



November / December 2018 Newsletter

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Please wear your name tag!

Want to take Nancy Schaffert's class? There is still room Nov. 2, \$35. Supplies are at the class with a credit of \$10. Check or cash preferred for additional supplies. (Card + 3%) See Glenna at the meeting!

President's Message:

I can't believe fall is here. I had to turn the furnace on once I got home from Europe, and have been busy cleaning up the yard. My trip to Europe was amazing! I travelled with the Cherrywood fabric Van Gogh quilts and 10 of the artist accompanied their quilts. They are talented women beyond my years. We had a blast. The highlight of the trip was watching them see their quilts hung in France at BOHIN Manufacturing galleries. I also took 2 quilt classes with 2 different French teachers. I quickly found out, we are so lucky to have quilt shops

with beautiful cotton fabric. The day in Normandy walking thru Dunkirk, Utah beach, point de Hoc cliffs and the Memorial cemetery reminded me of my freedoms and to thank and bless all military personnel for protecting our freedoms. It was an emotional experience, never to be forgotten. Happy Veterans Day and enjoy the coming holidays with friends and family.

Hugs Pam

November 1st MEETING Details -

- **Nancy Schaffert** – Lecture on coloring fabric and incorporating it in a quilt.
- **Bring to the November meeting:** donation for **Haven House** – mouth care (toothpaste, brushes, mouthwash, dental floss), money for **33-33-33 drawing** (tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5) and must be purchased by 7 pm at the entrance door and your color wheel block.
- **Retreat is sold out!** Email Minda Schneider to be added to the waiting list. Shadowweaver_12@hotmail.com
- **Retreat payment is due November 1 to secure your place.** Cost is \$90 for 3 days and \$105 for 4 days. Contact Minda if needed.
- **Sign up for the bus trip to Shipshewana on April 13:** Fee is \$40 for members. A flier with more information is available on the LAP website or contact Coreen Strzalka.

December 6th MEETING

Meeting will be planned November 1.

Haven House Donation: Homemade pillow cases

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shirley Linn won the LAP raffle quilt!

Skill builder challenge winners: Grand prize – Donna Lator, 2nd – Chris Keppel, 3rd - Joyce Denning.

Sewing & Quilt Expo: November 15, 16, & 17 at the Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi. Show includes traveling quilt collections and lots of shopping. There will be free presentations, demos, trunk shops. Admission \$13 on the web site (www.sewingexpo.com) or \$15 at the door.

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LAP Service Projects:

- Haven House – announced monthly
- Sadie's Dream For a Cure – quilts, quilt tops, quilted tote bags
- 30" X 30" lap quilts
- Homeless Angels – Queen or Twin Quilts
- Salvation Army Scheffers Doll Quilts

Ever wonder about the value of one of your quilts?

This year LAP members could sell quilts at the Quilt Show. One page 2 there is an interesting summary of what it costs to make a quilt.

Why Do Quilts Cost So Much?

Costs for materials, construction, & finishing for a 65" x 65" Throw Quilt.

Materials for throw quilt:

Fabric for the top:

6 yds @ \$11 yd = \$66

5 yds Backing @ \$13 = \$65

2 yds of Batting @ \$11 = \$22

5/8 yd for Binding @ \$11 = \$6.88

TOTAL Cost of Materials = \$159.88

Construction:

(Labor based on \$10/hr)

Making the top:

(Includes preparing the fabric, cutting the pieces, sewing the blocks, setting into rows, adding borders)

50 hours x \$10/hr = \$500

Assembling the Quilt Sandwich:

3 hours @ \$10/hr = \$30

Quilting on Domestic Machine:

(Charged by square inch in a simple all over design)

4225 sq in x \$.015 = \$63.38

Thread for Quilting - \$15

TOTAL Cost for Construction = \$768.26

Finishing:

Making the Binding:

2 hours x \$10 = \$20

Attaching the binding:

10 hours x \$10 = \$100

TOTAL Finishing costs = \$120

TOTAL COST OF QUILT = \$888.26

Note: A larger quilt, a more intricate pattern, a more elaborate quilting design will cause the price to increase.

