



Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Central Illinois

Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2020

President's Message

No UFO's Left Behind!

Happy Valentine's Day Members!

How have you spent the last month with the snowstorms that seem to like to visit us on the weekends? Were you able to work on your UFO's and get a few more completed? I got one ready to take to the long arm quilter and hopefully will get a few more ready. I hope to actually have a few quilts done and enter into the Quilt Spectrum this year. Gwynne Bettisch would like to see how close we can get to having 300 quilts displayed this year. Do you think the Guild can do it?

I still have two fleece jackets for sale, a medium and a large, which will be for sale at the meeting for \$35.00. The guild also has one fleece vest in a size medium that will be for sale for \$33.00. Please look for these items at the table next to the membership area to purchase these items.

The programs committee is still accepting donations for the silent auction. If you have any items to donate, you may leave them on the counter in front of the kitchen.

How did you like Pam Riss's program and her journey of sewing and quilting? I know for myself that I thoroughly enjoyed it. She must sew from the time she wakes up until the time she retires for the evening. Just makes me tired thinking about it.

Are you excited to hear our speaker this month, Christa Watson? I have taken classes from her and she is a wonderful teacher and hope every member that is able to take her classes will learn a lot. Members please keep in mind that the months that we have a speaker you are welcome to join the program committee on Friday evening for dinner for socializing with them. The Thursday evening dinner is for the program committee only to make sure they have the speaker needs for the weekend. Thank you for understanding and abiding by this.

Please remember in case of inclement weather to check our Website, Facebook page or listen to WJBC for a cancellation. Also, if you don't feel safe coming out, please stay home where you feel safe.

Connie Borth
President

Reminders

Bring forms with pictures of projects for the Normal Library Art Display to the February Meeting.

Don't forget to bring food items for the Church's shopping cart. We will be collecting items throughout the Guild year.

Mennonite Relief Sale

The 2020 Mennonite Relief Sale will be held March 20th & 21st at the Interstate Center. Funds raised at the sale will benefit worldwide relief efforts and local food pantries

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. Donations will be collected at the March meeting. If possible, please include a photo of each auction item or email her a digital copy.

Silent Auction Change Date

The Executive Board has approved changing the date of the silent auction **FROM** January 2020 **TO** May of 2020. This will allow the Programs Committee more time to accept your treasures. Thank you for the lovely items we have received so far for the Silent Auction. Marking your items for the 'silent auction', is very helpful. We **can** tell the difference between scraps for the mystery bags and fabric for the auction, but we appreciate knowing so we only open the items for the mystery bags when we are sorting fabric. All clearly marked items for the silent auction may be placed on the counter outside the kitchen.

Programs & Classes

February Speaker

Our speaker for February is Christa Watson. Christa is an award-winning quilter who loves to perform all of her own 'stunts' on a regular home sewing machine. She's a fabric designer for Benartex, and author of three books on machine quilting. She loves to empower others to quilt their own quilts and have fun doing it!

Her program Thursday, February 6, 2020 is: ***How Do I Quilt It?*** Most quilters understand how important it is to practice machine-quilting designs on small fabric samples, but they often have trouble applying those designs to an actual quilt. In this informative lecture, Christa will share her secrets for machine-quilting success which include: adequate basting, choosing the right thread colors, thinking about how to divide and conquer each task, and learning how to create rich texture with little to no marking of the quilt. Christa will also discuss the importance of making a quilting plan, so you can figure out the best path around the quilt with the fewest stops and starts. Once you see how easy and stress-free her methods can be, you'll feel empowered to quilt your own quilts

February 7 - Friday Class - Walking Foot Wonders (Machine Quilting Technique Class)

February 8 - Saturday Class - Free Motion Favorites (Machine Quilting Technique Class)

If you are interested in taking any of her classes, check with Pam Riss on availability. There have been some cancellations, so there might be an open spot or two.

Next Month

Our speaker/teacher for March, David Gilleland, has openings in both classes. Posted on our web page are the basic class supply lists, cutting directions, and drawing box template for each of his classes. You may copy as needed, the drawing box to plan your colors for that pattern. You do not need to purchase the patterns before class. David will have them available for \$10. You do need to

have your fabric cut and labeled per the chart listed for each pattern. His web site is www.vectorquilts.com.

March 5, 2020 -David Gilleland's Program: Foundation vs. Traditional Piecing

March 6, 2020 class: Equinox (Beginner Foundation Piecing)

March 7, 2020 class: Star-Voyage (Beginner Foundation Piecing)

Question for you for a 2021-22 speaker/class

When Doug Leko was here, he suggested that we contact Debbie Maddy and schedule her class on Shibori Resist Indigo Dyeing. He indicated that it was a good and interesting class. The Program Committee is considering asking her for a contract to conduct this as one of her classes. But we need to know if there are at least 20 members interested in taking this class. In addition to the class registration fee, there will be a \$25.00 supply fee per student which includes use of all dye supplies and choice of 2 scarves, 4 napkins, or 1 ¼ yards of PFD fabric. We are asking two things of you: 1) that you go to her web site, www.calicocarriage.com, and check out her Shibori Resist Dyeing class as well as her other classes and 2) please tell any member of the program committee if you might be interested in taking the dyeing class. Thank you for your help.

February-Your Penultimate Month

This is your reminder that February is your next to last month to bring in your scraps for the mystery bags at the Quilt Spectrum AND your donations for the Silent Auction. Please mark your items accordingly and place on the outer counter of the kitchen when you come to the February meeting.

2019-2020 Programs & Classes

February 6, 2020-Christa Watson

- Lecture: How do I quilt it?
- Workshops: Walking Foot Wonders & Free Motion Favorites

March 5, 2020-David Gilleland

- Lecture: Foundation vs. Traditional Piecing
- Workshops: Equinox and Star-Voyage

April 2, 2020 -Sherie Cifaldi-Morrill

- Lecture: Content, Concepts & Quilts: Approaching Quilting as a Graphic Designer
- Workshops :Picnic Petals and Hawaiian Inspired Applique

May 7, 2020-May Salad Supper

HAAQG Quilt Display at Normal Public Library

Quilts made by members of the Hands All Around Quilt Guild will be on display at the Normal Public library during the months of April, May, and June of 2020. Judy Bennington needs members to help with the planning and display set up during the duration of the display.

You can volunteer using SignUpGenius on the Volunteer page of the website or by contacting Judy Bennington. Times and dates will vary.

Please remember to bring forms with pictures of projects for the Normal Library Art Display to the February Meeting.

Looking forward to some fantastic quilts. There will be a table to turn them in and more information about the display.

Please contact Judy for additional information.

Thanks.

Judy Bennington

HAAQG Survey Temporarily Unavailable!

The HAAQG Survey is being updated and will be unavailable until further notice.

Silent Auction/Scrap Bags

You have done a fantastic job of labeling your contributions accordingly. Please continue to mark your donations appropriately and place them on the kitchen counter. At this time, we cannot accept the very small scraps that Trisha uses for dog beds. Hold on to them until March when she returns. Both categories will be accepted through the March general meeting. Thank you.

Ary Anderson
Programs and Classes

Mentor Program

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 quilters who enjoy quilting and learning new skills just like you.

February 20, 2020 – Twister Pinwheels

Kay Bowen, Deanna & Richard Bilyeu
Mentor Program

Library

Surprise -- another new HAAQG library book. And this book is my new favorite.

Modern Quilt Magic: 5 Parlor Tricks to Expand Your Piecing Skills - 17 Captivating Projects by Victoria Findlay Wolfe. Wow. Full of projects, tips and tricks, this book is amazing. Victoria writes about our artistic integrity and that we are our own quilt police. She challenges us to look with our eyes and not our heads, to focus on what we like and not fall into the trap of what we don't like. Is this book about life or quilting? For Victoria, I think it's both.

Then the 17 projects, some big and some small, some modern, some traditional. Her Herringbone pattern with partial-seam construction reads so simply I might try it. Well, maybe a pillow. Bright colors, well written, clear directions, she has included what we need to make more quilts with ease.

In 2019, Victoria Findlay Wolfe's exhibit "Playing with Purpose: A Quilt Retrospective" was displayed to the National Quilt Museum in Paducah. More recently, she was on PBS series, Craft in America: QUILTS.

We will continue to take new or renewal subscriptions to Fons & Porter Love of Quilting magazine. Please be sure to pay with personal check, payable to Love of Quilting.

If you have books or magazines to donate to Library, please be sure to contact Mary Weakman before bringing to a Guild meeting due to the very limited storage space, we have available.

Connie J Carstens
Library

Quilt Show Poster

A copy of the poster for the 2020 Quilt Spectrum is included in this newsletter. Please feel free to forward the poster or make copies to handout. By sharing the poster with your family and friends you are helping to promote our quilt show. Let's all help spread the word and make this year's show the best ever!

HANDS ALL AROUND QUILT GUILD OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS

2020 QUILT SPECTRUM

**NO UFO'S
LEFT BEHIND!**



DON'T MISS:

Over 200 Quilts on Display
Demonstrations
Door Prizes
Featured Guild Artist:
Laurie Schierer
Lunch Available:
Gill Street Eatz
Mystery Scrap Bags
Raffle Baskets
Raffle Quilt
Unique Boutique
Vendor Mall

**FRIDAY, MAY 1
9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.
AND
SATURDAY, MAY 2
9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.**

Interstate Center
1106 Interstate Dr.
Bloomington, IL 61705
Free Parking

\$7 - 13 and up
\$1 - ages 6-12
Children 5 & under free

RAFFLE QUILT

**“SOMETIMES IT
TAKES A QUILT”**

\$1/ticket or 6 for \$5
Drawing on
Saturday, May 2

Visit HAAQG.com for more information.

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