



LANSING AREA PATCHERS

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The Presbyterian Church is requiring masks to be worn at all times while in their facility.

I'm Here for the Quilts!

Have you ever noticed, especially in the summer (or in a location warmer than Michigan!), if you leave a light on outside, there are a lot of bugs attracted to it. Moths, flying ants, fruit flies, gnats, wasps, bees, spiders, maybe even a butterfly to name a few. They are all attracted to the light and warmth. That's how I feel after I park my car in the parking lot at the Delta Presbyterian Church and walk down the sidewalk toward the basement. I see the light inside the church and start to anticipate the evening. The light just draws me in. But wait, it's not the light and the warmth of the room I am entering. It's the quilts and the people and the ideas and the inspiration and the colors and the workmanship and the charities and the free stuff and the.... I could go on and on. It is truly an addiction that we all share and that is why we are there - the common interest of quilts and anything that happens with quilts. We are just

like those insects, clamoring for a space at the light, just to feel the joy of the quilts. Do the insects care what other insect they are next to on the light or what the insect they are next to does during the day? Do they care that wasp's sting and spiders are crafty and eat other insects? All they want is the light and the warmth. I think quilters are the same. We don't care who we are sitting next to; we are all friends. When we enter the church basement door, we can drop all of our cares from our life and join in the light the quilt makes. Drop all of our worries at the door. Any worry of prejudice, politics, race, gender, or religion; they can be dropped at the entrance. Here, as quilters, we know that we are accepted for our interests that we share - quilts. We all have that in common and it is worth celebrating! Let's continue to recognize the reason we join together and embrace it. I'm here for the quilts. Sincerely, Coreen

Update on Retreat - There will be no refunds after December 31 for the retreat. This year, there are fewer people attending the retreat so there is no waiting list as normal. The Quilt Board decided in October and again reiterated in December that the guild cannot afford to give any refunds after December 31. If you need to cancel, please contact Minda Schneider 517.290.3591 prior to that date.



Recent Tornadoes in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, and Illinois.

We would like to organize a quilt drive for the people who lost their homes in the recent tornadoes. Please give a quilt that you have made for distribution to these victims. They have had to endure losses that we can't even imagine and need to know that others care for them. It will mean so much if you could give one or two quilts for this cause. The quilts can any size, any theme, for man, woman, or child. Please consider these poor people and give with your heart. Coreen will collect the quilts at the January meeting and on Sunday January 16, 2022, at the retreat. Depending on the number of quilts received, she will either mail the quilts to Hancock's of Paducah (who is collecting quilts and distributing to victims) or take them herself to victims in Tennessee from Reelfoot Lake and Dresden. Coreen's husband's cousin has a home in Trimble, Tennessee and her home was luckily untouched by the storm. She personally knows people who are in desperate need in both of these areas as their homes were demolished. Specifically, in Reelfoot Lake, there are a lot of retired people who were affected.

National quilting day gathering!! Aiming for March 12 (schedule conflict with March 19) from 10 to 3. Sign up starting at January LAP meeting. More details to come... stay tuned!! Chair Sherri Moyer

REMINDERS

Future Craft Sale – Keep on making items for a craft / boutique sale. We are hoping that there will be one in 2022!

Donation Quilts – Quilts are still need here in Michigan for nursing homes, hospice as well as doll quilts for next Christmas. Keep on stitching!

Garage Sale – A summer garage sale to benefit LAP is being planned. More information will come later. Start collecting items!

Scraps - Cheryl Bliss is not taking any more quilt scraps for dog beds. If she has already spoken with you, she will take your bags but no new ones please thank you.

August meeting – This meeting will be much like last summer – a time to bring your lawn chair and socialize as well as an opportunity to sell quilting items to each other for personal benefit!

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Quilt Show is Returning! September 2022.

In the past Lansing Area Patchers held a quilt show every even numbered year. The pandemic has changed the usual event. The Board decided to have a Quilt Show in 2022. The show will be smaller than those in the past due to frame and

cost. If you are interested in helping with the organization of the quilt show, please see Coreen. Start quilting too! We will need quilts from everyone to display at the show!

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