



November – December 2009

The President Says

I want to thank everyone that volunteered to work at the LAP booth at the American Sewing Show in Novi. We raised some money selling raffle tickets and passed out over 800 bookmarks announcing the dates of our upcoming quilt show. I appreciate your time and efforts to make that possible.



Our field trip to **Around the Block** Quilt Shop in Portland on October 16th was very successful! Sixteen members attended! I personally met members I didn't know well, and I discovered interesting tidbits about those I already knew. I found out that Bridget Heffron likes to arrive at the shop first and likes to buy the most fabric. Sally Boron can't say "no" to cat fabric nor can Sue Ann Cole. I found out that Nancy Thelen was involved in the Safety industry before retiring, an industry for which I plan my largest conference of the year. And sitting next to Karen Schwartz at lunch can be a lot of fun. She's got great stories to tell. I hope that everyone else had as much fun as I did. I found fabric for two silent auction quilts I've agreed to make. I'm excited to get started. By request, we will be planning another field trip soon!

November's meeting will feature local quilter Dan Burke. Remember to bring only show-and-tell items that **will not** be available in December. We need to allow plenty of time to see the speaker's trunk show.

The **December** guild meeting will be our annual Holiday pot luck. Dinner will start at 7:00 pm so we can eat while the food is still warm/cold. Those quilters that have the "**More than 4**" button will go through the line first. Please bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Coffee will be provided.

After the meal we will have a short business meeting and show and tell!

If you would be willing to come at 6:00 pm to start the coffee, please email me at threemcginn@aol.com. If you would like to volunteer to decorate, please let me know that as well. If you will email me the recipe of the dish you are bringing, I will assemble a recipe book for everyone. I have one already started from a potluck back in 2006 and can add to it

I don't know about you, but I've got lots of projects to finish before the holidays, and I need about six more months to finish them!

I appreciate everything you all do to make the guild fun!

Denise McGinn
LAP President

From the Executive Board

The Board met on October 19th at the Foster Center in Lansing. The following actions were taken:

- The Treasurer may now reimburse members from petty cash, an amount not to exceed \$20.00. Anything over \$20.00 would need to be paid by check.
- Everyone is reminded to pick up raffle tickets if they have not done so. It is hoped that all members will sell or purchase their pack of tickets.
- There will be no minimum number of members required to hold a workshop once it is under contract.
- It was agreed that announcing spousal deaths and health issues is a privacy issue, therefore we will continue to use word of mouth not the newsletter or website.

2009-2010 Board Members

President	Denise McGinn
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Secretary	Linda Kuhlmann
Treasurer	Kay Parkhouse
Past Pres.	Ruth Kressler

Committee Chairs

Newsletter	Jan Lee Asmann
Librarian	Ann McNitt
Service Proj. Programs	Georgiana Viele Shirley Waldrop
Membership	Michelle Allen
Sunshine	Ruby Post
Historian	Linda Nelson
Website	Linda Nelson
Raffle Quilt	Denise McGinn & Jan Lee Asmann
Quilt Show	Coreen Strazalka
Welcome	Carolyn Babcock

Meeting Information and Dates

LAP meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Bretton Woods Covenant Church, 925 Bretton Road, Delta Township.

September 3	October 1
November 5	December 6
January 7	February 4
March 4	April 1
May 6	June 3

Board meetings are held every other month and are scheduled on:

October 19	December 21
February 15	April 12
June 21	

Information and articles for the newsletters are due to Jan Lee Asmann, jasmann@sbcglobal.net on the following Thursday.

October 22	December 24
February 18	April 15
June 24	

Treasurer Update



The new Expense Reimbursement Form is working very well to assist us in keeping expense records. Thanks to all who are using this form. If you need an expense reimbursed, the form is available on the website and the Treasurer will have a limited supply at each meeting. As reported above, expenses less than \$20.00 will be paid via the Petty Cash fund eliminating the need to write so many checks. An Expense Reimbursement Form will still need to be completed for these requests. Petty Cash expenses will be reported as before in the monthly Treasurer's Report.

Quilt Show Update

Our quilt show is scheduled for May 22 and May 23, 2010, at The Summit on Davis Hwy.



Here are some things each LAP member can do to help the show be successful.

1. Enter four quilts and join the "**More than Four**" group. Each month, any LAP member who commits to hang four or more quilts, becomes a "**More than Four**" member and has a chance to win a prize. Barbara Logan reports that we have over 70 quilts entered to date. Let's make that 200!
2. Donate your UFO's to our resale booth. Chris McEnhill is collecting these donations and can supply additional information about packaging. See Chris or the LAP website to learn more about this new idea for earning some additional revenue.
3. Donate your gently used or new books and quilting related items to the book sale area. Ann McNitt has agreed to chair this area for the quilt show. See her for more information.
4. Read the quilt show committee minutes each month. These are provided at the LAP meeting and are placed on the website. Reading the minutes keep you up to date!
5. Donate a Silent Auction item. Carolyn Babcock has already collected 38 items, but we need more.
6. If you have questions, please contact any of the quilt show committee members.

Chairman:	Coreen Strzalka
Vendors:	Coreen Strzalka
Prehanging Location:	Linda Nelson
	Jan Lee Asmann
Door Prizes:	Carole Rasmussen
Silent Auction:	Carolyn Babcock
Publicity/Set-up:	Maxine Litzinger
	Denise McGinn
Entrance Table:	Ruth Kressler
Ribbons:	Ruby Post

New Ideas:	Pat Linnell
I Spy:	Minda Schneider
Quilt Registration:	Barbara Logan
Volunteers:	Van Rothenberger
Education:	Linda Kuhlman
Project UFO:	Chris McEnhill
Book Sale:	Ann McNitt

Important Quilt Show Dates

March 4	Commit to Hang Forms Due
May 7 & 8	Quilt Drop Off
May 17	Silent Auction Items Due
May 21	Quilt Show Set Up
May 22 & 23	Quilt Show

Door Prizes

Donations for door prizes are needed now so we know how many need to be added. Donate new/nearly new books, sewing accessories, gadgets, notions, etc., in the collection box at any meeting. Any questions or suggestions can be directed to Carole Rasmussen, 347-1853, john.s.rasmussen@comcast.net

Project UFO

Want to clean out your sewing room? LAP can help. Donate unfinished projects to the guild, and we will sell them at the quilt show! Orphan blocks and projects should be packaged and labeled. Forms are on the website.

Raffle Tickets

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! If you have not already picked up your raffle tickets Linda Nelson will have them at the November LAP meeting. We need every member to participate. The money generated is used by LAP for education and to support our charity projects. Rather than selling these tickets, many members buy the tickets themselves and give them as gifts.

New Info

This year there will be four categories for quilt entries:

Large

Medium

Small

Miscellaneous (table runners, clothing, etc.)



As always, visitors will vote for their favorite quilts and ribbons will be awarded based on these votes. This year we have a new opportunity. The Quilt Show

Committee has been contacted by a person who is attempting to earn a certification as a Professional Quilt Show Judge. LAP has been asked to allow a "mock judging" of our show. There will be no cost to the guild and will have no impact on the Viewer's Choice awards. Written critiques will be prepared for each quilt and an Overall Best of Show, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Place will be selected as part of the practice process. These choices will not be shared with the public in any way. Critique sheets and opinions will be given to a Quilt Show Committee representative. Copies of these quilt critiques will be available for you if you wish to see them. None will be publicly shared. Unrequested forms will be destroyed. This will be an interesting opportunity for us to learn what "Professionals" look for when they judge a show.

Sunshine Committee

If you hear of a guild member that is experiencing illness or going through a rough time and needs a word of encouragement, please notify Ruby Post at postrp@comcast.net or 517-323-3201 so she can send a card and fat quarter on behalf of LAP.

Programs

At our November meeting Dan Burke will present a brief history of Foundation Piecing and discuss materials used for this technique. Dan will show us the "Michigan Snowflake" we will be creating it at the Saturday, November 7 workshop and share many his beautiful quilts. The workshop is 9am to 4pm, in Foster Community Center, Room 110. If you have not yet signed up, please call Shirley Waldrop, 517-626-6216, or see her at the meeting. She will have information about supplies.

December 6th Potluck

Bring a dish to pass and your own table service and drink. Show and Tell will be after dinner and there should be lots of great quilts to see. Something special is planned for the January Workshop so plan on a good meal and a surprise workshop.

Library

Greetings from the Library Lady! I hope you are getting away from your quilting at least occasionally to get out and enjoy the amazingly beautiful fall colors, the crisp sound of leaves under your feet, and some good sweet cider! Amish quilting seems to be a hot subject. In the last two months I've found or been given five different books on the subject. Because we live close to Amish people, we can easily take their contributions to the quilting world for granted. Spend a few minutes and re-consider these quilts, their patterns, colors, and visual impact. Is there a new way to reinterpret traditional Amish quilt patterns to cross into other genres of quilting? "Play with your fabric" and see what happens when you have traditional Amish colors, a small mirror, unusual shapes, and an hour or so. Check out these books, and see what happens!

The library has several mystery books too. Get to know Benni Harper, quilter and sleuth, as she delves into a variety of unknowns. This is great light reading.

There will be a box labeled "Returns" at each meeting. Please return books you have borrowed from the LAP library into this box so that they can be accounted for and marked returned. If you put your name on the card, then the book is your responsibility either to return or to reimburse.

Service Projects

As of the last LAP meeting our Doll Quilt count is 291. We agreed to deliver many more than this so keep working and bring whatever you have to the November meeting. The last possible date to turn in your contributions is the December Potluck meeting, December 3. We have always met our commitment so let's keep up our great record.

The Ele's Place quilt count is 18. These quilts are due before the May Quilt Show. As a reminder, doll quilts should be 18" x 25" without batting. Ele's Place quilts should be 42" x 60".

Challenge Quilts

The finished piece is due at the March 4 LAP meeting. Members present at that meeting will be voting for Guild Choice. All Challenge Pieces will be collected after the meeting to be hung together at the Quilt Show. Many members have reported being finished already!

Website

An interactive commit to hang form can be found on the website, located under "forms." Once you fill out a copy it will be emailed to Barbara Logan and Linda Nelson. You will be asked if you want a printed a copy for your records. Join "**More than Four**" without leaving home.

LAP Blog

A new question has been posted on our blog. Be sure to look on the website and participate in the newest conversation. This is a great way for us to communicate with one another. If you have suggested subjects for the blog please email them to lindanelson@comcast.net

Upcoming Events

The Greater Lansing Weavers' Guild will have their annual sale on Friday, November 20, noon to 9pm, and Saturday, November 21, 9am to 4pm, at Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Rd, East Lansing. In addition to woven items, fiber arts such as quilting, knitting and surface design items will be offered for sale.

Artist of the Month

That could be YOU! Ledge Craft Lane in Grand Ledge wants to feature LAP quilters during February. Three or four large quilts and several smaller items are needed for display. There will be an article in the local newspaper and a reception on a Saturday in February. Everyone is welcome to attend. Your friends can preview some of your work. LAP Quilt Show items and our raffle quilt will be featured. More information will come later. Shirley Waldrop will have more information and handle getting quilts to and from Ledge Craft.