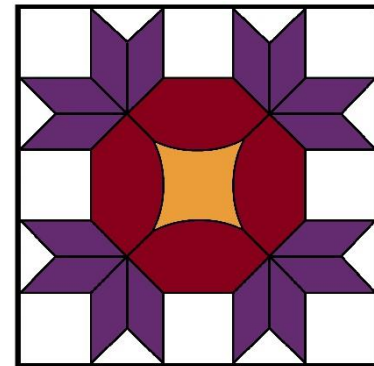


Hands All Around Quilt Guild

Newsletter June 2023

Roaring Through the 20's



'Jacobean
Jubilee'

Quilt Spectrum
Ruby Challenge
Winner by
Becky Carter

April 2023

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President's Message

By Kathleen Schwitzner

GUILD'S TOGETHER FOR SUMMER!

As the song by Alice Cooper goes, "school's out for summer!" And while the kids are out (and mine is graduated – yay!), the guild will be together this summertime! Join us for the third summer of guild meetings. June will be the Quilt Spectrum recap, July will be the ice cream social with games and August will be the stash (garage) sale. While June's meeting will be completely on Zoom (a short business meeting and a quilt slide show), July and August will only have a short (less than 30 minutes – more like 15 minutes) business meeting which will be on Zoom, but then after that short meeting, the Zoom portion will end.

In April, we had some great discussion about many topics and there were 3 key items we took away from that meeting. The first topic was to move the meetings' start time to earlier in the evening. We will be working this summer to achieve this; doing this actually affects a few things, and of course we will be working with the church to achieve it. The second topic was that you wish to have more time sewing together. Then we promptly had a retreat the next day and received even more positive feedback. We are working on ways to get this accomplished as well; again, we need to work with the church regarding dates, but I would like to extend a thank you for the feedback that the sew days could be very low-key, with a \$10 per day fee and meals on your own. This flexibility on your part makes the ability to do these events far more feasible from a coordination point of view. The third topic was a desire to do community outreach sewing and that topic is also in the planning stages. Again, thank you for your input on what is important to you with this guild so that we may work to provide those things.

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June Meeting

By Kathleen Schwitzner

The June meeting will be devoted to the Quilt Spectrum. We'll enjoy a slideshow that will feature all the quilts that were on display. Many of the winning quilts will be there in person for show and tell too. You won't want to miss it!

June Meeting Topic

By Gwynne Bettisch

The full board will be bringing an important topic of discussion to the general membership at the June meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

Block of the Month

By Gwynne Bettisch

Yay! We made it! This is the final month of our BOM. At the June meeting we will be handing out the final block instructions and/or kit along with the finishing instructions. As usual the instructions are \$2 and the kit is \$15. Please bring your finished blocks from last month to be entered into a drawing for a prize. My goal is to have this as a category in the next quilt show so please keep working on them. I can't wait to see everyone's finished quilts!

Petty Cash

By Kathleen Schwitzner

The new and old boards will meet and transition at the church on June 1st at 5:30. For those committees that have petty cash, please bring it to the meeting so it can be checked back in. All funds need to be accounted for with our new treasurer Gary Riss coming on. Your committee will get a fresh allotment of petty cash. If you are using your personal funds instead of guild petty cash, please let me know. It's not good practice to co-mingle funds; let's use the guild petty cash instead.

2023 – 2024 Membership Time

By Pam Riss

We are now accepting memberships and dues for the upcoming guild year. The form is on the back page of this newsletter and is on the website under the Join Us tab. Bring your checkbook to the June meeting.

Library

By Judy Bennington

NOW! IN LIVING COLOR! THE HAAQG LIBRARY!!

Over the last several months, the library has acquired numerous new quilting books. If anyone has attempted to locate a particular volume on a specific skill level, he/she has noticed that it is a formidable task. We are in the process of coding topics by using color strips on the bottom of the book spines. Once the process is complete, a chart will be available matching the color with the technique. For example, all books with blue on the spine might refer to wool applique. All the books for a technique will also be together on the cart. In addition, there will be spacing and dividers on the shelves to allow easier access and removal of the books. The colors on the spines will also make it possible for us to keep the cart organized.

HAPPY READING AND HAPPY QUILTING!

Happy June Birthday!



Pat Dahme	June 3
Anita Schertz	June 7
Shelly York	June 9
Jo Bressan	June 14
Gary Riss	June 17
Pam Mortland	June 18
Marsha Johnson	June 27
Terrie Howard	June 29
Arlene Mitchell	June 29

June birthdays – don't forget to bring a dozen treats to the guild meeting. Homemade or store bought are both great!

August Stash Sale

By Ary Anderson

Here is some general information to help you prepare for the August Stash Sale. If you plan to offer items such as fabric, patterns or notions from your sewing room for this sale, you will be assigned a seller number and given tags to mark your items. When you receive your number, you will need to indicate if you want to split your proceeds 50-50 with the guild or give it all to the guild. You will also need to estimate how many tags you will need, as we will give them to you when you register. Registration and assignment of seller numbers will begin at the June meeting.

For the sale, you will need to provide plastic zip lock bags to bag your items. You will also need to price and tag your items. You may bring your items to the August 3 meeting from 4-7 pm or Friday, August 4, 10-noon. Please don't bring your items prior to the August meeting as we have nowhere to store them prior to the sale. Pick up of any unsold items is Saturday, August 5 after 3 pm.

Remember – we won't accept books or magazines.

Schedule of events:

June 1	6:45pm	Registration for seller number; price tags given
July 6	6:45pm	Registration for seller number; price tags given
Aug 3	4-7pm	Drop off your packaged, labeled and priced items
Aug 4	10am - 12pm	Drop off your packaged, labeled and priced items
Aug 4	3-4:30pm	Volunteer Pre-Sale
Aug 4	5-8pm	Membership Sale
Aug 5	9am - 2pm	Public Sale
Aug 5	2-5pm	Clean Up
Aug 5	3pm	Member pick up of unsold items

AUGUST STASH SALE • STASH SALE HELP NEEDED

Stash Sale Help Needed

By Ary Anderson

Preparations for the Stash Sale to members on August 4th and to the public August 5th have begun. Your help is needed to measure a large donation of yardage we received last winter. If possible, I need 8-10 people per time slot on **Tuesday, June 6** or **Tuesday, June 13**. Shifts are 10-noon or 1-3 pm. We will meet at the Mennonite Church of Normal. Please bring a tape measure that can be taped to a table, a pair of scissors and a pen. You will work in pairs. If you volunteer for at least 2 hours for the Stash Sale, in any capacity, you will have the opportunity to pre-shop. See the schedule to the left. Please don't bring your own fabric to these sessions. See the 'August Stash Sale' article on this page for details on how your personal donations are to be prepared.

To facilitate the set up for working, it would help to know how many people I have coming per shift. If you can help on **June 6** or **June 13**, for either shift, contact Ary. Her number is in the guild directory.

This is going to be a GREAT sale!

The month of June is unique because it always begins on a different day than every other month in the year.



Quilters' Stash Sale

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
CASH OR CHECKS ONLY

WHEN
Saturday, August 5, 2023
9:00am - 2:00pm

WHERE
Mennonite Church of Normal
805 S. Cottage Avenue - Normal

WHAT
FABRIC - NOTIONS - PATTERNS
and so much more!

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An Idea for Summer

By Ary Anderson

Perhaps Sew Cross Body



Would you like to have a purse to complement your summer wardrobe or one "Just for Fun"? If yes, consider taking a class with Cindy Reynolds on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 11**, to create your own Perhaps Sew Cross Body purse.

This is a pattern that Cindy has published and is a medium sized purse that is machine washable and air dry if made with 100% cotton. Your domestic machine with only the straight stitch is needed for construction.

The class will be from 10am-3 pm at peace & Applique Quilt Barn; 2524 West Market St; Bloomington, IL. Cost: \$50. If more than 8 register, another date will be scheduled.

Samples will be on display at the June meeting. The pattern, interfacing, hardware and zipper are available at peace & Applique Quilt Barn, Bloomington or Rochester, or on their website.

If you have the pattern pieces cut and fused with woven interfacing (such as Pellon SF 101) and fusible fleece (Pellon 987), you should be able to complete the purse during class. Pattern note: **DO NOT** apply fusible **fleece** to the pocket pieces.

If you have any questions, Cindy's contact information is on the pattern.

Lost & Found

By Ary Anderson

This was left at the Quilt Spectrum:

An olive green, hooded sweatshirt. size 2XL with the text, "*When life gives your scraps...make quilts.*"

Call Ary Anderson to claim if you are unable to attend the June meeting.

Food Pantry Donations

By Jenny Pettinger

For each meeting that's held in-person at the church, you're encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item. The church requests items that have a relatively long shelf life such as mac and cheese, canned veggies/fruit/soup, dry pasta, pasta sauce or granola bars. Also be sure your donations haven't expired. Thank you!

Comforter Blitz

By Gerry Schrock

The Mennonite Church of Normal is hosting a COMFORTER BLITZ on September 15 and 16. We will be knotting comforters for the Mennonite Central Committee (Mennonite Church's World Mission). We want to invite guild members to help us with this project. Most of these comforters will be shipped to Ukraine.

How can guild members help?

- Come and join us any time 9:00 – 4:00 those two days and knot comforters.
- Lunch is provided.
- Anyone is welcome to donate quilt tops. 60" x 80" is the required size needed.
- Backings and batting also accepted.

Check with Gerry Schrock with any questions or donations. Thank you for your help!

President's Message, continued

So while the guild programs' calendar is set for this June through next May, stay tuned for additions for sewing time together. Keep an eye open here in the newsletter, on the website and at meetings for information regarding community outreach. It takes time for these things to get up and rolling, but it's always worth the wait!

In stitches, Kathleen



Food for Thought

By Jenny Pettinger

I found this article in my former quilt guild's newsletter – the [Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild](#). This topic is timely as we are cleaning out our sewing rooms for the August Stash Sale – and it has bigger implications as well. It's published here with their permission.

Maria Ross shares this for us to think about:

We get a lot of inquiries to the guild email addresses from folks that have lost a quilter in their lives or are cleaning out a family home and looking for places to move the 'stuff' to. Sometimes, the inquiry comes with very specific questions, because "Mom always said this was to go to the museum... or to the hospice sewers... or (fill in the blank). So, the well-intentioned person trying to carry out someone else's wishes is now on a wild-goose chase, looking for the place their item was supposed to be donated. Members, please consider your treasured quilts, fabric collections, machines, etc. If you have definite plans for certain destinations for your quilting items, please let them be known. It might be as simple as labelling them for your family to find later. It might be as specific as writing out a list and letting your loved ones know about it and where to find it. But either way, it will certainly make it easier for your families to honor your wishes.

2023 – 2024

HANDS ALL AROUND CALENDAR

2023	
June 1	Guild Meeting Quilt Spectrum Slide Show
July 6	Guild Meeting Ice Cream Social & Games
August 3	Guild Meeting Set up Stash Sale
August 4	Open to the Public Stash Sale-Set Up Members First Dibs Sale
August 5	Open to the Public Stash Sale
Sept 7	Guild Meeting Vickie Beoletto / UFO Swap
Oct 5	Guild Meeting Connie Martin – Underground Railroad
Nov 2	Guild Meeting Susan Marth - Fantastic Feedsacks
Dec 7	Guild Meeting Laura Strickland – Panel Panache
2024	
Jan 4	*Virtual* Guild Meeting Timna Tarr – Flying Colors
Feb 1	*Virtual* Guild Meeting MacGyvering Your Quilting
March 7	Guild Meeting Panel Discussion with Longarmers
April 4	Guild Meeting Quilt Spectrum Prep
Apr 19&20	Quilt Spectrum
May 2	Salad Supper & 2025 Sign Ups



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Hands All Around Quilt Guild 2023-2024 Membership Form

Name _____ Birth Month/Day _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____

Primary Email _____

Secondary email _____

Membership Type & Dues – Through September 30, 2023

- | | |
|--|---|
| <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) |

Newsletter Notification Preference

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

- 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

- | | | |
|---|-----------|-------|
| <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:

**Pam Riss
1409 E 2309th Rd
Streator, IL 61364**

4/16/2023