



## Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Central Illinois

# Newsletter

**OCTOBER 2016**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

[STORMY DAWN HELTON](#)

Hello my Quilt Friends,

It's time for another quilt meeting and I am looking forward to seeing what everyone has been working on during Show and Tell. I didn't have a clue that we would have so few quilts shown during Show N Tell last month! I learned that most of our membership does read the newsletters! Thank you for doing that since it helps to make the business aspect of our meetings go smoother and faster. Now, I am ready for some Show and Tell.

We are still looking for someone to chair the Quilt Spectrum 2018 and another person to chair the Raffle Quilt 2018. It has been mentioned to me on several occasions, when I was asking for a chairman, that maybe we need to do our quilt show every other year. If we have no one to chair these positions that may be our only option or not have a show. Please consider chairing or co-chairing with a friend. Many hands make light work and, as a quilt guild this size, need many hands to make it go. It is very disheartening as a member and now the president to continually ask the same group of people to help all the time. Please think about this and talk to me at the October meeting.

This month is the Board of Director's meeting at 5:30, before our regular monthly meeting, at the church. Chair heads please come prepared with any issues of concern. We will be on a time constraint and even if you have no concerns, please be present in case there are questions from other committees. Thank you for participating on the committees and I look forward to seeing everyone.

On a final note, I had someone offer to do the Mystery Quilt for this year! I am sure there is a brief notice in this newsletter so please read on! I think I may try my hand at this since I don't have a clue how these are really done and I want to learn.

Until we meet again,

*Stormy Dawn Helton*

HAAQG President 2016-2017

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

[BEV ELDER](#)

| Treasurer's Report                                      |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| June 1 - August 31, 2016                                |                       |
| Checking Account 5/31/16                                | <b>\$ 10,546.17</b>   |
| Add Total Receipts                                      | \$ 8,767.00           |
| <b>Less Total Expenses</b>                              | <b>\$ (6,888.50)</b>  |
| Balance in Checking 8/31/2016                           | \$ 12,424.67          |
| Total CDs   | \$ 25,134.72          |
| <b>Total Assets as of 8/31/2016</b>                     | <b>\$ 37,559.39</b>   |
| Less Total Assets as of 5/31/2016                       | <b>\$ (35,673.21)</b> |
| Change in Total Assets from Prior Period                | \$ 1,886.18           |
| Submitted by Beverly E Elder, HAAQG Treasurer 2016-2018 |                       |

### 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](#)

Thank you to everyone who took home books or patterns and made a donation to the Guild in Nancy Woodcock's honor. In October there will be two more boxes of books that were not at the last meeting. This will be the end of the book and pattern sale. Please look through the books and see if there isn't something you'd like to take home.

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### Door Hostess

[Mary Wuhrmann](#) & [Linda Hutchins](#)

#### Name Tags

We will have new name tags at the Oct meeting!! If you paid your membership before the cutoff for the directory (Sept 20) you will have a new printed name tag. We will continue to use the plastic badge so if you have yours at home please bring it to the next meeting to use with your new tag.

The name tag will be on the same color paper as your current membership card. This means that you don't need to show your membership card at the door because you'll pick up your name tag that shows you're a member!! Continue to show your card for any discounts that are available at merchants. We will still collect the tags at the end of the break and have them ready for you the next month. We file them by last names, using the label on the back.

#### Quilting Buddies (QB)

We're asking for quilters to volunteer for one meeting to help welcome our new members and guests. You would show them around, describe the different committees, introduce them to quilters especially those with similar interests, show them where the restrooms are, etc. If you're interested: sign up on the Quilting Buddy sheet at the Door Hostess table, stay in the general area, and we'll match you with a new member or guest who would like a Buddy for the evening. You'll get a QB tag with a red clip to attach it to your name tag to identify you as a Buddy. As a small thank you, you can keep the clip to use in your quilting. And...you'll make a new friend!

### 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. We are also seeking teachers. If you have a quilting project to share, we'd love to have you teach a class.

On October 20th, 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 add the fancy stitches, buttons, etc. to your pieced foundation. Sharry says to let go and let your crazy show.

Look for the supply list at the October Guild meeting at the mentor table and on the website. Hope to see you there.

### WINTER RETREAT

[CONNIE GUHLSTROF](#)

"Scraps Happen" at the Winter Retreat on Friday, January 6 and Saturday, January 7, 2017.

Don't we all have fabric scraps? And don't they just seem to 'happen'? What ever are we going to do with all those scraps? How about finding the answer at the Winter Retreat! Here are the basics about the retreat:

Friday, January 6 (9am - 9pm) &  
Saturday, January 7 (9am - 4pm) at  
the Mennonite Church of Normal.

- \$30 - Friday & Saturday
- \$20 - Friday only
- \$15 - Saturday only

- ✓ Sign up with the Programs Committee
- ✓ Includes two meals on Friday and one meal on Saturday.
- ✓ Extras - Machine cleaning, Chair massages, Freebie table, Vendor, Door prizes

Additional information will be sent in December to those who have signed up. Roommate preferences and special food needs will be requested from you at that time.

**HAAQG LIBRARY – CHECK IT OUT**

[CONNIE J CARSTENS](#)

So busy this month yet I'm not finishing any quilts. Wonder why?? Reading too much and playing with fabric. Time to get in gear.

New purchase this year – Bonnie Hunter's newest book, Addicted to Scraps. I should have available by the October meeting.

Reminder - the new book list is in the August newsletter. The new HAAQG website will have the complete book list.

Pieced Hexies

by Mickie Dupre

Recently, I wanted a hand work project for a long bus trip to North Carolina. After a quick hexie lesson from talented guild member, Arlene Mitchell, I have become a "hexie" fan!! For now, my hexies are simple but I had to take a closer look at Mickie Dupre's book, Pieced Hexies. I really enjoyed taking Mickie's class last year thru HAAQG but Pieced Hexies is very different style.

Mickie starts with English Paper Piecing basics, including what needles, threads, pins and papers she uses. Her hexies are 1½" which means every edge is 1½". She pieces 3½" squares then makes her hexies. This size gives her opportunity to get very creative. Pieced Hexies is filled with her designs, black and white with many color options including variations. Each design is named; Spike, Cogs, Sparkle, Tumbler, Jacks, Wheelie and Jazzy. Most pages include "Mic's Musings", her personal ideas about each design – "Plaid is so misunderstood and underappreciated. Try it, you'll like it." And "Mix it Up! Polka dots, stripes and checkers can play together!". This book is so much fun and will inspire you. I'm looking forward to trying a few of her designs....

What could you learn from Mickie??

**MYSTERY QUILT - Fun! Mystery! Mayhem!**

[CAROLE FAY](#)

Join us for a mystery quilt! Inspector Cluesew (a.k.a. Merry Mayhem) is going to lead us on a 6 part mystery tour this winter! I will have sign up information at the Programs table for the October meeting. Join us as we solve the clues each month to make this fun lively quilt!

**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](http://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.

**QUILT SHOW - LOOK WHAT WE'VE LEARNED**

[RUTH TAHA](#) & [ERIN HEATON](#)

The 2017 Spectrum Quilt Show will be held on Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1, at the Parke Regency Hotel, the same venue we used last year. The theme for this year's show is "Look What We've Learned."

We have begun planning the layout to take better advantage of the space, and a planned redecoration of the area should be complete in time for the show. This year's quilt categories will include pieced quilts, appliqued quilts, embroidered and embellished quilts, and modern quilts in two sizes. The small size will include crib, throw, and twin. The large size will be full size and up. We will also have a youth quilt category and a miscellaneous category for smaller pieces: baby quilts, wall hangings, clothing, table

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toppers, etc. If we have mystery quilts or block of the month quilts this year, they will also have a category. I am planning to have a place on the ballot for Best in Show. Please remember that it is early yet, and I am new at this, so some things may have to be tweaked, but nothing should change much. If you enter a piece in the show, we will have a proper category for your work.

Betty Woodruff and Donna Lee are helping with the modern quilts. To be in the Modern category, a quilt must be able to tick off three of the following boxes:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Improvisational Piecing</li> <li>2) Minimalist Design</li> <li>3) Asymmetrical</li> <li>4) Use of Negative Space</li> <li>5) Use of Alternate Grid Layout</li> <li>6) Exaggerated Scale</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7) No Borders</li> <li>8) Bright &amp; Graphic Color Palette</li> <li>9) Modern Traditionalism. If you are new to modern quilting, as I am, you can check with one of them.</li> </ul> |
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We would like pockets on all of the larger quilts this year. They are easier to hang and look better. We can use clips for the smaller ones.

Chairmen for the show include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair – Ruth Taha</li> <li>• Co-chair – Erin Heaton</li> <li>• Vendors – Stormy Helton, Carolyn Gatenby</li> <li>• Put-up, Take-down – Mary Sanko and Ruth Novosad</li> <li>• Props – Mary Weakman</li> <li>• Unique Boutique – Tamara Shields</li> <li>• Publicity – Ruth Novosad - She needs help and someone to learn how to do it.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lay-Out – Ruth Taha, Erin Heaton, Stormy Helton</li> <li>• Graphics – Debra Hutchins will make the signage for the information that goes on each quilt. We can use more help in graphics for making other signs and making entry forms, designing the flyers and bookmarks we give out, etc.</li> </ul> |
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We need more people to help the chairmen with planning and to be ready to pitch in closer to time for the show. I have some names, but some new faces would be welcome.

I am looking forward to working with everyone, and I trust I will hear about any errors I have made here. I don't know everyone well yet, and I am crossing my fingers that I have everything right so far. Thanks to all those who have already helped me in getting up to speed.

### 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.        | <a href="#">LEXINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER</a>   | <a href="#">LINDA HUTCHINS</a>                                 |
| Hudson Area Quilters                  | 2nd Saturday; no December meeting  | 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | <a href="#">Hudson Fire Department</a> with different <a href="#">members coordinating</a> each month. | <a href="#">ADA REDIGER</a> or <a href="#">RUTH PFAFFMANN</a>  |
| Magic Needles                         | 3rd Monday                         | 7 p.m.        | Member's home with different <a href="#">members coordinating</a> each month.                          | <a href="#">ARLENE MITCHELL</a>                                |
| Hey Quilters                          | 3rd Thursday; different in Nov/Dec | 6:30-9 p.m.   | <a href="#">HEYWORTH UNITED CHURCH</a> library lounge  | <a href="#">KIMBERLY TRAVERS</a> or <a href="#">KIM NELSON</a> |
| Normally Sane Janes (Dear Jane Quilt) | 4th Tuesday                        | 6-8 p.m.      | ReMax, 2203 Eastland Dr, Bloomington   | <a href="#">MARY WUHRMANN</a>                                  |

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### RAFFLE QUILT 2017

[MARIE NOBLE](#) & [NANCY SIMMS](#) & [PAT IANNONE](#)

The 2017 Raffle Quilt will be making her debut at the October meeting. If you saw the raffle quilt pins at the September meeting then you had a sneak peek at what she looks like! Please stop by to get your ticket packets and help us raise money for our incredible programs.

- Raffle ticket packets will be available for pick up. Each packet will have 24 tickets. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
- Quilt pins are available for \$5 each.

### PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

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

We've had a terrific start to the year and we're grateful for those who volunteered to help run the September workshops. We're happy to announce that CAROLYN GATENBY and DEBORAH HUTCHINS were September's winners of a free workshop of their choice! Let Debi Winchester know if you are interested to help out in October and be in the running for a free workshop.

In September we hosted Karen Kay Buckley. Experienced and novice applique students alike learned new tips for getting sharp points and smooth curves. Did you see her wonderful blog post about our guild, the church and her visit? Check it out at <http://www.karenkaybuckley.com/weblog>.

#### 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

\*BOTH WORKSHOPS REQUIRE CUTTING BEFORE CLASS - REFER TO THE SUPPLY LISTS ON THE GUILD WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.

#### 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 – Chris Moline

This is a bonus month!

- Specialty – Quilt appraisals & Featherweight sewing machines
- Chris is an AQS certified appraiser of quilted textiles, Featherweight expert, and a board member of the Quilters Hall of Fame. She is also the new owner of Jean Lyle's featherweight business.
- 4/6 Lecture: Ugly Quilts
- Workshops: 4/7 Featherweight Maintenance & 4/8 Two Block Two Step

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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> |   |  |                   |                       |  |                       |
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| <i>Date</i>   | <b>Workshop Sample</b>  | <b>Workshop</b>  | <b>Member Fee</b> | <b>Non-Member Fee</b> | <b>Kit Cost (Pay in Class)</b>               | <b>Check #</b>        |
| 10/07/16<br><a href="#">Nancy Mahoney</a>   |    | Chocolate Caramel Stars<br><a href="#">Supply List</a>                       | \$30              | \$40                  | \$2<br>(pay in class)                        | Date check 08/01/16 # |
| 10/08/16<br><a href="#">Nancy Mahoney</a>   |    | Dot to Dot<br><a href="#">SUPPLY LIST</a>                                    | \$30              | \$40                  | none   | Date check 08/01/16 # |
| 11/04/16<br><a href="#">Calvert &amp; Meyers</a>  |    | Cactus Flower Table Runner<br><a href="#">Supply List</a><br>(Judy Niemeyer) | \$30              | \$40                  | pattern<br>(pay in class)                    | Date check 09/01/16 # |
| 11/05/16<br><a href="#">Calvert &amp; Meyers</a>  |    | Seasonal Table Runner<br><a href="#">Supply List</a><br>(Judy Niemeyer)      | \$30              | \$40                  | pattern<br>(pay in class)                    | Date check 09/01/16 # |
| 12/02/16<br><a href="#">Doug Leko</a>   |    | Mysterious   | \$30              | \$40                  | pattern<br>(pay in class)                    | Date check 10/01/16 # |
| 12/03/16<br><a href="#">Doug Leko</a>   |   | Sandstone  | \$30              | \$40                  | pattern<br>(pay in class)                    | Date check 10/01/16 # |
| 01/06/2017 & 01/07/2017   | WINTER RETREAT "Scraps Happen" at MENNONITE CHURCH of NORMAL<br>Friday, January 6 (9am - 9pm) & Saturday, January 7 (9am - 4pm)<br>\$30 - Friday & Saturday * \$20 - Friday only * \$15 - Saturday only |  |                   |                       |  |                       |
| 02/03/17<br><a href="#">Kathleen Tracy</a>  |    | Scrappy Stars  | \$30 plus book    | \$40 plus book        | <i>Remembering Adelia</i>                    | Date check 12/01/16 # |
| 02/04/17<br><a href="#">Kathleen Tracy</a>  |    | Civil War Baskets Doll Quilt   | \$30 plus book    | \$40 plus book        | <i>Remembering Adelia</i>                    | Date check 12/01/16 # |
| 03/03/17<br><a href="#">Lisa Bongean</a>  |    | Table Runner   | \$30 plus kit     | \$40                  | \$39 (optional but suggested - pay in class) | Date check 01/01/17 # |
| 03/04/17<br><a href="#">Lisa Bongean</a>  |    | Table Mat  | \$30 plus kit     | \$40                  | \$35 (optional but suggested - pay in class) | Date check 01/01/17 # |
| 04/07/17<br><a href="#">Chris Moline</a>  |    | Featherweight Maintenance, Care & Attachments<br><a href="#">Supply List</a> | \$30              | \$40                  | Tools and attachments available to purchase  | Date check 02/01/17 # |
| 04/08/17<br><a href="#">Chris Moline</a>  |    | Two Block Two Step<br><a href="#">Supply List</a>                            | \$30              | \$40                  |  | Date check 02/01/17 # |
| DATES TBD   | SUMMER RETREAT AT MENNONITE CHURCH OF NORMAL  |  |                   |                       |  |                       |

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| Street Address  |                 |          |
| City            | State           | Zip Code |
| Primary Phone   | Secondary Phone |          |
| Primary Email   |                 |          |
| Secondary Email |                 |          |

**Membership Type**

**Membership Dues**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New member<br><input type="checkbox"/> Renewing member | <input type="checkbox"/> General member (\$30)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Senior – 65 or better (\$25)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Junior – 18 or under (\$25) |
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[Pam Riss](#)  
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