



March / April 2018 Newsletter

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Check out the "member only" section on the top left corner.
Please sign in at each meeting! Sign in sheets arrive at 6:45pm.

President's Message:

It's been cold, now it's wet. Calling all snow birds, please come home and bring the sun! I don't know about you, but February is a love /hate month for me. I am not in love with ice, snow and cold but I do like it cuz it keeps me inside and I sew,sew and sew. Beware, I am finishing UFO's !

Now, on to the good news, the ides of March is fast approaching, that means longer daylight hours, warmer weather, spring colors and National Quilting Day. Yeah!!!

It also means we have a little over 4 months till our quilt show. We will need quilts and volunteers to make this show a success. The quilt show is our major source of revenue for the next 2 years, so mark your calendars, talk it up, pass out the bookmark, sell raffle tickets, finish and enter your quilts.

Sew happy! *Pam*

PS. Thank you retreat committee for a weekend of fun, laughter, and time to sew with each other. It was a fantastic time!

Skill builder blocks are becoming more challenging but you have choices in your block selection. The block for Feb was sewing in the round i.e. log cabin, courthouse steps, pineapple or snail trail, and the block for **March** is a curved pieced block. Try it you just may like it!

Programs:

MARCH 1 - Quilt Bingo: visit the web to make your fabric bingo card; Haven House donation - new socks; Celebration theme - LUCKY You; UFO challenge quilts.

March 17, 2018 – National Quilting Day!

APRIL 5 – Carolyn from The Hen House is coming as a guest speaker; Haven House donation - wipes; Celebration theme - smell the flowers.

SURVEY RESULTS!

LIBRARY: By a majority of the members (3 to 1) on the survey, the Board decided that the library will be dissolved. The board will review any proposal(s) about purchasing and loaning other items than books. The remaining books will be sold at the May meeting.

PROGRAM: The majority of members responded they enjoy guest speakers and suggested Oct, Feb, and April as speaker months. There were a number of suggestions for program topics including: paper piecing, new products, hexies, machine quilting, round robins, and group projects.

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Members have requested LAP have more group involvement. We are offering **A SEW-IN** on Tuesday, April 17 at St David's church from 9am to 3pm with a pizza lunch. Work on a charity project or one of your own and be with LAP friends! See Donna Lator, coordinator of this event for details.

Bus trip to Shipshewana - Sat, May 19. See Minda Schneider for details.

UFO Challenge! Help your team mates by finishing a UFO for the March 1st Meeting!!!

QUILT SHOW UPDATE

* Quilt registration entry form is available at www.lansingareapatchers.com, members only section – see 2018 quilt show entry form

* Items are needed for the silent auction and gift gallery. See Coreen Strzalka

* Garage sale items - Sherry Moyer will be in the parking lot taking items prior to the meeting.

Sunshine is collecting fat quarters that need a new home! Please give them to Debi Kinney.