



Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Central Illinois

Newsletter

AUGUST 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

[STORMY DAWN HELTON](#)

Hello Quilt Friends,

The beginning of our amazing year is upon us. I hope you have been busy creating fun and fabulous quilts for all your loved ones! We are all anxiously awaiting lectures, workshops and Show and Tells of this year. **Please limit this first month to one item to show us.** I know this may be hard because, if you are like me, you don't know which item to bring. I have been busy trying to finish several of my own projects that I was stumped with because I didn't have a clue how to fix a mistake. I am intrigued by some of the solutions our members have given me. I hope you have found that as well. We have a wealth of knowledge in our group.

Our sewing day in July was moderately attended. I was told of a statement that one participant made in July about how much fun it was. She had never been to a sewing day and with just a few people there it gave the opportunity to have conversations and learn about other members. There were 14 participants at the sewing day scheduled on August 20th. Thank you to Lexington Sew-N-Tell for hosting the August Sewing Day! Also, many thanks to Linda Hutchins, Deborah Hutchins, Anita Revelle, and the Sewing Studio for donating prizes given out during the day. A good time was had by all. In the future, I hope you take the time to join us for a sewing day to learn and have fellowship with some of our members.

Our Asset Review was conducted and was favorable. The committee decided the guild was financially stable but that we do need to be aware of our spending. No additional fund raiser, other than the raffle quilt, is needed this year. The Audit Committee found our books to be in order.

There are still spots that need to be filled such as Mystery Quilt, Block of the Month, Raffle Quilt 2018, and Quilt Show Chair 2018. Please consider helping in one of these positions. Our activities as a guild can only grow if we have members willing to chair positions. If you have an interest in one of these but are unsure of what it may entail, please come talk to me or ask a fellow member. It may seem daunting but help is all around.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the September meeting and if I don't have a clue about something, please bear with me as I learn!

Stormy Dawn Helton

HAAQG President 2016-2017

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TREASURER'S REPORT

[BEV ELDER](#)

**HANDS ALL AROUND QUILT GUILD
2016-2017 Approved Budget**

Total Assets June 1, 2016	\$35,673.41
Approved Budget	<u>(\$15,311.84)</u>
Anticipated Assets May 31, 2017	\$20,361.57

COMMITTEE	Approved 2016-2017	
	Receipts	Expenses
Appreciation Gift		100.00
Community Projects		725.00
4-H Projects		100.00
Door Hostess	300.00	250.00
Dues and Donations		500.00
Executive Board		540.00
Historian		100.00
Insurance		1,500.00
Library	100.00	400.00
May Salad Supper		320.00
Membership	8,000.00	700.00
Mentor Program	150.00	150.00
Newsletter	100.00	700.00
Programs & Workshops 2016-2017	5,100.00	19,682.00
Publicity		75.00
Quilt Guild 101		30.00
Quilt Spectrum 2017	8,500.00	9,065.00
Raffle Quilt 2017	3,500.00	175.00
Raffle Quilt Pins 2017	175.00	275.00
Raffle Quilt 2018		300.00
Sewing Days	150.00	
Storage Unit Rental		700.00
Church Rent		4,100.00
Website		990.00
Winter Retreat 2017	1,400.00	1,400.00
Program Totals	\$27,475.00	\$42,877.00
CD Interest Income	\$ 90.16	
TOTALS	\$27,565.16	\$42,877.00
Difference between Receipts/Expenses		<u>(\$15,311.84)</u>

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

[ALETA BATTY](#)

We will have pillowcase kits available each month for all who wish to make pillowcases for Memory Care Units, Home Sweet Home, and Recycled Furniture for Needy Families. Pick up a kit at the Community Projects table then bring back to our table when finished. You have a couple months, if needed, to finish. We will make our deliveries when a good amount is accumulated.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS—FIDGET QUILTS

[CHERYL ADAM](#)



Until the October meeting, we are asking you to make a fidget quilt. It seems that people with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia get fidgety hands. Fidget quilts give their hands something to do and soothes the patients. Here are a couple of pictures of fidget quilts. They are simple to make. They should be between 20 and 24" square.



They should not be pretty as this will encourage the patients to hide and not use them.

The items you attach should be sewn on, sturdy, and washable. The back of the quilt should be a non-slippery fabric so it doesn't fall off their lap. Corduroy, Fleece, and Flannel are good choices.



Some items to attach are Velcro, pocket flaps with a little surprise underneath, an empty spool threaded on a piece of elastic, pieces of lace, a button(s) threaded on a piece of ribbon. Just make sure all items are securely attached and washable.

If you need more ideas, just [Google "Fidget Quilts"](#) and you will find lots of information. Have fun and be creative. Please bring your finished pieces to the September and October meetings to the Community Projects table and we will make sure they get distributed.

WAYS & MEANS

[BECKY CARTER](#)

Most of you know that Nancy Woodcock was an avid quilter. Nancy owned an extensive library of books and patterns. After a giant quilter's sale there were still many left. Ways & Means will start the year by continuing to sell Nancy's books and patterns. Items will not be individually priced but sold for a donation to the Guild in Nancy's honor.

DOOR HOSTESS - Welcome back!!

[MARY WUHRMANN & LINDA HUTCHINS](#)

NAME TAGS: **At the September meeting** we will use the name tags from last year. Please return the tags after the break so we can reuse the plastic badges for your NEW card at the October meeting. They will be the same color as the membership cards for the year so you won't need to show your card at the door!! We will continue to file, store and return the tags the following month--so no need for you to remember where you put it!!

QUILTING BUDDIES: We will be having this program again. It is very hard for some new members or guests to feel part of a new group and we want everyone to feel welcome at our meetings. If you would like to help a new member or guest, please sign up at the Door Hostess table. We will ask our new members and guests if they would like someone to show them around: a Quilting Buddy. If they do we'll match them up with a QB (this could be you!). For one evening, you would show them around the meeting, describe our committees, introduce them to quilters with similar quilting interests (ex-traditional, modern, newbie, interest in "murky" or "perky" fabrics, etc), offer to sit with them, show them where the restrooms are located, etc. In other words, make them feel welcome!! You will get a QB card and a red

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quilting clip to attach it to your name tag. You'll get to keep the clip and use it later to clip fabrics in place, etc. It's a little token to say, "Thank you for helping". Does this sound like something you would like to help with? Would you like to meet new friends? Just sign up at the table!

CARDS: If you know someone in the guild who would benefit from a card (family member death, illness celebration, etc.), please send Linda Hutchins an email with the information and she'll send a card.

HAAQG Website

[MARY WILKINS](#)

You are probably wondering what's going on with the new website! Well it is getting close to completion. It wasn't my intention to have it take so long but this last year has been difficult for me personally and I apologize for not having it done sooner and not keeping you up date. I am not sure if it will be available by September 1st but plan on it being launched in September. An email will be sent out to inform you of its launching and I will go through it with you at the October meeting. When the new website is up and running you will be automatically forwarded to it from the current website.

There are some features that I think you will find very useful.

- Volunteer signup- We will be using Volunteerspot for signing up volunteers for Guild meetings and events.
- Google Calendar-There will be a link to the HAAQG Google Calendar that will be available for posting all events. Google calendar allows us to post events indefinitely and gives the option to download an event to your personal calendar.
- Google Maps-There will be a Google map on the homepage so people can easily get directions to our meetings and workshops.

I am also looking for pictures to use on the website. I especially need pictures from last year's Quilt Spectrum. I have pictures of the quilts but I would like is pictures of some of the activities that were going on. I could also use some pictures from the Committees showing their activities throughout the year.

There still needs to be additional discussion as to whether we want to need a private area for members. I would love to hear from you and know what you think! If you have any question concerning the website please contact me at haaqqwebster@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting!

MENTORING

[Kay Bowen](#) & [Kay Fisher](#)

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.

- On **September 15th**, we will have Sharry Doenitz as our guest teacher. Sharry has always enjoyed hand stitching so naturally she was hooked from the first time she made a crazy quilt. Join us this month when Sharry shows us how to sew fancy fabric scraps to a foundation. Judith Bennington donated a box full of fancy fabric left over from a bridal shop for us to use.
- The **October 20th** class will be a continuation of the crazy quilt, adding the fancy stitches, buttons, etc. Sharry says to let go and let your crazy show.

Look for the supply list at the September Guild meeting at the mentor table and on the website. Mentoring continues throughout the year @6 p.m. on November 17, February 16, March 16, April 20, and May 18.

If you have any books and/or magazines to donate to our Library to sell, please bring to October meeting due to a busy September meeting.

We've started a list of books to purchase for the HAAQG library this year. Do you have suggestions? A quilting book you want to read or one you own and love? Let us know. We want to hear from you and what you want from your HAAQG library!!

By the way, the HAAQG library has a Missouri Star Quilt Company magazine subscription. We have only received one issue so far – it's great!!

What's as much fun as quilting or buying fabric?? Reading about quilting and fabric!! We'll be taking Fons & Porter Love of Quilting magazine subscriptions and have the new library books on display at the September meeting. Look over the new book list in the August newsletter. You can even contact me to reserve one.

***The Ultimate Guide to Machine Quilting – Long-Arm and Sit-Down
Learn When, Where, Why, and How to Finish Your Quilts***
by Angela Walters and Christa Watson

We have many options for quilting our quilts – this book addresses the similarities and significant differences between using a long-arm machine (owned or rented) or using your home sewing machine. The Ultimate Guide has color coded pages for each author; Angela as the long-arm quilter and Christa as the sit-down quilter. Each provide their insight and instructions on how they quilt using the same projects.

In “Exploding Star”, Christa uses a large continuous spiral, one of her favorite designs. Directions include piecing the quilt, then using a circle template to start and continue a large central spiral with four partial spirals in the corners of the 64½” x 64½” finished quilt. Then Angela shows how she quilts the same “Exploding Star” with various size swirls, straight lines and echoing.

With “Directionally Challenged”, the finished foundation paper piecing blocks are 6”x12” with finished quilt 42”x48”. Angela uses her continuous-curve flower and echoing, her favorite quilting techniques. Interesting and very Angela Walters. When Christa does a similar quilt, she matches her thread to the fabrics – her sit-down machine letting her quilt all the dark pink areas then change thread for the next color. For Christa, “the beauty of quilting at a sit-down machine is that you can quilt anywhere on the quilt, in any order.”

The Ultimate Guide opened my eyes to quilting options. I am sure I want to try a long-arm machine but, for now, I will be more adventurous as I quilt on my home machine.

What could you learn from Angela and Christa?

2016-2017 Membership Directory Advertising Request Form

Fee is \$25 per business card-sized, quilting-related ad to be included in the HAAQG Membership Directory for this guild year. Please attach a copy of your business card to the completed form below for each ad requested. You must be a current member to have ad published in the Membership Directory.

NAME: _____
PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____
Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____ Check: ___ Check#: _____ Cash: _____

Remit check payable to HAAQG by postal mail or at the monthly general meeting by September 1, 2016 to Pat Iannone, 1202 Newcastle Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704-8208.

BUS TRIP TO QUILT EXPO IN MADISON

[VIV BROWNING](#)

Thursday, September 8th, the Gems of the Prairie Quilters in Peoria are hosting a bus trip to [Quilt Expo](#) in Madison. Cost is \$48 which includes your ticket into the show. The Peoria Charter Coach Bus will leave Peoria and make a stop in El Paso at Exit 14 - the intersection of I-39 and Route 24 - to pick up passengers from the Bloomington area.

This is the 12th year of the show and it keeps growing every year. They have 250 vendors, 24 free stage presentations and hundreds of quilts. One hour lectures are also available for \$10 in advance & \$12 on-site. www.quiltexpo.com

A great thing about this trip is that it is NOT on the day of the September Hands All Around Guild meeting. The bus is filling fast—please contact me, Viv Browning by e-mail at sosew-7828@sbcglobal.net. My address and phone number are in the 2015-2016 HAAQG directory.

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

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

We're looking forward to a great line up of speakers for next year! Here's a summary of each month. Photos of their workshops are on the [registration form](#) in this newsletter on the guild website. Supply lists and links to websites for the speakers are also on our guild website.

A fresh lunch will be provided at each workshops for only \$5. We'll collect that money the day of the workshop.

Sept 2016 - Karen Kay Buckley

- Specialty: Hand applique, perfect circles, ovals and stems. She's an award winning quilter. She's also designed the best scissors on the planet.
- 9/1 Lecture: To Border or Not to Border
- Workshops:
 - 9/2 Folk Art Fancy (**1 opening**) - If you're already signed up for Folk Art Fancy, you should have gotten your pattern that has work-ahead instructions. Please contact [Jenny Pettinger](#) (847-882-3443 or quilt456@gmail.com) if you don't have yours.
 - 9/3 Circular Garden (**10 openings**) - If you're signed up for Circular Garden, there's no work-ahead needed but there is a [Supply List](#).

October 2016 - Nancy Mahoney

- Specialty: Feathered stars, paper piecing. She's written 14 books and designed 15 fabric lines.
- 10/6 Lecture: Treasures from the '30s
- Workshops: 10/7 Chocolate Caramel Stars & 10/8 Dot to Dot

November 2016 - Linda Calvert & Debbie Meyers

- Specialty: Judy Niemeyer Designs and owners of Peddlers Way in Washington
- 11/3 Lecture: Quiltworx Designs
- Workshops: 11/ 4 Cactus Flower Table Runner & 11/ 5 Seasonal Table Runner

December 2016 - Doug Leko

- Specialty: Patterns with multiple layout options. He's been quilting for 16 years and he's only 22! He founded his quilt design company when he was 14.
- 12/1 Lecture: Trunk Show
- Workshops: 12/2 Mysterious & 12/3 Sandstone

January 2017 – 1/5 Michele LaRue - Theatrical performance of "The Bedquilt"

- 1/6 & 1/7 HAAQG Winter Retreat

February 2017 - Kathleen Tracy

- Specialty - Combining history with quilts and connecting to women long ago. She's written 4 books with That Patchwork Place and her 5th is about to be published.
- 2/2 Lecture: A Little History of Quilting
- Workshops: 2/3 Scrappy Stars & 2/4 Civil War Baskets Doll Quilt

March 2017 - Lisa Bongean

- Specialty - primitive wool designs
- She's the owner of Primitive Gatherings in Menasha, WI. She's known worldwide for her primitive style and folk art designs.
- 3/2 Lecture: Trunk Show
- Workshops: 3/3 Table Runner & 3/5 Table Mat

April 2017 - Will announce who's coming once we finalize it!

- 4/6 Lecture

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Please review the complete [Workshop Guidelines](#) on the Guild website.
Check the Guild website [Programs](#) page for further details on supply lists, locations, and links to speaker websites.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

<i>Circle the date in the first column to register for events. Indicate your check number in the last column.</i>						
<i>Date</i>	<i>Workshop Sample</i>	<i>Workshop</i>	<i>Member Fee</i>	<i>Non-Member Fee</i>	<i>Kit Cost (Pay in Class)</i>	<i>Check #</i>
09/02/16 Karen Kay Buckley		Folk Art Fantasy	\$30	\$40	\$14 (mandatory) (pay in class)	Date check 07/01/16 #
09/03/16 Karen Kay Buckley		Circular Garden SUPPLY LIST	\$30	\$40	\$28 (mandatory) (pay in class)	Date check 07/01/16 #
10/07/16 Nancy Mahoney		Chocolate Caramel Stars Supply List	\$30	\$40	\$2 (pay in class)	Date check 08/01/16 #
10/08/16 Nancy Mahoney		Dot to Dot SUPPLY LIST	\$30	\$40	none	Date check 08/01/16 #
11/04/16 Calvert & Meyers		Cactus Flower Table Runner Supply List (Judy Niemeyer)	\$30	\$40	pattern (pay in class)	Date check 09/01/16 #
11/05/16 Calvert & Meyers		Seasonal Table Runner Supply List (Judy Niemeyer)	\$30	\$40	pattern (pay in class)	Date check 09/01/16 #
12/02/16 Doug Leko		Mysterious	\$30	\$40	pattern (pay in class)	Date check 10/01/16 #
12/03/16 Doug Leko		Sandstone	\$30	\$40	pattern (pay in class)	Date check 10/01/16 #
01/06 & 01/07/17	WINTER RETREAT at NORMAL MENNONITE CHURCH					
02/03/17 Kathleen Tracy		Scrappy Stars	\$30 plus book	\$40 plus book	<i>Remembering Adelia</i>	Date check 12/01/16 #
02/04/17 Kathleen Tracy		Civil War Baskets Doll Quilt	\$30 plus book	\$40 plus book	<i>Remembering Adelia</i>	Date check 12/01/16 #
03/03/17 Lisa Bongean		Table Runner	\$30 plus kit	\$40	\$39 (optional but suggested - pay in class)	Date check 01/01/17 #
03/04/17 Lisa Bongean		Table Mat	\$30 plus kit	\$40	\$35 (optional but suggested - pay in class)	Date check 01/01/17 #
April 2017	We'll announce who's coming once we finalize it!					

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2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP FORM

Name		Birth Month/Day	
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Primary Phone		Secondary Phone	
Primary Email			
Secondary Email			

Membership Type

Membership Dues

<input type="checkbox"/> New member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing member	<input type="checkbox"/> General member (\$30) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior – 65 or better (\$25) <input type="checkbox"/> Junior – 18 or under (\$25)
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Newsletter Notification Preference

<p><u>Email/Website Option</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Send me an email when newsletter is posted to website <input type="checkbox"/> I will pick up a printed newsletter at Guild meetings <input type="checkbox"/> I will access newsletter from the website. No notification needed	<p><u>Postal Mail Option</u></p> Mail newsletter to my home address. <input type="checkbox"/> General member (\$10) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior and Junior (\$5)
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Photography

<input type="checkbox"/> I <u>DO NOT</u> give HAAQG permission to post or use my image online and in publication.

Membership Pin

<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to purchase a membership pin (\$5)
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Membership Committee Use Only

<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check (Payable to HAAQG) #	Date paid	Total
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Pay your dues at the monthly guild meeting or mail your dues and form to:

[Pam Riss](#)
 1409 East 2309 Rd.
 Streator, IL 61364

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NORMALLY SANE JANES

[MARY WUHRMANN](#)

Our group continues to meet monthly to share and help each other with our Dear Jane quilts. You don't know what a Dear Jane quilt is? Go to dearjane.com to see the quilt and find information, and/or come to our meeting and we'll help you get started or continue on your journey. It's a challenging quilt but so rewarding and such a great learning experience. We welcome everyone-even newbies!! We meet from 6:00pm-8:00pm on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the ReMax building, 2203 Eastland Dr (between Hershey and Williamsburg), Bloomington. Check the calendar for dates and contact info.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

In addition to activities and dates listed throughout the newsletter, the following monthly activities include:

- General meetings with a lecture are at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, September through April. There's an end of year Salad Supper celebration on May 4 that begins at 6 p.m.
- HAAQG Quilt Show Board Meetings are @5:30 in September, November, January, and March.
- HAAQG Board of Directors Meetings are @5:30 October, December, February, and April.
- Newsletter articles are due the 20th of each month to jacobrosiedog@gmail.com.

Meetings are held at the Mennonite Church of Normal, 805 South Cottage Ave, unless otherwise indicated.

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
Piece Makers	2nd Thursday	1-4 p.m.	Member's home	JUDY SWITZER
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.	ADA REDIGER or RUTH PFAFFMANN
Magic Needles	3rd Monday	7 p.m.	Member's home with different members coordinating each month.	ARLENE MITCHELL
Hey Quilters	3rd Thursday; different in Nov/Dec	6:30-9 p.m.	HEYWORTH UNITED CHURCH library lounge	KIMBERLY TRAVERS or KIM NELSON
Normally Sane Janes (Dear Jane Quilt)	4th Tuesday	6-8 p.m.	ReMax, 2203 Eastland Dr, Bloomington	MARY WUHRMANN

