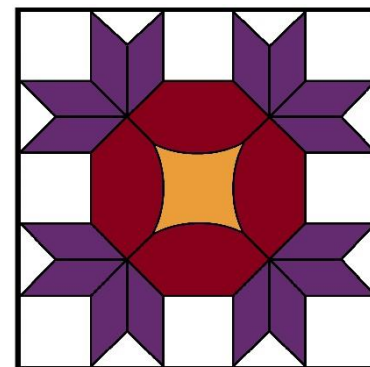


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President's Message

By Kathleen Schwitzner

BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK!!

It's September, so that means it's time for Back to Guild! It's going to be one action-packed evening, and it begins **ONE HOUR** earlier! Doors will open at 5:30 for fellowship and the meeting will begin at 6:00. Our program will be Vickie Beoletto from The Sewing Studio in Hudson sharing her collection of Antique Sewing Machines with us. Additionally, we will be providing updates of what we did this summer as a guild and sharing our success with the Stash Sale. Don't forget your Show & Tell!

So why do you need to bring your checkbook? Because there will be so many opportunities to sign up for! First off, September is the last month to join the guild at the current rate of \$35 (\$30 for those 65 and better), as dues will rise effective October 1. Secondly, we have Sew Days set up for Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9. Each day is \$10, so for two cool, crisp Alexander Hamiltons, you can come and sew the days away at the church. Bonus for signing up on Thursday (or earlier): after the meeting, you can pick your spot to sew and set up your workstation, as we set up the room for the sew days post-meeting on Thursday. Lastly, there are classes offered with our November and December speakers, and September is the time to sign up. A little birdie told me that Carole Fay will be bringing a quilt that she made in a class that she took earlier with one of our speakers, so you get a sneak peek at the fun!

So come join us September 7 at 5:30, sign up for all the things and enjoy getting Back to Guild!

In stitches,
Kathleen



Upcoming Meetings

By Ary Anderson

The program for our September 7th meeting will be Vickie Beoletto, owner of The Sewing Studio. She will be sharing part of her collection of miniature and toy sewing machines.

On October 5th, our business meeting will start at 6:00pm and end by 6:30 when the doors will be opened to the public for the 7:00 program. Connie Martin, Road Scholar from Illinois Humanities, will present 'Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad'. In this program, Connie tells stories passed down to her Great Grandmother Lizzie of how her family survived the Antebellum Period through trials and tribulations. She will discuss how quilts that contained hidden codes and secret messages were used to assist abolitionists, white and black, to guide slaves to freedom through the Underground Railroad to Canada.

During this presentation, Connie will share eighteen different quilt patterns in replica and will refer to a book her mother, Dr. Clarice Boswell, wrote about their family called *Lizzie's Story: A Slave Family's Journey to Freedom*.

At the September meeting, there will be copies of Connie's poster (below) for you to take and post in public places such as your church or other social groups. The ARC and both libraries have received copies to post and distribute to patrons.



SEPT 7 - 6 PM
BACK TO GUILD NIGHT

ANTIQUE SEWING MACHINES
VICKIE BEOLETTA SEWING STUDIO

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30

Menonite Church of Normal
805 S. Cottage Avenue - Normal

For More Information
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November Speaker & Classes

By Ary Anderson

The program for November 2nd will be Susan Marth and 'Feed Sack Fascination'. Her presentation will include a bit of history of the evolution of the tens of thousands of cotton sacks printed in that era. You will be amazed with some of the many period sacks from her collection along with quilts, clothes, doll clothes, and other household items all made from sacks, many in unbelievable pristine condition.

Susan's November 3rd class is 'Tiny Dresdens' from her Dainty, Darling Dresden 12-month collection. Samples of all 12 will be available for your inspection at the September meeting. When you sign up, please indicate which month you want to make. You may purchase your month from Susan when she arrives. **There are currently 7 members signed up for this class. Nine more are needed to cover costs for this class to be held.**

On November 4th, Susan's class will be a QAYG (quilt as you go) technique using her 'Pretty Table' pattern. This pattern will be on display at the September meeting. **There are currently 6 members registered for this class; 10 more are needed to cover costs for this class to be held.**

Mentoring

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 others who enjoy quilting. Mentoring will be sharing the third Thursday with Community Projects.

We will meet October 19 and December 21 from 6:30 – 8:30 at the Mennonite Church.

October's project will be making cord baskets and Maria Conrad will be showing us how to do this. Sign up for this class at the guild meeting. There's a small fee to cover materials and that's paid in class.

Community Projects

By Sara Thompson & Cindy Lee

We are excited to re-engage with our community's needs and to serve them with our collective gifts as a Guild. We will have 4 ways you can engage in service to our community:

- 1) Pick up a kit: Kits will be available at guild meetings. Kits include 5 surgical caps for Peoria Children's Hospital or 5 marble mazes for the Baby Fold. Finished projects can be returned at any Guild meeting or by arranging a drop off with Cindy Lee.
- 2) Donate supplies for kits: Contribute to projects by donating 1/4 elastic (either 18.5" pieces or longer), fat quarter sized fabric or larger in bright or children's prints, or scrap pieces of fleece 10" square or larger.
- 3) Create a quilt on your own for Project Linus: Project Linus gives away comfort quilts to children 0- 18 who are dealing with serious illness, trauma, or significant issues. Their greatest need is for throw sized quilts for boys 12-18 years old. Simple pattern ideas can be found at www.projectlinus.org/patterns. Completed projects can be dropped off at Joann Fabric or Sewing Studio in Hudson. All completed projects should be submitted with your name, email address, and our Guild name. If you prefer to have us drop your quilts off for you, simply return them to us at any Guild meeting or contact Cindy Lee.
- 4) We are partnering again with the WBRP Bed Blitz. They give local youth (ages 4-18) a twin-size bed frame, a brand-new mattress, sheets, pillows, a blanket or quilt, laundry detergent, books, etc.... Start planning your twin size quilts for their October 2024 blitz.

Sew days, September 8 & 9, will have a Community Projects focus. You will be asked to spend part of your day sewing on these projects. Kits with all the materials will be provided. Please bring your drinks in a secure, closed container. Meals are on your own. The cost is \$10 each day. Sign up will continue at the September guild meeting. Space is limited so sign up soon! Looking forward to seeing you!

It's That Time Again

By Ary Anderson

You may bring your scraps for the 2024 Quilt Spectrum Mystery Bags to the **November** and **December** meetings. Any pre-sorting that you can do such as children's prints, color, holidays, seasons, etc. is appreciated by those who label, bag, and close the brown paper bags in preparation for the sale.



Sew Days Scheduled

By Ary Anderson

Mark these dates on your social calendar:

- September 8 & 9, 2023
- October 6 & 7, 2023

The September dates will have a Community Projects focus. You will be asked to spend part of your day sewing on these projects. Kits with all the materials will be provided.

October will be open to simply work on your own projects.

For both Sew Days, bring your drinks in a secure, closed container. Meals are on your own. The cost is \$10 each day. Sign up will continue at the September guild meeting. Space is limited so sign up soon! Looking forward to seeing you!

2024 Raffle Quilt Tickets

By Kristen Johnson



The 2024 raffle quilt is called "Sharing the Love - Piece by Piece." The pattern is a log cabin barn-raising measuring 90" x 90" (queen). It was pieced by the executive board from their stash (Kathleen Schwitzner, Ary Anderson, Gary Riss, Kathy Hatch, and Stormy Helton) and quilted by Karen Goloff. The scrappy blocks have wonderful, rich colors and the quilting is beautiful. A big thank you to our quilters!

This year a raffle quilt ticket packet will be prepared for each guild member and can be picked up at check-in starting at the September meeting. Each packet contains a flier with a picture of the quilt and quilt details, and 24 raffle tickets. Tickets are sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Therefore, each packet can bring in from \$20 to \$24. The guild expectation is that each member sells, buys, or donates the equivalent of one packet. The raffle quilt is an important fundraiser for programs and your support is appreciated.

Welcome Becky!

By Kathleen Schwitzner

Please join me in welcoming Becky Carter to the Secretary position of the guild! She saw the 'help wanted' appeal in the last newsletter and decided she could step up and fill the position. I am more than grateful for Becky's decision and look forward to working with her this coming guild year.

Happy September Birthday!



Karen Henry	September 1
Kris Gahm	September 5
Juanita Engel	September 8
Kristy Mullins	September 9
Sarah Ray	September 13
Carol Benson	September 18
Deb Brown	September 19
Gerry Leuck	September 21
Sandra Yeager	September 22
Kathy Kline	September 23
Donna Leber	September 26
Jennifer Miller	September 26
Kathleen Schwitzner	September 29

September birthdays – don't forget to bring a dozen treats to the meeting. Store bought or homemade are both great!

Library

By Judy Bennington

WE'RE BACK!

The HAAQG library is once again open for business. Patrons may return and check out books. There will still be free magazines. But – inflation has hit. Books will now be \$2.00 and patterns \$1.00.

See you soon at the Library table.



Stash Sale Success

By Kathleen Schwitzner

The preliminary results are in and we can confidently report that our very first Stash Sale was a success - a smashing success! We raised approximately \$3,200 after expenses (including paying 50/50 sellers), which is amazing!

Here are a few fun facts:

- 35% of our gross receipts came from the member sales on Friday;
- 38% of our sales, which is 66% of our net profits, was raised by seller #1, which is the guild itself;
- 87% of our consignment sales came from sellers who elected the 50/50 split;
- \$248 was raised from the American Girl doll clothes. 100% of these sales went straight to the Mennonite Church of Normal.

I would like to express a very heartfelt thanks to Ary Anderson and the Stash Sale Crew for executing such an amazing sale. Many volunteered countless hours to make this event run smoothly. Ary has made notes and plans are already in the works for next year's sale. It's never too early to start putting things aside from your sewing room for that sale.

Merci, Gracias, Danke, Mahalo, Thank You

By Ary Anderson

A simple "thank you" in English is not sufficient to express my appreciation to ALL the members who participated in ANY way to make the Stash Sale a success. To prepare for the sale, 84 members contributed 184 hours over 5 workdays! For the sale to members and the public, 63 members contributed 130 hours. I may have missed an hour or two, but this close enough for government work. This does not account for the hours 24 members spent preparing their items to bring to the sale. Without their commitment, the sale would not have had the variety we did. So again I say – merci, gracias, danke, mahalo and THANK YOU.

Quilt Spectrum 2024 Meeting

By Gwynne Bettisch

The Quilt Spectrum 2024 committee will meet on Thursday, September 21 at 5:30 at the church. Anyone who is interested in helping with the show next year is welcome!

Did You Miss It?

By Ary Anderson

...the Stash Sale? If you missed this year's Stash Sale, you could start planning for next year's. Plans are being made to apply what we learned this year to make next year's sale even better. You will be notified of the date and times as soon as the date is set. If you participated this year and plan to next year, you may keep your seller number. As we get closer to the date, you will be reminded of your number.

For next year, Judy Bennington has agreed to help us create a list of all the LOCAL groups that sew for charities or not-for profit groups. **Judy and I need your help with this.** Perhaps your church, or you know of a church, or independent group that sews for others. We do want to include groups that might be in surrounding communities such as El Paso, Hudson, or LeRoy. Please give the contact information for these groups to Judy. We have "Fibers of Love" on the list. We are searching for others. Thank you for your help.

2024 Challenge Quilt

By Kathleen Schwitzner

When we had our feedback session in April, a topic that came up from several people was how much this year's Ruby Challenge was enjoyed. So – let's do it again for the 2024 Quilt Spectrum! Only this time instead of using Kona's ruby fabric, let's work with solid black to go with our guild's art deco theme of Roaring Through the 20's. We'll have the same guidelines as this year's challenge (see below). You can use any black of your choosing but it must be a black solid.



Here are the guidelines:

- it must range in size from 5"x7" to 20" x 20"
- the black fabric must appear on the front
- use as much or as little black as you want
- it must be a finished project with sewn edges

The Ruby Challenge had so many beautiful items – it will be fun to see what we can do with black!



Comforter Bash

By Gerry Schrock

The Mennonite Church of Normal is hosting a COMFORTER BASH on September 15 and 16. Join us as we gather to assemble and knot comforters that the church will distribute to those in need around the world. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. The goal is to complete at least 50 comforters by the end of the year.

We invite contributions of pre-made comforter tops (60" x 80") and backs (65" x 85") for assembly at the Comforter Bash. They can be brought directly to the church that day or dropped off at the church in advance. Financial donations are accepted. We invite all men, women and children to join us. There will be something for everyone to do! Lunch and snack breaks will be available each day. Please come and go as you are able.

RSVP to the Mennonite Church of Normal in one of two ways:

- By using this link:
<https://forms.gle/nEHa6m9CoGG3ousH7>
- By email: church@normalmennonite.org

Please register by September 8. If you have questions, please contact Gerry Schrock.

NEW for Quilt Spectrum 2024

By Gwynne Bettisch

Plans are being made to have a professional quilt appraiser at next year's show. An appraisal isn't necessarily a luxury but rather a necessity as it tells owners or recipients the true value of a quilt, especially if it's destined to become an heirloom or if it's being donated as a gift-in-kind. A written appraisal is a legal document determining financial value for insurance purposes. Having a quilt appraised gives the owner the replacement value of a quilt which is often more than what a homeowner's insurance policy would cover should that quilt be lost, stolen or damaged. Each appraisal takes about 45 minutes per quilt. There will be a sign-up sheet for time slots at the November meeting. More details including costs will be in the October newsletter.

2023 – 2024

HANDS ALL AROUND CALENDAR

2023	
Sept 7	Guild Meeting – Back to Guild Vickie Beoletto
Sept 8 & 9	Sew Days Mennonite Church of Normal
Sept 15	Community Projects Sew Night Mennonite Church of Normal
Oct 5	Guild Meeting Connie Martin – Underground Railroad
Oct 6 & 7	Sew Days Mennonite Church of Normal
Oct 19	Mentoring at Mennonite Church of Normal Cord Baskets
Nov 2	Guild Meeting / Open to the Public Susan Marth - Fantastic Feedsacks
Nov 3	Susan Marth Workshop Tiny Dresdens
Nov 4	Susan Marth Workshop Quilt as You Go
Nov 16	Community Projects Sew Night Mennonite Church of Normal
Dec 7	Guild Meeting Laura Strickland – Panel Panache
Dec 8	Laura Strickland Workshop Working with Your Panel
Dec 9	Laura Strickland Workshop Effervescent Applique
Dec 21	Mentoring at Mennonite Church of Normal
2024	
Jan 4	*Virtual* Guild Meeting Timna Tarr – Flying Colors
Feb 1	*Virtual* Guild Meeting MacGyvering Your Quilting
Mar 7	Guild Meeting Panel Discussion with Longarmers
Mar 8 & 9	Sew Days Mennonite Church of Normal
Apr 4	Guild Meeting Quilt Spectrum Prep
Apr 19&20	Quilt Spectrum
May 2	Salad Supper & 2025 Sign Ups

September is the only month of the year where the number of letters in its name is the same as the number of its month (9).



Starching your Fabric

By Mary Schoneman & Jenny Pettinger

Starching quilt fabric before cutting and sewing has become a common step in making a quilt and one that we both have adopted. The starch will stiffen the fabric, making it easier to cut and sew. Finger pressing while constructing is also easy if the fabric has been starched ahead of time. Fabric is also less likely to unravel if it's been starched. You don't have to pin as much either. We both wash and dry our completed quilts so any residue starch is removed before the quilt is used. Quilt designer Pam Buda uses this analogy about the benefit of starching – 'would you rather work with tissue paper or card stock? Which would give you more control?'



To starch your fabric, you simply saturate the fabric with the starch and then hang on a drying rack to dry. It can take hours or overnight to fully dry. Once dry, then steam iron before cutting. You can use aerosol can starch like Niagara or Faultless found in the laundry aisle at the grocery. However, you will find that it doesn't take long to empty a can as you are saturating your fabric with starch – and you need to saturate the fabric to get the benefits of starching. A more economical alternative is to make your own starch. Below is Mary's recipe.

Clothing / Fabric Starch

Stir or shake together: $\frac{1}{2}$ c. cornstarch
 1 c. cold water

Stir in boiling water: 2 qts – heavy starch
(like making gravy) 4 qts – medium
 starch
 6 qts – light starch

(Mary makes hers medium – heavy.)



Mix completely and then pour into a plastic wash basin to allow it to cool a bit so you don't burn your hands. Dunk fabric one piece at a time in mixture, squeeze out excess and hang to dry. Start with your lightest shades, move to medium shades and end with the darkest shades as they tend to bleed the most. Should you have excess clear starch left over, you can store it at room temperature in a clean bottle or jar. It will eventually degrade - start to smell - and you'll need to toss it and start over.

Tips:

- starching tends to shrink the fabric a bit so remember this when working with precuts
- if you use spray starch on your ironing board, lay an old towel down first to absorb any starch as it soaks through the fabric

Last Newsletter

By Jenny Pettinger

If you haven't renewed your guild membership for 2023 – 2024, this month's newsletter will be your last. The form to renew is attached to this newsletter and is on the guild [website](#). We hope to see all of you this coming guild year!



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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New member | <input type="checkbox"/> General member (\$35) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing member | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior – 65 or better (\$30) |
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**Pam Riss
1409 E 2309th Rd
Streator, IL 61364**

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Hands All Around Quilt Guild • Programs' Classes 2023

[Please review the complete Class Guidelines on the Guild website.](#)

[Check the Guild website for further details on supply lists, locations, and links to speaker websites.](#)

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO HAAQG and DATE AS REQUESTED BELOW.
A SEPARATE CHECK IS REQUIRED FOR EACH CLASS;
YOU CAN ADD ANY KIT FEES TO THAT CLASS'S CHECK.**

Either hand this in with payment at a guild meeting or mail with your check to:

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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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Circle the date in the first column to register for events. • Indicate your check number in the last column.						
Date	Workshop Sample	Workshop	Member Fee	Non-Member Fee	Add: Kit Cost, Supply lists on guild site	Check #
08/11/23		Crossbody Purse Cindy Reynolds	\$50	\$60	Pattern Required. www.peacenapplique.com Class at Peace N Applique	Please date check 06/30/23*
11/03/23		Darling, Dainty Dresden Susan Marth	\$50	\$60	Choice of month pattern* www.SuznQuilts.com	Please date check 09/30/23
11/04/23		QAYG Susan Marth	\$50	\$60	Pattern to be decided by membership Sept 7, 2023	Please date check 09/30/23
12/08/23		Panel Panache Laura Strickland	\$50	\$60	Bring your own panel and complementary fabric Handout Provided	Please date check 10/31/23
12/09/23		Effervescent Applique Laura Strickland	\$50	\$60	Pattern Required, "Blowing in the Wind"*** www.OrangeBlossomQuilt.com	Please date check 10/31/23

*Choose from any of her month patterns; paper templates included; acrylic templates available in class to use or buy

Must sign up by August 20, 2023 for Susan Marth to avoid cancellation of class

**Applipops brand circle template is not required, but may be purchased at workshop or in advance