

Heritage Happenings

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President's Perspective

Ruth Montalvo

I cut up some fabric, started assembling blocks, and I had some extra 2" squares. It wasn't until I got the borders on the completed quilt top that I realized...yeah...those squares weren't extra. My pattern is...not exactly correct...and not at all consistent. Now what? Do I rip it out or do I let it go? My Inner Elsa is saying let it go, but I'm probably going to do some ripping and re-sewing in the near future, at least for a few of the blocks.

Many thanks to Cheryl and Joyce and the whole committee for our virtual Mystery Quilt Day! I know we're going to see a variety of amazing quilts this year.

And once again Donna and Nancy are continuing their streak of bringing in an amazing lineup of speakers this year. Our March speaker Mary Fons came to our guild a few years ago, and she has such terrific and engaging energy. I can't wait to see what she's doing over Zoom.

Happy quilting,

Ruth



Happy March Birthdays!

Phyllis Boling 3/01

Teresa DeCruydt 3/06

Robin Cushing 3/07

Patricia Harvey 3/07

Suzanne Jones 3/09

Netta Humphrey 3/13

Kathleen Joseph 3/23

**Virtual Guild Meeting March 11, 2021
at 7pm with Mary Fons!**

Join us: instagram: greatlakesheritagequilters
 website: GLHQ.org
 facebook: Great Lakes Heritage Quilters

Happy Hour is back Ruth Montalvo

Tuesday March 9 at 7 pm, we'll be having another guild happy hour, and the theme this month is the GLHQ Board. If you're curious or have any questions about being on the board, if you've previously been on the board and want to share your thoughts, or if you just want to stop in to say hi, come chat with us. Don't worry – we're not signing up the first three people who join. No obligation. Watch your email for the zoom invitation later this week.

2020 - 2021 Program News

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

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 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. Invite a friend! The Guest fee is \$5.00 for non-members and payable by check, PayPal (glhq.payment@gmail.com) or Venmo (GLHQ-Payment) at least 5 days in advance.

*****March 11, 2021 The incomparable MARY FONTS...writer, editor, American quilt historian will provide a wonderful hour of humor, wit and wisdom to our guild. 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

***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

***June 10, 2021 Jen Kingwell lecture, trunk show and tour of Amitie Quilts live from Australia!
jenkingwelldesigns.blogspot.com

Questions? Contact dtarnas@sbcglobal.net or GLHQPresident@gmail.com

Here's a Sneak Peek! 2021-2022 Program Year

Michelle Power

September 9, 2021 (Zoom)

Lilo Bowman, Editor-in-Chief, The Quilt Show and author [Love Your Creative Space: A Visual Guide to Creating an Inspiring & Organized Studio Without Breaking the Bank](#)

Lilo Bowman has worked as a floral designer, translator, tour guide, wedding planner, and is now editor-in-chief of [TheQuiltShow.com](#). Lilo's lecture, "Loving Your Creative Space" will give you strategies on how to make your space work more effectively.

October 14, 2021 (Zoom)

Brita Nelson, <https://questioningquilter.com/>

Brita's lecture, "Now You See It, Now You Don't" will explore the magic of disappearing blocks.

Brita's workshop on October 15-16, "Making Magic: A Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt" will be hosted over Zoom for two days, three hours each day. You can enjoy the comfort of your own sewing room and won't have to worry about lugging your machine and tools out of the house! Best of all, you will have access to your entire stash to make an intriguing sampler quilt! Traditional and Modern quilters alike will appreciate Brita's approach. To see just how fun her lecture and workshop are going to be, check out her website above and preview video: <https://youtu.be/hcGF5Gbd4pc>.

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.

Why Join the Board?

There are three critical positions available in next year's GLHQ Board. Just because they are critical does not mean they are hard! Our current members in these board positions explain a little more about what they do and why they do it. Please reach out to any of them if you would like to learn more or step forward to help.

Treasurer - currently Sandy Kaufman

Not at all a difficult job and it gives you admission to an exclusive club called "The Board."

It requires depositing checks from Membership and guild events. Issuing checks to speakers and a few other guild commitments. Knowledge of working with Microsoft Excel. Everything is already set up with a timeline and a budget making it easy to follow each month. Don't hesitate to call me with any questions. 248-568-0165

Second Vice President - currently Michelle Power

I think this is the best job on the board! I have two main responsibilities:

1. Find and book speakers and workshops for the future season, and
2. Lead the Guild President's Quilt endeavor.

That's basically it!

The board meets on the Monday following the regular guild meeting, so I attend those meetings and give updates on how my projects are coming along and discuss issues concerning our guild and ways to address those issues.

At first, I felt a little daunted about finding speakers. What if people didn't like who I liked? How will I find good Zoom instructors? Will we have workshops? We will go back to in-person meetings next year? Gradually all of those questions found answers. My predecessors had started a list of potential teachers, and had already lined up one for my season and gave me a lead on a second. Then I ran across two groups on the Internet that have outstanding resources to help guilds and quilt shops find instructors and speakers! One of them hosts regular "meet the teachers" events on Zoom where several speakers give an infomercial on who they are, what they do, how they present and train, and much more! I had no idea there were so many interesting instructors out there!! I made a list of the guild meeting dates and possible workshop dates and started contacting the instructors I would want to hear more about. By the time Thanksgiving rolled around, I had all my instructors "penciled in" and started sending our contract to them. This year I had to create a new Virtual contract, so that's already all set for you!

The Second Vice President position is a two-year commitment, and is often shared by two people. In the first year you have the two 2nd VP tasks I listed above, and in the second year, you move into being the First Vice President. As 1st VP next season, I will work with the speakers prior to their scheduled engagement to make sure they have all the information they need. We have one in-person speaker for sure, so I will work with them on their travel arrangements, reimbursements, and transportation. I will keep the membership updated on our roster of speakers, communicate workshop opportunities, and then introduce the speakers on the night of our meetings. I'm sure that position will be even more fun than 2nd VP!

I am sticking around next season and I'll be able to show you the ropes. All the documents and information you need are ready and waiting for you! This is your opportunity to book speakers and instructors that you find interesting and I guarantee, other members will find them interesting, too! If you are on the fence, I really urge you to jump on (the) board!

President - currently Ruth Montalvo

Why did I want to be on the board?

To be honest, I wanted to join the board this year because I needed an excuse to go to guild meetings. I've been absent much of the past few years, and if I were on the board, I'd *have* to go. I've been on the board a couple times in the past, as well as been on a few committees and been part of the quilt show committee, so, while I've never been VP, which is usually the stepping stone to being President, I thought I had a general grasp on things.

What does the President actually do?

Each board position comes with a binder (or several) of notes and reports from the previous years, and each one has a list of responsibilities. According to the binder, the duties of the President are:

- Submit a written report for board meetings
- Maintain the President's Notebook
- Chair board meetings and prepare the agenda
- Attend committee meetings
- Write a monthly newsletter article
- Don't vote in board decisions unless there is a tie
- Contact the board as necessary and fan out meeting cancellations or updates
- Prepare an annual report
- Prepare an inventory list of Guild materials
- Attend and run the guild meetings

Additionally, the President can sign off on check request forms and is an authorized signer on the guild's bank account, which requires a trip to the bank at the beginning of the year. With us being virtual this year, there are a few other things that I've been doing that may or may not continue in the future:

- Maintain glhqpresident@gmail.com inbox, which is linked to the guild's Zoom and Paypal accounts
- Schedule meetings via Zoom and send out the monthly meeting invitation and board meeting invitation
- Monitor Paypal for dues and guest fees and make sure new members and guests get to zoom invitations

Is it a hard job?

No. I agreed to be President because Sandy Kaufman once said it was the easiest job on the board. There was some work in the beginning of the year, and some angst because none of us knew how a virtual year was going to work, but now that we're halfway through the year, the job is mostly scheduling meetings, putting together an agenda for the board meeting, and making sure that everyone gets the zoom invitation. The hardest part for me is writing the monthly newsletter article :)

Is it worth it?

Yes! Being on the board is a great place to meet your fellow guild members, and when you're on the board, you get to be part of the decisions that shape the guild year. Plus, you're doing your part to keep the guild going.

Haven

Carol Brooks

I hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine and the warmer weather. It feels good after so many colder days. HAVEN needs non-perishable cereals and snacks. Anything you would like to donate would be great whether it's clothing, cleaning supplies or laundry detergent. They also like to receive gift cards from Target.

I will be at the church on **Tuesday, March 16 from 1 to 2** in the afternoon. Please call me if you have something you're going to drop off. My phone number is 248-303-2848. I need to know if somebody's going to be there, or if another time for you would be convenient. Thank you.

Raffle Quilt Update

Donna Armstrong

Wow!! We're just about there. We should have enough blocks at this point, (there are still several sign-ups that I have not received) to complete one "Flying Geese Remix" quilt and two "Will You Be My Neighbor" quilt. Just a note, here is the list of additional items that are still needed to complete the quilts:

Will You Be My Neighbor quilt #1

Quilting: Ruth McCormick

Batting: Ruth McCormick

Binding: Mary Goyeau

Will You Be My Neighbor quilt #2

Quilting: **STILL NEEDED**

Batting: **STILL NEEDED**

Binding: Donna Tarnas

Sign up for the above quilt at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4DAFA72FA13-glhq>

Fly Geese Remix

Quilting: Sandy Kaufman

Batting: Theresa Elson

Binding: **STILL NEEDED**

Sign up for the above quilt at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4DAFA72FA13-glhq1>

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. 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).

*** Discussions are in the works to do a get together in June at a local park for a get together and to raffle off the quilts. There will be a survey sent out to collect information on the interest level. ***

50/50 Raffle Update

Donna Armstrong

Our first 50/50 raffle for 2021 has begun!! You are able to purchase tickets via PayPal or mailing or dropping off a check made out to GLHQ, directly to me - Donna Armstrong. My address is 31800 Arlington Dr. Beverly Hills, MI 48025. Each raffle ticket will cost \$1. The cutoff date to purchase tickets for the Thursday, March 11, 2021 raffle will be Saturday, March 6, 2021. Any tickets purchased after March 6, will be moved to the April drawing. The first raffle surprise that will be added to the raffle is a KONA solid jelly roll in blue and green tones. The first ticket pull will win the 50/50 dollar amount.

Here are the PayPal directions:

Login to Paypal and make a payment to glhq.payment@gmail.com. In the notes section, please indicate (MONTH) 50/50 raffle ticket purchase. I will receive the information from Sandy Kaufman and assign the appropriate amount of tickets to each individual.

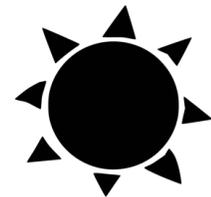
Also, if you are mailing me a check, for security purposes, please only put my name and address on the envelope - do not refer to "Check" or "Raffle" on the outside of the envelope.

Please contact me at donna.armstrong75@gmail.com or text me or call me at 248.514.8011 with any questions or suggestions!. Be sure to watch your email next Wednesday for additional raffle items!

Sun and Moon Challenge

Julie Krauss and Cheryl Murphy

The Sun and Moon Challenge is fast approaching as we are here in March already! There have been lots of activities to participate in this winter, on-line or through various guilds and groups that keep us busy during these winter months. Zoom, zoom, zoom.... I hope by now you have some awesome ideas buzzing around in your head as I have on how I want to make this original and artsy. If not, they're loads of inspiration in our lives to give us a boost. Some of you may be enjoying sunsets or sunrise at the beach, moon lit nights on a snowy landscape, or just a beautiful picture from a previous vacation. Loads of ideas on line can help too. I know I am looking forward to seeing all the wonderful quilts our talented members conceive. I am always impressed and know I will be this year too.



The challenge quilt should be a minimum of 24"x24" and not larger than a lap size quilt (48"x72" ish). You can have SUN's only, or MOON's only or lots of both or maybe just one! Just make it a prominent feature or subject of the quilt. No purses, totes or clothing would qualify.

You can enter two items but don't label them yet. Our June 2021 meeting will be the deadline as usual. Have fun and create something new!

Tech Committee

Wouldn't it be cool to have the option to meet in person, or to join by Zoom if you're out of town or when the weather is bad? Wouldn't it be great to get some national speakers we couldn't otherwise get, even virtually, while still getting together at our usual spot? We're looking for some volunteers for a new committee – a tech squad – to help set up Zoom conferences in addition to our regular in-person meetings. We're looking for anyone with experience in AV, Zoom meetings, hardware like projectors/ wireless microphones/ speakers/ laptops, or anyone who wants to learn. Contact Ruth Montalvo or Michelle Power if you're interested.

2021 Fall Retreat Update

Debbie Stallings

Sign 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 or 248-941-1924

Membership

Sharyl Klettke

We are still growing! Great Lakes Heritage Quilt Guild is 132 members strong. This includes 21 new members for this year.

Charity Quilts

Bonnie Pennybacker and Maxine Pirtle

We have rescheduled our charity pick up for **Friday March 12, from 1 to 3 pm.** Our final pickup for the year will be Tuesday, June 8 from 2 to 4pm.

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March Calendar - Don't Miss Anything

Saturday	March 6		Last day to purchase Raffle Tickets for March
Tuesday	March 7	7pm	Guild Happy Hour
Wednesday	March 10	6-6:30	Raffle Quilt block drop off - The Last Day!
Thursday	March 11	noon	Email Show and Tell to Michelle Poser
Thursday	March 11	7pm	Guild Meeting with Mary Fons
Friday	March 12	1-3 pm	Charity pickup at the church
Tuesday	March 16	1-2pm	Haven pickup at the church