



Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Central Illinois

Newsletter

MARCH 2020

President's Message

No UFO's Left Behind!

Happy Saint Patty's Day Members!

February was a busy month for me. Between the snowstorms & illnesses in the family, I spent a week in Austin at QuiltCon. QuiltCon is the annual quilt show for modern quilters and I have attended the majority of their yearly shows since the start of these in 2013.

How are your UFO's coming? Are you making a dent in your collection of UFOs? The Quilt Spectrum will be here before we know it, if you are wanting to put them in the show.

Members this month have been very tumultuous for me as I received a letter from someone in this guild who claimed to be a friend of mine, but was upset over the survey and the question of raising the dues to \$50 per year. The dues will not raise to that amount but to keep this guild in existence, dues will raise next year beginning in June of 2020. This survey was released prematurely and all data, except for the speaker requests, have been destroyed. I, personally, don't put much value into anything that is not signed, and when it was shown to the executive board, neither did they. I was hurt to think that you could not call and talk to me about it. Everyone that is on the executive board will be more than happy to answer any questions that you have regarding this.

At our March meeting the treasurer and I will be presenting to the guild a financial report of the guild's assets and money. If you have any questions or want to understand where the guild's money goes, it would be best for you to attend this meeting.

This guild has over 300 members and yes, our dues this last year brought in over \$9000 but our contribution to the church for allowing us to use this space is approximately half of that and the rest of it goes towards the speakers at each meeting. The proceeds from the raffle quilt and Quilt Spectrum provide for the rest of the expenses from the speakers and other expenses of the Guild. There is a board meeting on the even months of the year where members may attend and listen to where each

Reminders!

Quilt Library Display

Deadline

Please bring all quilts/quilting projects for the Normal Public Library Art Gallery Display to the March meeting with label, sleeve, and dowel rod. There will be a table to accept these items.

Quilt Show Committee

Meeting

Quilt Board meeting at 5:30pm
before the meeting
on Thursday, March 5th

Church Food Donations

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

committee has spent money and hear a detail report of the guild's finances that is open to all members. Please attend if you want to know what is happening in your guild.

This guild is run by volunteers and right now the executive board does not have a Vice President for the upcoming year. This is a good way for a member to learn about the guild and its finances. Think about it and maybe volunteer.

Last item I have is that we need a committee for the summer retreat in June. The committee that was going to do it has decided to not do it, and honestly if no one steps up, the retreat may just not happen this year. Sorry about that, but it takes a village to make this guild run smoothly and if no one wants to do, then maybe it is time to stop having the retreats.

Connie Borth
President

Sign-up for Props for the Quilt Show on SignUpGenius

The HAAQG 2020 Quilt Spectrum is only two months away. You can now sign up to supply props using SignUpGenius. Mary Weakman recommends signing up online instead of waiting for signup sheets to be passed at the March and April meetings. It is a simple process and will make Mary's job easier.

The link to SignUpGenius is available on the Volunteer and Quilt Show pages of the HAAQG website. You can also have Mary Wilkins enter your information into SignUpGenius. Just let her know what props you will be supplying and she will enter them for you.

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.

We had scheduled Foundation Paper Piecing for the March mentoring class but we are going to reschedule that class for a later month.

March 19, 2020 – Fabric Covered Mesh Bag

For March we will be making a mesh bag that is cover that is covered with fabric. The black plastic mesh gives the bag body stability. Join us to make this fun bag.

April 16, 2020 – TBA

May 21, 2020 – TBA

May Salad Supper

Save the Date! You're invited to the HAAQG Salad Supper and Silent Auction! May 7 at 6 pm at the Mennonite Church.

Our annual salad supper is the close of this quilting season and our time to gather before the summer months. Attendees are expected to renew memberships on this evening, as well as turn in sign up forms for next year's classes. In addition, this year we are hosting a silent auction. During social time before dinner, you will be given time to browse through the goods and place your bid.

What to bring according to your last name:

A-L: Salads, fruit salads, veggie salads or meat salads

M-S: Desserts

T-Z: Breads

Watch for more details in next month's newsletter, as well as the HAAQG Facebook page.

Table service and drinks will be provided.

Mennonite Relief Sale

The 2020 Mennonite Relief Sale will be held March 20th & 21st 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. Bring your donations to the March meeting or make private arrangements with her. If possible, please include a photo of each auction item or email her a digital copy. Thank you for your generosity!

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

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)

Looking Ahead

Our speaker/teacher for April is Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill. from New Haven, Connecticut. Sheri's program and classes are as follows:

- April 2, Content, Concepts & Quilts: Approaching Quilting as a Graphic Designer
- April 3, Picnic Petals
- April 4, Hawaiian Inspired Applique.

The supply lists for each class are on our web site. Check with Pam Riss for any openings in Sheri's classes. Sheri's web site is <https://www.wholecirclestudio.com>.

2019-2020 Programs & Classes

March 5, 2020

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

April 2, 2020

- Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill
- Lecture: Content, Concepts & Quilts
- Workshops: Picnic Petals & Hawaiian Inspired Applique

May 7, 2020

- May Salad Supper

Quilt Spectrum

Before we know it, the Quilt Show will be here, and things are starting to come together. The show will be on May 1st from 9am to 5pm and May 2nd from 9am to 4pm. There are flyers and bookmarks available to take and share. Please stop by the Quilt Spectrum table to grab some. There are also entry forms available to enter your quilt into the show at the table. I would like to see us have over 250 quilts this year, so please enter as many quilts as you want. I am actually planning on entering two myself. Deadline for turning those in is at the meeting on April 2nd. There will be a Quilt Board meeting on Thursday, March 5th at 5:30pm before our next HAAQG meeting.

A copy of the quilt show entry form is included in this newsletter.

Gwynne Bettisch

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

March is it!-Silent Auction/Scrap Bags

This is your reminder that MARCH is your last month to bring your scraps for the mystery bags for the Quilt Spectrum *AND* your donations for the Silent Auction. Please mark your items accordingly and place on them the outer counter of the kitchen when you come to the March 5, meeting

Ary Anderson
Programs

Library

Your Guild Library is looking for book suggestions --- what book(s) and/or author(s) would you like to see?? Please email or text your suggestions to me at conniejocars1423@outlook.com or 309.706.3455 and I'm in the book.

A few good books were donated last month. Great reads!!

Lucy Boston Patchwork of Crosses by Linda Franz - Are you doing English Paper Piecing (EPP) as your handwork project? Lucy Boston is fussy cut EPP and this book shares so much. I've only done parts of one Lucy Boston block but now I'm inspired to pick up this UFO again.

Simply Sensational Bags by Linda McGehee - From 2000, this older book offers ways to embellish our handbags and totes. So many great bag patterns are available now. This book can kick up your bags with boutique accents and unique finishing touches.

If you have books or magazines to donate to Library, please be sure to contact Mary Weakman before bringing them 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!**



**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

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

RAFFLE QUILT

**“SOMETIMES IT
TAKES A QUILT”**

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

Visit HAAQG.com for more information.