

# Heritage Happenings

## Great Lakes Heritage Quilter

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Thursday, September 9, 7pm  
Zoom Guild Meeting with Lilo Bowman!

## President's Perspective

Mary Sirianni

Hello GLHQ Members! Can you believe this is the start of our 29<sup>th</sup> year! Several of you have been around this Guild from the beginning, as have I. In my first year I was the Historian and took pictures of quilts and put them in albums that were brought to Guild every month. Back then I used this stuff called 'film' and it had to be 'developed' by a 'photo lab'. How times have changed with the ushering of the digital age!

Speaking of digital, we will be online using Zoom for all our meetings this year. Look for the email invite I will send out about a week before the Guild meeting and tag it, so you can find it. We are hoping to add in person meetings back in January. I know I miss seeing humans, as I am sure you do too. I heard that the June get together at the park was a great success, and I had the privilege of winning a quilt! Thanks to all who made blocks and entered, it was a great success and we made a little money from it.

A question I see asked frequently is what machine should I buy? Then I hear shock and awe when the price is revealed. Let me put you all at ease. None of you has bought the most expensive sewing machine. A sewing machine that once belonged to Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, Victoria, Empress Frederick (1840-1901), fetched \$34,298 at Christie's in London on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1997. Now go forth and buy whatever machine you want and soothe yourself with the fact that you are spending much less on your new machine than some sucker did on that old relic, which probably doesn't have needle up and down!

Happy Quilting!



### Happy Birthday to all those born in September!

9/01 Cheryl Murphy

9/07 Susan Delp

9/12 Marie DiFalco

9/12 Jane Raiger

9/14 Rose Kalisz

9/16 Kristi Holt

9/19 Barbara Gullett

9/19 Lynn Renkert

9/21 Joyce Montante

9/22 Donna Tarnas

9/26 Carolyn Lashchuk

9/27 Amy Rapoport

9/29 Jana Koch

## 2021-2022 Board

There is one advantage to our Guild meetings being held on zoom: each person has a name to go with the face. It makes who's who easier. Here are some names to put to faces at our next meeting:

President - Mary Sirianni  
1st VP - Michelle Power  
Co 2nd VP - Julie Kraus and Cheryl Murphy  
Treasurer - Sue Reed  
Corresponding Secretary - Debra Robinson / Sarah Bush  
Recording Secretary - Ann Woodman  
FundRaising - Donna Armstrong  
Newsletter - Kathleen Joseph  
Membership - Sharyl Klettke

## 2021 - 2022 Program News Michelle Power - 1st VP

Join us on **Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 7pm**, with an inspiring lecture via Zoom by **LILLO BOWMAN of The Quilt Show**, hosted online by Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims. She is their producer and organizer extraordinaire! Her lecture is entitled "*Love Where you Create*". As a military family, Lilo has had to relocate her creative spaces many times over, and therefore has developed some creative, budget-friendly ideas to make each space, even very small ones, work! Lilo is author of a book by the same name, published by CT Publishing. Pick up some great ideas on organizing your studio space without spending a fortune. Remember, if you can't find it--you can't use it!

## Show and Tell Virtually Michelle Power

Virtual show and tell is back for 2021-22 for all Zoom meetings!! Just like our in-person meetings, Show and Tell is a member favorite! Everyone loves having a "front row" view of your quilt. In case you are new or haven't joined us for a Zoom meeting, here's how it works: we create a PowerPoint presentation with pictures of Show and Tell quilts submitted **by noon** of our guild lecture day. Members email their picture(s) to Michelle Power ([michellepower06@yahoo.com](mailto:michellepower06@yahoo.com)). Many members send a picture of the overall quilt, the name of the quilt, a few details, maybe a close-up picture of the quilting or applique, and sometimes the back and label, too! When it's time for Show and Tell in our meeting (usually near the end), we have the presentation and each member has a chance to talk about their quilt on Zoom. If the member is not able to attend, Michelle will speak to the pictures as best she can! Sometime after the meeting, Michelle will create an album on our guild's chat page on Facebook, [Chat Page for Members of Great Lakes Heritage Quilters](#) so you can go back at your leisure and view the quilts... and maybe even get inspired for YOUR next Show and Tell!

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

# Get Social with GLHQ!

Michelle Power

We have many ways for you to stay up-to-date on happenings in the guild!

First, we have our **website**, <http://www.glhq.org>. This is the place where you can see who is coming to our guild, view current and past newsletters, find links to quilt shops and other interesting online sites, see who's who, download forms, and more!

Next, we have our guild's **Facebook Page**, <http://www.facebook.com/GLQuilters>. Think of this page as a dynamic Yellow Pages ad or the front door to our guild. It gives general information about our guild on Facebook so anybody can discover us! We typically post meeting dates and guest speaker information.

Once you are a member, you can ask to join our **Facebook Group** Chat Page for Members of the Great Lakes Heritage Quilters, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/qlhqchat>. THIS IS WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS!! We only allow members in this group. Think of this like an ongoing meeting space that's open 24/7. This is a great place to share cool quilting links, free patterns, show and tell, ta-dah's, ask for help or ask questions. Maybe you know of a quilt show coming up, a new shop, a sale, a sewing trick, a class or workshop coming up, a selfie at your favorite shop, or a stitch group shout-out... whatever! As long as it's quilting related and other members of our guild would enjoy it, you are encouraged to post it!

And lastly, we are also on Instagram! You can find us at: [greatlakesheritagequilters](https://www.instagram.com/greatlakesheritagequilters). We post more randomly here, and it's kind of like our Facebook Page (aka Yellow Book Page), but focusing more on pictures.

If you have any questions about these sites, please contact Suzanne Jones for our website, Sue Chase for Instagram, and Michelle Power or Sue Chase for our Facebook Page or Chat Group.

## 2021 Fall Retreat Update

Debbie Stallings

There are still spots available for the Fall retreat. It's a fun week. It is Sunday September 12th - Thursday September 16th. It gives you an excuse to sit and sew while not worrying about cleaning the house or cooking. Breakfast and dinner are supplied. If you want lunch you can go out and get it or just eat some of the delicious snacks people bring. Please contact Debbie Stallings 248-941-1924 if you are interested.

# Charity Quilts

Carol Koenig

Let me introduce myself. I'm Carol Koenig, the 21-22 charity quilt coordinator. I've been a member of GLHQ for 2 years and a quilter for about 5 years. I have always been involved in charity projects through my church and kids activities. I thought this would be a perfect fit for me. I live in Ortonville which I know is pretty far away from most of you. Mabelena's Quilt Shop is only a mile from my house. What a great reason for a road trip. I have a large supply of donated fabric, batting and labels. If you need anything please contact me. I'm happy to arrange to meet up. Contact me by phone or text 248-882-8817 or email carolkoenig.ck@gmail.com

We are hitting the ground running this year. The projects I have selected are

- Placemats for Meals on Wheels Oakland County.  
The Troy office services 500 clients. Therefore our goal is 500 placemats by October 28<sup>th</sup>. I will be in the church parking lot from 1-3 that day for drop off. The placemats can be any color or pattern approximately 14X18. Meals on Wheels would like to include the placemat in the Thanksgiving meal delivery.
- Mercy House Flint, MI  
Mercy house is a long term transitional house for homeless young mothers and their children. They provide safe, secure housing for up to 4 moms and their children from infants through age 12. They provide training for moms to physically care for and financially provide for their families. Each family has a bedroom. All the bedding is provided but it is very utilitarian. When I visited there a few months ago my "quilty sense" was tingling thinking of how we as quilters could enhance their rooms with colorful quilts.  
Quilts needed for Moms and kids (boys and girls) crib to twin size. I would love to provide enough quilts so that when a family moves out they can take their quilts with them.
- Heart to Heart Hospice Bingham Farms, MI  
We will continue to provide comfort quilts for clients in end of life care. Any size or style quilt is needed. I delivered 7 quilts to Heart to Heart last week. I received a message from them that they have already given out 1 quilt. They are planning on opening an inpatient facility this fall so there is even a greater opportunity for us to help them. They have a special program to honor veterans in hospice care. Please check your stash for red, white and blue fabric and make a special veteran quilt.

I have scheduled a drop off date for placemats, charity and challenge quilts. Brenda from **Mabelenas** quilt shop in Ortonville has graciously allowed us to gather in her classroom. Martha Stewart and I will be there **Thursday September from 12- 2 pm**. The second drop off date is **Thursday October 28 in the church parking lot. 1-3 pm**.

# Membership

Sharyl Klettke

We are still busy enrolling members. Keep those registrations coming! Our membership is at 85 members now but expecting to grow. Welcome to three brand new members: Sunny Howe, Marcia VanderBoek, and Kathy Frassetto. Thank you to those who sent in corrections to their membership dues as the website update was slower than their quick registrations.

# Workshops

Michelle Power

It's back to school time for the kids... and GLHQ Guild Members! We have two exciting workshops scheduled this fall. In October, we welcome Brita Nelson, who will be sharing a lecture on exciting patterns using a disappearing nine patch. Brita Nelson's workshop will help us learn this technique for nine different disappearing blocks by creating a sampler that measures approximately 39"x39". Quilters of all levels, art quilters, and traditionalists will find this class useful! The cost for this virtual workshop will be \$24, plus a pattern download from her site. Registrants will receive a discount code. The workshop will run from 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on Friday October 15 and Saturday October 16. Check out her website, <http://www.questioningquilter.com> for previews!

In November, we will feature Tina Curran! Her lecture will be a trunk show of beautiful quilts and her workshop will help us create a "Whimsical Garden" quilt top (29"x39") that can be completed in a day! This might make a great gift or provide something colorful to brighten up your space! All levels of quilters are welcome!! The cost for this virtual workshop will be \$33, plus optional pattern download. Registrants will receive a discount code. The workshop will run from 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on Friday November 12 and Saturday November 13. Check out her website, <http://www.tinacurran.com> for more information.

**Both workshops are ready for enrollments!!** Go to our website, <http://www.glhq.org>, PROGRAMS tab, then WORKSHOPS menu to download each workshop registration form. Keep in mind that both workshops are capped at 20 people. Enjoy the workshops from the comfort of your own sewing space, with nothing to lug around AND all your fabric and tools at your fingertips. At such a great price, we anticipate they will fill fast, so claim your front row seat today! Registrants will receive supply sheets and more details upon enrollment. Contact Michelle Power at [michellepower06@yahoo.com](mailto:michellepower06@yahoo.com) for questions.

## Follow up on the IHM Motherhouse Show

Donna Armstrong

The IHM Motherhouse in Monroe was delighted to showcase our members quilts. When Michelle and I set up the quilt show in July, several of the IHM sisters wandered through and were so excited with the quilts that were submitted. All of the residents were given the opportunity to vote for their favorite quilts. 128 votes were cast and after they were all tallied, here are the results:

- #1 - Julie Wickware - "Northern Wilderness"
- #2 - Michelle Power - "Shadow City French Braid"
- #3 - Beth Balog Colton - "Quarantine Sampler"

Honorable Mention:

- #1 - Carol Koenig - "Guardian Angel"
- #2 - Michelle Power - "Kites for Kendal"

Congratulations to all of our winners. The show will run through Labor Day. Be sure to check out the virtual show, if you haven't already done so!! See you in September!

# Recording Secretary

Ann Woodman

Welcome to the 2021/2022 Guild year! Besides taking minutes at board meetings, under my portfolio are the following committees: Free Table; Retreats; Travel; and Mystery Quilt Day. All are activities that members enjoy and look forward to! All require volunteers to make them happen. There are still some open spaces!

Debbie Stallings is the stellar organizer of this fall's retreat, and her report will be elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Free Table has previously only been at in person Guild meetings, and involves keeping it straightened up, and making sure nothing is left at the church at the end of the meeting, which involves bringing a trash bag and carrying the trash out if any member leaves anything. We did a small successful free table at the June get together as well. We anticipate returning to live meetings in April. Is there anyone interested in that job?

Since we do not know the Covid future it is hard to make a determination on the possibility of a spring trip near or far. If you are interested in pursuing this, let me know!

Best of all we anticipate the probability of having an in-person Mystery Quilt Day! Would your stitch group be interested in chairing this activity? Cheryl Boyle Murphy and her volunteers put on a fabulous virtual version. Are you game to work on an in-person version?

Please let me know if you are interested in any of these activities in any capacity - volunteers make them happen!



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# Haven

Andi Cushman

Greetings, and welcome back fellow quilters! I will be your representative with Haven this year. This guild has been very generous in the past and I know you'll be supportive again this year. I'm sure that through these crazy pandemic years Haven has been a saving grace to many. I encourage you to check out their website, [www.Haven-Oakland.org](http://www.Haven-Oakland.org), to see how wide ranging their help extends.

Since we're still meeting virtually I will be **at the church** to gather items from you on **Thursday, September 9th from 3-4pm** for those who want to drop off items.

Some of their current needs are as follows.

Boys underwear, paper towel, laundry soap, cleaning supplies, women's leggings (all sizes, especially large and plus), full size sheets, pots and pans, silverware, reusable plastic cups, bath towels, and boxed cereals.

A reminder that all donated items should be new and unused. Also, gift cards are always welcome!!

You can also check out the needs lists they have on their website on Amazon and Bed Bath and Beyond for ideas. You can call or text me at 248-330-3698 with any questions. Again, thank you for all you do!!

## Challenge

Martha Stewart

Please consider creating a charity quilt for our guild challenge. Our goal is LOTS of Charity quilts. If you have never given a charity quilt before, challenge yourself to make a wheelchair or crib size. These charity quilts will make a huge difference to many.

### Criteria:

#### **2 Fabrics or 2 Colors**

Minimum size 36 x 45 – No maximum size

Any pattern of your choice

Binding and backing are not included in 2 Fabric or 2 Color criteria

Project to be quilted and bound

Completed challenge quilts accepted at each in-person meeting\* and all

due by June, 2022 Guild Meeting

See attached photos for 2 fabrics and 2 colors criteria



\*If no in-person meeting is scheduled during any month, a collection/drop-off date will be set and communicated via email and on the guild member Facebook Chat page.

### FAQ:

- Can I submit more than one quilt? Absolutely, please do.
- Can I turn in a challenge quilt before June, 2022? Yes, I will have dates for drop-off collections when no in-person guild meetings are held. Watch for guild announcements on dates.
- How can I win a prize? As each quilt is turned in, your name will be put into a basket. In June three names will be drawn.
- What can I win? There will be three equal cash prizes at the June meeting

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- How will we see the Challenge quilts? As each quilt is turned in, I will take a photo with the member name submitting it. As quilts are turned in, I will pass them on to Charity. A PowerPoint presentation showing all the Challenge quilts will be shown (either on Zoom meeting or in-person). Photos of all Challenge quilts will be placed on our Guild Facebook Chat page following the end of Challenge, June, 2022.



Direct any questions to myself ([stewart\\_martha@msn.com](mailto:stewart_martha@msn.com)) or Shirley Vander Broek ([svb29@icloud.com](mailto:svb29@icloud.com)). Have fun with your creative project!

Pickup for Challenge and Charity, Thursday, Sept 30 from 12 to 2 p.m. at Mabelena's Quilt Shop, 470 Mill St, Ortonville.

Also Thursday, October 28th, 1 to 3 p.m. Birmingham Unitarian Church parking lot. Challenge and Charity.

## And Let's Not Forget Our Summer Birthdays

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### July

7/07 Carol Kelly  
 7/09 Krista Bentley  
 7/13 Lois Palmby  
 7/14 Joyce Cushing  
 7/16 Joellyn Partyka  
 7/18 Pat Pillot  
 7/20 Rehana Kapadia  
 7/21 Sarah Bush  
 7/21 Carol Brooks

### August

8/01 Udaya Nallamothu  
 8/01 Mary Sanders  
 8/05 Betty Fraser  
 8/05 Paula Griffis  
 8/05 Lynn Paruch  
 8/14 Midge Gebrowsky  
 8/15 Marcia Horan  
 8/20 Nancy Lawler  
 8/26 Diana Ratzlaff  
 8/27 Beth Colton  
 8/27 Linda Fitzpatrick  
 8/30 Kathy Frassetto  
 8/31 Claudia Tam

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## September/October Events

Thursday	September 9	Noon	Last chance to include your Show and Tell in the slideshow at tonight's Guild Meeting
Thursday	September 9	3-4pm	Haven Pick-up at the church
Thursday	September 9	7pm	Zoom Guild Meeting - Lilo Bowman
Sun-Thur	September 12-16		GLHQ Quilt Retreat
Thursday	September 30	12-2pm	Charity/Challenge pick up at Mabelena's Quilt Shop, 470 Mill St, Ortonville
Thurs-Sat	Sept. 30 - Oct. 2		Michigan Fiber Arts and Quilters Convention Blue Water Convention Center Port Huron, MI. <a href="http://www.michiganfiberartsandquiltersconvention.com">www.michiganfiberartsandquiltersconvention.com</a>
Thursday	October 14	Noon	Last chance to include your Show and Tell in the slideshow at tonight's Guild Meeting
Thursday	October 14	7pm	Zoom Guild Meeting with Brita Nelson
Fri & Sat	October 15 and 16	9:30-12:30	Two-Day Guild Workshop with Brita Nelson
Thursday	October 28	1-3pm	Charity Drop-Off and Challenge Drop-Off at the church