



Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Central Illinois

Newsletter

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FEBRUARY 2016

EAT, LOVE, QUILT!

PAT IANNONE

It seems ☺ that I'm making many, many half-square triangles this year, so I thought I would share a few of the methods I've found on how to make them.

1. [Easy Sandwich Method](#) from About.com. This is a basic method where you pair two fabrics, sew together diagonally on each side of a marked line, and then cut apart to produce 2 HSTs.
2. [Half Square Triangle Paper Patterns](#) from Bonnie Hunter. She has patterns in a range of sizes that you print out, sew along printed lines, and then cut along (different) printed lines.
3. [Half Square Triangle](#) by Missouri Star Quilt Co. This method uses precut 5" squares from charm packs. You sew 1/4" around the paired squares, and then cut diagonally to end up with 4 HSTs.
4. [Magic 8](#) from Craftsy. Pair two fabrics, mark two diagonals, stitch 1/4" on each side of the lines, and then cut apart to produce 8 HSTs.
5. [Half Square Triangles](#) using Thangles. This method makes HST using strips and a pre-printed paper template that comes in a range of sizes.
6. [Half Square Triangles](#) using the Easy Angle ruler. This method also uses strips but has you cut paired triangles and then chain sew.

I suspect there are more methods than this. The method I use depends on how many HSTs I have to make and the finished size. My favorite tool for marking those diagonal lines is the [Fons & Porter 1/4" Seam Markers](#). It marks the sewing lines, rather than the center line.

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

Thank you for dropping off your name tags after the break. If you happened to forget, that's OK. We'll try to remind everyone next month!

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 18th & 19th 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 your donation is ready, please bring it to the February meeting. If not, bring it to the March meeting. She will make sure it gets to the Sale and will 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 12th at 2 and Westminster Village on Saturday, March 19th 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 or 309-962-9547.

QUILT SPECTRUM 2016 CDS/DVDS

CHERYL ADAMS

Bob Adam will once again be photographing the quilt show. He takes pictures of every quilt and various venues during the show. There are about 250 photos on the disk.

If you would like to order one, Bob will be at the February and March meeting. The CD's are \$6 and DVD's are \$7. Please pay when you order so Cheryl can just hand out the disks at the Salad Supper. If you would like to order but will not be at the meetings, please send a check to Bob Adam at 27 Long Cove Ct., Bloomington, IL 61704

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. Our next meeting will be on January 7th 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 appliquéd.....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 2nd.

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

We are a group of quilters working on our Dear Jane quilts (see www.dearjane.com for quilt info). We gather together once a month to share our blocks, tips, and encouragement. Join us if you would like more information on becoming a "Janiac". We'd love to help you!

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 4th 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

LEXINGTON SEW N TELL

CAROLYN GATENBY

Lexington Sew N Tell meetings have changed to the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm.

MYSTERY QUILT

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

START SEEING GEESE! – 2015-2016 HAAQG MYSTERY QUILT

Only a few more days before the BIG REVEAL! The Sixth and final clue of the Start Seeing Geese Mystery Quilt will be published on the HAAQG website Mystery Quilt page on Thursday, February 4th. Miss Murkey, Toulouse Goose, and Loosey Goosey will display their finished quilts at the Guild meeting that night.

Remember! There will be a separate voting category for the 2015-2016 Mystery Quilts at Quilt Spectrum in April. To be entered in the show, you must finish your quilt and COMPLETE AN ENTRY FORM, but not necessarily in that order. Why not complete the form at the February meeting and avoid the last minute rush?

We would like to display as many Mystery Quilts as possible ay QUILT SPECTRUM. You have flown so high and so far this year! Wouldn't it be nice to finish your quilt and have it ready for this year's quilt show? You will have about 8 weeks to finish.

Start flapping your wings. Your destination is near!! Honk!...Honk!...Honk!!!

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

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

FEBRUARY – Catherine Redford catherineredfor.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.

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.

April 7 – Lecture – *Rotary Cutters, The Next Generation*

Lecture/trunk show about the different types of rotary cutters, mats, and rulers available to efficiently make quilts. This lecture also goes over guild optional blocks and suggestions for making sure blocks will end up being the same size. Included in the trunk show are quilts made from swap blocks and guild optional blocks.

April 8 – Workshop – Sweatshirts

Here is your chance to learn how to make a sweatshirt jacket that suits your personality

April 9 – Workshop – Exploded Star

This is a great quilt to use up stash and scraps. It's the one everyone loved at the December meeting.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH PROGRAM 2015-2016

CONNIE KRUSAN & DONNA DILLON

THANK YOU!!

A big "Thank You" to everyone who participated in the 2015-16 Block of the Month (BoM) Program. Don't forget there is a special category for BoM at the Quilt Show. We hope to see all of your finished masterpieces. There are no rules on how to finish the project, so let your creativity take over. Looking forward to seeing your finished projects!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

CAROLYN GATENBY, TREASURER

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

Balance on November 30, 2015		\$14,378.97
Total Receipts		\$1,790.26
Total Expenses		-\$2,248.92
Balance in Checking Dec. 31, 2015		\$14,378.97
Balance in CD Dec. 31, 2015		\$25,044.58
Total Assets as of November 30, 2015		\$38,964.89
Submitted by Carolyn M. Gatenby HAAQG Treasurer 2015-2016		

JUNE RETREAT

CAROLE FAY

My arm was twisted at this past sewing retreat and I "volunteered" to head a committee to organize a June 2016 retreat. We have a tentative date of June 17th & 18th, but will have that date confirmed by the February meeting. I will also plan on having a sign up sheet at the February meeting.

TRIPS

Viv Browning of The Gems Quilt Group in Peoria has contacted our guild regarding a bus trip to the International Quilt Festival Chicago in Rosemont, IL on Thursday, April 7, 2016 that they are sponsoring. They have planned a stop at the Schnucks in Normal just off I-55 to pick up any Bloomington/Normal quilters that might be interested. More details will be forthcoming within the next month.

FEBRUARY	
3	King City Quilt Group - 1-3 pm, Leroy Christian Church. Contact Marilyn Wey.
4	HAAQG Board Meeting – 5:30, Mennonite Church of Normal HAAQG Meeting – 7 pm; Catherine Redford, <i>The Language of Flowers</i> , Mennonite Church of Normal
5	Catherine Redford Workshop – Hand Embroidery and Beading , 9am- 4pm, Mennonite Church of Normal
6	Catherine Redford Workshop – Walking Foot Quilting - Beyond the Ditch , 9am- 4pm, Mennonite Church of Normal
11	Sew & Tell – 6:30 pm, Lexington Community Center. Contact Linda Hutchins.
13	Hudson Area Quilters – 9 am – 5 pm, Hudson Fire Department. Christine Kaiser, coordinator. Contact Ruth Pfaffmann or Ada Rediger.
15	HAAQG Newsletter Articles Due to Vickie Brann, HAAQGnews@hotmail.com Magic Needles – 7 pm, Cheryl Adam hostess. Everyone is welcome. Contact Arlene Mitchell.
17	King City Quilt Group - 1-3 pm, Leroy Christian Church. Contact Marilyn Wey.
18	Mentor Program – TBA, 6:15 pm, Mennonite Church of Normal. Contact Kay Bowen or Kay Fisher.
23	Normally Sane Janes – 6 pm – 8:30 pm, ReMax, 2203 Eastland Drive, Bloomington. Contact Mary Wuhrmann.
25	Hey Quilters – 6:30 pm, Heyworth United Church Library Lounge. Contact Kim Travers or Kim Nelson.

MARCH

2	King City Quilt Group - 1-3 pm, Leroy Christian Church. Contact Marilyn Wey.
3	Quilt Spectrum Board Meeting – 5:30, Mennonite Church of Normal HAAQG Meeting – 7pm; <u>Kim Schrader Fauth</u> , <i>My ABCD Technique and Trunk Show</i> , Mennonite Church of Normal
4	Kim Schrader Fauth Workshop – <u>Table Topper or Wall Hanging</u> , 9am- 4pm, Mennonite Church of Normal
5	Kim Schrader Fauth Workshop - <u>Christmas Tree Skirt</u> , 9am- 4pm, Mennonite Church of Normal
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30	Quilt Spectrum Quilt & Props Check In – 2pm – 6pm, Parke Regency Hotel and Conference Center
31	Quilt Spectrum Quilt & Props Check In – 8am – 10am, Parke Regency Hotel and Conference Center