

**Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Central Illinois**

# **Newsletter**

**MARCH 2021**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

The temperatures are getting warmer and the snow is melting, spring can't be too far away!!

I want to thank everyone for their input at the breakout sessions last month. You had some good comments and suggestions. The board is looking at them and evaluating the ideas so we can best meet the needs of the guild. More information will be coming.

We will be voting on the new officers for next year at our March meeting. The nominees are: Vice President – Kathleen Schwitzner, Secretary – Jenny Pettinger, Treasurer – Connie Borth. Stormy Dawn Helton will be the new President. A special thank you to these ladies for volunteering, they will be the leaders for the guild next year.

Our next Zoom meeting will be **Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm**. We will open the meeting at 6:30 pm to get everyone connected on time. Pictures for Show and Tell must be sent to Stormy as an email attachment **no later than Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**. Pictures received after Monday will held till the next month's Show and Tell.

Put your thinking caps on, we are looking for ideas or suggestions as what to do for the May meeting. This will be our last meeting till September, and we would like to do something special for it. It does not look like we will be able to meet in person so we're looking for something we can do on Zoom. If you have any ideas, please call or email me or any of the officers.

Don't forget to pick up your raffle tickets on **February 27th, at the Sewing Studio in Hudson from 10am-4pm**. This is one of our main sources of income for our future speakers so pick up those tickets and sell, sell, sell.

Keep those sewing machines humming. Stay safe, healthy, and get vaccinated.

## **SPECIAL NOTICE**

**The Board of Directors meeting has been changed to April 6, 2021 at 6:30 via Zoom.**

*Sharon Rhoda*

President

## PROGRAMS

Our March 4 meeting will feature Beth Helfter of [evapaigequilts.com](http://evapaigequilts.com). Beth's program is "Oompah! Accordion Sewn HSTs". She will demo her technique to create scrappy half-square triangles without drawing any lines. Her presentation will precede our business portion of the meeting.

On April 8, "What Makes a Quilter Tick" will be presented by David Sirota, [quiltmavendave.com](http://quiltmavendave.com).

### LOOKING AHEAD

In order to schedule a class "No Tears Paper Piecing" class with David Sirota, ([quiltmaven.dave.com](http://quiltmaven.dave.com)) the program committee still needs a few more people to have the minimum number of 10. David offers classes via Zoom on his technique to paper piece without stitching ON the paper which means there is NO paper to remove! Several members have taken classes with him and think all of you would be successful with his technique. Check out his web site listed above. Most of his classes are \$40.00 for a six-hour class. If interested, please contact Ary Anderson [quiltlady1939@gmail.com](mailto:quiltlady1939@gmail.com) with your class preference.

### HANDKERCHIEFS ANYONE?

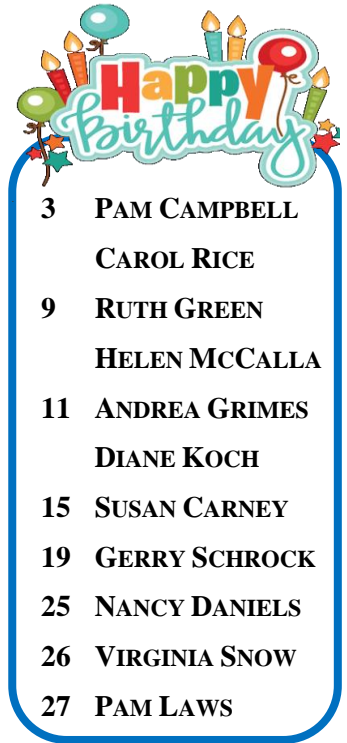
Someone has contacted me who has about 25 handkerchiefs to give away. Some are travel souvenirs, some have lace and/or tatting, and some might have a child's cartoon focus. If you are interested, contact Ary Anderson, [quiltlady1939@gmail.com](mailto:quiltlady1939@gmail.com).

### CODE for FREE SHIPPING

Beth Helfter, our March 4 speaker is offering **FREE** shipping on orders from her store beginning today, **February 17**, until **48** hours **after** her program.

Go to her website: [www.evapaigequilts.com](http://www.evapaigequilts.com). Enter the code HANDS2 during check out.

Have fun shopping!



## ARC QUILTERS QUARANTINE QUILT FUNDRAISER

In keeping with The Guild's purpose 'to encourage community awareness of quilting and related arts', we are including a fund-raising project undertaken by the ARC Quilters for the benefit of the ARC Living Memorial Fund.

The talented ARC Quilters worked together to create a Quarantine Quilt in the early days of the pandemic. The project was a great way to help the quilters stay active while apart and to represent their experiences in quarantine. The group was generous in allowing ARC to raffle it to one lucky winner in support of the ARC Living Memorial Fund. Enter our Quarantine Quilt raffle today, and this quilt could be yours! Purchase your raffle tickets at <https://go.rallyup.com/arcnormal>. Raffle tickets will be \$10 for 10, \$25 for 30, \$50 for 75 and \$100 for 200.

### A DESCRIPTION OF THE QUILT'S DESIGN FROM THE QUILTING GROUP

"The center square represents the COVID-19 virus. The colored squares surrounding the virus represent our homes. The white circles represent each of us and those who sheltered in place in our homes. Spouses, children, and pets are represented by the number and size of the circles on each square. ARC members, the Normal Township staff, and Township Board members also made colored squares. On the back of the quilt, we used fabric that represented what we did during quarantine."

Every raffle ticket purchase will help further the ARC Living Memorial Fund's goal of enriching the lives of local seniors by working with Normal Township's Activity & Recreation Center to innovate and expand on programming whenever possible in the areas of health, wellness, fitness, education, nutrition, and socialization.

The Quarantine Quilt raffle will be open online from February 1st to March 31st. The winner will be randomly selected and notified on April 1st. We will deliver the quilt to the lucky winner's door!

## MENNONITE RELIEF SALE

The Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale would like to thank the Guild for their support. Unfortunately, last year's sale had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. Over 25 quilts donated by our members will be in their first online auction beginning on March 13th and ending on March 20th.

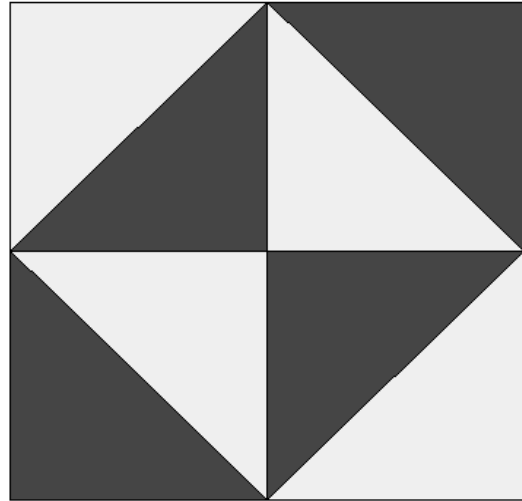
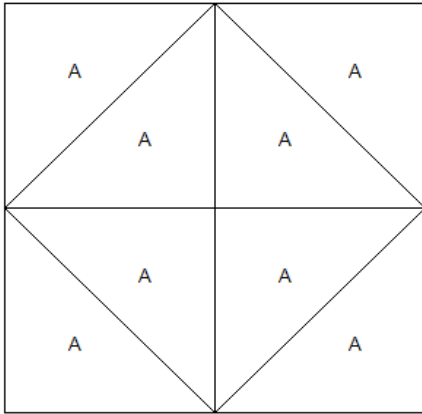
Let's support their local and global relief efforts by checking out the auction and registering to bid using PROXIBID at <http://sullivanauctioneers.proxibid.com/> Viewing of quilts and other items will begin in early March. Visit the Relief Sale's website at <https://ilreliefsale.org> or their Facebook page for more information.



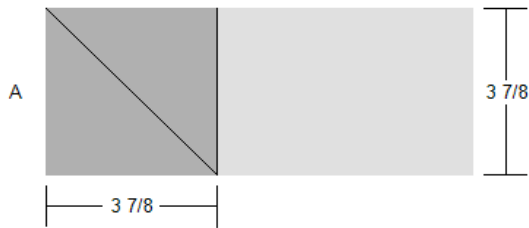
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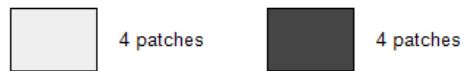
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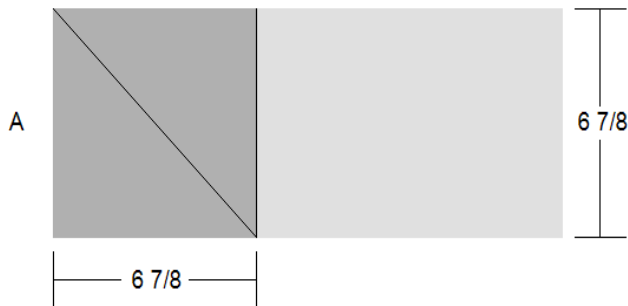


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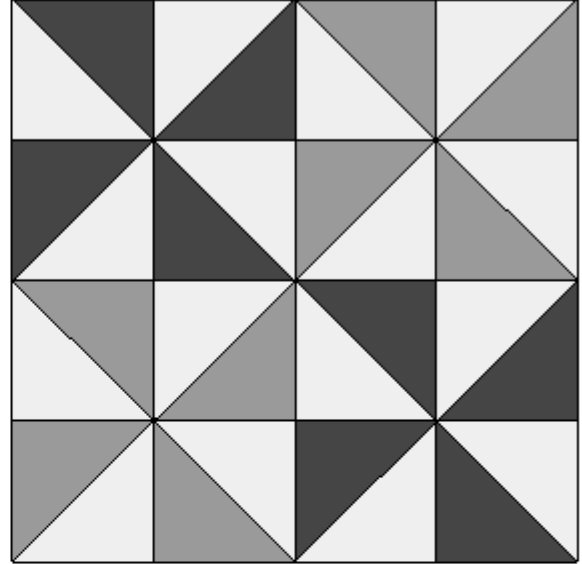
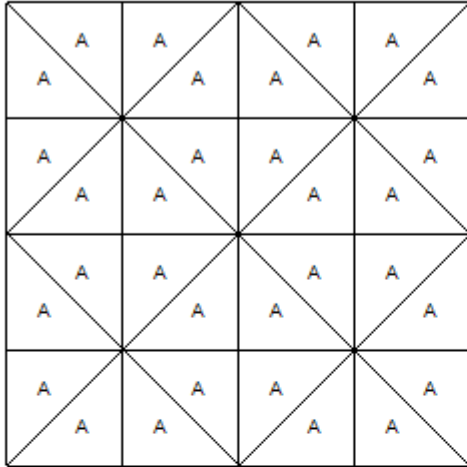
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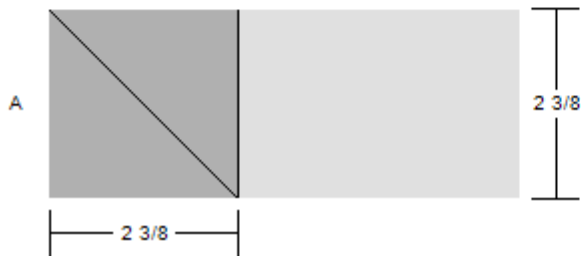
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Key Block (41/100 actual size)



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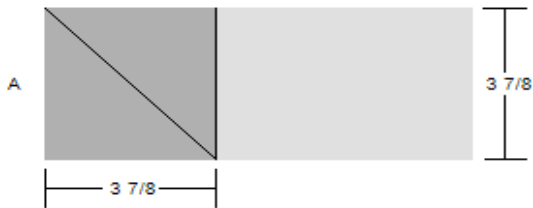


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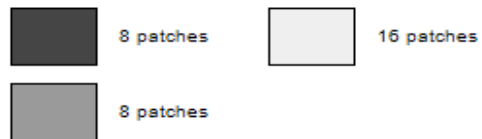


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**For 6-inch blocks, each HST will be 2 inches UNFINISHED.**

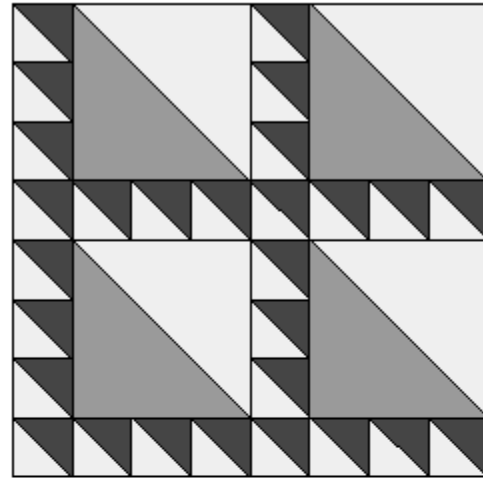
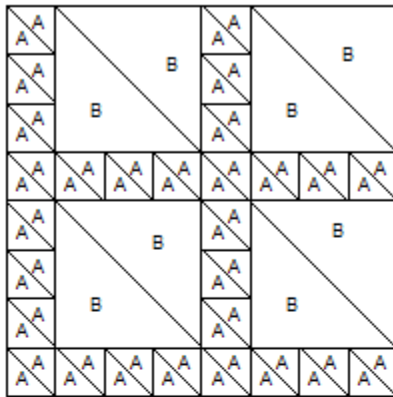
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**March bonus block**

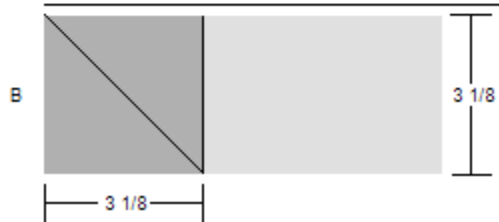
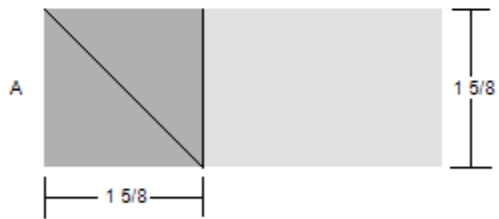
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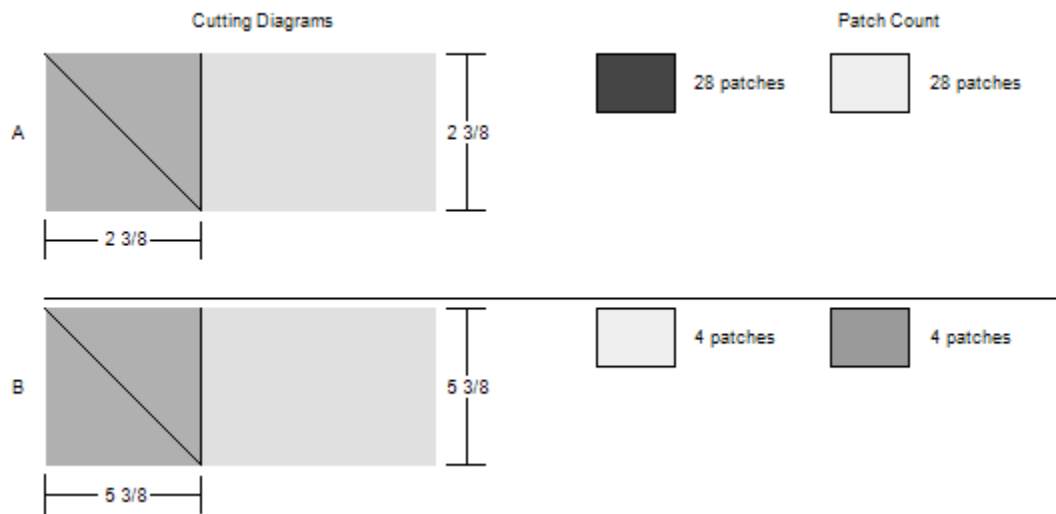
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**For 6-inch blocks, small HST units will be 1.25 inches UNFINISHED.**

**Large HST units will be 2.75 inches UNFINISHED.**

**For 12-inch blocks, small HST units will be 2 inches UNFINISHED.**

**Large HST units will be 5 inches UNFINISHED.**



## Best Place to Hide Fabric

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CEDAR CHEST

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BLACK PLASTIC BAGS

TOY CHEST

PICNIC BASKET

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