsletter editor and have agreed to do so, if anyone is interested in taking over, let's talk. I don't want anyone to assume I'm locked in if your creative nature calls.*

SHIPSHEWANA BUS TRIP April 12, 2025. Seats still available.

Leaves 7AM from the Michaels parking lot on Marketplace Blvd. Returns at 7PM from the Essenhaus Restaurant. Cost is \$60, due March 1st, and is non-refundable. Shops included are Quilts at Marshall House, Lolly's, Caroline's, Yoder's, Cotton Shop, Essenhaus Quilt Shop. Contact Sandy Guild at 517-515-7910 rsguild@comcast.net.



SHOW AND TELL THEMES

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**, or ugly quilts.

APRIL Children's Quilts

MAY UFO Challenge

JUNE Garden Quilts



Nine of Spades
"Card"

See page 7

SMALL GROUPS

Jean Kaufmann's small group meets on the **4th Saturday of the month at 1:00** at Jean's house.

Stripology Quickies Small Group makes quilts from Gudrun Erla's new "Stripology Quickies" book. Each month they 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 Kathy Kittle at (517) 775-0565 or kittlequilting@gmail.com.

Our **Piecemakers** small group donated a quilt to the Greater Lansing Food Bank's upcoming auction. Great work, ladies!





2025 Quilt Show
Going to Pieces
Ingham County Fairgrounds
Main Arena
700 E Ash St,
Mason Michigan
Friday October 10, 2025 10am-4pm
Saturday October 11, 2025 10am-4pm

Silent Auction The next eight months will fly by so please consider starting to collect items for the Silent Auction at the quilt show.

Use your imagination! Get out those UFOs and finish them up or find some old orphan blocks and turn them into a tote bag or potholders. For the larger (bed size) UFOs, consider turning them in as they are with an explanation of how much of the project has already been completed. This may work for those

quilts as we don't seem to bring in what a large quilt is worth at the auction considering all your hard work, but may get a more fair price for the UFO. We did have a few quilt tops that did well last year.

Items that do especially well at the auction are wall hangings, table toppers and small quilts. Other great quilted items include potholders, placemats, purses and tote bags. You may also donate embellished items (sweatshirts, t-shirts, and towels) or sewn items like aprons, pillowcases, dolls or pillows. When donating an item, please complete a donation form which includes a minimum bid amount. We feel the donor should have some input as to the value of the donated item. This amount will be listed on the grid sheet for the first bid. Items will not be auctioned for less than the minimum bid and will be returned to the donor in that case.

Donation forms will be available at Guild meetings on the Vice President's table or from me, Ann Newell. They will also be on the CCQG website under the Forms tab. For questions please contact me at 517-281-0072 or via email at margaretann3@comcast.net.

Thank you in advance for all the beautiful items I know you will donate. I know they will make our Silent Auction a success as it has been in the past.

-Ann

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

FRIENDS QUILTING BASKET in Lake Odessa is moving to a new, bigger space! A grand re-opening will be held Feb. 20-22. They are celebrating being open 15 years so there is 15% off regular-priced items plus some \$15 specials. Check out their website at friendsquiltingbasket.com. 821 4th Ave, Lake Odessa, 616-374-3060. Hours: M-F 10-5, Sat 10-3, Closed Sunday. It's so good to see our favorite shops thrive!



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, sheets, pillows, blankets, T-shirts, mattress pads, even cloth tennis shoes...anything that is a textile, *including batting!* Note: *This is a great little shop, definitely worth the drive.*

This looks to be a great sale. **Over The River Estate Sales**
Estate of Tim Latimer, award winning quilter.
 417 Kilborn, Lansing, MI Feb. 20, 21, 10-5; Feb. 22 10-3
 Over 30 quilts, 90 quilt tops, quilt blocks, fabric, quilting supplies, sewing machines (electric and treadle), much more.
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MARCH

- Rosenberger, Marsha 3/1
- Chamberlain, De 3/6
- Reisig, Cindy 3/10
- Borton, Teresa 3/11
- Kerr, Kathy 3/11
- Wallace, Penny 3/12
- Mason, Dace 3/15
- Smith, Pat 3/18
- Green, Carla 3/20
- Priller, Chelane 3/23

APRIL

- Preston, Carol 2/1
- Piazza, Billie 4/4
- Hoelzer-Maddox,
Victoria 4/7
- Sanchez, Alicia 4/15
- Riggio, Kari 4/16
- Shebuski, Marie 4/26

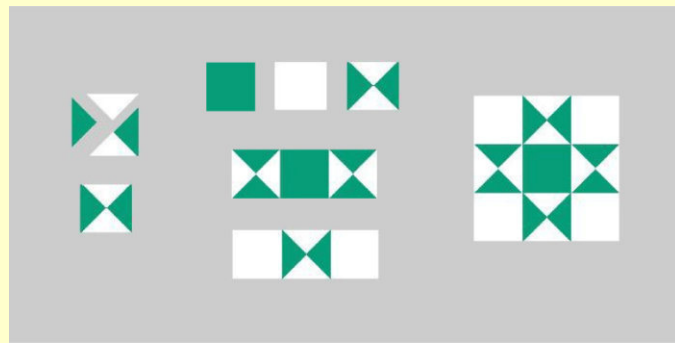
PRESIDENT'S BLOCKS

Block Instructions

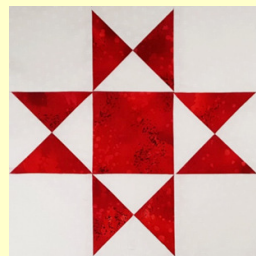
Cut from your background WHITE fabric (shown in white below):
 4 – 4½” squares
 2 – 5 ¼” squares to make QST. Make your QST and trim to 4 ½”

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:



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.

Quilts
at the
Marshall House



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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!

FEBRUARY- Red MARCH-Green APRIL-Pink MAY-Purple JUNE-Blue
 JULY-Yellow AUGUST-Orange SEPTEMBER-Brown



2025 CHALLENGE QUILT—DECK OF CARDS

Well this will test your creativity! Quilts will depict a playing card. Sizes are determined by a 5:7 ratio so that the quilt's width and length use the same ratio as standard playing cards. A flyer will be available at meetings starting in February. Quilts will be shared at the AUGUST meeting. Examples pop up around in this newsletter. Can you find all four?



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Spin the wheel and receive from 20% to 40% off fabric, notions, books, patterns, threads, sewing machine accessories, Floriani and OESD products. After spinning you can pick out everything you want to buy and receive your discount.



(Limit one lucky spin per person per day. Not good with other specials. Blue Loyalty Cards not marked.)

MON. MARCH 17 - SAT. MARCH 22

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.

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Next newsletter deadline: April 1, 2025

