



AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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PROGRAMS

APRIL

Too Cool T-shirt Quilts with Andrea Funk ALSO IN MAY: Offering a T-shirt Quilt Class with Andrea Funk; Date: TBD

Board Elections

MAY

Two Rulers, Countless Quilts:

Selena Krajewski, Owner – Green Apple Quilt Shop

Enjoy a fun evening with Selena Krajewski, pattern designer and owner of online quilt shop, Green Apple Quilt Shop. She will share all sorts of tips for working with two favorite rulers, in addition to her beautiful work and patterns.

JUNE

UFO Reveal

Bring your previously shared UFOs that you saw through to completion. We'll share our creativity, along with a bit of encouragement and fun along the way!

JULY

Whistle Stop Demos & Ice Cream Social

DUE\$ ARE DUE! But I repeat myself.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings CCQG Members!

How quickly a year passes! As I begin my adventure as President, I thank Peg for her past leadership and look forward to working with the new Board and all those with institutional and creative knowledge who do so much to keep the Guild strong.

We have an exciting year planned with speakers and activities that I hope will inspire you. I am looking forward to the result of the America the Beautiful Challenge Reveal in August and the 2-yard box activity in November. I am always awed by the creativity and expertise of our membership.

Like many of you, my mother taught me how to sew doll clothes, then clothes for myself, and for my three daughters. I have not had the decades of quilting experience that many of you have enjoyed; I started quilting with a group of 10 family members and friends when we took a “block of the month” class together in the early 2000s. That experience started me on the road to a love of quilting.

I began my longarm quilting business in April of 2020. I love helping clients turn quilt tops into quilts. I look forward to working with everyone, being inspired by so many of you, and creating together.

Happy Quilting Everyone!

Your new President, Nancy Bieber



SNOW IS GONE! Good time to get back on the road to check out shops and support them.

The All Michigan Shop Hop runs from June 1—July 31.

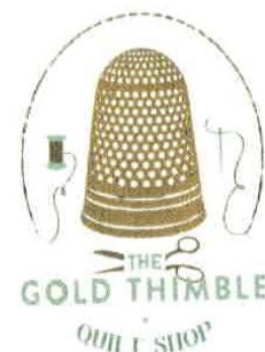
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Show & Tell Themes

APRIL-Stack and Whacks

MAY—9 Patch & Twists on 9 Patches

JUNE—UFO Challenge Quilts

JULY—Inspired by Travels

AUGUST -- “Sea-worthy” Quilts—Nautical, Water, Sea-faring, Lake Life



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MAY

- Borszich, Jackie 5/1
- Donaldson, Beth 5/1
- Lounds, Sue 5/6
- 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
- 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
- Guild, Sandra 6/16
- Weissling, Kristi 6/20
- Dibert, LisÃ© 6/22
- Miller, Linda 6/22
- Cole, Lori 6/23
- Coffin, Lori 6/27
- Gaier, Sharon 6/30

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 ½" x 32 ½"

Subcut into 3 - 7 ½" x 2 ½"

Subcut into 2 - 5 ½" x 2 ½"

Dark Fabric (navy) - 2 ½" x 30"

Subcut into 2- 7 ½" x 2 ½"

Subcut into 3- 5 ½" x 2 ½"

Sew 7 ½ 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 ½ units (A)

Sew 5 ½ 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 ½ 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 ½" x 10 ½" pieced.

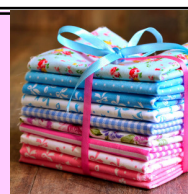
Please sign your block, bring it to the guild meeting and leave it at the Vice President's table.



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!

APRIL-Polka Dots MAY-Civil War Reproductions JUNE-Black&White



2-Yard Box Activity: Continues (Participation is optional.)

Bring 2 yards or more of a fabric from your stash to this month's meeting. Over the next nine months, different members will take a turn with the box and the fabric that you supplied. At the following month's meeting, they will return the box after having completed a 12" finished block that utilized the fabric you supplied. You also will take a box with another member's fabric home for the month. Return it at the next meeting with a completed 12" finished block using at least some of the fabric provided.

Folks will check out a new box each month. After nine months at the November meeting, each participant will get their box back with any remaining fabric, nine unique blocks made by other Guild members who each used some of the supplied fabric, and a cute box to keep.

Use this as a chance to try out new patterns, or to re-create your favorite block each month, using each participant's unique fabric. (If you know you will miss a meeting, you can call or email Jolee Hamlin to arrange delivery or an exchange of boxes.) ENJOY the experience!

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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: June 1, 2026

