



Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Central Illinois

Newsletter

MARCH 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GERRY SCHROCK

. Quilting is a golden thread....that binds our hearts and souls together.

Hello quilters,

So, our winter weather continues. A good thing to do is quilt when the weather keeps you at home.

Thank you to all who contributed and volunteered at our February meeting and workshops. Mark Sherman shared some beautiful quilts with us and taught some excellent workshops.

I hope you all can come to our March 7 meeting. Our featured speaker for March 7 at 7:00 is Edyta Sitar. She is well known as a lecturer and was here a couple years ago. Her lecture is "Reasons for Quilting." Her workshop on Friday March 8 is "Spool Quilt." Saturday March 9 is "Tree Farm." Both sound like they would be very interesting. I am looking forward to having her here again to share with our Guild.

Quilt spectrum is May 3rd and 4th. Gwynne Bettisch is still looking for volunteers for a few committees. All quilters are encouraged to make a quilt with some gold fabric or thread in it as part of our theme for this year, GOLDEN THREADS THAT JOIN US. Entry forms are being prepared by Jenny Pettinger. Entry form deadline will be April 4. Featured speaker will be Suzi Parron, who will give a lecture as well as conduct workshops on Barn Painting. Pipe and Drape from Peoria Flag will be used to hang the quilts.

A reminder that the Salad Supper date has been changed from May 2nd to May 9th at the church. So be sure and change that date on your calendars. Thank you to the committee who has signed up to work on the salad supper.

Cathie Lockwood from Projects committee has received another major fabric gift. She and her helpers are cutting and preparing kits for several projects. Please read her update in the newsletter to see how you can assist in making a project and helping her out.

We are still seeking two volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Let me know if you would be willing to serve on this committee.

Quilt Spectrum Meeting at 5:30 on March 7 at Mennonite Church. See you all there.

See everyone in March. Happy quilting.

Gerry

HAAQG NEWSLETTER

GUILD MEETINGS FOR 2018/2019 – HELD ON 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH- AT MENNONITE CHURCH OF NORMAL, 806 S. COTTAGE AVE., NORMAL, IL. MEETING FROM 7PM -9 PM. MARCH 7TH, APRIL 4TH, & MAY 9(2ND THURSDAY)

QUILT SPECTRUM – INTERSTATE CENTER- MAY 3 & 4, 2019 (SET UP MAY 1 & 2)

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

CATHIE LOCKWOOD, CAROL LOU EISENHARDT

We received 10 Cancer/Nursing Home Comfort Quilts, 2 Baby quilts, 1 fidget quilt and 5 pillow cases, this last meeting. The third Saturday in March is National Quilt Day. Any Baby Quilts received at our meeting in March will be given to the hospitals by Ladonna Marshall our 'go to person' for this area. They should be approximately 40" X 40" to 60". Thank you for all your work to give to these needs.

We have numerous KITS for Nursing Home/Cancer Comfort Quilts waiting to be sewn. Also, there are some pillow case KITS. And several KITS for 'Children without Beds', twin size, for those who want to plan ahead for the project coming up next fall. Some persons have asked that we extend our participation in this project at least one more year. Nancy Stone will continue to be the 'go to person' for this project.

Fidget quilts are always needed. We hope to have several samples at the table if you have any questions about them and want to see what they look like.

Thank you for all your kind stitches to make it possible to give to all these different projects

MENNONITE RELIEF SALE

MARY SANKO

This year's sale will be held March 15th & 16th 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.

MYSTERY BAGS for QUILT SPECTRUM

ARY ANDERSON

We want your fabric scraps! The **March meeting** is the final collection date for quilt scraps for the mystery bags for the 2019 Quilt Spectrum. Fabric scraps need to be quality cotton and no smaller than 2 inches. You may put your scraps on the counter outside the kitchen.

AQS MAGAZINES NEEDED

JUDY BENNINGTON

At the **March meeting**, please donate copies of the AQS Magazine to be used in the guild display at the Bloomington Public Library during April. These magazines will be given free to anyone and are a part of our effort to promote quilting. The display will be in the adult section on the second floor of the library. Bring your donations to Judy Bennington at the library table.

GEMS of the PRAIRIE BUS TRIP

VIV BROWNING

On March 28th, the Gems of the Prairie Guild will sponsor a bus trip to the Chicago Quilt Show at the Rosemont. The cost is \$ 47 which includes entrance to the show. Pick up in north Normal near Schnucks. Contact Viv Browning to register—information can be found in the HAAQG membership directory.

TRIPS

CELESTE TALLEY

Hello quilters! Spring is just ahead and I, for one, cannot hardly wait to greet it. I'm ready to put on my traveling shoes. Would you be interested in going to two exciting locations this summer? Here is the plan ... There are two adventures in the planning stages. One to The Quilters Hall of Fame in Marion, IN the weekend of June 1, 2019. I need your input to decide if we should leave on Friday evening, stay over or make it a one trip! Prices and more detail will be available at our March meeting.

Also, many have asked if we can arrange a trip to Angela Walters' store, Quilting Is My Therapy. The tentative plan is to visit in July around the 19 - 20 weekend, in Liberty, Mo. The Midnight Quilter (Angela) says, that Liberty is only 40 minutes from Hamilton, Mo home of Jenny Doan's Missouri Start Quilt Company. Why not visit both? I am trying to confirm that Angela will be there that weekend. More information is being put together for your review. Let's go. All helpful suggestions welcome! Volunteer's also encouraged.

LIBRARY

CONNIE JO CARSTENS, MARY WEAKMAN & LINDA EDWARDS

What have you been reading?? Fiction? Quilting books? Knitting? Other craft books? I have a new book, Quilted Purses & Totes from Annie's that includes patterns for "10 classy bags for all your needs". Yes, I bought it for one specific purse, but the book is so pretty to browse while I'm snuggled at home. And no, I don't need another bag or book.

Please remember don't bring books or magazines or patterns to donate to the HAAQG Library unless you have contacted Mary Weakman or Linda Edwards. Storage space is limited to our one cart and nothing can be stored on top of the cart.

If you have any book suggestions, please let Connie J Carstens, Mary Weakman or Linda Edwards know.

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
Hey Quilters	3rd Thursday	6:30-9 p.m.	HEYWORTH UNITED CHURCH library lounge	KIMBERLY TRAVERS or KIM NELSON

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

March--Edyta Sitar

Specialty: Patchwork and applique featuring her batiks and print designs

Edyta designs fabric for Moda & threads for Aurifil. She's published five books, has been featured in magazines worldwide, and her quilts have received many awards.

Lecture: Reasons for Quilting

Workshops: Spool Quilt and Tree Farm

Both Workshops are Sold Out!

April--Mary Lou Wiedman

Specialty: Vibrant use of color and whimsical designs

Mary Lou has written five books, designs fabric for Benartex, represents Bernina, and has taught worldwide.

Lecture: Out of the Box

Workshops: Flower Power and Creative Cow

Both Workshops are Sold Out!

May--Suzi Parron (at Quilt Spectrum)

Lectures: Friday & Saturday afternoons

Workshops: Painted Barn Quilt Workshops

9 am-1 pm on Friday & Saturday.

MENTORING

KAY BOWEN, 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. Come join us for a fun night out quilting with friends.

March 21, 2019 and April 18, 2019

Cheryl Adam will be teaching us how to make the Large Retreat Bag. This fantastic bag is easy to make and holds a lot of goodies! The frame on this bag creates an opening that stays open no matter what, making it both handy and professional looking.

This class is full but we are taking a wait list so if someone can't come we can add you. If you have any mentoring classes you would like us to do, please stop by and let us know.