



January-February 2013

From the President:

Now that the holidays are behind us, it's time to look at the coming year. Are your resolutions to finish UFO's, organize your sewing room, use your time more efficiently and many others? Those would be a few of mine. (Somewhere I saw a reference to quilting PHD's --- "projects half done" --- I like that better than UFO's.) Looking at the calendar, there are plans and activities for the second half of our guild year. Very shortly we will have our retreat. Information has been provided by the committee (also on our website) and all those attending are looking forward to having a good time and making progress on their quilting projects. What could be better than spending time with people who understand and share your love of quilting?!

I've been perusing quilt magazines and books --- there are so many quilts I want to make! There are not enough hours in the day to start, let alone finish! (Or, for that matter, years!). Speaking of so many projects, the subject of how many quilts and/or blocks we've asked you to make might be a bit overwhelming. We discussed this at our last Board meeting --- trying to make some adjustments that would encourage you to participate in all of them --- the brown bag exchange, the 30th. anniversary challenge, the flower block exchange. With the challenge chairman agreeing, we decided that the 30th. anniversary challenge entries can hang as "tops" and do not have to be quilted and bound. We hope this will result in more of you taking part. These are opportunities for you to try a different technique, a new color combination --- to push yourself in a

creative direction. Your response to the Christmas block exchange was so enthusiastic --- let's keep it going!

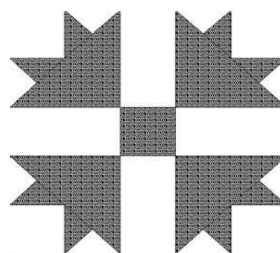
Plans continue for our 30th. anniversary celebration in June, quilt raffle license applied for, and quilt raffle blocks are coming in. As we all know, time is flying by, and it is also time to start thinking about Board elections. I hope you all will seriously consider volunteering to serve your Guild in some capacity.

It's cold and snowy outside, which reminds me to remind you that, if the Waverly Schools are closed, because of weather, our meeting is canceled.

Wishing you all more time to do the things you want to do in this coming year.

Piecefully,
Carol

P.S. We fulfilled our obligation for the Salvation Army doll quilts. Thanks to all of you who used your creativity for the benefit of others. We could get an early start and begin making them now, for next Christmas. ...and I haven't mentioned quilts for our next quilt show! WOW! Lots to do in the coming months!



LAP Schedule of Events & Workshops 2013

January 3rd 6:30-9 pm
Movie Night-Why Quilts Matter
Bring your own beverage
January 11th Retreat Weekend

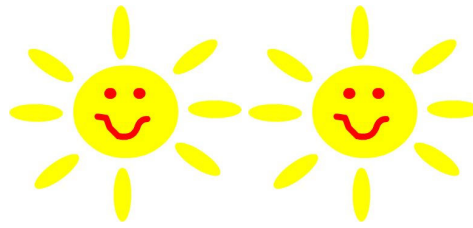
February 7th 6:30-9 pm
Placemats for Meals On Wheels
February 9th 9 am – 4 pm Workshop
Foster Center. Placemats or your own
project.

March 7th 6:30-9 pm
Beatrice Hughes Trunk Show
March 9th 9 am – 4 pm
Beatrice Hughes Workshop
Foster Center

April 4th 6:30 – 9 pm
Brown Bag Presentation
April 6th 9 am – 4 pm
Sew-in, do your own thing.
Foster Center

May 2nd 6:30-9 pm
Beth Donaldson, History of Quilts

June 6th 6:30-9 pm
Denise McGinn will present the
History of LAP Quilt Guild
Potluck Party
Founding Members are being invited.



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

Thank you!

Upcoming Michigan Quilt Guild Shows, sales and Lectures:

American Quilters Society Quilt Show in Grand Rapids:
Open Registration for the 2013 Grand Rapids show will begin on May 13, 2013.

Paducah Quilt Show
For information about AQS QuiltWeek, April 24-27, 2013
Visit americanquilter.com

From the Library Corner

Crazy for Lemoyne and The Big Color Wheel Combinations Handbook, both by our own Beatrice Hughes, are now in our library. Bea's instructions for the scrappy Lemoyne are detailed and easy to follow. Her unique feature of including quotes adds interest. The handbook has dozens of combinations and examples on use of color.



LANSING AREA PATCHERS
2012-2013
BROWN BAG CHALLENGE

The Brown Bag Challenge is an activity that allows each of us to explore our creative quilt making talents.

Participants select fabrics of their choice, place them in a "Brown Paper Bag," and bring them to the November 1st, 2012 meeting. During the meeting, if you bring a bag, you are allowed to select a bag. You take the bag home and make up a quilt top (top only) with the fabrics from the bag you selected following the rules outlined below. It is fun and can be challenging to work with fabrics outside of your own comfort zone. The tops are collected, and the makers present to the owners the quilt tops at our April 4th, 2013 meeting. Remember that it is a challenge, be creative and have fun. Please consider being part of this fun, challenging activity.

2012* Brown Bag Rules *2013

1. Place 6 fat quarters of cotton fabric in a small brown paper bag.
2. On the outside of the bag, write the letter that corresponds to your choice of design approaches.
 - A. ALLOW ONE - The maker may add NONE, or ONLY ONE fabric of their choice along with those you have placed in the bag, to complete the quilt top for you.
 - B. BE CREATIVE - The maker may add NONE, or AS MANY fabrics as they choose along with those you have placed in the bag to complete the quilt top for you.

Maximum: No max



LANSING AREA PATCHERS -THIRD ANNUAL QUILT RETREAT

JANUARY 11-13, 2013

The third annual LAP retreat is coming up fast. Details of the retreat are below. Please direct any questions to Shirley Waldrop. The retreat is limited to 35 attendees. Non-members may attend if LAP members do not fill up the retreat. Non-member price is the same as members. Payment must be made by the end of the November meeting.

WHERE: HOLIDAY INN - OKEMOS

TIME: 6:00 PM, Friday January 13, through 6:00 PM, January 15, 2012

(We might be able to get in a little earlier on Friday night, but will let you know, as we get closer to the retreat date)

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 517-349-8700 to reserve your room. Be sure to mention you are a 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 (priced and with your name on them) and share with your fellow quilting friends. This activity will continue throughout the weekend.
- **SNACKS** – There will be a table set up for snacks that you are willing to share with the group.
- **Block Blotto** – Think Snow-Stitch. **12 in. finished** blocks in any pattern using a show

theme. No fabric will be distributed, simply make blocks that remind you of show. Make as many blocks as you like. You will get a ticket for each block. There will be a drawing on Sunday for the blocks. Last year we had enough blocks to draw three winners to share the blocks. Be creative and have some fun!



SATURDAY –

- Breakfast is served, if you stay at the hotel. Otherwise you are on your own.
- Lunch is on your own, however, you may want to eat very light as dinner will be a great buffet.
- Dinner Buffet – 5:30 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.
- **Speed Sewing Challenge for Charity** – Bring nine 4 ½ in. squares to compete in this fun challenge. Work in groups or alone, fastest done wins a prize. The blocks we make will be made into a quilt for charity at a later date.
- **Fun Hat Challenge and Parade** – decorate a hat of any kind and keep it a secret if you can. Plan to parade your hat on Saturday evening to compete for a prize in three categories – Most Embellished, Most Quilt-like and Best of Show. Retreat goers will be voting and prizes given out Sunday morning.
- **Show and Tell** – All day long – Bring your own design wall as demo'd at a future LAP meeting.
- **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.
- **Fun Hat Challenge prizes awarded.**
- 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.
- **Block Blotto Drawing.**
- **Show and tell** –All day long.
- **Wrap up** by 6:00 pm

2012 – 2013 LAP Board

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