



AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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December Meeting:

RAFFLE to be held in the parking lot at our old location at 7pm by Danita and Deb. They will then join us at our new location to announce the winner(s).

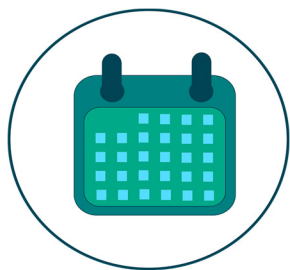
Holiday Party

We'll enjoy the season together with food, games, fabric and gifts!

What to bring:

- A small treat or dish to pass. Water will be provided
- 3-6 coordinated fat quarters for games of Left-Right-Center
- A quilting or sewing themed wrapped gift with a value of under \$20 for the exchange

Show & Tell: Seeing Stars! NO LIBRARY AT THIS MEETING



MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Spring Retreat

March 6-8, 2026. \$160 payment is due from members by December 19th. Contact Sandy Guild if you have questions at 517-627-9848, 517-515-9710, or rsguild@comcast.net. Rooms can be booked by calling the hotel directly at 517-347-6690. *Be sure to ask for the Guild block rate.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Winter rolled in with quite a bit of enthusiasm. Which means it's a great time for extra quilting. Hope you are able to take advantage of the opportunity.

Thanks to all who participated in the Bears & Dolls project. Surely your efforts are warming the hearts of children throughout our community this holiday season.

Thanks too, to everyone who organized and supported the Guild's raffle. The quilts are exceptional and makers are quite generous to donate them.

We have a lot to be thankful for and much to look forward to in 2026, including a fun workshop, spring retreat, and stellar presenters and programs. But perhaps best of all is the fellowship among crafters. Wishing everyone a safe, healthy, and happy winter season.

Peg

I have to give a shout out to our printers, Gladstones. They've been printing our newsletters for more years than I'm aware of. They treat us so well even though our bi-monthly order of 20 newsletters must be the smallest order they do. I was especially grateful for their "curbside delivery" of the last issue when they knew I was still not in shape to hop in and out of my car. Please consider Gladstones for your printing needs.

Newsletter Editor



PROGRAMS

January Meeting:

Jessica Lemon & Lemon Quilts, Batting: Understanding, Selecting & All Sorts of Tips & Tricks!

Choosing the right batting is an essential aspect of quilting. Join the Lemon Quilts team from Caledonia MI in understanding different types of batting, selecting the best batting for various projects, and learning all sorts of tips & tricks for working with batting. An interactive Q&A session will allow you to seek personalized advice for your own quilting. Whether a seasoned quilter seeing to enhance your skills or a beginner eager to learn, this lecture promises a treasure trove of knowledge.

Workshop: January 24th

9:30am-2pm Postcards Quilt Workshop with Lisa Ruble Swenson of Quilt Zesty

Bernatex designer, pattern creator and owner of Quilty Zest, Lisa Ruble Swenson, will lead this delightful workshop spotlighting her unique 'postcard size' trios of quilts. You will have a choice of sets to create based on either her Nature Unfiltered or Find Your Way fabric lines.

For more information including project and supply details, please contact Jolee Hamlin at hamlinj@cadl.org or 517.974.9020. Details also will be available at monthly meetings.

February Meeting: Jane Stickle Quilts with Master Quilter C.J. Spensley

CJ Spensley started sewing in 3rd grade. By high school, she sewed all her own clothes! She has taught various quilting classes, has made more than 500 quilts, and has won multiple Best in Show awards. CJ currently directs the biannual Jane Stickle Quilt Retreat for Das Essenhaus in Shipshewana, IN. The retreat focuses on recreating the linen and cotton quilt that, in 1863, Jane Stickle made with 169 five-inch blocks composed of over 5600 pieces! CJ will share some of the quilt's history, her background, and amazing samples of her recreated Jane Stickle quilts.



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New Year
2026

**WIN 20% OFF FOR
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One person will win 20% off everything they purchase for their personal use during all of 2026.

No purchase necessary to win.
Free Gift for the first 100

Come in and see many ways to earn more entry slips!
Great Deals on closeout items!

COUNTRY STITCHES
2026 KICK OFF EVENT!

Join Ann to see all four of the Country Stitches 2026 "Monthly" Programs!

Get an exclusive first look at the exciting new quilts and projects we have in store for you this year!

You can sign up online or call or stop in. *Space is limited!

JOIN US IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL!
January 24, 2026, 10:30am-12:30pm
East Lansing, MI & Jackson, MI

SUPER BOWL SALE

HUNDREDS OF SALE ITEMS
East Lansing - February 6th & 7th

- 100% Cottons - 500 Bolts including Andover, Benartex, Hoffman, Timeless treasure and more - 30-50% Off
- Kits - Selected Kits - 30-50% Off
- Samples for Sale!
- Sewing machine Feet, Hoops & Accessories - 25% Off
- OESD & Floriani Stabilizer - 25% Off

Pfaff, Husqvarna Viking, Baby Lock, Bernina, Juki Sewing machines and cabinets - new & used, overstock, open boxes, old models, new models, lots of machines and cabinets up to 70% off manufacturer's suggested retail

Jackson - February 6th & 7th

- Sewing machine Feet, Hoops & Accessories - 25% Off
- Kits - Selected Kits - 30-50% Off
- New! - One-Yard Pieces on Sale
- OESD & Floriani Stabilizer - 25% Off

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FEATHERWEIGHT FOR SALE

\$350

One clasp on case is floppy but doesn't affect use. New cases can be found online starting around \$100.

See Cathy Thomas or email

cathy@LGQuilting.com, or call 517-420-8956

Come Sew With Us

Finally it is coffee (tea for me), cozy, crafting time of year again! We hope your machines are humming and many happy projects are being completed. But if there is a skip or clunk in your machine we have added a coupon to help get you back to happy sewing again!

Come see us in **January** for **clearance** deals in both our sewing and vacuum departments.

Select **fabrics** are currently on **sale!**



The Gall Sewing Family



VACUUM REPAIR/TUNE-UP (any make/model) **\$25 OFF**

Includes:

- clean, oil, lube
- suction test
- inspect all moving parts
- inspect electrical system

Plus **FREE**
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SEWING MACHINE REPAIR **\$25 OFF**

Includes:

- cleaning & oiling of any household sewing machine
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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
 Harris, Stacy 1/24
 Bus, Bonnie 1/28
 Liebold, Pamela 1/31

FEBRUARY

Brouwer, Rosanne 2/1
 Preston, Carol 2/1
 Booth, Kathy 2/7
 Babcock, Janet 2/14
 Ezell, Charlaine 2/15
 Easterling, Diane 2/21
 Martens, Deb 2/25

We're sad to
 announce the
 passing of
 Eleanor "Ellie"
 Harte.



PRESIDENT'S BLOCKS

Block Instructions

25 patch Checkerboard with Light fabric on all four corners

Fabric colors: Light- cream/white and Dark- Navy

Light fabrics (cream/white) - $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 32\frac{1}{2}"$

Subcut into 3 - $7\frac{1}{2}" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$

Subcut into 2 - $5\frac{1}{2}" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$

Dark Fabric (navy) - $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 30"$

Subcut into 2 - $7\frac{1}{2}" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$

Subcut into 3 - $5\frac{1}{2}" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$

Sew $7\frac{1}{2}$ strips long sides together, in alternating colors beginning with Light fabric (Light/Dark/Light/Dark/Light)

Press all seams toward dark

Cross cut into 3 - $2\frac{1}{2}$ units (A)

Sew $5\frac{1}{2}$ strips long sides together, in alternating colors beginning with Dark fabric (Dark/Light/Dark/Light/Dark)

Press all seams toward dark

Cross cut into 2 - $2\frac{1}{2}$ units (B)

Piece like this:

Sew units together in alternating order (A/B/A/B/A)

Remember to have Light fabric in the four corners

Block should look like this:

Block should be $10\frac{1}{2}" \times 10\frac{1}{2}"$ pieced.

Please sign your block, bring it to the guild meeting and leave it at the Vice President's table.



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!

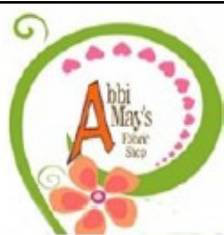
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The Capitol City Quilt Guild usually meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm **Edgewood United Church**
469 N Hagadorn Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
NEW LOCATION

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.

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Next newsletter deadline: Feb. 1, 2026

