



**Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Central Illinois**

# **Newsletter**

**OCTOBER 2019**

## **President's Message**

### *No UFO's Left Behind!*

Were you able to see the Harvest Moon last Friday? I heard it was beautiful. Guess that is our cue that fall is approaching soon which can only mean more time for our quilt projects!

Did you enjoy our speaker last month, Deloa Jones? I know I did but I definitely would not want to have to wear her coat that had all her quilting notions and tools needed to make a quilt. It was fun to see all the items that we use to make our quilts without the thought of all that goes into it. I also understand from participants that attended her classes that she was a wonderful teacher. From what I have heard from members that took her classes, she explained ideas very well and demonstrated them on both the long arm and the domestic machine. If you have not given the programs committee your feedback on this speaker, please let them know what your thoughts are. This helps them as they get ready to start planning for years ahead.

With October coming fast I need to remind this group that all Bed Blitz quilts need to be at this month's meeting. Distribution of these quilts take place this month to the participants who will receive them, so we would like them at this meeting. The associate pastor of Mennonite Church will be giving them a blessing. Our group made over 50 quilts for this cause last year and I would like to see that we surpass that number this year. Please bring them for a special show n' tell at the October meeting.

Have you looked around for any UFO's to finish this year and enter into the Quilt Spectrum in May? This is my challenge to all the members to try and finish as many UFO's this year to start making room for more UFO's that we will undoubtedly make.

The executive board and programs committee is sponsoring a silent auction at our January meeting, so please look for the article on this event in the newsletter and see what you can donate to make it a success.

Lynn Reinhart is our speaker this month teaching the following classes: Stripper's Knot and Diamonds are Forever. There is room on both days for more participants, so please consider taking one of these classes. Don't forget to bring your food donation for the grocery cart or for the Big Give that the church is helping Home Sweet Home Mission with. See you in October!

Connie Borth  
President

## **Silent auction to be held in January 2020**

Are you looking for a way to start the New Year with a clean, organized sewing room? Well, the Executive Board and Programs may have the answer! There will be a silent auction as part of the January 2020 general Guild meeting. Here is your chance to donate that fabric that you are now asking yourself, "What was I thinking," when you bought it. Or that kit that remains unopened on your shelf. How about those duplicates of

tools and rulers that you liked SO much that you have purchased TWO or maybe THREE of them, but use only ONE? These are the types of items we are recruiting. You may bring your donations to the October, November, or December meetings. Please put your name on all items in case we have questions. Your suggested price would be appreciated.

“Why are we having a silent auction,” you ask? Even though the Guild has maintained its high quality of programs for which it is known, the Guild has also been operating at a deficit for at least the last six years. Therefore, to offset those losses and to help stop the flow of “red ink”, the Executive Board and Programs are planning a silent auction as part of the program for January 2020. The funds generated from the auction will help support the rising costs of presenters and keep the cost for classes as low as possible.

Once again, we hope everyone will participate in this much needed fundraiser. Keep in mind, we will not accept used goods or leftover scraps. Those scraps are for the “mystery bags” at the Spectrum. Also, if you, or a business you know, would like to donate a gift basket filled with multiple items, that would be much appreciated as well.

*Gwynne Bettisch*

## **Programs**

For October’s meeting, Lynn Rinehart from Woodstock, Georgia, will be our presenter and teacher. She is a fiber artist, certified quilt appraiser, quilt designer, fabric lover, fabric collector and lover of quilts. That’s just a long way of saying that she is a quilter! Lynn is active in several guilds and quilt groups. She designs her own quilts and continues to quilt outside of the box, bringing in her natural curiosity about color and how it affects quilt designs.

She is blessed with a wonderful husband, two Saluki hounds named Josie and Giacomo, and a longarm named Clementine. Lynn’s web site is <http://www.thestitchtvshow.com>

**October 3** - Thursday Lecture - Sew Fast & Take Chances

**October 4** - Friday class- Stripper's Knot/Curved Piecing

**October 5** - Saturday class- Diamonds are Forever

There are openings in both classes. Contact Pam Riss to register.

### **Friday’s class: Stripper’s Knot/Curved Piecing**

Project: The project will create Stripper's Knot quilt, 65 x 65”. The Stripper's Knot quilt is a variation of the Lover’s Knot pattern with a stripped strata to add interest.

Skills covered in class

- Using templates to cut quilt block pieces
- Working with strata and bias piecing
- Curved piecing

### **Supply list**

- Sewing machine in good working order
- Stripper's Knot pattern from The Stitch TV Show
- Machine table and knee lift (optional, but helpful)
- Quarter Inch foot (Bernina #37)
- Marking pencil / pen
- Fabric scissors
- Rotary cutters, 45 or 60mm for regular cutting and 28 mm cutter for curves

- 20 fat quarters / 40 fat eighths, or scraps equal to 5 yards
- 1 ½ yd of background fabric 3/8 yd of inner border
- 1/2 yd binding fabric
- 8" melon block template

### **Saturday's class: Diamonds Are Forever**

Project: The project will create a colorful wall hanging featuring diamond blocks in three sizes.

Skills learned in class

- Creating an off-grid layout.
- Learn about edge in color and how to get a dynamic look.
- Precision piecing for the diamond block

### Supply list

- Sewing machine
- Diamonds Are Forever pattern from The Stitch TV Show
- Machine table and knee lift (optional, but helpful)
- Quarter Inch foot (Bernina #37)
- Pencil/pen
- Fabric scissors
- Rotary cutter: 45 or 60mm
- Fabric: 1 ½ yd Teal Solid; 3/8 yd Orange Solid; 3/8 yd Red Solid; 12 print fat quarters for center of diamonds in a mix of prints, 1 fat quarter for Light Orange for diamond center; 2 ½ yd backing; 1/3 yd binding
- Optional: Deb Tucker's Studio 180 Design Diamond Rects tool

Those registered for either class will receive information about buying the pattern and advanced preparation needed. Those registered for Stripper's Know will receive information about the 8-inch melon block in the supply list.

## **2019-2020 Programs**

### **October 2019-Lynn Reinhart**

Lecture: Sew Fast and Take Chances  
Workshops: Diamonds are Forever & Strippers Knot/Curved Piecing

### **November 2019-Doug Leko**

Lecture: Scraps and Precuts  
Workshops: English Knot and French Twist

### **December 2019-Lisa Bongean**

Lecture - Remembering the Past  
Workshops: Snowman for Hire Table Runner and Jacobs Ladder

### **January 2020-Winter Retreat**

January 3 & 4, 2020  
Theme is **Caribbean Quilt Cruisin'**

### **February 2020-Christa Watson**

Lecture: How do I quilt it?  
Workshops: Walking Foot Wonders & Free Motion Favorites

### **March 2020-David Gilleland**

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

### **April 2020-Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill**

Lecture: Content, Concepts & Quilts  
Workshops: Picnic Petals & Hawaiian Inspired Applique

See the Hands all Around Quilt Guild Website for more details and the class registration form.

Ary Anderson  
Programs & Workshops

## **COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

If your "Bed for kids" quilts" have not been turned in, please bring them to the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

31 Christmas throws have now been completed for the Community Cancer Center. Thank you to the Sew & Tell-Lexington quilters for all their help.

We have two quilt kits (40 X 60) including the backing and batting. If you are interested in improving your quilting skills, please pick up these entire kits.

Head Start Christmas Project is in need of 32 X 32 flannel blankets for infants or 40 X 40 throws for older children. There are a few kits at the project table.

The dementia patients at some of the nursing homes are in need of fidget quilts. These quilts should be 20 X 20 up to 24 X 24.

On Friday, we delivered 24 pillowcases to the homes of Hope and 24 pillowcases to the Baby Fold.

If you know of any organization in our community in need of some of our projects, please let us know. We will need to know the organization, phone number and contact name.

Thank you all for your interest in picking up pillowcase kits at the September meeting. More kits are available.

This Committee needs additional help. If you are interested in helping in anyway, please contact up at the Community Projects table.

## **MYSTERY BAGS for QUILT SPECTRUM**

They're back!! We want your fabric scraps! Starting with the OCTOBER meeting, please bring your quilt scraps for the mystery bags for the 2020 Quilt Spectrum. The MARCH meeting is the LAST time fabric will be accepted. Fabric scraps need to be quality cotton and no smaller than 2 inches. You may put your scraps on the counter outside the kitchen. Please, no clothing or books.

Visitors to this booth enjoy the "surprise" of opening their purchases. Many enjoy the "hunt" for that special brown bag. Thank you for helping us add an air of "mystery" to the Quilt Spectrum and earning over \$500 at this year's Quilt Spectrum.

A huge thank you to Marge Ehlers, Carol Lou Eisenhardt, Nancy Powell, and Nancy Stone for their help.

Ary Anderson

## **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. Come join us for a fun night out quilting with friends.

### **October 17, 2019 – Covered Notebook**

We will be learning how to make a fabric notebook cover. You will have to purchase a pattern for this class. This would make great Christmas gifts. Come join us for the class and to meet with other quilters in Guild.

## **November 21, 2019 – Quick Curve Ruler**

The Quick Curved Ruler is used to cut the curved shapes out and square the blocks up after piecing. It comes with a free pattern called 'Urban Runner and can be used with all Sew Kind of Wonderful patterns. Deanna has made a cute wall hanging that would be great for Christmas. Now Kay always says she doesn't do curves, but she is in love with this ruler.

Kay Bowen, Deanna & Richard Bilyeau  
Mentor Program

## **LIBRARY**

The library has so many good books to lend. Check out our cart! If you are taking the November curved ruler mentor class, check out The Curved Two-Patch System by Joyce M. Schlotzhauer or Paper-Pieced Curves by Jodie Davis.

Did you take Mary Lou Weidman's Flower Power or Creative Cow classes last year? So much fun! Whimsies & Whynots by Mary Lou Weidman has been donated to our Guild library. Her "playful approach to quiltmaking" is enlightening and delightful. Will you be the first person to check this one out?

We will continue to take new or renewal subscriptions to Fons & Porter Love of Quilting magazine. Please be sure to pay with personal check, payable to Love of Quilting.

If you have books or magazines to donate to Library, please be sure to contact Mary Weakman due to the very limited storage space we have available.

## **Caribbean Quilt Cruisin'**

We hope you will join us for this year's winter retreat. We know many members escape the cold Illinois winter so this year the retreat will be cruisin' to the Caribbean (if only in our imaginations). The registration will be open for the winter retreat at the October meeting. You must fill out the registration form and turn it in with a check or cash to be officially registered. There will be a space set up at the meeting for you to turn everything in.

There are a couple of different items that you must know when signing up.

1. Registrations for 1 day will ONLY be considered if there is room after we count all the 2 day registrations.
2. If you will not be at the meeting but want to go, please try to get a friend to bring your form and payment to the meeting for you. Mail as a last resort and it should not be postmarked before October 2<sup>nd</sup> and arrive by October 5<sup>th</sup>. If there are more than 50 applicants, there will be a lottery to choose who gets a cabin on the cruise. Any above the 50 will be put on a wait list.
3. You can cancel your cruise by November 3<sup>rd</sup> and still receive a full refund. After that date, notify your travel agent/captains (Ruth Novosad or Cheryl Adam) and they will try to find a replacement. If they find one you will be reimbursed for the full amount.

The crew is preparing the ship for an exciting 2 day adventure. Don't miss out.  
Happy Cruisin',

Ruth and Cheryl  
2020 Winter Retreat

Hands All Around Quilt Guild  
 Winter Retreat  
 'Caribbean Quilt Crusin'  
 January 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

EITHER HAND THIS FORM IN WITH PAYMENT AT THE OCTOBER MEETING OR MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK TO:  
 CHERYL ADAM, 27 LONG COVE CT, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61704  
 PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO HAAQG

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, Jan 3 Only*	\$25	Check # _____ (Date Check 10/1/19)	Paid Cash	
Saturday, Jan 4 Only*	\$25	Check # _____ (Date Check 10/1/19)	Paid Cash	
Both Days	\$45	Check # _____ (Date Check 10/1/19)	Paid Cash	

- Single days available only as space allows

Dietary Restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

Who Do You Want to Sit Near? \_\_\_\_\_



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# Hands All Around Quilt Guild 2019-2020 Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month/Day \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Email \_\_\_\_\_

<b><i>Membership Type &amp; Dues</i></b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> New member	<input type="checkbox"/> General member (\$30)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewing member	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior – 65 or better (\$25)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior – 18 or under (\$25)	
<b><i>Newsletter Notification Preference</i></b>		
<b><u>Email/Website Option</u></b>		<b><u>Mail Option</u></b>
<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	Mail newsletter to my home address
<input type="checkbox"/> I will access newsletter from the website. No notification needed		<input type="checkbox"/> General member (\$10)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Senior and Junior (\$5)
<b><i>Photography</i></b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b><i>I <u>DO NOT</u> give HAAQG permission to post or use my image online and in publication.</i></b>		
<b><i>Membership Pin</i></b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to purchase a membership pin (\$5)		
<b><i>Membership Committee Use Only</i></b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check (Payable to HAAQG) #	Date paid	Total

***Pay your dues at the monthly Quilt Guild meeting or mail your dues and form to:***

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