



And the Pres Says...

A New Year is beginning bringing more wonderful opportunities to perfect our quilting skills. Kay Nichols will begin with her lecture on “One Fabric Wonder” quilts followed with a workshop. Amy Davidson follows in February. March brings to us Heather McGarry with a lecture and sale of vintage embellishments and also Edyta Sitar's workshops. In April we will have a table sale. May will have a lecture by Coreen Strzalka on Fabric Dyeing Techniques. June will bring the annual summer pot luck. There is also our club challenge, “Ignite Your Creativity,” so we have lots to hold our interest.

This June also leaves several positions open on the board. The positions which will be available are President, Vice-President, Secretary (Carol would stay on if she could share the position with someone), Treasurer, Welcome Committee Chairperson, and Newsletter Chairperson. Please think about becoming involved in helping to shape the future of this organization by sharing your expertise and serving. We continue to be a strong group because of the involvement of our members.

So, as the New Year begins may we all look forward to a great adventure filled with new opportunities and renewed friendship.

—*Ruth Kressler*



Service Projects

Please remember that the finished size of all doll quilts should be 18 x 22 inches (which means you'll need slightly larger than a fat quarter to make them. Also, please remember to bring any completed doll quilts to the next meeting for collection.

For Ele's Place quilts, size should be approximately 48 x 60 inches. These need to be collected before June.

—Georgianna Viele

News from the Executive Board

The Executive Board is moving forward with some new ideas. First, you may have noticed that we are working on finding a new format for our newsletter. A format which is easier for the committee chairperson to develop and one that will not be as time consuming. A lot of you have had trouble opening your emails of the newsletter and we believe that there is a better solution for all of us. Starting in January if you have an email address you will receive notification when the newsletter has been posted on our web site www.lansingareapatchers.com.

You will be able to read or copy the newsletter from our web site. If you do not have an email address, you will have a copy of the newsletter mailed to you or you will receive a copy at the next guild meeting. Because of the cost of copies and mailing, and due

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to time constraints, only those individuals *without* email addresses will receive newsletters in this manner.

Also, the Board has begun to think about hosting a joint Mid-Michigan Quilt Show with the Capital Quilt Guild sometime in the future. We are encouraging everyone to help us with their thoughts, concerns and /or comments. After January 8, 2009 you will be able to go to our web site, click on, and leave your comments. You can also write down your comments and submit them to any Board member. No commitments have been made. This is just a direction that the Board can see coming in the future do to the age of our members, the economy, the number of members that would be able to work and the number of quilts that a show requires. We would like to be proactive and see if such a venture would be beneficial for both groups. Again, I wish to stress that nothing has been committed. We are just looking into the possibilities in the future. You will be given more information as we work through this process.

Programs

Our workshops are all scheduled for the rest of this year. January will be taught by our own Kay Nichols. The list is full and we hope to have a great time. Kay will be giving our presentation at the January meeting so be sure to attend.

Our February presentation and workshop will be with Amy Davidson of Humble Bee Quilt Works, Goodrich, ...*continued*



Mich. The sign-up sheet and a supply list will be available at the January meeting.

In March we will have a presentation and sale of vintage embellishments by Heather McGarry and two workshops with Edyta Sitar. Be sure to attend the February meeting to sign-up for either a Friday or Saturday workshop with one of our favorite teachers.

Just a reminder about April. We will have a table sale at our meeting. This is like a "yard" sale with LAP sellers signing up for half a table to sell yardage, tools, and miscellaneous quilting items to each other. Now is the time to start sorting and deciding what you should keep and what you should sell. Remember some things that you are tired of or just don't want any more could be someone else's treasure. And you could make a couple of bucks as a bonus.

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| January | 8–Kay Nichols lecture
10–Kay Nichols workshop (limited to 10) |
| February | 5–Amy Davidson lecture
7–Amy Davidson workshop |
| March | 5–Heather McGarry lecture and sale of vintage embellishments
6–Edyta Sitar workshop
7–Edyta Sitar workshop |
| April | 2–Table sale |
| May | 7–Coreen Strzalka lecture: Fabric Dyeing |
| June | 4–Pot Luck |



Raffle Quilt

If you still have any squares that have not been turned in, please bring them to the next meeting. The committee hopes not only to begin, but also complete our quilt, between January and February. Our goal is to have the quilt complete and ready to sell tickets at the Capitol City quilt show in May.

Quilter's Challenge 2008-09

Ignite Your Creativity

The objective of this challenge is to look beyond tradition—or stay with tradition, if you must—and experiment with the convergence of art and quilting. Your goal is to complete three pieces: a, b, and c. These do not need to be large, and they can be completed by hand, machine, or both.

Piece A is a picture. You can use an actual picture on paper or fabric, or a fabric that has a picture printed on it. For Piece B the theme is leaves. Use leaf fabric, leaf or leaves made from fabric, or whatever leaves you can create. Piece C focuses on embellishment, so break out your stash of beads, threads, buttons, charms, trims, found objects, whatever.

Try to use different techniques you don't normally use or techniques that are new to you in the construction of your pieces. Use innovative piecing: wonky, freehand, or fused; paint effects: paint, dye, stamping, foil; thread work:



thread painting, bobbin threads, couching. Any other technique that you want to try is welcome.

For inspiration use all your senses to look at the world around you—be observant!! Inspiration can be found visually in nature, art, movies, photography; written in literature or poetry; and auditory in music and nature. Let your creative thinking expand. Creative thinking requires you to search for ideas and manipulate your knowledge and experience. Let yourself be open to new possibilities and to change.

Our guild has many traditional quilters. I urge you to attempt the three pieces and to push your comfort zones at least a little, but as much as you dare! Each of us can do A, B, and/or C in our own way.

If you must make something functional, so be it. If you can make something for fun or to try a new technique, that's even better. If your piece ends up at a national show—WOW!!!!

The measure of our success with this challenge is how much each of us experiments and how much fun we have, which only *we* can judge for *ourselves*!

We will have a special show and tell of these pieces in December, March, and June.

No piece has to be completed at a certain time.

Just remember our only rules:

1. Every rule can be challenged except
2. There are NO RULES.



Quilt Events Around Michigan

January 16-18, 2009

Mary Lou Hallenback, lecture and workshop at
Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild.. Contact:

<http://www.gaaqg.com/>

January 20, 2009

Sue Goeddeke, lecture at Quilt Guild of Metro Detroit,
Harper Woods, MI. Contact: <http://qgmd.org/index.php>

February 5-7, 2009

Katie Pasquini Masopust, lecture and workshops at
Oakland County Quilt Guild in Troy, MI. Contact:
gladladyws@sbcglobal.net

February 17, 2009

Mickey Depre, lecture at Quilt Guild of Metro Detroit,
Harper Woods, MI. Contact: <http://qgmd.org/index.php>

March 17, 2009

Rita Fisher, lecture at Quilt Guild of Metro Detroit,
Harper Woods, MI. Contact: <http://qgmd.org/index.php>

April 24-26, 2009

**Great Lakes African American Quilter's Network 5th
Anniversary Gala** at McCamly Plaza Hotel, Battle
Creek, MI. Contact:

<http://greatlakesaaquilters.tripod.com/>

May 1-2, 2009

Lenore Crawford, workshop at Genesee Star Quilters,
Flint, MI. Contact: cfmalaski@aol.com

May 19, 2009

Connie St. Clair, lecture at Quilt Guild of Metro Detroit,
Harper Woods, MI. Contact: <http://qgmd.org/index.php>

October 9, 2009

**Great Lakes African American Quilter's Network
Quilt Show** at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218

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Meets on the first Thursday of each month, September through June, at *Bretton Woods Covenant Church, 925 Bretton, Lansing, MI.*
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.

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