



November/December, 2011

### President's Message

As I read and peruse various magazines, blogs and other media, I come across quotes and ideas that I find meaningful. I thought I would share some of them with you over this year. I sometimes (actually, quite often) wonder, if my brain is engaged. How about this? Quilting uses our brain - a right brain, left brain activity: figuring out patterns and amounts of fabric (yikes MATH) and the other side --- the whole creative process of putting the colors together and making the quilt. No space in our brain left for worrying --- makes me feel a whole lot better!

We are approaching the holiday season (really fast, I'm afraid) and we are aware of so many that are in unfortunate situations. This Guild is constantly making and donating quilts to comfort --- whether it be children or adults. Thank you to Georgianna Viele for spearheading these efforts and to all of you for sharing your time and talents, for the good of others. December is our annual potluck dinner --- bring a dish to pass and your own dishes and silverware (maybe plastic?!). I hear rumors that there is an incentive that determines when you get to go to the tables filled with delicious dishes (I am quite sure I won't be first!). If you can help with set up and decor, please contact me. ...and, then, oh my goodness, it's 2012!! Well, let's see --- we have a workshop with our own Kay Nickols. Mid-January (13, 14 and 15) will be our second retreat. This is such a fun time --- just ask the gals that

have gone to other retreats --- enthusiasm reigns! Feb. 4th, we've reserved the big room at Foster Community Center for a "sit and sew", or possible workshop. ...and, before we know it, it's May and our quilt show! ...and, maybe a challenge coming. Just lots of fun things ahead of us! I hope you all will participate in as many of these as you can --- you will have fun --- I guarantee it!

Piecefully,  
Carol Schon, President

### BIG THANK YOU

Without the help of Maxine and Jerry Litzinger, Pat Linnell, and Nancy Thelen selling raffle tickets and setting up at the Novi Sewing Expo we couldn't have done it. Hopefully if we have a chance to sell tickets at another event or quilt show we will get more volunteers. This is a good fundraiser for our guild, so if you have any other ideas of places to sell tickets please let me know.

If you need more tickets yourself I will have them at our guild meetings or just call me at 517-626-6216. Shirley Waldrop

LANSING AREA PATCHERS  
SECOND ANNUAL QUILTING RETREAT  
JANUARY 13-15 2011

The second annual LAP retreat is coming up fast. Details of the retreat are below. Please direct any questions to Shirley Waldrop. There retreat is limited to 40 attendees. Non-members may attend if the retreat is not filled up by LAP members. Non-member price is the same as members.

**WHERE:** HOLIDAY INN IN OKEMOS

**TIME:** 6:00 pm Friday, January 13 through 6:00 pm Sunday, January 15, 2011

**COST OF RETREAT ONLY** - \$68.00  
(includes cost of the sewing room, dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday)

**COST OF HOTEL ROOM** - \$ 107.35 per night includes all taxes and fees. This price is for up to two people per room. If you add a third or fourth person it is an additional \$8.00 a night per person. Call the Holiday Inn at 517-349-7800 to reserve your room. Be sure to mention you are an LAP member.

### RETREAT ACTIVITIES

#### FRIDAY EVENING: PICNIC

- Beginning at 6:30 p.m. we are having a picnic. Bring your favorite picnic food to share as well as your own drink. Shirley is providing the desserts. Table service provided.

- GARAGE SALE - Bring in your garage sale items and share with your fellow quilting friends.

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**CRAZY SOCKS SATURDAY** –Wear the craziest socks you own and show them off!

- Breakfast is served if you stay at the hotel. Otherwise you are own your own.
- Lunch is on your own, however, you may want to eat very light as dinner will be a great buffet
- Dinner Buffet – 4:00 p.m. served by the hotel and is included in the cost of the retreat. This will be a large meal with your choice of two different entrees with several side dishes as well as dessert.
- Show and Tell – All day long
- Garage Sale – All day long

**SLEEP IN SUNDAY** – Not really – get up as early as you want or sleep in.

Breakfast is served if you stay at the hotel. Otherwise you are own your own.

Drawing for Retreat Blocks (more on this later)

- Lunch – 12:00 noon is included in the cost of the retreat. This will be a buffet which will include your choice of two different sandwich wraps, chips, two additional sides and dessert.
- Show and tell –All day long
- Garage Sale – All day long
- Wrap up by 6:00 pm

## Quilt Show Update

The quilt show chairs are presenting a "Commit to Hang" form incentive. First of all in December, those who have submitted 7 forms will go first at our December potluck dinner. Next will be 6 forms submitted, then 5 forms and on down. We know you will be hungry, so get those forms filled out. The website Commit to Hang forms are very easy to use. Commit to Hang form copies will be available at every meeting for those members who cannot use the web form.

Starting in January and each month until June, for all those who have 7 forms filled out, we will draw a name out of a "hat" for a charm pack. In June we will draw for a fatt quarter bundle. We all like to win prizes. I hope this encourages you to fill out those Commit to Hang forms.

We also need one member to help tally the votes on Saturday and Sunday at our Quilt Show. You will be working with Elaine Hewitt. Elaine suggested a laptop would be helpful in tallying the votes. If you own a laptop and would like to help Elaine, please contact either Elaine or myself.

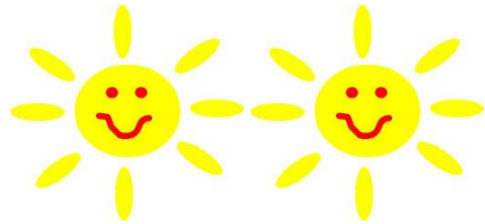
Nancy Thelen, Quilt Show Chair

### QUICK TIPS

Get a good quality flannel backed tablecloth at a dollar store and tack or use painter's tape to attach it to a wall or back of a door for a quick design wall. The quilt pieces stick and may be rolled up and still have the design in place when unrolled (in

case you want to sew at a later date or new location).

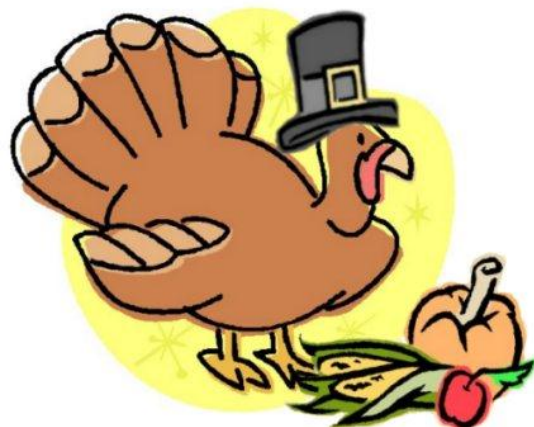
Remember, we do not have UFOs, we have RFTs (ready to finish).



Please notify Sally Boron if you are aware of a member who has had in- patient or out- patient surgery, experiencing a long illness, or who has lost a family member.

Thank You!

I thank everyone for their thoughts, cards, fabrics, and visits during my recent immobilization. It seemed like a very long time with no weight bearing and my leg stuck in one position. I am on the mend and attending rehab. Hope to see you soon. Van Rothenberger



## **2012 Quilt Show**

We need a few more volunteers to collect quilts for the quilt show. We could use someone on the west side/Grand Ledge area and Laingsburg area.

### **Duties as a Volunteer to be a Drop Off Point**

1. Each drop off point will have a color designated to them. A ribbon or strip of material of that color will be pinned on the pillowcase of all collected quilts. For example: Maxine's color in the past has been red. Maxine would pin a red ribbon or strip of material to all of the pillowcases of all the quilts she collected. This color would help sorting the quilts after the show is over, so people will go to the correct pick up table at the hotel.
2. Make a list of all incoming quilts. Included on the list should be the name of the person and name of the quilt.
3. Each quilt will be pre-assigned a spot in the show where it will be hung (by Beth Haubenstricker). You will be provided with an index card to put on each of the collected quilts telling where the quilt will be hung. This will take place after the deadline for all quilts to be turned in.
4. After all of the index cards are on the quilts you can sort them by what row they will be hung. Bundle them together. When you deliver them to the quilt show you can drop them off by group in the row they will be hung.

5. After the show you will be responsible for all the quilts you collected. Most everyone will pick them up from you at the end of the show. Any not picked up at the show you will take home and contact the person so they can come after them.
6. If enough people volunteer no one will be responsible for over 100 quilts. Don't let that scar you because most will only collect 50 or more.

If you are willing to serve as a collection point, please contact – Nancy Thelen – [nmthelen@yahoo.com](mailto:nmthelen@yahoo.com) or call 517-323-7410

### **At this time the drop off points are:**

Evelyn Bochenek – Mason  
Beth Haubenstricker – East Lansing  
Jewel Kodilla – Dimondale  
Maxine Litzinger – East Lansing

### **COMMIT TO HANG FORMS**

When entering a quilt into the quilt show a Commit to Hang form must be filled out. These forms are on line and are very easy to fill out. When completed on line they are automatically sent to both Evelyn Bochenek and Beth Haubenstricker. Evelyn is making the Quilt Show Label for each quilt and Beth is arranging where the quilts will be hung. To fill out the Commit to Hang form:

- 1) Go to LAP website.  
[www.LansingAreaPatchers.com](http://www.LansingAreaPatchers.com)
- 2) In the left hand upper corner click on "forms".
- 3) Click on Commit to Hang under On Line Version.

4) Fill out the form. We need the dimensions of the quilt or article being entered so we know where to put it in the show. The statement can include what kind of quilt or article it is ie; paper pieced, hand quilted or something about the quilt/article ie; made for graduation. This will be information will be included on the Quilt Show Label by your quilt/article.

5) When the form is completed click on "submit".

6) This is a chance for you to review your form and make any changes, if necessary.

7) Click on "enter".

8) A small box comes up so that if you have more quilts/articles to enter you can do so without going back to the website each time.

If you do not have access to a computer, hard copies of the form will be available at the LAP meetings.

Commit to Hang forms must be submitted by April 1, 2012.

#### **2011 – 2012 LAP Board**

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#### **LAP Schedule of Events & Workshops for 2011 - 2012**

