



January-February 2010

President's Message

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas! My mother Maxine and I took a brief break from quilting and made a coat for my daughter, Mary, for Christmas. It turns out that we picked one of the hardest patterns JoAnn's had. The coat had a yoke, was fully lined, had button holes, a collar, and pockets. Yikes! At first I thought we were in over our heads, but with my mom's background in making my clothes when I was young, we were able to pull it off. We finished it the Friday before Christmas. My daughter hasn't taken it off, except to sleep, since she's opened it.



We have scheduled another LAP Field Trip on Friday, January 22. Because of the possibility of bad weather, we are going to do a mini shop hop locally, including lunch out. We will start at Custom Quilts, in Haslett, at 10 am. We will car pool to Country Stitches, Everlasting Stitches in Holt, Keans, and Yards of Fabric in Mason, and then back to Custom Quilts. We will most likely lunch in Holt. I'll make some calls to see what restaurant can hold our group. We will have a sign up sheet at the January 7 guild meeting. If you won't be in attendance at that meeting, but would

like to participate in the field trip, please email me at threemcginn@aol.com.

I want to take a moment to thank all of the guild members and to toot LAP's "horn!" The guild had an extremely high level of contribution in 2009. We met all of our charity commitments which is a huge part of the core foundation of the guild. For having the number of members that we do, we sure did get a lot done!

I also want to thank Shirley Waldrop for making the coffee for the Holiday Potluck and Ruth Kressler for the festive holiday decorations for the party. Van Rothenberger gets many thanks for taking on the duty of setting up the microphone system at each guild meeting. I've had good remarks from members that the system is working.

I've already started making my New Year's resolutions. I have about three auction quilts to make, along with finishing a few for the show. Here's to a fun 2010, filled with lots of sewing!

From the Executive Board

For those that did not attend the December Board meeting, the following are the results of the votes taken by mail ballot:

Passed: The guild will allow a volunteer judge to judge those quilts for which LAP members have given their

permission. It is understood that the judge would need at least 35 quilts to take part in order for voting to take place. *(It was also decided that the results will only be shared with the individual quilter, and no one else, including the board. A list of quilts will be provided at a future guild meeting so that quilters can indicate whether they want their quilts judged or not).*

Passed: The guild will allow death and illness information to be published in the LAP Newsletter, if the Sunshine Chair has received the member's permission. *(It was also discussed that if a newsletter isn't going to be published around the time of the notice, a group email notice may be sent to the membership instead).*

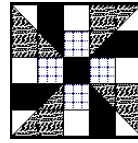
The Executive Board met on December 21, 2009, resulting in the following:

1. The board will not pursue expanding the LAP membership at the current time.
2. Concern was expressed over LAP members not being able to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, if they choose. LAP Vice President Jean Kaufmann agreed to print and mail hard copies to those members requesting it. Members that are having difficulty with the email version of the newsletter should contact Jean.

Sunshine Committee

Please contact me if you hear of any LAP member having surgery or being seriously ill so that I can represent all members by sending them a card and FQ. I also send sympathy cards for a death in a members' family. We need to all work together to make sure that I am

notified of these events. I am always available by phone or email. Ruby Post postrp@comcast.net 517-323-3201



Programs

January

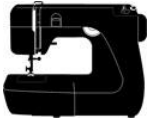
Scrappy Retreat
Saturday January 9th
9am-4pm Foster Center
Lunch provided

Three different scrappy quilts will be demonstrated. Materials needed for each quilt are listed on the web site. There also will be copies at the guild meeting. A \$5.00 charge is to help cover the cost of the room. Any questions please call Shirley Waldrop, 517-626-6216 or e-mail jdwsjw@aol.com

February

Artist of the Month
Ledge Craft Lanes
Grand Ledge
Wednesday-Saturday
10am-5:30pm

Lap members will be featured in February. Anyone willing to participate please call Shirley Waldrop 517-626-6216 to pick up your quilted items. They are needed by Feb. 1st. We will display our raffle quilt and have tickets available. It's a good time to check out Ledge Craft. They have many craft items to purchase. Ledge Craft Open House for LAP Quilts is Saturday, February 20th, 2pm-4pm. This might be another nice road trip and lunch. We could meet at 10:30am, travel to Grand Ledge, have lunch at Cugino's first, then go on down to Ledge Craft. If interested contact Denise.



Guest Speaker

We are very fortunate to have Ami Simms as a lecturer and instructor for our February meeting and workshop. She is very well known in the quilting world and we are excited to have her. Ami will present a trunk show, give us hints and tricks of the trade, tell us about the Ugliest Quilt contest, plus much more.

Ami will be teaching “Twisted Sisters” is the quilt she will be teaching on Saturday February 6 at our workshop. This will be 9am - 4pm at the Foster Center. Please sign up at the January meeting as we only have room for 15. Cost for this workshop will be \$35.00.



Donation Opportunity

LAP President Denise McGinn has been approached by one of the volunteer firefighters at the Hartland Fire Department (near Howell). They need donations of children size quilts and adult size quilts that can be used to keep people warm if the volunteers are first to arrive at the scene of an accident/fire. They are trying to get at least four of both sizes. This is not an official LAP charity project, but if you would like to help out, please get your donation to Denise McGinn. This is a small fire department that does not have the budget to obtain quilts any other way. Mike Eckert, who made the request, is a great guy that donates his time to the fire department as well as to many other charitable causes.

Quilt Show Update

LAP Quilt Show:
May 22 and May 23, 2010.

Here are deadline dates:

Commit to Hang forms: March 4, 2010 All entries must be recorded before date.

Quilt drop-off: May 7 and 8, 2010.

Louise Mueller, Georgiana Viele, and Sue Ann Cole have graciously volunteered to have quilts dropped off at their houses. There will be more instructions on this as the date gets closer.

Silent Auction quilts: May 17, 2010

Turn in items to Carolyn Babcock.
Set-up: May 21, 2010. Van Rothenberger is organizing volunteers to help with the show.

Quilt Show Committee

Quilt Show Chairman: Coreen Strzalka
Silent Auction: Carolyn Babcock
Quilt Hanging Layout: Linda Nelson, Jan Lee Asmann
Door Prizes: Carole Rasmussen
Publicity: Maxine Litzinger, Denise McGinn
Entrance Table: Ruth Kressler
Ribbons/Awards: Ruby Post
New Ideas/Quilt Techniques: Pat Linnell
“I Spy” & Grand Prize: Minda Schneider
Quilt Registration: Barbara Logan
Volunteers: Van Rothenberger
Education: Linda Kuhlman
Vendors: Coreen Strzalka
Project UFO: Chris McEnhill
Garage/Book Sale: Ann McNitt
Set-Up: Linda Nelson, Jan Lee Asmann, Maxine Litzinger, Denise McGinn, Coreen Strzalka

Committee Reports

Now that the new year has arrived, the Promotion/Publicity Committee will begin promoting the show heavily. The committee is asking for some help from all guild members to promote our show to potential vendors. Below is a list of companies that have already signed up for the show. If you know of a store, business owner, or cool gadget that you think should be at our show, please encourage them to sign up for a booth or give their contact information to Denise McGinn, threemcginns@aol.com, or Maxine Litzinger, mlitz211@sbcglobal.net. We will be happy to contact them. Don't just think fabric shops, think embellishments, patterns, long arm templates, hanging systems, or any other non-quilting item that quilters might be interested in. Feel free to offer a vendor contract to any business. A copy is on the LAP website at www.lansingareapatchers.com



Hanging your quilt at the LAP quilt show?

1. A sleeve on your quilt is not necessary.
2. Place your quilt label on the back side in either lower corner.
3. A pillow case is needed for each quilt.
4. Attach a label to the pillow case with the following information. This must match your quilt label.
 - a. Your name
 - b. Name of your quilt (optional)
 - c. Size of your quilt - width and length in inches

Current Vendors for 2010 LAP Quilt Show

Accomplish Quilting
2797 Kimmel Street
Stevensville, MI 49127

Around the Block
120 Maple Ave.
Portland, MI 48875

Bee Happy Quilting
24414 State Hwy. 8
Union City, PA 16438

Bellevue Barn Quilters
104 W. Capital
Bellevue, MI 49021

Bluebird Meadows
P.O. Box 15
Stevensville, MI 49127

Bottom of the Basket
6424 Hanover Road
Hanover, MI 49241

Country Color Creations and Fabrics
5405E 025N
LaGrange, IN 46761

Country Stitches
2200 Coolidge
East Lansing, MI 48823

Custom Quilts Unlimited
6184 Quilters Court
Fennville, Michigan 49408

Elaine's Too – Elaine's Quilty Shop
P.O. Box 12
122 South Main
Ovid, Michigan 48866

Ethelbird and Eliza Kids Fabric
P.O. Box 70063
Lansing, MI 48908

Scrap Happy
2645 W. Commerce
Milford, MI 48380

Everlasting Stitches
2040 N. Aurelius #7
Holt, Michigan 48842

SELC Fabrics, LLC
304 Sandy Court
Holland, MI 49424

For You Too! Pattern Company
P.O. Box 380556
Clinton Twp., Michigan 48312

Sharon's Quilts and More, Inc.
224 Trowbridge Street
Allegan, MI 49010

Heart of Michigan Decorative Artists
10651 Bishop Road
Dimondale, MI 48821

Wendy's Simple Stitches
11172 S. Michigan Ave.
Howell, MI 48843

The Hen House
211 South Cochran
Charlotte, MI 48813

Windberry Studio
4595 Windberry Lane
Milford, MI 48380

Lee's Lines
19578 Fitzgerald
Livonia, MI 48152

Lucy-In-The-Sky Quilts
827 Gull
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Material Mart
86 Ashman Circle
Midland, MI 48640

Michigan Quilt Network
43 Taft Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Rainbow Kids
2029 Woven Heart Drive
Holt, MI 48842

Sarah's Machine Quilting
Sales and Service
5308 N. Mechanicsburg Road
Middletown, IN 47356