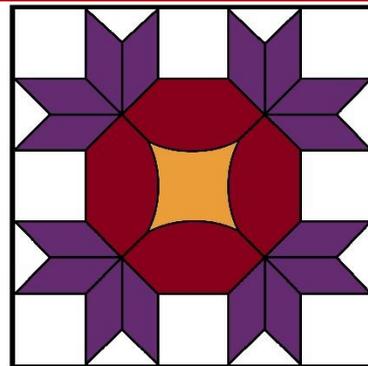


Hands All Around Quilt Guild

Newsletter

December 2022 & January 2023

Friends, Fellowship & Forty Years



Two Santas
Table Runner

Wool
Applique

Heart to Hand
#263

11" x 42"

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Presidents Message

By Kathleen Schwitzer

Cold Days & Warm Hearts

Well, winter has arrived! Baby, it's cold out there! – at least as of this writing. And now it's time to reflect on the end of one calendar year and await with eager anticipation the start of the next one.

We're ending 2022 on a strong note: 150+ members; 2 in-person speakers – with classes and everything!; a memorable celebratory dinner; and most importantly, in-person fellowship! What a wonderful feeling to be together again. Being in Diane Harris' classes in November was just a joy and I'm looking forward to being with you in Kelly Cummings Cowles' class in December.

The prospects for 2023 are also promising: a rousing discussion on pre-washing our quilt fabrics, presented by Julie Mooberry in January; welcoming Krista Moser in-person for both a lecture and classes in March; and finally getting ready to showcase our talents in the April Quilt Spectrum.

So, while we will be together in person on December 1st, we will be virtual for both the January and February meetings. I like winter, but it's cold and dark so let's just stay home, sip hot cocoa, and enjoy the benefits of technology by having virtual meetings. A note about joining Zoom: HAAQG meetings will start as usual at 7:00. The Zoom meeting invitation that will be emailed the week of the meeting will say the meeting starts at 6:30, but that's just when the link becomes live. There's more information on the next page. Show and Tell will work differently with Zoom and there's more information on the next page about that too.

So – stay warm this winter, have a great and peaceful holiday season, and keep those needles flying!

Kathleen



December with Kelly

By Ary Anderson

Our own Kelly Cummings Cowles will be with us at the December meeting. Her Thursday night lecture is 'How to Make a Tee-Shirt Quilt'. She will teach her Heart-to-Heart classes on Friday and Saturday – same class, repeated. There are openings on both days. Students will receive a portable design wall that is theirs to keep. Kelly has a very interesting background in retail mall management as well as teaching at the high school and college level. She currently operates a tee shirt quilt and long arm quilting service and sells fabric.

Friday night we will enjoy dinner with Kelly at Destihl on Towanda in Normal. Please sign up at the 12/1 meeting if you'd like to join us.

Show & Tell – Part 1

By Jenny Pettinger

Wasn't it GREAT to have Diane Harris with us in person last month? Her trunk show was so fun – I don't know about you, but I am looking for fun panels for my quilt backs now. It was also terrific to see so many of us in her classes! Those of you who took a class (or both!), please bring your work for Show & Tell in the December meeting. It may be a single block or a completed quilt but we'd love to see your creativity!

Show & Tell – Part 2

By Kathleen Schwitzner

As you know, the guild meetings for January and February will be via Zoom so we will have a different approach to Show & Tell.

If you have something to present during Show and Tell during our Zoom meetings, please send photo(s) of your quilt(s) to haaggwebmaster@gmail.com. **Please send them by noon on Wednesday so a slideshow can be prepared for Thursday's meeting.** Then during that portion of the meeting, you will be given the opportunity to talk about your quilt – just like we do when we're meeting in person.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Last Call for Scraps

By Ary Anderson

The December meeting is the last time scraps will be collected for the popular Mystery Bags for the guild's Quilt Spectrum, April 28 & 29, 2023. There will be a cart at the church in the area by the plants for you to use. Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to presort your scraps by color, season, or holiday. Fat quarters that are donated will be used for door prizes at the Quilt Spectrum. PLEASE no yardage or batting.

Class Supply List

By Ary Anderson

The supply list for Kelly Cummings Cowles' December classes is on the guild's website under the Programs & Classes tab. If you don't have access to that option, call me and I will mail you a copy. There are openings in both Friday's and Saturday's classes. To register, print the class registration form at the end of this newsletter and turn it in at the December meeting.

Stay Warm this Winter

By Kathleen Schwitzner

For our January and February guild meetings, we will be virtual. So please join us via Zoom! The guild has a membership with Zoom and it works like this: the first 100 participants on the call have full privileges, such as chat and being able to mute/unmute and speak. When the 101st and subsequent participants log in, they will receive a message that the meeting is at capacity and will be given the option to join through a live stream link. You will be able to watch the meeting, but not actively chat or speak. Going to the next level of Zoom membership that allows for more callers is cost-prohibitive for the guild. Over the past 2+ years we have never had more than 100 participants so I'm not sure we will even have some quilters on the call who would have the streaming experience. But if this happens to you, no worries! You're still enjoying our meeting!

The Zoom conference call should start around 6:30pm. You can click on the link that will be emailed that week and join in the call any time after 6:30pm. The meeting will start at 7pm.



Ruby Challenge Update

By Sharon Rhoda

December is the last month to purchase a fat quarter for the Ruby Challenge. They cost \$2.00. Our creations will be displayed at the Quilt Spectrum next April. The guidelines for the challenge are quite simple:

- it must range in size from 5" x 7" to 20" x 20"
- the Ruby fabric must appear on the front
- use as little or as much Ruby as you want
- it must be a finished project with sewn edges

If you can't make the December meeting, please let me know and I'll arrange to get a fat quarter to you.

Happy December Birthday!

Deb Tener	December 2
Kim Nelson	December 9
Carol Kashian	December 13
Cathie Lockwood	December 14
Pam Riss	December 16
Karen Applegate	December 19
Robin Bagwell	December 19
Debi Winchester	December 19
Ary Anderson	December 21
Earl Grim	December 28
Kay Oehler	December 30

Don't forget – December birthdays should bring a dozen treats to the guild meeting. Store bought or homemade are both great!

Food Pantry Donations

By Jenny Pettinger

In this season of giving, at the December meeting, you're encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to the church for their pantry use in the community. The church requests we bring items that have a relatively long expiration date such as mac & cheese, canned veggies/fruit/soup, dry pasta, pasta sauce, granola bars.

Please check to make sure it's not expired.

Quilt Spectrum 2023

By Gwynne Bettisch

Vendor contracts went out in October and so far, we have received two back. We are hoping to have a variety of vendors at the 2023 show. We will be handing out the quilt entry forms in December and they will also be on the web under the Quilt Spectrum tab. The volunteer sign-up should be on the website in March 2023 if not sooner. We're looking forward to having a special exhibit showcasing the mini quilts completed from the Ruby Challenge. See Sharon Rhoda's article to the left of this one for more information. I'm excited to see what everyone creates with the ruby fabric!

Raffle Tickets

By Kristen Johnson

Make sure and pick up your raffle tickets at the December meeting! The holidays are a great time to sell tickets to friends and family while together. An opportunity for them to win a gorgeous quilt AND support their favorite quilter. Win-win! Since we will not be meeting in-person in January and February, I am happy to drop off and pick up in town. Please contact me: Kristen Johnson at kcjohn2@hotmail.com or 309-838-8730 (voice or text).



January with Julie

By Ary Anderson

The January 5th Zoom meeting will feature our own Julie Mooberry who will present her research and test results examining the benefits of pre-washing 100% quilting cotton before use. Julie is currently a senior at ISU studying Fashion Design and Product Development, with an anticipated graduation in May 2023. She's had some fascinating internships while at ISU, including assisting with the Ken Burns quilt exhibit at the Peoria Riverfront Museum earlier this year. Julie has been a small business owner for over 40 years doing expert bridal alterations. Be sure and mark your calendars for this interesting lecture.

Happy January Birthday!

Ann Bevans	January 1
Kathy Hatch	January 1
Carol Lou Eisenhardt	January 4
Rita Davis	January 4
Gwynne Bettisch	January 6
Ruth Pfaffmann	January 7
Cari Schields	January 7
Connie Borth	January 12
Nancy Powell	January 12
Mary Jane Zook	January 12
Nancy Stone	January 16
Joann Briggs	January 19
Viv Browning	January 19
Linda Berger	January 20
Janet Schauf	January 21
Rachel Martinez	January 22
Lynne Conder	January 23
Dee Winter land	January 24
Judy Switzer	January 26

The earth is closest to the sun in the winter.

Block of the Month

By Gwynne Bettisch

We are off to a great start on our Block of the Month! It's not too late to join if you are interested. The first month instructions were handed out at the November meeting. If you missed getting them, I will have those instructions at the December meeting along with those for the second month. Please see me at the meeting or email me at gbettisch_75@yahoo.com if you want to sign up.

Those of you who are already signed up, please bring your completed blocks from month one to the meeting to share and get pictures. You will be entered into a drawing for a monthly prize if you bring your completed blocks back every month.

For the December meeting you will need to be prepared to pay for December, January, and February blocks since we won't be meeting in person during January and February. I will mail your instructions for those months and kits if you are signed up for one. I can't wait to see everyone's completed blocks!

Library

By Mary Weakman, Joann Briggs & Judy Bennington

Winter is here! This is the season to sew and READ. The library will be open in December with some new selections. Check them out! You will easily be able to keep these books for 3 months since after the December meeting, we won't be meeting again in person until March 2023. Maybe you'll find a brand-new technique or pattern and stitch up the prize-winning quilt for our Quilt Spectrum!

Our Plates are Full!

By Kathleen Schwitzer

Thank you for your plentiful donations of paper goods. We now have a delightful collection of paper plates and napkins in assorted sizes, colors, and holidays. Our storage cabinets are full so please do not bring any more until we've had a chance to use up what you've brought.



Coming in January on Zoom

By Ary Anderson

Diane Harris, who was with us in November, is conducting a Zoom class on the 'Old Fashioned Pine Burr' pattern on January 7, 2023. She had this sample with her when she was with us. Diane says these blocks have been made by people in different cultures for centuries and are a great way to use up your ugliest fabrics and still look terrific. More stash busting! The time is from 10:00am – 3:00pm CST. The cost is \$55 You can register using this [link](#). There's homework to prep for this class so you can hit the ground running that day.



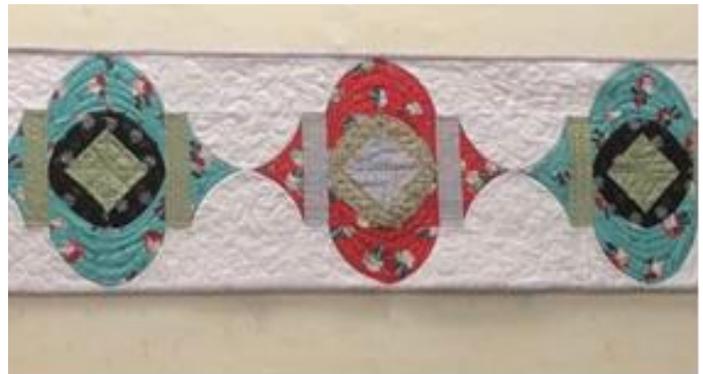
Mentoring Class

By Kay Bowen

Our guild is large and has many wonderful groups from which to choose. Whether you are a new member or have been in the guild for many years, you are welcome to come to the mentor class and meet quilters who enjoy quilting and learning new skills just like you.

December 15, 2022

In December, we will be learning to make curves with the Sew Kind of Wonderful ruler and patterns.



Sign up for Mentoring at guild meetings. There's a small fee for the class and that's paid in class.

There won't be Mentoring classes in January and February since we won't have access to the church. If you have a project or want to learn a technique, let me know. I'll be working on the Mentoring class for March.

In April, we'll learn the basics of wool applique.

Mentoring takes place the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. and is held at the Mennonite Church.

Winter Newsletters

By Jenny Pettinger

As the busy holiday season approaches, followed by January and February meeting remotely, the newsletter will be published a little less frequently. The December newsletter will cover six weeks through the first half of January. The February newsletter will also cover six weeks, including the last half of January. Then in March, the monthly newsletter will resume.

Speaker Welcome Bags

By Jenny Pettinger

Our in-person speakers and teachers receive a welcome bag as they arrive. In the bag are practical items such as bottled water and guild contact phone numbers. Also included are donated items from the following local merchants.

Beer Nuts • Garlic Press • Olive Bin

The guild very much appreciates their generosity and you're encouraged to shop at these stores.



2022 – 2023 Programs

By Ary Anderson

We now have 3 teachers coming in person to our guild in 2022-2023 and one lecture by Zoom. The teachers are Diane Harris (stashbandit.net), Krista Moser (kristamoser.com), and our own Kelly Cummings Cowles (kizziebelle.com). All classes are \$50 this year for members; \$60 for non-members. When you register for a class, you don't have to pay right away. You have until 60 days before the class to pay. You'll get a reminder email about 65 days before the class. Your spot in the class is guaranteed once payment is received.

Class registrations are now open for members and non-members alike. (This is a change from previous years when non-members waited until September.) Registrations for both members and non-members will be accepted in the order they're received. Registrations received for full classes are placed on a waiting list in the order received.

In January we'll have Julie Mooberry virtually presenting 'Putting the Pre-Washing Debate to the Test', where she'll share her research and test results examining the benefits of pre-washing 100% quilting cottons before use.

DIANE HARRIS

November 4, 2022 STRING PIECING **November 5, 2022 TANGO**



KELLY CUMMINGS COWLES

December 2, 2022 & December 3, 2022 HAVE A HEART (Class repeated on Saturday)



As a part of your registration fee for Kelly's class, each student will receive a portable design wall to work with that day – and it's yours to keep!

KRISTA MOSER

March 3, 2023 LOLLIPOPS & LICORICE **March 4, 2023 TWO SCOOPS**



Krista's students will receive a 50% off promotional code for her .pdf digital patterns. (Students can also opt to get a traditional pattern at full price.)



Hands All Around Quilt Guild 2022-2023 Membership Form

Name _____ Birth Month/Day _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____

Primary Email _____

Secondary email _____

Membership Type & Dues

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New member | <input type="checkbox"/> General member (\$35) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing member | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior – 65 or better (\$30) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior – 18 or under (\$25) |

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Email/Website Option

- Send me an email when newsletter is posted to website
- I will access newsletter from the website.
No notification needed

Mail Option

- Mail newsletter to my home address
- General member (\$20)
- Senior and Junior (\$20)

Photography

- I DO NOT give HAAQG permission to post or use my image online and in publication.***

Membership Pin

- I would like to purchase a membership pin (\$5)

Membership Committee Use Only

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cash | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check (Payable to HAAQG) # | Date paid | Total |

Pay your dues at the monthly quilt guild meeting or mail your dues and this form to:

HAAQG
PO Box 394
Bloomington, IL 61702-0394

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Hands All Around Quilt Guild

Classes 2022 – 2023

[Please review the complete Class Guidelines on the Guild website. The guild website can be found at \[haagg.com\]\(http://haagg.com\).](#)
[Check the Guild website for further details on supply lists, locations, and links to speaker websites.](#)

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO HAAQG. YOU MAY PAY FOR ALL CLASSES YOU CHOOSE TO TAKE WITH ONE CHECK. HOWEVER, YOU CAN WAIT TO PAY FOR YOUR CLASS UP TO 60 DAYS BEFORE THE CLASS – YOUR SPOT IS GUARANTEED ONLY WHEN PAYMENT IS RECEIVED. USE TODAY'S DATE ON YOUR CHECK. IT WILL BE DEPOSITED PROMPTLY.

**Either hand this in with payment at a guild meeting or mail with your check to:
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Circle the date in the first column to register for events. • Indicate your check number in the last column.						
Date	Class Sample	Class	Member Fee	Non-Member Fee	Notes	Check #
11/04/22		String Piecing	\$50	\$60		
Diane Harris						
11/05/22		Tango	\$50	\$60		
Diane Harris						
12/02/22		Have a Heart	\$50	\$60	As a part of your registration fee for Kelly's class, each student will receive a portable design wall to work with while in class – and it's yours to keep!	
12/03/22		Have a Heart (repeated)	\$50	\$60		
03/03/23		Lollipops and Licorice	\$50	\$60	Both of Krista Moser's classes will require precutting using Creative Grids 60 Degree Diamond Mini Ruler . Buy from your LQS or online from Krista.	
03/04/23		Two Scoops	\$50	\$60		

