



Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Central Illinois

Newsletter

DECEMBER 2019

President's Message

No UFO's Left Behind!

Happy Thanksgiving members!

Have you started your holiday sewing yet? Or maybe you are one of those who started right after the holidays last year and have been finished for quite a while. Me, I do have some holiday sewing to do but thankfully what I do have to sew will not take me long. One of these days I would like to make a Christmas quilt but right now I don't want to add it to my UFO collection.

Doug Leko was a great speaker and instructor at our November meeting. I heard from several members that did take a class from him that they were glad that we had an instructor that was left-handed. For me being a right-handed person, I have never really understood why it is different for others. And I understand that his books are written for quilters that are left-handed, which I will have to check out in the book that I purchased from him. If you did enjoy him as a speaker or instructor, please let the Program Committee know. This helps them as they contact future instructors for our Guild.

In December we have the privilege of quilter Lisa Bongean joining us for "Remembering the Past". I hope that you will be able to join us on December 5.

In January 2020 we have the Guild's Winter Retreat on Friday and Saturday, January 3 & 4, with our general meeting on Thursday January 2nd. We will not be having the silent auction during this meeting. It will be held at the May 2020 salad supper. Please look for an article in this newsletter regarding the silent auction. The meeting will be a general business meeting followed by a small program.

Remember to please check our Facebook page, website, cancellation list in the Pantagraph, or listen to WJBC during inclement weather to see if the general meeting is cancelled. We are at that time of the year when if the weather is bad or forecasted to be, our meeting could be cancelled. We don't want our members out during weather that is dangerous.

See you in December.

Connie Borth
President

Reminders

There will be a joint Board Meeting before the December Meeting. The meeting will begin at 5:30.

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

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 December, Lisa Bonjean, is well known to many of you. When she was here in March of 2017, both classes were full. There is a waiting list for both of her classes. If you are registered for either class, the supply lists are on our web site. Under "Jacob's Ladder", a travel steam iron and ironing board are listed. You will **not** need either item as pressing stations are provided. All kits, listed notions, threads, and patterns will be available from Lisa before and during class. The pattern for "Snowman" is \$9.00 and "Jacob's" is \$10.00. If you are **not** buying her kit for "Jacob's Ladder", the **ONLY** thing you **MUST** do before class is to **STARCH** your fabric!

The menu for each day's class will be sent after November 25, to those registered.

Here is Lisa's schedule.

- December 5– Thursday's Program– Remembering the Past
- December 6– Friday's class- Snowman for Hire table runner
- December 7– Saturday's class – Jacob's Ladder

Our January program will be presented by our own Pam Riss. Her program is "**My Quilting Evolution?**" She was the featured quilter at the 2019 Quilt Spectrum. Many of us were so busy "working the show" that we might not have had a chance to see and enjoy her exhibit. This will be your opportunity to support her and view her artistic creations.

Looking W-a-ay Ahead

Our speaker/teacher for March, David Gilleland, has openings in both classes. Please visit his web site, www.vectorquilts.com and type in Equinox and Star Voyage in the search window. Equinox will help to teach you the skills needed to progress to intermediate and advanced foundation piecing patterns. Star Voyage, along with the instructions and follow along videos, will also teach you the skills needed to progress to intermediate and advanced foundation piecing patterns. Perhaps this will interest you to sign up for a class. The Program Committee would like to see more members participating in his classes.

2019-2020 Programs & Classes

December 5, 2019-Lisa Bongean

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

January 2, 2020-Pam Riss

Her program is ""My Quilting Evolution?"

January 3 & 4-2020 Winter Retreat

Theme is "Caribbean Quilt Cruisin"

February 6, 2020-Christa Watson

Lecture: How do I quilt it?

Workshops: Walking Foot Wonders & Free Motion Favorites

April 2, 2020-Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill

Lecture: Content, Concepts & Quilts

Workshops: Picnic Petals & Hawaiian Inspired Applique

March 5, 2020-David Gilleland

Lecture: Foundation vs. Traditional Piecing

Workshops: Equinox & Star-Voyage

May 7, 2020-May Salad Supper

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 contact Judy for additional information.

Caribbean Quilt Cruisin'

We are happy to announce the ship is fully booked. Cruisers should expect boarding instructions to arrive in your email in December. We are excited to welcome everyone aboard.

We have a small waiting list and you are welcome to contact Bev Elder if you'd like to be placed on the list.

Looking forward to casting off.

Cheryl Adam and Ruth Novosad
Cruise Ship officers

Mystery Bags for Quilt Spectrum

We **still** want your fabric scraps! 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, or until we have 600 bags, whichever comes first! 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.

Thank you for your continued support of this program. To date we have 200 bags completed with another 20 almost ready.

Ary Anderson
Programs & Workshops

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.

December – No mentoring class

January 15, 2020 – Sewing for your sewing room

February 20, 2020 – Twister Pinwheels

Kay Bowen, Deanna & Richard Bilyeau
Mentor Program

Library

With Lisa Bongean's December lecture and classes, HAAQG Library has a few interesting books on applique. An older book, from 2000, is Heart-Felt Wool Applique by Lorinda Lie. Filled with wool prep basics and projects, the author shows various stitches, methods and sources.

For February's lecture and classes with Christa Watson, we have two books. First is Machine Quilting with Style by Christa Watson. Great book highlighting Christa's methods using her domestic machine. The second book is The Ultimate Guide to Machine Quilting by Angela Walters and Christa Watson, which was reviewed in the September 2016 newsletter.

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 contact Mary Weakman BEFORE you bring to meetings. We have very limited storage space available.

Connie J Carstens
Library