



September-October 2012

### From the President

As the days are getting shorter and we are greeted with cooler temperatures (can you believe how HOT this summer has been?!), we are ready to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Lansing Area Patchers. Our historian, Denise McGinn, has been researching and planning and preparing a program for our May meeting. It has been exciting to hear what our history has been. Think about it -- where were you, and what were you doing, thirty years ago? Did you even know what a quilt was?

Before I go any further, I want to extend a warm welcome to our new members (and welcome back the old, as well). When you are new to a group, it is always a lift to be greeted with a friendly smile. An unfamiliar face? Introduce yourself and invite them to join you. Attending the meetings is a good thing, but the best way to get to know each other is to participate in the activities. The program co-chairs, and the Board, are planning to give you many opportunities --- I encourage you to take advantage of them.

Because many of our members are going to be "out of town" the first Thursday in October, we asked for a vote to change this meeting ONLY to the second Thursday. It passed by an overwhelming majority, so be sure to make the change on your calendar.

For our first meeting, in September, Nancy Van Conant is going to show us how to make pillowcases. You may bring your sewing machine, thread and other usual quilting notions. The materials you

will need (for one): 3/4 yd. fabric for body of the pillowcase, 1/4 yd. for the cuff, and 1" or 2", if you want a piping like trim. All the fabric is cut across the width of the material (40 -42") and it doesn't hurt to pretreat (wash) it. The pillowcases may be kept for yourselves or we may donate them to a local charity.

Speaking of donations, don't forget to bring non-perishable food or paper items for Haven House. Cash is also accepted (dimes and nickels add up!).

I hate to mention the word "Christmas" -- but we know it is coming! We are planning an exchange at our December potluck. Make a 12 1/2" block, any pattern, using Christmas fabrics or colors. (12" finished). More info. will follow, but I thought I would give the procrastinators a chance to start/finish early (that would be me!).

With apologies to our new male member (Lonnie Brewer), I leave you with this thought:

"Here's to strong women:  
May we raise them!  
May we know them!  
May we be them!"

Piecefully,  
Carol

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Wiseman, Joy](#)

**To:** ['quiltschon@att.net'](mailto:quiltschon@att.net)

**Sent:** Friday, August 03, 2012 1:26 PM

**Subject:** Sparrow Quilts

Dear Lansing Area Patchers:  
Thank you so much for making

the beautiful quilts and donating them to Sparrow Pediatrics Department. I would like to share how special your handiwork is to our kids and their families.

Recently, we had a teenage girl come to Sparrow who had blacked out without any warning. She was rushed to the ER and immediately transferred to the Peds ICU. Unfortunately, she did not regain consciousness and passed away, the result of a rare heart syndrome.

I had the opportunity to get to know the family and attended one of the visitations. Unexpectedly, when viewing the pictures and flowers on display, I noticed a quilt had been included among the special items. It was from your group!

I felt it was important that the ladies who spend their time, talent and treasures creating these beautiful pieces know how much their efforts are appreciated.

On behalf of the patients and families at Sparrow...thank you!

Joy Wiseman

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#### **RAFFLE QUILT**

The drawing for our raffle quilt is at the September meeting. Anyone who still has raffle tickets or money please turn in to Shirley by August 25th. Shirley will not be at the September meeting and would like to have all the tickets and money in so she can have Nancy Thelen take care of the drawing.



#### **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 the retreat is not filled up by LAP members. Non-member price is the same as members. Payment must be made by the end of the November meeting.

**WHERE:** HOLIDAY INN IN 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 517-349-7800 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 (priced and with your name on them) and share with your fellow quilting friends.
- SNACKS – There will be a table set up for snacks that you are willing to share with the group.
- Block Blotto – Think Snow! More info to come.

### **SATURDAY –**

- Fun Hat Challenge and Parade in the evening – More info to come.
- 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 – 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 – More info to come.
- 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.
- Drawing for Blotto 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



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Sent: 8/14/2012 2:39:35 P.M. Eastern

Hello Denise,  
I am the chairperson of the M.S.U. Community Club Genealogy Interest Group, and I am trying to put together a schedule of meetings. I thought that it might be interesting to see how some people do quilting that displays their family's

genealogy. Is there anyone in your group who does this and would be willing to come to our group to speak? Unfortunately, we do not have a budget to offer any remuneration.

Please let me know either way.

Thank you,  
Sandy

Southwest Michigan's  
Berrien Towne and Country  
Quilt Guild Presents  
"Our Bountiful Harvest" Quilt  
Show

Friday October 12, 2012  
2pm-8pm

AND

Saturday October 13,  
2012 10am-5pm

Vineland Center  
1155 Vineland Rd.  
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Over 200 Quilts

- Antique Quilts
- Quilts of Valor
- Quilt Raffle
- Vendor Mall
- Mini-quilt Silent Auction to benefit our local food bank,

## "Feeding America West Michigan"

- Demonstrations
- Member Boutique
- American Girl Doll and Clothes Raffle
- American Girl Doll Clothes sale
- Appraisals (by appt.)
- Scissor Sharpening

Admission \$6.00

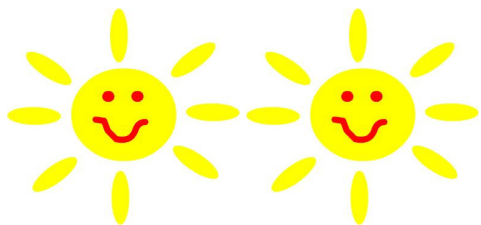
For more information contact  
Vicki Nitz: 269-429-4366

[www.btcquiltguild.org](http://www.btcquiltguild.org)

### 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!

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### 2014 Quilt Show

Chair:	Nancy Thelen Kay Parkhouse
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