

[Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Central Illinois](#)

Newsletter

MARCH 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

[CAROLYN GATENBY](#)

Seaming together friendships—one stitch at a time!

This year is flying by for me! This month is going to be a very busy at our monthly meeting. We are electing officers for next year, voting on the Dresden plate challenge quilts and we have Becky Goldsmith lecturing and teaching.

The officers up for election are: President, Gerry Schrock; Vice President, Connie Borth; Secretary, Karen Henry; and Treasurer, Mary Schoneman-- Our thanks to them for stepping up and volunteering to be an officer. I know they will do a great job.

We are working on the calendar for next year. Here are a few dates you may want to take note of: the June retreat will be June 22-23; tentatively we are hoping to have sewing days on July 21 and August 18. At the April meeting we will be opening registration for these dates. This year we are asking you to pre-register for the sewing days and pay your \$5 up front (no refunds). This will help us know how many people to set up for. You will be able to walk in the day of the sewing days if there are still openings available.

Plans are under way for the June Retreat. Anyone who wants to volunteer to help, please contact me. This retreat will not be quite as elaborate as the Winter Retreat as we only have a short time to prepare for it. We will have a good time sewing together and spending time with one another. Our theme will be "Sewing with Friends—seaming together friendships—one stitch at a time!"

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the March1 meeting.

Carolyn Gatenby, President

GUILD MEETINGS FOR 2017/2018 – HELD ON 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH- AT MENNONITE CHURCH OF NORMAL, 806 S. COTTAGE AVE., NORMAL, IL. MEETING FROM 7PM -9 PM.

DATES: MARCH 1, 2018, APRIL 5, 2018, MAY 3, 2018

IMPORTANT - IMPORTANT If you intend to bring your Challenge quilt to March 1 meeting**Challenge quilts are due at March 1 meeting!**

- **Check-in STARTS 5:30**
- **Check-in ENDS 6:10**
 - If you cannot make that time, ask a friend to bring your entry.
 - Make plans for taking your quilt home that night.
 - Must have a **LABEL** with your name on your quilt, prefer on back.
 - Try to bring a pre-filled April Quilt Show entry form, with picture of your quilt attached.

Forms also will be available on 3/1.

You may turn in entry forms for other Show categories that night.

- **6:15** Voting starts (1 ballot per member).
- **7:00** Voting ends.
- **8:00** Winners announced (before guest speaker).
- At end of meeting pick up your Challenge project before leaving.

If your Challenge quilt is not done by 3/1 meeting

You can still turn in your Quilt Show entry form until the show deadline (3/17, 5:00 pm). Mark your entry form for the Challenge category. However, your quilt will not be voted on at the April show since this category is non-voting at the Quilt Show.

April Quilt Show entry form is available

here http://www.haaqq.com/uploads/5/4/2/5/54259865/2018_quilt_show_entry_form_-_final_3.pdf. Instructions are on the form.

Quilt Show entry forms can also be mailed to Ruth Taha, 1713 Gregory Street, Normal, IL 61761 or to rataha2@hotmail.com (HAAQG Entry Form as subject line) Deadline 3/17, 5:00 pm.

Questions? Contact Lynne Conder, lynnejack99@frontier.com

MENNONITE RELIEF SALE

MARY SANKO

The 2018 Mennonite Relief Sale will be held March 16th & 17th 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 committee is requesting a picture of all quilted items donated to the auction.

Please bring your donation to the March meeting. She will make sure it gets to the Sale and will obtain a tax receipt for you.

MENTORING

Kay Bowen, Ruth Taha, Deanna & Richard Bilyeu

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.

March 15, 2018

Finish our market bag.

April 19, 2018

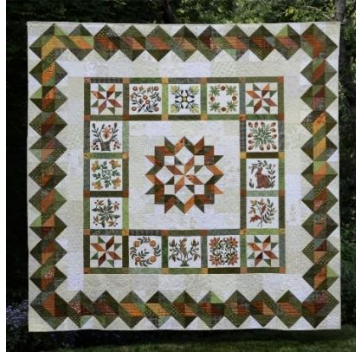
Come join us as we make Flying Geese. There are many ways to make Flying Geese and we will be showing you several different ways and you can choose with which method you like.

May 20, 2018

We are looking for ideas. Do you have a class or technique that you would like us to teach? Come see us at a meeting or email one of us.

RAFFLE QUILT 2018

EVELYN YOUNG & SHERRIE SNYDER



Thank you to everyone who turned in raffle tickets at the February meeting. Only two more meetings remain to turn in your tickets for a chance to win one of the remaining incentive prizes. Mirium Knoy's name was drawn as the lucky winner of February's incentive prize. Mirium selected the pink and green applique block. To see the incentive prize Mirium chose as well and the two remaining incentive prizes, visit the guild's Facebook page. Also, on our Facebook page, check out the photos of the incentive prizes for "Sold the Most Tickets" and "Sold the Winning Ticket" as well and some close-up photos of the raffle quilt itself. Please share the raffle quilt photos with your Facebook friends.

Tickets for the raffle quilt, "Bunny in the Blooms," will be available again at the March (and April) meeting. You can see the raffle quilt in person at the next guild meeting or see a picture of it on the guild's website. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or a packet of 24 for \$20. The winner of the raffle quilt will be drawn at the quilt show on April 14, 2018.

If you prefer not to participate in the raffle, you can still support the guild and have a chance to win the incentive prize. Just make a donation at the Raffle Quilt table and receive "special" tickets which you can use to enter the monthly drawing. These "special" tickets are available for the same price as the raffle tickets.

Tickets must be turned in before the beginning of the March business meeting to be entered in the drawing for one of the two remaining incentive prizes. (Remember to put your name on the back of each ticket you sell to be eligible for the incentive prize drawing.) See you in March.

HAAQG LIBRARY

CONNIE J CARSTENS & MARY WEAKMAN

We will NOT be accepting book or magazine donations until next guild year, September, 2018. Storage space is a problem for donated books. We only have the library cart for storage.

Do you want a particular quilt or craft book? Please contact Mary, Linda or me with your recommendations for books for HAAQG. We would love to hear your suggestions.

The Fons & Porter magazine subscription form will be available for another month. You can renew your subscription or start a new one for \$15 annually.

Book Review – Free Motion Meandering - A Beginner's Guild to Machine Quilting by Angela Walters

I love Angela Walters, her Midnight Quilt Show YouTube videos and her books. This new book does not disappoint. In Angela speak, the book starts with basics, then gets you quilting quickly. The Building Blocks chapter includes Angela's theme chant – practice, practice, practice. (Yes, I know but why can't I do it perfectly the first time???) Other chapters cover quilting patterns; Basic Meander, Loopy Meander, Swirl Meander, Swirl Hook, Paisley, Leafy, Feather and Improv Quilting.

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Also, I'm looking forward to chatting with 3 or 4 of our HAAQG members who went on a quilting cruise with Angela Walters. What fun! Cruise adventures by day and quilting at night.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

CAROL LOU EISENHARDT & CATHIE LOCKWOOD

HOW IT WORKS --- This year the Community Projects committee decided to accept ALL types of projects for our local needs. Most of these projects are then picked-up by those persons in charge of that single area and distributed. This means, we are collecting all projects every month. Our tallies so far, have exceeded all our expectations. At the May Salad Supper, we will give the yearly totals.

In February, we received 4 baby blankets, 4 Comfort Cancer quilts, 1 Valor quilt, 24 Fidget quilts, and 53 pillow cases. We handed out all of the kits for pillow cases that were cut, and have more kits ready for the March meeting. We donated an accumulated 31 Fidget quilts to 2 local facilities. Two additional locations have also requested more as soon as they are ready.

THINK baby blankets. March 17th is National quilt Day and Ladonna Marshall will be giving all of the blankets we and she have accumulated to the local hospitals. Then we start on a new collection for next year. Comfort Cancer quilts 40" X 60" are also collected continually.

Nancy Stone announced February 1st that she is already collecting twin size blankets for next October's 'Bed Blitz'. Last October 2017, we gave 81 quilts to this 'newer' concern. She is asking for 60 this year, mostly for younger children, 12 and under, 'FUN' or bright colors. They will still need a few quilts for older children in perhaps more age appropriate colors and patterns. These larger quilts take more time and thought; so, you now have 6 months to make it happen.

A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who have found the extra time and donated to the Committee Projects this year.

Urgent! Urgent! Urgent! - Props Needed for Quilt Show

Since clipboards have only been passed around one time there are only 25 donations signed up so far to use as props for the Quilt show. Many more items are desperately needed! Clipboards will be passed around at the beginning of the March meeting. Please check the list and consider donating. Those who have helped in the past know that using props makes our show more attractive. Sign up lists will also be at the Library and the Quilt Show tables. If you are unable to come to the meeting, please contact Mary Weakman or Jackie Pilon or use SignUpGenie on the HAAQG website to sign-up.

Reminder post cards will be mailed with what you what you signed up for. Please bring items for the Quilt Show on Wed., April 11 from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm, or Thurs, April 12 from 8:00 am –10:00 am. I will be available to check them in. Please pick up your Props on Sat., April 14 from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm. No later. We all need to go home by then!

Remember, this Show belongs to all to all of us! Thank you so much for all your help!

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2018 SPECTRUM QUILT SHOW

RUTH TAHA, Quilt Show Chair

Friday, April 13, 9am-6pm and Saturday April 14, 9am-4pm
Parke Regency Hotel and Conference Center
Featured Artist: Eloyce Slown

QUILT ENTRIES: The quilt entries are beginning to come in. All entries are due March 17, so get them in as soon as you can. Entry forms are available on the HAAQG website, and we will have paper forms at the March meeting. Remember that you need a picture of your entry to attach to the form.

VOLUNTEER SIGNUP: Sign Up Genius is now available on the HAAQG website, and it is easy to find and fill out. On the Home Page, click on Volunteer, scroll down a little and click on Volunteer for Quilt Spectrum, choose the time and job you want to volunteer for, and go down to Submit and Sign Up. It will ask for your name and email and enter your choice. You can go back and edit later if you need to change something.

PROPS FOR THE SHOW: Go to the Home Page on the HAAQG Website Home Page. Click Volunteer, scroll down to the Provide Props for Quilt Show tab and sign up for the props you plan to bring. Click the Submit and Sign Up tab. It will ask for your name and email address and record your choices.

MYSTERY SCRAP BAGS: The March meeting is the last one at which Ari Anderson will accept scraps. Bring all you have so they can get them sorted, weighed, and bagged for the show. We hope to have a lot more bags this year. All scraps should be at least two (2) inches in size.

DOOR PRIZES: Kay Bowen will be collecting fat quarters to be used as door prizes at the quilt show at both the March and April meetings.

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE: Carol Newberry will accept items for the boutique at both the March and April meetings. We need a variety of items of all kinds at all prices, so get creative and get your items in.

YARD SIGNS: The yard signs we had last year have been updated with this year's date and will be available at the March meeting. Pick up whatever you can use to get the word out about the show. You can return the signs after the show.

YOU CAN PICK THINGS UP, DROP THINGS OFF, AND ASK QUESTIONS AT THE QUILT SHOW TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM AT MEETINGS.

MAY SALAD SUPPER

CHERYL GALLAGHER & ELLEN REINER

Hi Fellow Quilters! It won't be long until this year's Salad Supper. Ellen Reiner and I are in charge and we will be needing volunteers for setting up and taking down.

If you can help. My email is lucybell_gallagher@comcast.net.

WEBSITE USAGE STATISTICS

Below are statistics from the HAAQG website on how many times pages on our website have been visited from January 21, 2018 - February 18, 2018.

Home Page - 1,106	Programs and Workshops - 91	Board Members - 47
News and Events - 273	Contact Us - 51	Join Us - 34
Quilt Show - 175	About Us - 55	Guild Activities - 29
Volunteer - 93	Newsletters - 49	

Unfortunately, Weebly only provides statistics for the last month. I am working with Google Analytics to see if we can get more detailed reports and reports that go back farther in time.

I have placed a banner on the homepage of the website giving information on the Quilt Show. If you have additional information you would like to include, please let me know.

You can now sign-up to volunteer for the Quilt Show and to donate items for Props through SignUpGenie. Links are available on the Volunteer and Quilt Show pages. Signing up is simple and an instruction sheet is available if you need help.

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

[Small group meetings](#) are for all HAAQG members and a great way to meet people, learn new techniques, and have a good time. Below are contacts for the Guild’s current small groups; additional description is on the website. Hope to see you at a meeting!

SMALL GROUP	MONTHLY DAY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Sew & Tell	2nd Wednesday	1 p.m.	LEXINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER	LINDA HUTCHINS
Hudson Area Quilters	2nd Saturday; no December meeting	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Hudson Fire Department with different members coordinating each month. See Guidelines/ Expectations at www.haaqg.com under guild activities, small groups~ Hudson Area Quilters.	ADA REDIGER or MARIA CONRAD
Magic Needles	3rd Monday	7 p.m.	MEMBER’S HOME WITH DIFFERENT MEMBERS COORDINATING EACH MONTH: Arlene Mitchell-Mar, Jenny Pettinger-Apr, Arlene Mitchell -May, Trisha Horner- June, Judy Struve-July	ARLENE MITCHELL
Hey Quilters	3rd Thursday	6:30-9 p.m.	HEYWORTH UNITED CHURCH library lounge	KIMBERLY TRAVERS or KIM NELSON

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

[DEBI WINCHESTER](#) & [LINDA CLICK](#) & [JENNY PETTINGER](#)

We are still in awe of the prolific trunk show that Kathryn Lilley presented to us in February. She presented 75 lovely works of art, one more beautiful than the last. And her generosity in giving away several of them was unprecedented! Kathryn’s lecture was followed by a 2-day tote class taught by our own Laurie Shierer. What a gifted teacher! If you took her class, please bring your tote for March’s show and tell!

In March we’re looking forward to being with Piece ‘O Cake co-owner Becky Goldsmith. She’ll be talking about color in her lecture. Friday’s applique class – ‘Best-Ever Quilter’s House’ - has a few openings and there’s a wait list for Saturday’s ‘Pick Up Sticks’.

Be sure and stop by the Programs table at the next meeting to check out classes that you’re interested in.

Our speakers receive a welcome bag when they arrive here. Beer Nuts and The Olive Bin generously donate goodies for them and we encourage you to shop at these stores in Bloomington/Normal.

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If you register for the **April** "Paint Your Own Barn Quilt" class, please remember to include the \$15 supply registration fee. (One check for \$45 (members) or \$55 (non-members) is needed for registration for this class.) The \$15 supply fee includes the 2'x2' primed paint board, paints, patterns, colored pencils, etc.

Please make sure you have renewed your guild membership dues before registering for classes. The membership form can be found on the HAAQG web site with Pam Riss's contact information for mailing your form & payment. Per the guild's guidelines, there must be a 60-day notice on cancellations in order to receive a refund for workshops.

March 2018 – Becky Goldsmith

Specialty – Wonky Applique and Color.
She's co-owner of the Piece O'Cake Designs.
Lecture: A Practical Approach to Color
Workshops: Best- Ever Quilter's House & Pick Up Sticks
OPENINGS FOR FRIDAY BEST-EVER QUILTERS HOUSE.
WAIT LIST FOR SATURDAY PICK UP STICKS.

APRIL 2018 – SUZI PARRON

Specialty – Barn Quilts
She's traveled the country, chronicling barn quilts.
Lecture: Barn Quilts
Workshop: Paint Your Own Barn Quilt
Wait list for Friday's Barn Quilt workshop. Openings in Saturday's Barn Quilt workshop.

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