

Heritage Happenings

Great Lakes Heritage Quilter

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President's Perspective

Suzanne Jones

One of the many things that is amazing about GLHQ is how long we've been a guild. We were formed in 1992 and we're still going strong. I've been a member since 1995, yet I still have to remind my son not to call me on the second Thursday of the month!

You may have noticed that our newsletters this year have been displaying a different guild logo. Our original logo dates back to our formation and was designed by a former member. While it is a very nice logo, it does not work well for creating merchandise like T-shirts, tote bags, travel mugs, etc. The amount of varied colors and the background behind the state outline make it expensive to create merchandise. For this reason, we are considering freshening up our logo to make it easier to reproduce. We will have multiple options for you to review at the February and March meetings and we will be taking a vote during the March meeting. Results will be tabulated and we will notify the guild of the winning design in our April newsletter.

I'm looking forward to hearing February's speaker, Michelle Strassburg, owner of Fabric Affair in Troy. Her workshop has been moved to March 14th so if you haven't signed up yet, there's still time to take her "Quilting for the Home" class. See Barbara Pepper or Cathy Labrie to sign up.

See you on the 13th!



February Birthdays

Donna Armstrong

Martha Hale

Sheila Johnson

Jennifer King

Patti Kreh

Kim Leugers

Ruth McCormick

Vera Milz

Jean Usner



February 13, 2020 Meeting 7:00 PM

Birmingham Unitarian Church
On Woodward near Lone Pine Rd.
Bloomfield Hills MI 48304
www.glhq.org
www.facebook.com/GLHQquilters

2019/2020 Programs

Barbara Pepper and Cathy Labrie

There is still room in all of upcoming workshops. However, you do not want to delay they are filling up. The registration form and details can be found on the web site.

February. Fabric Affairs Michelle Strassburg.

Note There has been a change in date for our February workshop. Due to circumstances our talented teacher will be sharing her basket pattern with us in March. This gives you ample time to join the fun. Her Saturday workshop will feature her basket pattern published in the book *Quilting for the Home*. Michelle's' basket will be just one of the projects you will complete during the day. Also learn a variety of techniques to create some wonderful hostess gifts. Perfect for that special something you want to give to the hostess of your choice. Participants will also receive a copy of the book with Michelle's pattern and many more..

March. Ruth McCormick. Art Quilts. The Oakland County Art Quilt Guild will share their wonderful work and how to tips to create modern and artistic fabric art.

March 14th Workshop. Michelle Strassburg original Basket, using a weaving technique

April. Bill Kerr will be sharing two *Do-Not-Miss* workshops.

Friday Working with Large-Scale Prints

Many quilters love large-scale prints but find it challenging to combine them effectively with other prints. Students will learn the design concepts behind using large-scale prints and how to show them off to their best advantage. Students will begin making our Follow the Leader quilt or a project of their choice if they already have something in mind.

Saturday The Role of Color in Your Quilts

Participants will look at a variety of quilts and analyze art, sculpture, architecture, gardens, and images of daily life to better understand the role of color in design. Through individual and group color explorations, you will develop analytical methods for using color with confidence. You will leave the workshop with a deeper understanding of the role of color in your quilts and with a renewed excitement about making quilts. Participants will sew a small, abstract color "portrait" during the second half of the class.

May. Mary W. Kerr will dazzle us with her newest book, *Twisted: Modern Quilts with a Vintage Twist*.

This fabulous collection features modern quilts that were created using vintage textiles.

Friday Wonky Stars with a Vintage Twist

Join in the workshop fun as Mary shares her unique approach that gives us permission to play with vintage textiles in new and exciting ways.



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NOTE: A Change in Date

Saturday, March 14, 2020 Workshop
With Michelle Strassburg
From Fabric Affair

You *do not* want to miss this terrific and fun opportunity to learn Michelle's basket weaving technique which is published in *Quilting for the Home*.

This fun basket will be completed during class along with other projects from the book. The class will first focus on creating your own woven basket. Choose your own color selection or purchase a kit prepared by Michelle.

You will leave with at least one completed project and a plethora of ideas of more.

Participate will also receive a copy of *Quilting for the Home* with instructions for 11 total projects. Registration for all upcoming workshops can be found on the GLHQ web page.

Spring Retreat

Amy Lumley

The Springs is located at 1950 North M-30 Gladwin, MI 48624

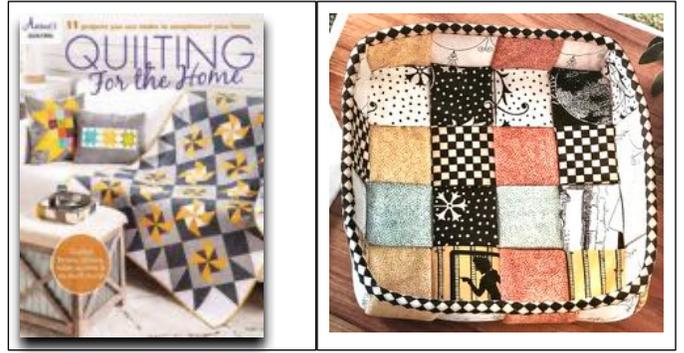
Arrive Friday, April 3, 2020 arriving after 10am to Sunday, April 5, 2020 leaving by 11:00am.

Remaining balance is due by 3-4-20: \$130.00 please make checks payable to Great Lakes Heritage Quilt Guild. You can mail the checks to Amy Lumley, 23071 Rosewood, Oak Park, MI 48237.

Things to bring: A chair if you have a favorite chair, extension cords, stripe cord, extra light if you like a lot of light. Please bring a snack to share with everyone and pop/juice if you prefer to drink that. Water and ice is available. Extension cords and power strip cords with your name on them please.

We will be having a massage therapist, Deb Norman, joining us who charges \$1 a minute for services. She will have a sign-up sheet at the Springs.

If you have questions, please call Amy Lumley: 248-891-9455!



Charity

Maxine Pirtle

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. Start the new year off by going through your quilting "closets". I am sure we all have tops to be completed or Work In Progress that the charity committee would love to receive. We have members who like to do binding or quilting or the whole process. We have about 20 quilts to go to Heart to Heart Hospice and 4 for Miracle Quilts.

They will take any size.

Lap size 36 x 48, or wheel chair 40 x 40 seem to be the most popular. We will also take crib size 27 x 52.



Haven

Carol Brooks

This month Haven has a need for: body wash, woman's underwear all sizes, women's leggings all sizes, bath towels, reusable plastic cups, toilet paper and paper towels, boxed cereal and full size sheet sets.

Thank you for all of your generous donations.

Challenge

Kyrras Conrad

The theme for the GLHQ 2019–2020 Quilt Guild Challenge is Hearts and Flowers. Anything goes! Entries can be up to and including lap quilt size (max 48" x 66"), quilted clothing, quilted purses or tote bags, etc. Entry must be completely finished. Each entry must contain at least one flower and one heart. Flowers and hearts can be pieced, appliquéd, embroidered, printed fabric, quilted on. Will your entry win first prize because everyone would want to take it home with them? Because of the quality of the needlework? Or because it is so beautiful or unique or charming? Entries are due at the June 2020 meeting. If you have labeled your quilted item, please baste a piece of fabric over your label; entries must be anonymous. Happy sewing!



Mystery Quilt Day 2020

Michele St Denise

WHEN: Saturday, February 29, 2020

9:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M. (8:30 OPEN FOR SETUP)

WHERE: Oakland Center – Oakland University 312 Meadow Brook Road 118 Oakland Center Rochester Hills, MI **HOW:** CAR, BUS, SLEIGH, UBER, or whatever it takes.

WHY: We love to quilt and spend time with friends new and old! **COST:** Members pay \$60.00 Registration is open to members and guests as of January 1. Guests pay \$65.00

INCLUDED: Continental breakfast, hot buffet lunch, afternoon snacks, coffee, tea, water **OPTIONAL:** Chili Bar at an additional cost of \$15.00 (Served at 5:30pm)

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Great Lakes Heritage Quilters (GLHQ)

MAIL TO: Michele St. Denis 315 William Rd. Rochester, MI 48307

Questions: Michele St. Denis (248) 613-0941; stdenis@oakland.edu

A big thank you to the MQD Committee.....Cheryl Murphy, Phyllis Boling and Martha Stewart. We are all having a great time making the MQD pattern. Hope to see you there!

SUPPLIES: Bring your sewing essentials -- irons are provided. You may want to bring an Ott lite and/or a power strip. You may bring your own project or take on the challenge of the mystery quilt. List of fabric and cutting requirements for the mystery quilt is available upon sign up

PLEASE DO NOT BRING PERSONAL IRONS – YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLUG THEM IN.

2020 Mystery Quilt Day Registration Form

DATE of EVENT: February 29, 2020. DEADLINE to REGISTER: February 14, 2020

Registrations will be taken at the February meetings or by mail. **Sorry, NO REFUNDS.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ **E-mail:** _____

GLHQ Member # _____ **Non-Member** -- Please fill out your sponsoring GLHQ
Contact:

Dietary Restrictions (please check all that apply):

Gluten-Free _____ Vegetarian _____ Vegan _____

Other Restrictions -- Please explain in Detail Below

Cost per Member

Cost per Non-Member

Optional Chili Bar at an additional cost of \$15.00 Total Cost

\$ 60.00

\$ 65.00

Make Checks Payable to Great Lakes Heritage Quilters (GLHQ) IMPORTANT! Please indicate with whom you would like to share a table (indicate up to three):

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____

PLEASE INDICATE HERE IF YOU NEED HELP UNLOADING OR LOADING YOUR EQUIPMENT FROM YOUR VEHICLE: _____

2020/2021 Program

Donna Tarnas & Nancy McIntyre

2020/2021 Programs

Happy February Dear Members!

The Committee is so excited to announce the upcoming 2020 & 2021 Lecture and workshop schedule.

Time to get excited and inspired. There is something for everyone in the upcoming learning and fellowship year. Mark your calendars, invite a friend or two, come and support the guild while having fun, learning a new technique or spending the day refining your quilting skills!

It's never too early to add these exciting workshop dates to your Calendar.

Lectures are the second Thursday of the month with workshops on the following Friday and Saturday.

*September 2020-- Brown Bag mystery quilt send off

*October 2020--Becky Goldsmith Piece 'O Cake Lecture, trunk show and two workshops

*November 2020--Blair Stocker Wise Craft Quilts Lecture, trunk show and two workshops

*January 2021--Member trunk show and Collage technique workshop featuring Sue Chase

*February 2021--Valentines Party and Brown Bag Mystery Quilt reveal

*March 2021--To be announced

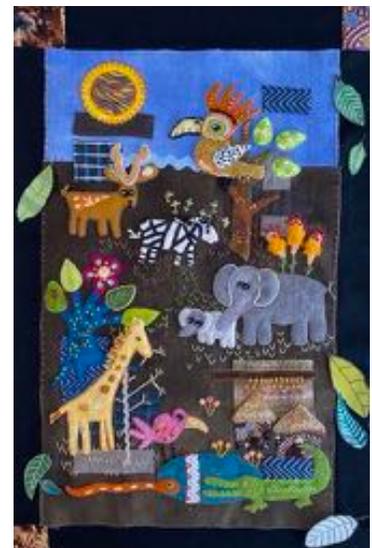
*April 2021--Sandra Bruce Material Matrix lecture, trunk show and two day workshop

*May 2021--Coleen Merte lecture, trunk show and one day workshop

More excitement to come as we continue to round out the 20/20-20/21 program schedule! Stay Tuned.

Woolies

A small group by Julie Krauss



GLHQ Membership

Mary Goyeau

We had 76 members and one guest at our January meeting. Please welcome our newest member: Janis Cantin. She'll be carrying a red new member folder. We currently have 138 members.

Yes, we are accepting new members. Do you have a friend who is interested in joining our guild? Invite them to our next meeting! Membership forms are also available on line at glhq.org as well as at the membership table.

Quilter to Quilter

Karen Keller

Time is zipping by and there are just a few tables left. You will find a registration form on the GLHQ website. Sell a little or sell a lot. You can also share a table with a friend. The date is officially April 18, 2020. The time is 10 am to 2 pm. Vendors should arrive at 9 am to set up. The sale will be held at First United Methodist Church in Troy, the same location as last year.

Adventures In My Walk-In-Closet

Aniko Feher

As editor, I have the advantage of reading the articles submitted to the newsletter before it is sent out to you the guild members.

One article this month, written by Maxine Pirtle on behalf of Charity, has truly made me think about my stash and my long abandoned walk-in closet.

I started quilting 25 years ago, and I have accumulated a lot of fabric. This past few months, with the cold weather keeping me indoors, I went through my sizable stash and organized. Now, my fabric closet looks a lot better, and I have an easier time finding things.

Then there is that walk-in closet that has not been touched since I moved into my condo 7 years ago. I must correct that, I occasionally step in there with my left foot. This maneuver gives me enough space to toss in the latest project that I didn't complete.

As I mentioned before, this has been going on for years.

So last week I decided to bravely enter the infamous walk-in closet.

I ended up unpacking the entire mess and reorganizing the whole area.

This was a fascinating experience. I came face to face with pieces that were made for challenges but never entered. Other pieces were from workshops that were almost completed, with the missing squares just sitting nearby patiently waiting for me to show up and do my thing.

Then there were abandoned squares that only needed to be paired up with some matching fabric to make into lovely lap size quilts. Let's not forget about the mystery quilts that were just not really me.

I don't want to bore you with the gory details, but all of these projects are now resting in a well organized dresser.

The lowest drawer is called "It's never going to happen". These are from my "What was I thinking" quilt period. The drawer above that is called "Take it to the free table, NOW".

Then there is one drawer containing projects that I definitely plan to finish, and will donate as charity quilts. It is so much easier to return to them, now that they are sorted.

I even found a few quilt tops that I simply forgot about, and three special rulers that have been missing for years.

All this organizing was a great adventure that yielded a lot of treasures and a lot of pleasures.

I enjoy touching all those lovely fabrics. A friend of mine once said that when I play with my fabrics it's like watching soft porn.

Now that everything is sorted out, there are three quilts ready to be donated to charity, and hopefully many more to follow.

Organizing was good for my soul, and even better for freeing up valuable space.

Who knows, now that I have all this space I might buy more fabric!