

# Heritage Happenings

## Great Lakes Heritage Quilter

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### President's Perspective Ruth Montalvo

We're half-way through the guild year, and our guild is just getting warmed up (it's February...I'm trying to think warm thoughts). Mystery Quilt Day is happening virtually on the 27<sup>th</sup>, so order lunch from your favorite take-out place and lock yourself in your sewing room for the day. The Raffle Quilts will start coming together soon, but there's still time to sign up and get your blocks in. And we have an amazing line-up of speakers for the back half of the year.

Speaking of amazing speakers ... Wasn't Sue Chase's trunk show fabulous? Her vibrant quilts, her exceptional photography skills, and her documentation are inspiring – and I have to admit I've been browsing long-arms all week.

And since we're at the mid-point, I want to pause and say thank you to the board, the committee chairs, and everyone who has volunteered in some way this year, making charity quilts, masks, blocks, donations to Haven, and the many other things you have done this year. Thank you for all your hard work. Stay warm everyone.



#### Happy February Birthdays!

Jean Usner 2/05

Janet Bott 2/09

Patti Kreh 2/11

Jennifer King 2/15

Sheila Johnson 2/17

Ruth McCormick 2/19

**Guild Meeting February 11, 2021 at 7pm  
with Timna Tarr and her Flying Colors Lecture**

# 2020 - 2021 Programs

Donna Tarnas & Nancy McIntyre - VP 2 Programs Co-Chairpersons

## **PROGRAMS NEWS**

All trunk shows and lectures will be via ZOOM during our regular meeting. Second Thursday of the month at 7pm. We invite you all to join in the fun from the comfort of your home or from anywhere you may travel to. We have a sensational line up of talented teachers and quilt artists from a variety of backgrounds with a large range of experience and tradition. Guest fee is \$5.00 for non-members and payable by check, PayPal ([glhq.payment@gmail.com](mailto:glhq.payment@gmail.com)) or Venmo (GLHQ-Payment) at least 5 days in advance.

**\*\*\*February 11, 2021 Join us for a special evening with a virtual lecture and Trunk show with contemporary quilt artist Timna Tarr. “Flying Colors Lecture”**

[timnatarr.com](http://timnatarr.com)

**\*\*\*March 11, 2021 The incomparable MARY FONS...writer, editor, American quilt historian will provide a wonderful hour of humor, wit and wisdom to our guild. [maryfons.com](http://maryfons.com)**

**\*\*\*April 8, 2021 International quilt designer, pattern publisher and educator, Sheri Cifaldi Morrill will host an “Aurifilosophy” lecture and trunk show. Unlock the mysteries of Thread from Sheri, a certified Aurifil thread educator. Exclusive Aurifil resources and swag for attendees included! [wholecirclestudio.com](http://wholecirclestudio.com)**

**\*\*\*May 13, 2021 Lecture and trunk show by our own member Coleen Merte of Northwater Quilts. Coleen is a pattern designer and author of Michigan inspired quilt patterns! [northwaterquilts.com](http://northwaterquilts.com)**

**\*\*\*June 10, 2021 Jen Kingwell lecture, trunk show and tour of Amitie Quilts live from Australia!**

[jenkingwelldesigns.blogspot.com](http://jenkingwelldesigns.blogspot.com)

Questions? Contact [dtarnas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dtarnas@sbcglobal.net) or [GLHQPresident@gmail.com](mailto:GLHQPresident@gmail.com)

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# Continuity of the Guild

Here are some great volunteer opportunities for next year. Some positions have been filled, but others await your consideration. **Drum roll please: Next year, 2021-2022, the Board Positions are:**

- **\*\*President (open) Talk to Ruth Montalvo to know what is entailed  
586-219-7542**
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Michelle Power
- **\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> VP (open) Talk to Michelle Power to know what is entailed  
248-787-3934**
- **\*\*Treasurer (open) Talk to Sandy Kaufman to know what is entailed  
248-568-0165**
- **\*\*Corresponding Secretary (open) Talk to Mary Goyeau to know what is  
entailed 248-760-9369**
- Recording Secretary – Ann Woodman
- FundRaising – Donna Armstrong
- Newsletter – Kathleen Joseph
- Membership – Sharyl Klettke

## **Current Board Members and Committee Chairs 2020/2021**

President: Ruth Montalvo

1st Vice President: Donna Tarnas and Nancy McIntyre

2nd Vice President: Michelle Power

Treasurer: Sandra Kauffman

Finance Committee: Michele St. Denis

Recording Secretary: Ann Woodman

MQD Committee: Cheryl Boyle Murphy, Joyce Montante

Fall 2021 Retreat: Deb Stallings

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Goyeau

Charity: Bonnie Pennybacker, Maxine Pirtle

Haven: Carol Brooks

Hospitality: Diana Pagotto

Membership: Sharyl Klettke

Newsletter: Kathleen Joseph

Fundraising: Donna Armstrong - Raffle Quilt

# RAFFLE QUILT UPDATE

Donna Armstrong

The blocks are amazing. I am so excited to see how all of them will come together to become beautiful quilts. We're very close to having enough blocks to do 2 "Will you be my neighbor, so please look at the sign up Genius and select one of the blocks that only has one completed!

The "Remixed Geese" quilt is coming along as well. Although all colors have been accounted for, we need 15 more sets of 4 geese to complete a 54x66" quilt. Many of you indicated that you loved making this block, so please sign up for a few more!!

Some blocks have taken a bit longer to arrive through the USPS, so please make sure you are taking that into consideration as we near **our deadline of March 10th. I will be at the Birmingham Unitarian Church on Wed. February 10 and March 10 (final day to submit) from 6-6:30 pm to drop your blocks off.** You can also drop off your blocks on my front porch any time. Please text me if you plan on dropping them off, so that I know they are on my porch. 31800 Arlington Dr. Beverly Hills, MI 48025. You can also mail me your blocks to the same address. **Please make your check out to GLHQ for the amount listed on the sign-up link and send me a message that you have mailed them (248.514.8011).**

Here are the patterns:

**QUILT # 1:** "AT HOME". Pick any block from Moda's free pattern "Will You Be my Neighbor". I have added the link to Pat Sloan's web page that gives the directions for all 16 blocks. All the blocks are between 9"x 18" - 21"x18" Please square them up to the appropriate size. We will be using an assortment of colors from our new GLHQ logo (Red, Orange, Yellow, Green and Blue) with a white background.

<https://www.ilovetomakequilts.com/will-you-be-my-neighbor-block-page.html>

**QUILT # 2:** "Flying Geese". As with the 1st quilt, we will be using a combination of our new logo colors to create the flying geese blocks in the quilt shown below. Please be creative with lots of solids and prints of the logo colors, (Red, Orange, Yellow, Green and Blue). We will be using the free Robert Kaufman "Remixed Geese" pattern. Please square each block to 3.5"x6.5" and sew 2 matching geese together.

[https://www.robertkaufman.com/quilting/quilts\\_patterns/remixed\\_geese/](https://www.robertkaufman.com/quilting/quilts_patterns/remixed_geese/)

## Which Block(s) will you make? Here's how to sign up:

Neighborhood Quilt: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4DAFA72FA13-qlhq>

Flying Geese Remix: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4DAFA72FA13-qlhq1>

# Show and Tell Virtually

Michelle Power

Show us your quilts! Show and Tell is due by noon on the day of our general guild meeting. Please email any pictures (.jpg or .png) of quilts you've completed since the last meeting you've attended AND a brief description/title of the quilt (fabric, quilter, pattern, class, quilt shop, etc.). Please put "SHOW AND TELL" in the subject line so it's easy to find!

Send Show and Tell to: Michelle Power at [michellepower06@yahoo.com](mailto:michellepower06@yahoo.com).

## Dance (Yes, Really) from an Anonymous Guild Member

My daughter called me. I was still in bed, I was telling her how depressed I was about everything. She said she will do some dancing after my phone call. Say what???

Apparently she has these youtube videos that helps her with dancing music. I asked her to send it to me. I got dressed and went to the kitchen to make some coffee and breakfast. Her emails with youtube started beeping on my phone. I turned one on just to hear the music and it was so upbeat I started doing the grandma shuffle. I made breakfast while dancing. It was fun and upbeat. It didn't matter what the video dancers did, I was moving and dancing. It was a miracle, I have not danced for years.

I can see myself doing this every day until the vaccine gets here. I am sending the list of videos to share with you and pass it to your friends and relatives, because we all need this to make it through. Please pass it on.

<https://youtu.be/vhhLio4JcMI>

<https://youtu.be/ugt9mYI0kLc>

<https://youtu.be/VV54lgwpr-o>

[https://youtu.be/Wd\\_mQwr9jpQ](https://youtu.be/Wd_mQwr9jpQ)

<https://youtu.be/qi0IF3ftg3Q>

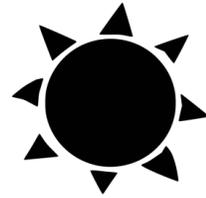
<https://youtu.be/J8W8U1kAFP4>



# Quilt Challenge 2020-2021

Julie Krauss and Cheryl Murphy

We have come up with a new and exciting challenge we hope you will all find thought provoking and a lot of fun to create. This year we will enter the 'Art Quilt" arena. The challenge is 'Sun and Moon challenge. Each quilted project must contain at least one of these two design elements or both and one of the design elements should be prominent in the design of the piece. These are design elements, not quilting. However it must be a quilt not a tied project. It must contain 3 layers, top, batting, and backing, joined by hand or machine stitching.



- Maximum size 48"x72" or Lap size, Minimum 24" x 24" or similar size.
- NO clothing, purses, mug rugs, table runners, tote bags or bed quilt sizes will be accepted.
- Quilted design only is not an acceptable entry , it must be the main design element and the prominent focus.
- Two entries may be submitted
- Please do not label your quilt at the time of submission

Our June 2021 meeting will be the deadline as usual. This is meant to be a creative and out of the box challenge. Have fun and CREATE!

## 2021 Fall Retreat Update

Debbie Stallings

We already have 11 people signed up for the Fall Retreat at the Huron Retreat Center! The dates for 2021 are Sunday September 12 - Thursday September 16. This year we are able to start on Sunday. We always have a great time! if you're interested, print off the registration form and make a check out to GLHQ. Mail it to Debbie Stallings. The address is on the registration form. Please contact Debbie if you have any questions at [thestallings11@gmail.com](mailto:thestallings11@gmail.com) or 248-941-1924

## Haven Carol Brooks

Winter has finally reached us with snow and colder weather. I hope everyone is staying safe and warm. I asked HAVEN what they need most, and again they said non-perishable cereals and snacks. Anything you would like to donate would be great - whether it's clothing, cleaning supplies or laundry detergent.

You might want to consider donating money monthly to them. I started donating \$10 a month. The money is taken out of my checking every month. This makes it easy for them to buy things they need and you don't have to shop for it. Just go to their website and the information will be under ways to donate. If you decide to do this let me know so that I can enter your donation each month. If you have any questions call me at 248-3 03-2848.

**I will be at the church on February 13 from 1 to 2 in the afternoon, unless we have a big snowstorm.**

If any of you would like to volunteer to help with this giveaway you can sign up at [www.haven-oakland.org/gift-giveaway-2020](http://www.haven-oakland.org/gift-giveaway-2020)

## Membership Sharyl Klettke

Membership is now at 127 members. This includes 16 new members this year. What a pleasure to see the new members' show and tell! New member: Ellen Revis, 3536 East Hiawatha, Okemos, MI 48864. [erevis@gmail.com](mailto:erevis@gmail.com). 517.927.4650

## Charity Quilts Bonnie Pennybacker and Maxine Pirtle

Maxine and I are planning a pick up at the church parking lot **Thursday, February 18 from 1 to 3 pm weather permitting**. We will also have Kits to be quilted. Let's try to get them completed before the end of our year (June). Thanks for everything that has been done to date. We also had a donation of fabric and etc. given from an unnamed quilter who wanted it to go to charity quilts [bpennyba@yahoo.com](mailto:bpennyba@yahoo.com) or [pirtle.maxine@gmail.com](mailto:pirtle.maxine@gmail.com)

# Mystery Quilt Day

Cheryl Murphy & Joyce Montante

By the time you get this newsletter, active MQD participants should be well on the way to completing Step #2. I am seeing some beautiful units being made!

Still ahead -

Clue #3 - We are aiming to send it out a day or two early - Saturday or Sunday - because **I'd like to schedule a Zoom meeting for that clue on Monday the 8th at 7 PM.** (Will confirm asap.) There is a bit of sub-cutting involved and I want to be available to make sure everyone understands and has success with this step.

Clue #4 - Still scheduled on or before Monday 2/22. If you have followed along with Clues 1-3, this will be a cinch, and no Zoom follow-up is currently planned. You can always call me or Joyce if needed

MQD - We want all members who are interested in joining us (whether you're actually doing the MQD or not) to participate. If you haven't signed up to receive the clues, but still want to participate on MQD, the cost is only \$10 in the form of a check written to HAVEN, and mailed to Joyce Montante. You must provide the email address from which you will launch the Zoom link to join us.

On the actual MQD -

We have three times set up on Saturday, February 27th:

1:00 PM EST - Pattern reveal! (What does C.T.S. stand for, anyway?) We will show the sample quilts, reveal the 5 options/ layouts, discuss additional possible layouts and border options, and get everyone started assembling their quilt tops. This will be your opportunity to ask questions, and sew (on mute) while we get everyone comfortable with their final layouts.

3:00 PM EST - Sew-cial! Everyone who joined in at 1 PM will have had a chance to work awhile and this is the time to sew along like at a retreat. We will be happy to answer more questions if needed. We will sew until about 5 PM, and break for dinner.

7:00 PM EST - 3rd and final Zoom for Show and Tell.

Everyone is welcome at any or all three sessions. Links will be sent a day or two beforehand.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Keeping you in stitches,

Cheryl



## News from the Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild: Quilt along with us!

Hi, fellow quilters,

We are excited to share with you that we are starting our first open quilt-along on Valentine's Day. And we want to invite your guild members to join us! The more the merrier, right?

We'll sew this gorgeous quilt together. Here is an example, made by Melanie Meyer, a German quilter. The pattern is by [Elizabeth Hartman, called Aviatrix Medallion.](#)



Too daunting, you think?

But we all tackled 2020, meaning: we can pretty much do everything - and nothing can stop us. Let's do this together, and you'll find out that it is way less daunting than you might think right now. (continued)

This quilt-along is a very laid back activity. We just want to offer something for quilters all over the place to connect, as we can't meet in person. And the perk of doing this online is that we can come together from everywhere. So why not meet or make some quilting friends from another neck of the woods?

We broke down the process of sewing this quilt into 12 do-able tasks, one for each week. Kick-off is on Valentine's Day and we will be finished before it gets too hot for quilting.

Participants will receive tips and tricks and more in our weekly updates, so no one will ever feel alone. Plus -- we all will connect via Instagram and a private Facebook group. How? We have more info on that and more on our webpage here:

<https://www.gaaqg.com/announcing-gaaqg-quilt-along/>

This is the link to sign up for the quilt-along's weekly newsletter:

<https://tinyletter.com/Quilt-Along>

We are sew excited to start this altogether,

Your quilt-along team,

Nancy Frye, Gena Loyd & Nico Laudenberg

Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild

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## Amigo Quilt Workshop Opportunity

Greetings from Amigo Centre, located in southern Michigan, just a few miles from the Indiana border, near Sturgis. As the Program Director at Amigo Centre, I'm reaching out to quilting guilds in Michigan and Indiana to share with you an opportunity for a small group of quilters to gather together in a safe and relaxing environment to share their love of quilting!

We have for years participated with Road Scholar to provide quilting programs for people from across the US. This has become "my happy place" for many women, quite a few who return each year. Since Road Scholar has suspended much of their programming due to the pandemic, we are offering a shorter course --beginning with the [Schoolgirl Sampler Quilt Workshop – February 25-28, Thursday-Sunday](#). We have two instructors – Janis Nelson and Marie Troyer, who have been working with our quilting retreats for many years.

Details:

- We have openings for up to 10 women, five in each group with one of our instructors.  
(Group size is a total of six people) (continued)

- Each participant gets a single room, with a private bath.
- Masks are required inside when with people from different households.
- We will have a table with electricity available for each participant for sewing.
- We will have ironing stations and cutting stations, with hand sanitizer at each location.
- We serve Brunch at 10 am and Supper at 5 pm each day, with continental breakfast items available for early morning risers.
- You may bring snacks and beverages along – there is a refrigerator and microwave in the common area where you will be working.
- You will be working in a common area with a beautiful view overlooking Perrin Lake.
- We have miles of hiking trails if you want to get out and stretch your legs! (continued)

If anyone in your group is interested in attending this workshop, please have them email me, [mandy@amigocentre.org](mailto:mandy@amigocentre.org) to register. Payment may be made upon arrival. The attached flyer has additional details.

During this pandemic, it is important for participants to monitor their health and stay safe. We ask if anyone has symptoms of covid, or has had contact with anyone that has covid within 2 weeks of this event, that you do not come.

You may call for additional details or with any questions you might have. I am delighted to extend this offer to you. If your group would like to have a workshop for just members of your group, 5-10 people, please contact me to talk about setting up dates that work for you.

Blessings,

Mandy Yoder  
Program Director

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## February Calendar of Guild Events:

February 8	Monday	MQD Clue 3 Sew-cial at 7 pm
February 10	Wednesday	Raffle Quilt Block Drop-off at the church 6-6:30 pm
February 13	Saturday	Haven drop-off at the church 1-2 pm
February 18	Thursday	Charity drop-off and pick up at the church 1-3 pm
February 22	Monday	MQD Clue 4
February 27	Saturday	1pm Pattern Reveal! 3pm Sew-cial 7pm Show and Tell!