

# LANSING AREA PATCHERS

# Reminder: The Presbyterian Church is requiring masks to be worn at all times while in their facility. Masks should follow CDC guidelines and cover both the mouth and nose at all times.

Our last presenter in October, AnnMarie Rowland, was so much fun! She got me thinking about the quilts I have made and what is going to happen to them after I am gone. In the past, I have tried making labels, pictures and words on the back to tell the quilt's "story," but I just don't have the steam to do it. Making a story up for each quilt seems daunting to me. My quilts are very lucky to get bindings on them - that seems like an insurmountable effort! I love to plan the quilt out - pick out colors, determine patterns, think of the machine quilting, but after that, I am really done with the quilt. Even the last step of talking about it at "show and tell" for the guild seems like an effort! So, why do I make these quilts? They are for gifts of course; but most of the time, they are for me to help express any kind of creative juice I might have left in this body. The thrill of making something and creating it is what really excites me. I want it to be my own expression; but if I see something that someone else has done, I use their vision and work to help me create my quilt. So, when I am no longer on this earth claiming that I made that quilt, what will happen to my quilts? They will probably end up in the back of a truck protecting some young man's furniture. I just hope that there will be someone like AnnMarie chasing the truck and trying to save my quilt! And really, the story that she can make up about my quilt, will probably be much better than the real story anyway!

Sincerely, Coreen

# PROGRAMS

**Meetings:** Programs are conditional depending on current Covid 19 guidelines. Meetings begin with social time 6:30 to 7pm. Speakers or business meetings begin at 7. Show 'n Tell will conclude the meetings <u>as time permits</u>.

# \$5 fee for Guests when there is a speaker.

November 4, 2021 - Join us to enjoy the company of Kristie from Friends Quilting Basket in Lake Odessa. Check them out at <u>Friends</u> <u>Quilting Basket</u> and their Face book page! Kristie will have a trunk show as well as sewing supplies and kits for us to peruse and purchase! Bring a friend if you would like.

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**December 2, 2021** – Guild Holiday Party: Ideas for party fun are needed. See Cheryl Bliss.

Annual Retreat will be January 14 – 17, 2021 The cost of retreat will be \$125 for three days and \$145 for the 4 days. Masks will be optional for members and the hotel staff will be asked to wear masks when they are in the room with us. The dates are January 14, 15, 16 and 17 2022. Payment is due by the December meeting. If you have dietary needs or wish to specific seating during the retreat meals, please contact Minda. An questions? Please feel free to contact Minda Schneider 517.290.3591.

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# **NEEDED:** Ideas for a fund raiser.

Not happening this program year: the Auto Owners Craft Sale, a Quilt Show or a raffle quilt. Fund raising is how programs and other guild activities are financed. **Ideas are needed**. **Please share suggestions with a Board Member.** 

# **Board Members:**

Sandy Guild, Past President Coreen Strzalka, President Diane Vedder, Vice President Judy Heckathorn, Secretary Polly Matheson, Secretary Denise McGinn, Treasurer Janie Quinn, Membership Chair Carolyn Babcock, Service Project Judy Grant, Service Project Sherri Moyer, National Quilt Day Chair Cheryl Bliss, Program Chair Chris Keppel, Program Assistant Pam Marcis, Program Assistant Bonnie Reemsnyder, Web and Face book Chair Sally Boron, Newsletter Donna Lator, New Member Chair Laura Baert, Winter Retreat Minda Schneider, Winter Retreat Need: someone to share secretary position

Future event: Garage sale in 2022 summer. Contact SueAnn Cole to help.

# **Future Programs:**

January 6, 2022 – Round Robin from our members! Volunteers needed – please contact Cheryl Bliss.

**February 3, 2022 –** Guild member Nancy Bieber

March 3, 2022 – Guild member Carolyn Babcock

April 7, 2022 – Nancy Roelfsema, www.firesidequilts.com Trunk show with "Why We Quilt" lecture. Patterns, notions and books will be for sale. April 8, 2022 – Friday Workshop! Mixed Media Market Tote using paints, foils, stencils, stamps and painted fabric. \$5 fee. This is a 6 hour class with ½ hour lunch break. Use your imagination to do something different and fun!

May 7, 2022 – Saturday, Shop Hop!! Visit shops on our way to Seven Sisters in Carson City a 1 pm. Seven Sisters will host us with a trunk show, the newest notions and fabrics with time to shop. Details to come for a fun day out!

June 2, 2022 – Social Party ....Saying Goodbye for the summer!

### From Laura Baert:

I'm hosting a retreat at The Springs in Gladwin, MI. The dates are Wednesday, May 4th-Sunday, May 8th. The price of the retreat is \$310 for Wed-Sun or \$256 for Thursday-Sunday. All meals are included in the price. A vendor is coming to the retreat as well. This isn't a LAP sponsored event, so it is open to anyone.

If interested please contact me at laura\_baert@yahoo.com or you can call or text 989-802-1051.