



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

### **Newsletter**

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**JANUARY 2016**

#### **EAT, LOVE, QUILT!**

**PAT IANNONE**

In anticipation of spending time with quilting buddies at the winter retreat, Connie G gave me the idea for this month's article – fun quilting quotes. I hope a few make you smile. Feel free to share your favorites on the Guild's [Facebook](#) page.

- ❖ Ever hear about the quilter that had too much fabric? Me neither.
- ❖ Life seems better when I'm sewing.
- ❖ Sewing mends the soul.
- ❖ When life gives you scraps, make quilts.
- ❖ "Make it sew!"
- ❖ Give a quilter an inch and she'll think she's a ruler.
- ❖ I love you so much, I'd use my best fabric on you.
- ❖ Cooking and cleaning are for people who haven't discovered quilting yet.
- ❖ Quilters are not greedy, they're just materialistic.
- ❖ My doctor said to get more fiber, so I went to the fabric store.
- ❖ Who you callin' a fat quarter?
- ❖ Is a nine patch part of a twelve step program?
- ❖ Keep calm and quilt like mad.
- ❖ Quilters don't die; they go to pieces.

#### **COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

**ALETA BATTY**

We have had an overwhelming member participation in the Pillowcase Project. Already we have delivered a total of 400 pillowcases to the recipients - Salvation Army Safe House, Neville House, Home Sweet Home, Recycled Furniture for Needy Families and have added another recipient HOMES OF HOPE. There will be more for delivery in the Spring. THANK YOU for all the support. Cheers to our members.

#### **DOOR HOSTESS**

**MARY WUHRMANN & RUTH TRIMBLE**

Returning your name tags after the break really helped us to refile the tags. They're all ready for our Jan meeting! Thank you for your help.

Please volunteer to be a Quilting Buddy in January. Just sign up at the Door Hostess table and we'll match you with a new member or guest for the evening. Kay Oehler and her new quilting friend have been sitting together at the meetings for several months!!

#### **MENTOR PROGRAM**

**KAY BOWEN & KAY FISHER**

What quilting technique or skill would you like to learn? The mentoring program offers classes to teach you basic quilting skills or different quilting techniques. Each month you can come and just watch and listen or you can pick-up the supply list to do the monthly project.

Our Guild is large and has many activities and opportunities open to all members. Whether you have been quilting for many years or you are new to quilting, the Mentor Program offers classes for you. Taking a mentor class is a great way to meet members of our Guild and to have a fun night out with other quilters.

**Thursday, January 21, 2016 – Pillowcase & Sewing for Your Sewing Room**

**Thursday, February 18, 2016 – TBA**

**Thursday, March 17, 2016 – Binding: Double Fold plus other options and Making Labels**

So, have you mastered the double-fold mitered binding or is it still giving you problems? At the March mentoring class we will be showing you how to apply a double fold binding. We will also show other ways to do bindings. All quilts need a quilt label. You can make a label using muslin and a permanent marker or you can use a computer. We will be showing you how to design your label using Microsoft Word. You can bring a small quilted item that needs a binding (or your table runner that you have been working on) or you can come to just listen and watch.

**Thursday, April 21, 2016 – Quilted Bag**

**Thursday, May 19, 2016 – Finish Quilted Bag**

If you have an idea for a class or you have a skill/technique you would like to share, please contact one of us. **We are looking for ideas and mentors.**

**MENNONITE RELIEF SALE 2016**

**MARY SANKO**

The 2016 Mennonite Relief Sale will be held March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at the Interstate Center. If you would like to donate a wall hanging or quilt for the auction – or an item for the bazaar – please contact Mary Sanko for details. The auction committee is requesting a picture to attach to each quilt. If you bring your donation to the March meeting, she will take it to the Interstate Center and obtain a tax receipt for you.

**NATIONAL QUILT DAY**

**LADONNA MARSHALL**

National Quilting Day is March 19 this year. Andi Grimes, Lynne Conder, and I are coordinating a guild project to celebrate the day. We will take a trunk show of member quilts to Luther Oaks on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 and Westminster Village on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1. We will be contacting members about borrowing quilts for the trunk show over the next few months. We will be seeking quilts in assorted sizes using a variety of techniques. In addition we will be asking for volunteers to help hold quilts on the two Saturdays mentioned. Contact Evelyn Young with any questions or if you are willing to volunteer on one or both days. [Eyoung914@gmail.com](mailto:Eyoung914@gmail.com) or 309-962-9547.

**2016 QUILT SHOW**

**ERIN HEATON & “YOUR NAME COULD BE HERE”**

Volunteers are still requested for the upcoming annual Quilt Show. If you would like to be a Co-Chair, Vendors Chair, or Bed Turning Chair, please contact myself, Erin Heaton at [eband2001@yahoo.com](mailto:eband2001@yahoo.com). Our next meeting will be on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Mennonite Church. New members are always welcome.

The theme of this year's show is “EAT, LOVE, Quilt”. A category will be created to represent this year's theme. So start thinking how to represent “EAT, LOVE, QUILT” for your next exciting project. This will have its own category in the Quilt Show.

Looking forward to the 2016 Quilt Show.

**RAFFLE QUILT 2016**

**ANNE POWELL, CONNIE GUHLSTORF, LISA LEE,  
PENNY BOSER, MARY SANKO**

“Star of Friendship” is finished! A big “thank you” to all of those who put in many hours hand quilting it, as well as to those who contributed half-square triangles and appliqué....and to those who have sold and purchased tickets. Envelopes of tickets will be available at the January meeting, so be sure to pick up one – or another one. Each envelope contains 24 tickets to be sold for \$1 per ticket, or 6 for \$5. Please put your name on each ticket to be eligible to win some great prizes! The winning ticket will be drawn at the quilt show on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The raffle quilt is one of the Guild's largest fundraisers, helping to pay for our great speakers and the activities that we all enjoy. If you prefer not to sell tickets, we will welcome your donation.

## **NORMALLY SANE JANES**

**MARY WUHRMANN**

6pm-8:30pm, ReMax, 2303 Eastland Drive, Bloomington. Please contact Mary Wuhrmann with any questions.

Dates:	January 26	April 26	July 26
	February 23	May 24	August 23
	March 22	June 28	

## **HEY-QUILTERS 2015-2016**

**KIM TRAVERS OR KIM NELSON**

Hey-Quilters meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, except holidays. All regular meetings are held at the United Church (Methodist), 302 E. Main St., Heyworth, IL beginning at 6:30 pm

Dates:	January 28	April 28	July 28
	February 25	May 26	August 25
	March 24	June 23	September 22

## **MYSTERY QUILT**

**CHERYL ADAM, RUTH NOVOSAD  
& EVELYN YOUNG**

### **START SEEING GEESE! – 2015-2016 HAAQG MYSTERY QUILT**

The holidays are over. The decorations have been taken down and packed away for another year. All the shopping, cooking, baking, cleaning, and partying is over for another year. So what are you going to do with all your free time?

Catch up on your Mystery Quilt!

Many of you have been faithfully following the monthly clues. Admittedly, the September clue was the most time consuming. Once you selected your fabrics, cut the pieces and completed the 166 flying geese, each successive clue has been easier. There is one more clue in January, then the BIG REVEAL in February. After the February meeting you will have all the clues you need to solve the case.

If you have fallen behind and feel overwhelmed....STOP! Relax!! Take a breath!!! There is still plenty of time to catch up to the flock. If you are planning on attending the Winter Retreat, you will have nearly 20 hours to work on your project!

This project was intended to reinforce what we all know as quilters...Accurate piecing is the key to a successful quilt. If you have been careful, trimmed and squared up your units, and pressed according to the directions given in the clues, your piecing should go smoothly. If you are having trouble matching seams and points, take a quick look at your 1/4<sup>th</sup> inch seams. Even a slight variation in the width of your seam can have an impact on your piecing.

Miss Murkey posed a question on Facebook last month. She wanted to know how many of you were using fabrics from your stash and how many of you actually purchased fabric for the MQ project. If you have not been following the discussion, the majority of you are using fabrics entirely from your stash. That is GREAT!! HONK! HONK!! HONK!!!

This project is a good use of some of those tips and tricks, the HAAQG speakers have presented over the past few months. If you store scraps in a basket, bin, or box in the corner of your sewing room, using them for another project can be intimidating. Sorting through the tangle of irregular shapes and sizes is time consuming and inconvenient, especially if you are in a hurry to start a project. Who wants to go to all the trouble and mess of pressing and cutting up scraps when you can pull crisp whole pieces from your stash?

The trick is to avoid creating the mound of scraps in the first place. As you handle a piece of fabric, give some thought to how you would use the remainder of the piece. Cut squares or strips that you are likely to use for another project and store them in a clearly labeled container. Precutting scraps into manageable pieces makes it much easier to begin your next project.

Consider managing and organizing your scrap heap as a New Year's Resolution. Just do a little bit of cutting and organizing each day, or invite a friend to help you. It will save you some time and money, tidy up your sewing space and it is more fun than dieting!

## **PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS**

**JOYCE BREWER, PAT DAHME,  
JULIE LYONS & PAM RISS**

Unfortunately, Sherry DelCostello had to cancel her Crazy Quilt lecture and workshops.

Teajuana Mahone was our guest in December. She was so much fun as she discussed her experiences in quilting. There were many people who commented on her and asked if she could come back. You got it! She will be back in April 2016. Details will be announced later.

### **January 7, 2016 Thursday Lecture:**

Cathy Grafton. [prairiequiltsandmore.com](http://prairiequiltsandmore.com)

Her lecture is titled 'An 18<sup>th</sup> Century Lady's Discourse on Plain Sewing and Fashion' complete with costume from the period. Sounds like a very entertaining evening!

Cathy is a quilter and needlework artist living in Illinois. She draws her inspiration from the farmland and the bits of prairie around her. She loves sharing and teaching others. Silk ribbon embroidery is a major component on her quilts as well as the small silk ribbon pictures she creates.

### **February 4, 2016 –**

Catherine Redford [catherineredford.com](http://catherineredford.com)

Catherine grew up in England and moved to Naperville in 1995. She discovered quilting a few years later and has been teaching quilting for over 10 years. She is an active member of the Riverwalk Quilters Guild and the Fiber Art Divas and was co-founder of the Naperville Modern Quilt Guild.

2/4/2016 - Lecture - The Language of Flowers

Catherine's lecture will include a wide variety of quilts featuring flowers, many of which are beaded and embellished.

2/5/2016 – Workshop - Hand Embroidery and Beading Kit Required - \$20

This class will teach basic hand embroidery stitches, with and without the addition of beads, making fringes and tassels, and beaded edge treatments. All that is needed is scissors, a small dish for the beads, and glasses

2/6/2016 – Workshop - Walking Foot Quilting – Beyond the Ditch

Learn how to finish your quilts on a domestic machine while enjoying all the control of your walking foot.

You will make stitched samples of different styles including modern grids, matchstick quilting, and spirals.

### **Supply List**

10, 12" squares solid color fabric

2, 12" square pieced blocks of any design

6, 12" squares low loft cotton batting

White 50 wt cotton thread for quilting (eg Aurifil, Wonderfil, Superior....)

Colored 12 wt cotton thread(eg Aurifil, Wonderfil, Superior....)

20, 1" safety pins

scissors

blue painters tape

Rotary cutter, mat and ruler (12" or longer)

#80 and #100 sharp (microtex) sewing machine needles

paper and pen for notes

Small trash bag

Sewing machine with walking foot and open toed appliqué foot. *(Please bring your instruction manual with you)*

Don't forget your power cord and foot control. If your machine came with a knee lift bring it to class!

Any slide on table or Perspex surround you own for your machine.

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH PROGRAM 2015-2016**

**CONNIE KRUSAN & DONNA DILLON**

Congratulations to the gift card winners at the December meeting:

- Deborah Hutchins
- Helen McCalla
- Nancy Powell
- Dorothy Rhodes

Thanks to everyone who brought in and shared their completed blocks with us. They looked great!!

The January and February block patterns have been posted on the HAAQG website. This will provide additional time to complete the blocks and quilt. Don't forget: The Quilt Show will have a category for Block of the Month. Hope to see everyone's quilts entered in the Quilt Show!!

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**CAROLYN GATENBY, TREASURER**

**HANDS ALL AROUND QUILT GUILD  
Treasurer's Report  
November, 2015**

Balance on October 31, 2015	\$15,354.30
Total Receipts	\$1,027.00
Total Expenses	-\$2,002.33
Balance in Checking Nov. 30, 2015	\$14,378.97
Balance in CD Nov. 30, 2015	\$24,058.06
Total Assets as of November 30, 2015	\$38,431.03
Submitted by Carolyn M. Gatenby HAAQG Treasurer 2015-2016	

<b>JANUARY</b>	
6	<a href="#"><u>King City Quilt Group</u></a> - 1-3 pm, Leroy Christian Church. Contact Marilyn Wey.
7	<a href="#"><u>Quilt Spectrum Board Meeting</u></a> – 5:30, Mennonite Church of Normal <a href="#"><u>HAAQG Meeting</u></a> – 7pm; <a href="#"><u>Cathy Grafton</u></a> , <i>An 18th Century Lady's Discourse on Plain Sewing &amp; Fashion</i> , Mennonite Church of Normal
8	<a href="#"><u>Winter Retreat</u></a> – 9 am – 9 pm, Mennonite Church of Normal
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