



5:30 SOCIAL TIME, 6:00 MEETING

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1519 ELMWOOD AVENUE, LANSING

COMING EVENTS AND DATES!

January 4 - Program: Scrap Diver - Bring lots of scraps! Bags for divers will be provided. Participants will have a number to determine where they may start diving. Six tables will also have numbers. Leaders will give directions of which numbers go to which table for a time period for participants to DIVE. January Charitable donations: sponges, lip balm, wipes, lotion, gloves, hats.

January 12 - 15 Retreat: Mardi Gras Retreat is full! Reminders: Blotto block any size, any color, Mardi Gras theme; Challenge: make an item up to 36" square with at least one bead attached; RLC game - 3 fat quarters of same category (batik, Civil War, Misc); Garage Sale - mark your own stuff; Silent Auction items give to Minda in advance.

Future Programs & Events:

February 1 - Speaker: Beth Donaldson: presentation on the Quilt Index (http://www.quiltindex.org/). Beth is the QI's Associate Director and will do a brief history of the QI, and a walk through of the website including; the Michigan Quilt Project, artist pages, and searches. In 2023 the Quilt Index launched their Submit A Quilt page (https://quiltindex.org/add-quilts/submit-form/) where anyone can add their quilt to the QI. Beth will use the Submit A Quilt form to do a live upload of a quilt to the QI. Check out the QI (with over 93,000 quilts) before the meeting and come with all your questions.

February 5 - Sew in: Delta Township Library 10 - 3:30

March 7 - Steve Cooper: Care and love of your sewing machine.

April 4 - Elections, Quilt Trunk Show and design ideas

May 2 - Circle meeting discussion to evaluate the current year.

June 6 - 40th Anniversary celebration! Food and desserts will be provided. Each member will receive a gift. 40th Anniversary Challenge display and awards. Please create an item no larger than 36" square with at least one use of the color red.

The Shipshewana Bus trip announced at the December meeting is a private trip and NOT a LAP Guild sponsored trip. Any credits LAP members have on account cannot be used for any private non-LAP Guild activity including this trip.

LAP Board Meeting Report - December 13th

The results of a survey regarding having a second retreat was discussed. Only about 1/3 of members took part in the survey. Less than half of those favored a second retreat. The board voted not to further investigate a second retreat.

Some quilt guilds sell advertising space in their newsletters. The board approved selling ad space in the LAP Newsletter based on size of ad: business card = \$10, 1/4 page = \$15, 1/2 page = \$25 per newsletter. LAP Members may submit ads at a 20% discount: business card = \$8, 1/4 page = \$12, 1/2 page - \$20.

Charity Sewing Day

Plans are being made for a Saturday, all day sewing event devoted only to making charity quilts. The event is in the process of being planned but one of two dates

are possible: February 24 or March 30. More details to be announced. National Quilting Day - A location for a March Saturday date is being explored and announced as soon as possible.

Charity Report: From Carolyn Babcock - On December 8th, the last quilt delivery for our charity program was made. This year all quilts have been dropped off at Fun With Sticks and Strings in Old Town. It's a very nice yarn shop and the owner helps to distribute our quilts throughout the Lansing area. Please visit her shop if you are a lover of yarn. Our total charity quilts for 2023 was 113 that have been given!! Very thankful for all those who made and donated quilts throughout the year. Be sure and have an extra holiday cookie for all your efforts this year!
Merry Christmas to all LAP members - Carolyn

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2024 Silent Auction: Celebrating 40 Years of Creativity and Community

Calling All Quilters!

We're reaching out to our talented members for a special request: baby or child quilts. Your unique designs, in any pattern or color, will add a touch of warmth to our event. **Our goal?** To collect 40 stunning quilts for our 40th anniversary! You can turn your quilts in to Denise McGinn, and she will take photos for the website auction site. Along with the quilt, please include your name, email address, and any information about the quilt that you would like to provide (pattern, fabric type, etc.)

Save the Dates:

 Quilt Submission Deadline: May 1, 2024

 Bidding: June 1 - July 15, 2024

Let's work together to make this event a success! We'll need volunteers to assist at the pickup location and to help package quilts for shipping, if needed. Your contributions play a vital role in achieving our budgeting goals for the year. Denise will provide a volunteer sign-up sheet after the 1st of the year.