

As the Needle Turns

September - October 2026 Issue



Don't Miss Our August Activities

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT GUILD MEETING

Thursday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m.
Social Time Starts: 6:30pm
Edgewood United Church
469 N Hagadorn Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

AUGUST 20TH MEETING

America the Beautiful Challenge Reveal

Share your completed America the Beautiful challenge quilts. Appreciate the swoon-worthy work of your fellow quilters and guild members.

Show & Tell Theme: "Sea-worthy" quilts – Nautical, Water, Sea-faring and Lake Life motifs

Fat Chance: 1930s Reproductions

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR 2-YARD BOX ACTIVITY

Our featured quilt's story...

This quilt started as a part of not one, but TWO projects with my small group, "No Name" (No Naa-MAY 😊). We first went through a rotation taking turns as the 'queen bee' for a month, at which time we could ask all the other members to make a specific block, a block tied to a theme or color palette, or what have you. I asked everyone to make me something... anything.... That paid homage to foxes! (Do I need to say that I love foxes?!) What a great start! We then did a play on group round robin concept, where each month, we drew different quilt techniques, blocks or method. We had to make something using at least one of the techniques drawn for the month. I decided to build on my fox blocks, and continued to use fox fabrics or motifs throughout this group project. Boy, this quilt kept getting bigger and bigger! It was great fun, though. And I so appreciate my co-quilters – Peg Arnold, Jean Kaufmann, Cathy Skelton, Ellen Mills, and Lise Dibert.

–Jolee Hamlin

Each issue of *As The Needle Turns* will feature a quilt that was shared during show and tell at a previous meeting. I choose them based on color, clarity of the photo, and how it will look in the above space. If I think your quilt will fit, I will contact you to ask permission and for a brief story or description about your quilt.

~Kristi

President's Page

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Dear Quilters,

I'm amazed how quickly the summer is passing. It seems that not long ago, I was planting my tomatoes. Now we have so many green tomatoes that my whole family is anxiously awaiting the harvest. It is almost time to make my mother's recipe for Tropical Peach Jam. Both are favorite tastes of fall.

We are looking forward to the completion of our summer project. In the game of life, we got the card that says make repairs to all your property. We had a walkway that was becoming a hazard and a deck that was showing strong signs of age. We decided that our summer project would be a new walkway and a new deck. Since we were making those repairs, we decided to enlarge our patio and add a firepit with a short wall on two sides of the firepit for extra seating. My favorite part was adding a porch swing under the deck. I've already taken advantage of relaxing in the swing when taking a break from quilting.

I am also looking forward to seeing the amazing creativity of our guild members when they show their quilts for the America the Beautiful Challenge. I am aware that by the time you read this, the reveal will have happened. I'm sure we had the opportunity to show our awe and appreciation for those who participated. Before we know it, it will be holiday season.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and have fun quilting.

Nancy

Block Instructions:

Cut from your background WHITE fabric (shown in white below):

4 - 4 ½ inch squares

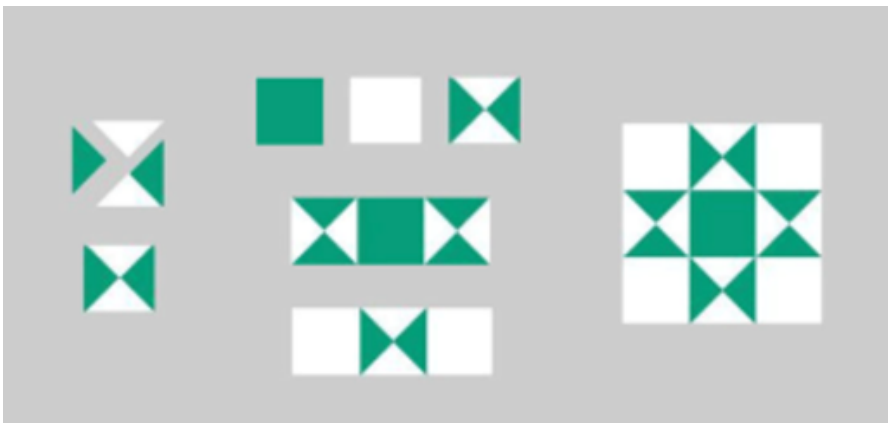
2 - 5 ¼ inch squares to make QST. Make your QST and trim to 4 ½ inches

Cut from your focus Kaffe Fassett fabric (shown in green below).

1 - 4 ½ inch square

2 - 5 ¼ inch squares to make QST. Make your QST and trim to 4 ½ inches.

Place like this:



Seam allowances are a scant ¼ inch. The green shown above represents any color of Kaffe Fassett fabrics.

Block should measure 12 ½ inches. Finished size will be 12 inches.



PRESIDENT'S BLOCK

Upcoming Programs

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SEPTEMBER 17TH MEETING

Lucinda Herring, Rescuer of Old and Vintage Quilts:
Trunk Show and Presentation

Lucinda Herring will share quilts she has rescued along with stories about how she has infused old and vintage quilts with new life. Enjoy this informative and fun presentation and trunk show! Come to see the quilts pictured below transformed!



SHOW & TELL THEME: HEARTWARMERS PARADE

OCTOBER 15TH MEETING

Ruth Ann Berry, Quilters Clinic - Trunk Show

Ruth Ann Berry—owner of the Quilters Clinic shop, designer, national speaker and instructor, and well-known author—has a great trunk show to share with us. Be sure to sign up for the class she will be hosting in town on Friday, October 30, also! Click here for information about [Ruth Ann Berry Article](#)

Show & Tell Theme: The Charming Ladies Small Group Special Show & Tell

SEVEN SISTERS SEW-IN DAY

Saturday, Oct 17th - 9am til the Stars Shine!

Sign up for our annual day of fun. Cost is \$10 per person. We will enjoy snacks, games, fabric, and quilting! Please sign up with Jolee Hamlin. Seats are very limited, so be sure to sign up soon. Call 517-974-9020 or email at hamlinj@cadl.org.

NOVEMBER 19TH MEETING

It's time for the 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!

Show & Tell Theme: Children's Quilts

DECEMBER 17TH MEETING

Our annual holiday party will be filled with food, friendship, fabric, and fun! We'll enjoy a gift exchange and a game or two. More details coming soon!

Show & Tell Theme: Batiks



Fat Chance Fabric Theme

August -1930s Reproductions

September - Lime Green

October - Plaid

November - Purple

December - Stars

JOIN US

*Like to become a member
of the guild? It's simple...*

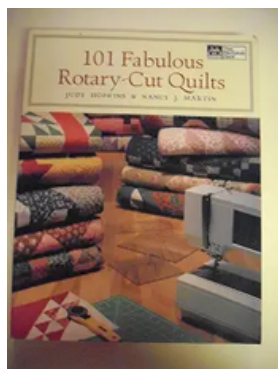
*Click Here to switch to the
Forms page where you can
download the membership
form (which shows the
membership fee), print it, fill
it out and bring it to the
next guild meeting.*

That's it!!

Extra, Extra

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CHECK OUT THE NEW BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY



101 Fabulous Rotary-Cut Quilts (900)
Judy Hopkins
Nancy J. Martin

Learn expert, timesaving techniques with this grand collection of 101 quilts from three bestselling books--now available in more than 270 quilt-packed pages



101 Nine Patch Quilts (193)
Marti Michell

Never before have there been so many None Patch designs collected between the covers of one book! Strip techniques allow even beginners to make quilts in hours, rather than months or years.

QAT QUILTERS GUILD

*QAT Quilters Guild - A 501 c 3Public Charity
In 2025 alone we donated over 2,500 handmade personal items to local Lansing charities, 751 of which were quilts. Some of those we partner with are Child & Family Services (at risk youth & foster programs), End Violent Encounters, City Rescue Mission for Women & Children, Ronald McDonald House, and Shared Pregnancy.*

We welcome donations of batting, and cotton fabrics (yardage, precuts and scraps) as well as completed quilt tops (all sizes- toddler to king) - we will finish them with batting and backing. And of course, we appreciate donations of completed quilts. Any donations should be given to Paul Bossenbroek, (paulbossenbroek@gmail.com or 517-285-4602)

DID YOU KNOW?

Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers and donations, the guild made over \$3,000.00 at the garage sale. Great job, everyone!

Things to Know

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Activities & More

FOSTER FRIDAY

Meets every Friday from 1-4pm at Foster Community Center. People work on their own projects and occasionally a group project. Machines are welcome. There is a drop-in fee of \$5, and regular attenders pay \$45 every 3 months. Contact Jan Gagliano jangag47@gmail.com or Chelane Priller chelane.priller@gmail.com

NO NAME

Meets on the 4th Saturday at 1pm, working on a shared project and group projects for charity. Contact Jean Kaufmann (jeankauf5@gmail.com)

SCRAP FEVER

Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, Sept-June, at Foster Community Center from 7-8:30 in room 211. Projects vary, but mostly the group works on charity quilts. Contact Cindy Mielock cindymielock@gmail.com

QUILTER'S TREASURE

Be sure to check out the Quilter's Treasure table at the monthly meetings, which has fabric scraps, patterns, books, notions, etc., and fun! The items are free, and new items are always welcome.

BOUTIQUE INVENTORY PROJECT

A new small group has been created "Boutique Inventory Project"! Meets the Monday **after** the Guild Meetings at Edgewood Church from 6:00- 9:00 pm in Sept, Oct, Nov, & Jan. Projects will vary; the group will work on items for the upcoming quilt show. Contact Bev Wilkinson wilkinson7614@netzero.net or Lisé Dibert rxmom80@gmail.com

CHARITY QUILTS

Are you interested in donating your time and talents to make something beautiful for deserving people? Take a look at all the quilts that our guild makes for charity. Is there one you would like to participate in? Click on the link or scan the QR Code for detailed instructions and contact information!

[Charity Quilts Information Page](#)

- Angel
- Bereavement
- Chemo Lap
- Heartwarmers
- Hospice
- Patriotic
- Coming soon - Partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace



Birthdays

August

- Laura DeYoung - 8/28
- Toya Owens - 8/28

September

- Marlene Cosgrove 9/6
- Mary Cathie Starr 9/7
- Debra Perry 9/10
- Jolee Hamlin 9/16
- Alicia Crenshaw 9/22
- Sue Ann Cole 9/25
- Kelly Sattler 9/26

October

- Joyce Lightfoot-Williams 10/1
- Barb Kantner 10/2
- Kathy Kittle 10/3
- Lynda Patriarche 10/6
- Carolyn Solomon 10/6
- Margaret McCullough 10/8
- Sara Alchin 10/9
- Cindy Gillner 10/16
- Patti Tahash 10/17
- Jacquie LaFay 10/26
- Lori Maron 10/26
- Ann Newell 10/29
- Teresa Lee 10/30

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THE Stitching HOUR
A monthly event

The Stitching Hour is frightfully fun for everyone!

Join Kimberbell for a TWO-DAY machine embroidery event! Create three spook-tacular projects—the Haunted House Gift Card Holder, Monster Stash Zipper Pouch, and Batty Candy Wrap—plus free fe-boor-lous ornaments for your included light-up tabletop tree!

Finish your tree with Bonola, Twinklaving, Sadie Spider, Pumpkin Petals, and Boo-tiful Stitches!

Date: September 30th & 1st
Location: East Lansing, MI
Time: 10am-4pm
Event Cost: \$199.99
(Lunch will be provided)
PMS: East Lansing: 517-351-2416

Hands-On Longarm Event

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EVENT SCHEDULE

Event	East Lansing	Jackson
Longarm Fundamentals	September 30, 10am-4pm	September 30, 10am-4pm
Rock Your Rulers	October 1, 10am-4pm	October 1, 10am-4pm
Pro-Stitcher Basics	October 2, 10am-4pm	October 2, 10am-4pm

Call either store to reserve your spot!
East Lansing: 517-351-2416 ext. 4 | Jackson: 517-782-7100

We have some exciting events coming up! Call or visit our website to register!

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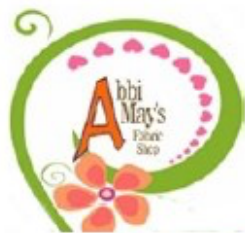
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Do you know of a business or service that should be advertised to our guild? Please send their information to Kristi or share our newsletter with them. Let's help support our local quilt stores and services.

The Capitol City Quilt Guild
usually meets the third
Thursday of each month
at 7:00 pm.

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NEW LOCATION

*As the Needle Turns is published 6
times per year in the even-
numbered months. The deadline
for submission is the 1st of every
even-numbered month. Please
email advertisements (in JPEG
format) and articles to
[Newsletter Editor](#)*

Next Newsletter Deadline: October 1, 2026



Ad sizes and rates: We offer
three ad sizes as follows:

Business Card

3 ½ " wide x 2" high
\$12 per issue/\$64 per year;

Quarter Page

3 ½ "wide x 4 ½ " high
\$18 per issue/\$97 per year

Half Page

8" wide x 4.25" 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
emailed to Guild members.
Those who prefer a paper copy
should indicate this on their
membership form and pick
them up at the next meeting.
Any newsletter not picked up
will be mailed.