



**March-April 2017**

**From the President:**

It's hard to believe we are in the second half of our guild season. It is time to start thinking about our 2017 / 2018 year. Several board seats will need to be filled:

Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Membership  
Newsletter  
Librarian  
Sunshine  
Raffle Sales  
National Quilt Day

These are not difficult jobs. It would require a few hours of your time each month.

We are a small guild and being a small guild, we are more like a family of quilters than a large impersonal organization. We need YOU. Please feel free to contact any board member if you have any questions about what is involved for a specific board seat.

LAP President  
Judy Heckathorn

***Library Corner***

JUST A REMINDER.

We have a wonderful library with many, many books. Some are story type books while others are pattern and idea books. Additionally there are a few DVDs about quilts and quilting. Be sure to check out the library.

The instructions about the LAP Library can be found on the website:

<http://www.lansingareapatchers.com/>

In the upper left hand corner you will see "Library". After you click on this it will take you to the page which first describes the process to check out books and then there are several lists where you can see what book LAP has. One list is by author, one by genre, one by title, and one by number. Books are checked out only by members and should be returned the following month.

Marsha Petinger  
Librarian

## **LAP SERVICE PROJECTS**

As you all know our guild is involved in many service projects for the local community. We just finished up our collection of doll quilts for the Scheffel Toy Project. Sadly, we did not reach our goal of 300 doll quilts. The final total was 267.

We are introducing a new section in the newsletter devoted to our charity projects. We will post our goal for the year and where we stand in fulfilling that goal.

**LAP QUILTS** - The size needed is 30 X 30. This is a good size to cover the lap of someone sitting in a wheel chair but small enough so as not to get caught up in the wheels. They need to be finished and bound. They can be tied, hand quilted or machine quilted.

Our goal for this year is 50 lap quilts. We currently have 12.

**PLACEMATS** - Size needed is 12 X 14. These are donated to local nursing homes to brighten up mealtime for the residents.

Our goal is 50 placemats. We currently have 21.

**DOLL QUILTS** - A doll quilt is provided for each doll bed the Scheffel Toy Project gives to a child. The size needed is 18 X 22. They need to be finished. They do not need to have batting but you can add a layer of flannel if you wish. They can be quilted or not.

Our goal for next Christmas is 300 doll quilts. We currently have 0.

**SADIE'S DREAM FOR A CURE** - Sadie's Dream collects Tote Bags and unfinished quilt tops. The reusable fabric tote is given to children with cancer. It is filled with activities to keep them occupied during their cancer treatments. They also provide emergency totes to parents filled with essentials for an unexpected hospital stay.

Sadie's Dream also collects unfinished quilt tops crib size or larger. They have volunteers who quilt the tops. They are then sold to raise money to make and fill the tote bags.

Our goal for tote bags is 20. We currently have 0.

Our goal for quilt tops is 10. We currently have 10 plus but will always take more.

Patterns for the totes will be available at the next guild meeting.

**MS BLOCKS** - These are 12.5 X 12.5 unfinished squares. The blocks can be any color but must have orange, purple and green in them. These unfinished blocks are mailed to the MS Organization. They make quilts from the donated blocks and sell them to raise money for research.

Our goal for unfinished squares is 30. We currently have 8.

Sue Ann Cole is in charge of collecting our quilted donations and delivering them to the charities

## Programs / Workshop 2016 – 2017

Program chairs / Donna Lator & Minda Schneider

*2017 HAPPY NEW YEAR*

March 2 / Membership Demos/ Accuquilt (fabric cutter) by Sue Ann Cole

Need two more volunteers for 20-minute demonstration. Contact Donna Lator

March 18 / National Quilt Day / scheduled at St. David's / 1519 Elmwood / Lansing

April 6 / Theresa Miller / Rainbow Kids Quilts / Lecture / Sign up at meeting Jan 5.

April 8 / Workshop at St. Paul's 218 Ottawa St, Lansing 9:00 – 4:00

Theresa Miller / Quick Quilts for Kids (Simple and fun)

May 4 / Winter Challenge

May 6 / Sew In / St. David's

June 1 / Pot luck

- If you missed a membership meeting and want to sign up for Theresa Miller's workshop call Donna Lator 517-669-9318  
Or [skiowl45@gmail.com](mailto:skiowl45@gmail.com) This is always a great opportunity to sew with your fellow quilters and learn new techniques.

## New Guild Attendance Requirements

The board made several changes in what will be required to attend the annual retreat and to have quilts on display at the Quilt Show. This will not affect anyone going to the Retreat this January. It was agreed that we would like more member participation in the guild. Attending our events is a privilege for active members.

Starting in November 2016, members must attend 3 meetings from January – November, and/or participate by providing service projects. If a member cannot attend a meeting, but has service projects, another member can turn them in. Sue Ann Cole and Judy H. will create/find a form to record service projects. The form will be added to the website in January.

\*New members will be exempt from the 3 meeting rule their first year.

\*This change will begin January 2017 for the January 2018 retreat.

This will be discussed at the November board meeting.

## 2016-2017 Quilt Challenge for LAP

This year's challenge is to design a quilt portraying a postage stamp of your choice. It can be any topic you like, but preferably something that has meaning to you. It can be a flower, place, building, an animal or pet, famous person, car or boat. However if there is a special stamp that has a special meaning, you can do an interpretation of that stamp. The colors are your choice, but it must look like a US postage stamp. The size of the quilt must be between 12 inches by 18 inches and no larger than 48 inches by 36 inches, shaped like a postage stamp. The quilt must be quilted and bound, a finished quilt. It must be done by the May 2017 meeting and displayed at the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We sure hope you will participate! Have fun!

### RE: Website Access

Hello – I hope that you'll check out our website! There are lots of photos of quilts from monthly Show and Tells, Challenges, Quilt Show and more. In addition, there is a great deal of other information and forms that might be helpful. Let me know if you have any problems and ALSO if you have anything that should be posted! Thanks!

Kathy

#### DIRECTIONS FOR MEMBERS ONLY ACCESS TO THE LAP WEBSITE

1. Go to the website: [www.lansingareapatchers.com](http://www.lansingareapatchers.com)
2. Click Sign In – right side in the top banner
3. In the screen, enter your user code (the letters from your email address that fall in front of the @. Example: my email is [kkhanselman@comcast.net](mailto:kkhanselman@comcast.net). Enter only kkhanselman – not case sensitive.)
4. Check the *Check for a New Password* box.
5. Click Submit
6. Your password will be emailed to you at your email address.
7. After receiving your emailed password, go back to [www.lansingareapatchers.com](http://www.lansingareapatchers.com). Click Sign in on the right side of the upper part of the page. Enter your user code (see #3 above) AND your newly issued password. The site will remember your password.
8. Once you've signed in a new menu item is displayed in the menu list (upper left) called **Members Only**.
9. Click on **Members Only** to see the items on file.

**LAP has a scholarship program** to provide financial assistance to members who would otherwise be unable to attend guild workshops or the retreat for financial reasons. It will provide a maximum award of up to \$100 to cover registration and materials only. A member may apply once per year. If you feel you are a member who could benefit from this program please contact me, Judy Heckathorn for more information. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

### Let our Sunshine Lady know

If you know of someone who has recently lost a loved one, or maybe had surgery or just not feeling well and needs a boost, just send me an email and let me know and I can get a card in the mail to them.

My email address is: [Ruth.Barnhill55@gmail.com](mailto:Ruth.Barnhill55@gmail.com) or you can call me at 989-292-1653 Thank you.

**LANSING AREA PATCHERS**  
**NATIONAL QUILTING DAY - MARCH 18, 2017 9:00 - 4:00**

St. Davids Church  
1519 Elmwood Drive, Lansing, Michigan  
(North of Lansing Mall)

**JOIN US FOR A DAY OF SEWING FUN AND FELLOWSHIP**

**WHAT WE WILL DO:**

- WE WILL LAUGH!
- WE WILL SEW!! WORK ON YOUR OWN PROJECTS WITH LITTLE INTERRUPTION
- WE WILL EAT!! POT LUCK LUNCH - CHILI WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG WITH BOWLS AND SPOONS- BRING A DISH TO PASS, YOUR OWN DRINK AND TABLE SERVICE. YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO BRING A SNACK TO SHARE
- THERE WILL BE PRIZES AND SURPRISES!!
- SHOW AND TELL THROUGHOUT THE DAY

**OTHER ACTIVITIES YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN IF YOU WISH**

- DONATION FOR HAVEN HOUSE - A CAN OF SOUP FOR HAVEN HOUSE. FOR EACH ONE YOU BRING YOU WILL GET A TICKET FOR A PRIZE DRAWING
- 2 ½ INCH STRIP EXCHANGE - BRING 12 - 2 ½ X WOF STRIPS OF BRIGHT FABRICS IN A ZIP LOCK BAG WITH YOUR NAME ON IT. YOU WILL GET 10 DIFFERENT STRIPS RETURNED TO YOU - THESE ARE GREAT FOR MAKING DOLL QUILTS

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- ALL YOUR REGULAR SEWING SUPPLIES , EXTENSION CORD, POWER STRIP (*no individual irons please*)
- YOUR PROJECTS
- CAN OF SOUP
- 12 - 2 1/2 X WOF STRIPS OF BRIGHT FABRICS FOR EXCHANGE
- DISH TO PASS FOR LUNCH AND YOUR OWN DRINK AND TABLE SERVICE

**WE NEED A COUPLE OF IRONING BOARDS AND IRONS - LET KAY  
KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP OUT WITH THIS**

**Sign up begins January 2017**

Questions: Contact Kay Parkhouse at [jazzykp76@gmail.com](mailto:jazzykp76@gmail.com) or  
Terry Hunsberger at [tmmonette@yahoo.com](mailto:tmmonette@yahoo.com)

## FYI

In every issue of our newsletter you can submit a "For Sale" or " In Search Of" ad. Do you have a sewing related item that you no longer need that someone else might love to have? Is there a certain something that you have been looking for but cannot find? Try posting in our newsletter.

Please send a very concise message to Michelle Allen at [quiltsnacks2@yahoo.com](mailto:quiltsnacks2@yahoo.com) Include what item is for sale, price and your contact info. Michelle must be able to copy and paste it into the newsletter She will not write your article. It must be resubmitted every issue if you want to advertise it again.

The deadline for submission will be posted in an email a few weeks before the newsletter comes out.



**For Sale by Michelle Allen** (517-331-1336 or [quiltsnacks2@yahoo.com](mailto:quiltsnacks2@yahoo.com))  
10' Quilting Table by Grace for Pfaff. – w/ Carriage, Rods, leader fabric, +. \$500.



### **Happy Birthday!! To our LAP Members with Birthdays in January and December**

Christine Baker  
Evelyn Bochenek  
Jan Dassance  
Theresa Ebbinghaus  
Terri Ewen  
Priscilla Realy  
Karen Schavey

Beth Haubenstricker  
Debi Kinney  
Jewel Kodilla  
Jill Kozak  
Shirley Linn  
Lorrie Roland  
Minda Schneider

Tracy Litzinger  
Pam Marcis  
Polly Sue Matheson  
Sherri Moyer  
Mary Rakowski  
Viki Sandborn  
Nancy Thelen

## Lansing Area Patchers Board for 2016-2016

### Executive Board:

President - Judy Heckathorn  
Vice President - Sandy Guild  
Secretary - Pam Marcus  
Treasurer - Denise McGinn  
Past President - Kay Parkhouse

### Standing Committees:

Annual Retreat-Shirley Waldrop  
Quilt Show - ???

### Other Board Members:

Programs- Donna Lator, Minda Schneider  
Membership - Kay Parkhouse  
Newsletter - Michelle Allen  
Historian - Pam Marcus  
Website - Kathy Hanselman  
Welcome - Jewel Kodilla  
Librarian - Marsha Pettinger  
Sunshine - Ruth Barnhill  
Service Projects - Sue Ann Cole  
Raffle Quilt - Nancy Thelen  
Raffle Sales - Tracy Litzinger  
Challenges - Toni Ivey, Mary McCullough

