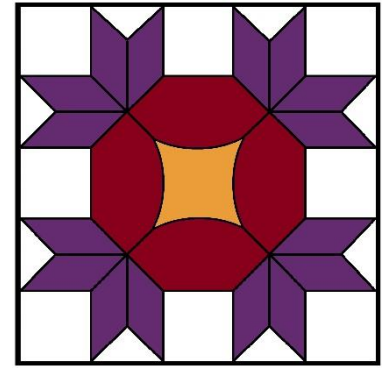


# Hands All Around Quilt Guild

Newsletter  
April 2024

*Roaring Through the 20's*



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New York City  
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## President's Message

By Kathleen Schwitzner

### LOOKING FORWARD TO APRIL

A beloved book in my personal library is Edith Hamilton's Mythology. A great reference book about all things Greek and Roman mythology-related – it's one of the few books that I actually own in print. In Roman mythology, Janus (for which January is named) is the god of all beginning and endings, passages and transitions. And that is how I view April for the guild.

It's just such a momentous month. We look forward to sharing our quilting with the community at large via Quilt Spectrum, with Gwynne and her team following up on all the last-minute announcements and instructions for the show. This has truly been a full culmination of our year's work. And as of late, we also reach out to you, our membership, to gather feedback on how the guild can continue to move forward. We talk about where we want to go while celebrating what we've achieved. I will be fielding thoughts and questions, and also providing a bit of a retrospective of how we have moved forward through and past the pandemic, which was no small feat.

I look forward with chatting with all of you about anything you have on your mind.

See you next week,  
Kathleen



Hands All Around Quilt Guild  
of Central Illinois

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information  
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# 2024 Quilt Spectrum

Friday • April 19 • 9am - 5pm  
Saturday • April 20 • 9am - 4pm

**Interstate Center  
1106 Interstate Drive  
Bloomington, IL**

Raffle Quilt Drawing  
Saturday at 3pm

Vendor Mall & Demos  
Quilt Appraiser  
Raffle Baskets  
Unique Boutique  
\$1 Mystery Bags  
Food Truck

Adults - \$10  
Kids 6-12 - \$1  
Kids 5 & Under - Free



## April Meeting Feedback

By Kathleen Schwitzner

At the April meeting, we will be asking all guild members for their feedback about how this year has gone for the guild. There will be slips of paper so you can anonymously write down your topic. We also want to know how to improve the guild. This is YOUR guild! Be thinking now of what you might submit. Because of the feedback we got at last year's meeting, we're now meeting an hour earlier at 6:00pm. We're also offering more sew days. Thanks to Sara Thompson and Cindy Lee, Community Projects has returned and had a successful year.

## Guild Elections

By Stormy Helton

Congratulations to our 2024 – 2025 guild officers:

President – Ary Anderson

Vice President – Connie Jo Carstens

Treasurer – Gary Riss

Secretary – Becky Carter

Their terms will start at the June meeting.

## Quilt Spectrum is Almost Here!

By Gwynne Bettisch

Come one, come all to the Quilt Spectrum – and bring some friends! Our show is on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the Interstate Center in Bloomington. This year's show has a lot to offer – more vendors (and some are new!), vendor demos offered both days, a quilt appraiser, a free lecture from the quilt appraiser, a new food truck for sustenance, and more! Please come out to enjoy the show and support the guild. This is our big fundraiser of the year. I want to thank all my committee volunteers! Without you this show would not be possible.

## Stash Sale News

By Ary Anderson

Be sure to read the May newsletter about changes coming to the Public Stash Sale on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Quilt Spectrum Volunteer Update

By Dee Winterland

THANK YOU to the many members who have already signed up to help at the Quilt Spectrum! A BIG shout out goes to the members who answered the 'call to action' to hang quilts – YOU ROCK! (And you get to see the beautiful quilts before anyone else!)

There are still some openings that need to be filled. Some duties / time slots can be filled with one person, but it's more fun with another person and some duties just require two or more people! You are welcome to bring a friend who is not a guild member to partner with you if needed. Feel free to sign up for as many tasks as you like. Sign Up Genius makes it easy and can be accessed on the HAAQG website under the Quilt Show tab or [here](#).

Volunteers should check in at the volunteer desk (located near the kitchen) where they will be given a sash to wear during their shift. This will identify them as a volunteer to other HAAQG members, as well as to attendees at the show. After the volunteer shift is done, the sash should be returned to the volunteer desk for repeat use.

If a volunteer reports for their time and finds they are no longer needed (for example, if the Mystery Bags are sold out), they should report back to the volunteer coordinator to see where their help is needed.

Volunteers who help set up on Wednesday and/or Thursday, or take down on Saturday will be given a ticket for a free one-day admission for them to use at the show itself. This will be handed out when they arrive for volunteering. Those volunteers who work during the show on Friday and/or Saturday will be given free admission on the day(s) they volunteer.

The volunteer coordinators working over the course of the Quilt Spectrum are Mary Sanko, Michelle Jackson and Dee Winterland.

The sooner the open volunteer spots are filled, the sooner the planning committee can mark this 'complete'! Let's help them out!



# Quilt Spectrum Appraiser

By Gwynne Bettisch

Janette Dwyer will be our featured speaker and appraiser at the 2024 Quilt Spectrum. At the April meeting you may sign up for a 45-minute appointment with Janette to have a quilt appraised at the show. The cost of each written appraisal is \$40. When you sign up, you'll be given a form that outlines the information Janette will need when she is working with your quilt.

# Mentoring

By Kay Bowen

We've been offering Mentoring for many years and it's a great opportunity to learn new skills and meet new friends. Thank you for the many suggestions for future classes!

The April Mentoring date falls the day before the Quilt Spectrum so there won't be an April class.

For Mentoring on May 16<sup>th</sup>, you will learn about and construct a 10" Manx block using its traditional measuring methods. This is a hand sewing activity. Your teachers are Ary Anderson and Carol Lou Eisenhardt. The cost is \$5.

Bring these supplies -

- needle, thread, scissors • thimble (optional)
- one red or yellow fat quarter
- at the very least, a variety of 5 light and 5 dark FQ

# Register for Class

By Ary Anderson

There are still openings for the April 6 class with Laura Strickland on 'Getting the Most out of Your AccuQuilt Machine'. Come and learn how to use your machine more effectively. Registration forms will be at the April meeting. The time is 1-4 and the cost if \$25 for members. You do not need to bring any supplies to this class.

# Food Pantry Donations

By Jenny Pettinger

For each meeting that's held in-person at the church, you are 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!

# Quilt Check-In

By Karen Goloff

A friendly reminder -

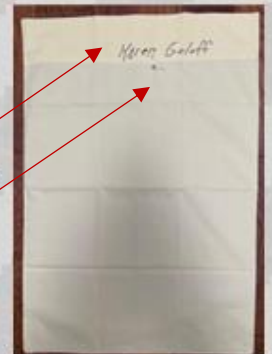
## Quilt Entry Requirement

- A picture of each quilt is needed on each entry form
- Can be pattern photocopy



## Bring Your Quilts in Pillowcases

- One quilt per pillowcase
- Clearly mark your name on the cuff of the pillowcase
- Place a safety pin near your name (new this year)



## How to Fold Your Quilt Before Placing in Pillowcase

- Fold your quilt so that label is at the opening of the pillowcase
- Place a safety pin near label (new this year)



# WOW & Double WOW!

By Ary Anderson

When more scraps were requested for the March meeting, you delivered! On March 15, Cheryl Adam, Connie Borth, Connie Jo Carstens, Sue Costello, Gonnie Guhstorf, Lynn Harris and I turned approximately 75 pounds of fabric scraps into 291 Mystery Bags! That brings the total of Mystery Bags for the Quilt Spectrum to (drum roll, please!) **511!** Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. Hugs to the members who SORTED and LABELED their scraps before donating them. If you have helped sort scraps, you know what a delight it is to see those donations. These Mystery Bags are very popular and will bring in over \$500 to the guild when they're sold. This will help us bring speakers to guild meetings.

## Still Time

By Ary Anderson

Thank you for the Boutique items you brought to the March meeting. It was a great start! You have contributed a nice variety of items. If March was too soon for you to get your handmade items completed, you may bring them to the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Your pricing is appreciated as you know the cost of the materials used in making the item(s). If it is more convenient for you, you may bring your priced items to the Boutique table on April 18<sup>th</sup> as we set up for the show. Check the January-February and March newsletters for ideas as well as the following:

- fabric bowls
- lap quilts
- scissor pouches
- doll quilts
- tooth fairy pillows
- vinyl lined snack bags
- wall hangings
- microwave bowl cozies
- travel pillows with pocket to hold a book

Many lilac shrubs live to be more than 100 years old, often living longer than the home of the gardener who planted them.



# 2024 Raffle Quilt

By Kristen Johnson



HUGE thanks to Sewing Studio for inviting us to display and sell tickets for our 2024 raffle quilt during their grand opening weekend! Ary Anderson was our fearless leader in organizing that endeavor. An amazing 748 tickets were sold, bringing in

over \$600! It was also a great opportunity to promote guild events like the Quilt Spectrum, classes, Stash Sale, and membership (of which we gained two)! Thank you to the following members who helped staff the table: Ary Anderson, Aleta Batty, Sherri Bertolet, Gwynne Bettisch, Connie Borth, Joann Briggs, Julie Buckles, Connie Carstens, Becky Carter, Deb Clement, Kelly Cummings Cowles, Connie Guhstorf, Sue Hardy, Lynn Harris, Cindy Hart, Stormy Helton, Kristen Johnson, Carol Kashian, Marsha Kaster, Jenny Pettinger, Beth Porter, and Nancy Stone.

We are in the last push for ticket sales. Please bring your sold packets to the April meeting. You may also bring them to the Quilt Spectrum by noon on Saturday. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, want more tickets, or need to make arrangements to turn in tickets.

## Quilt Spectrum Postcards

By Jenny Pettinger

You're encouraged to pass out the Quilt Spectrum publicity postcards these last few weeks. I am happy to get some to you – just let me know.





# Mennonite Relief Sale

By Mary Sanko

The 2024 Mennonite Relief Sale was held on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the Sale fight hunger locally and support the Mennonite Central Committee's worldwide relief efforts. Guild members Jo Bressan, Joann Briggs, Becky Carter, Connie Jo Carstens, Maria Conrad, Pat Dahme, Cathie Lockwood, Pat Pummill, Pam Riss, Mary Sanko, Pat Silva, and Nancy Simms donated items to the Sale. Their 29 quilts sold for \$3,530. Thank you for your generous donations!!

# Community Service

By Cindy Lee & Sara Thompson

At the March sew days we completed two quilt tops for the Bed Blitz. At the March meeting we received 10 surgical caps for OSF Children's Hospital, 35 marble mazes for the Baby Fold and 2 donations for Project Linus.

Watch for this new opportunity: we are getting instructions together for a Bed Blitz twin quilt kit, which will be ready at the May meeting.

# May Salad Supper

By Kathleen Schwitzner

Our annual Salad Supper will take place on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The church doors will open at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:00. Here's what you should bring based on the first letter of your last name:

- A & B Pasta Salads
- C - G Garden Salads
- H - L Fruit Salads
- M - P Breads
- Q - Z Desserts

The guild will provide fried chicken. Please bring your own beverage. Paper products and silverware will be provided.

# Library

By Joann Briggs

The Library cart was damaged recently and is not moveable - so books cannot be checked out at the April meeting. We're hoping to have a solution by May. However please note we are now accepting your books and bundled magazines. They'll be sold at the Stash Sale in August for \$2 book / bundle.

# Happy April Birthday!



Aleta Batty	April 2
Sue Costello	April 4
Jenny Pettinger	April 6
Linda Click	April 8
Kristen Johnson	April 8
Sandy Parker	April 9
Judy O'Neil	April 10
Linda Lambert	April 12
Becky Carter	April 16
Penny Boser	April 17
Barbara Hankemeier	April 21
Sallie Hartsfield	April 21
Sharon Rhoda	April 30

April birthdays - please bring a dozen treats to the meeting. Store bought or homemade are both great! The guild will provide plates and napkins.

# Coming Soon to the Website

By Ary Anderson

At the March guild meeting, our treasurer Gary Riss showed a spreadsheet that analyzed actual expenses we incurred for past speakers. When the slide he used at the meeting was created, some information had to be condensed and was not as clear as intended. The full spreadsheet will soon be on the guild website for your information and will be easy to read. It's good to review and understand what it costs to bring speakers to our guild meetings.

# 2024

# HANDS ALL AROUND CALENDAR

2024	
<b>Apr 4</b>	Guild Meeting Quilt Spectrum Prep
<b>Apr 6</b>	Getting the Most Out of Your AccuQuilt Laura Strickland
<b>Apr 19&amp;20</b>	Quilt Spectrum
<b>May 2</b>	Salad Supper & 2025 Sign Ups



## Hands All Around Quilt Guild 2024-2025 Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month/Day \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Email \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Membership Type &amp; Dues</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> New member	<input type="checkbox"/> General Member (\$50)	<input type="checkbox"/> General Member, Dec 1 - May 31 (\$25)
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewing member	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior – 18 or under (\$25)	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior – 18 or under, Dec 1 – May 31 (\$12.50)
<b>Newsletter Notification Preference</b>		
<b>Email / Website Option</b>		<b>Mail Option</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Send me an email when newsletter is posted to website		<input type="checkbox"/> Mail newsletter to my home address (\$20)
<input type="checkbox"/> I will access newsletter from the website. No notification needed.		
<b>Photography</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>I <b>DO NOT</b> give HAAQG permission to post or use my image online or in publication.</i>		
<b>Membership Pin</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to purchase a membership pin (\$5)		
<b>Membership Committee Use Only</b>		
<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 2309<sup>th</sup> Rd.  
Streator, IL 61364**