

# 25 YEARS OF QUILTING!



## LANSING AREA PATCHERS

January-February 2008

### And the Pres Says.....

**Happy New Year!!** And what a great year it will be. We are starting off with **John Putnam's** workshop, "Diamond In The Rough", and moving quickly on to **Kaye England** in March, the 2008 Quilt Show and **Helen Griffiths** in May. The Anniversary Challenge projects are due in February and there is a Schoolhouse Mini Demo in April. I hope you have your new calendars marked so that won't miss out on anything.

As busy as this year will be for all of us, I hope that your reflections of the past year hold many fond and treasured memories. I hope that you had **more "sugar" than "pepper"** in your life. And, I hope that you will remember those that helped you over "the bumps". The friendships we have made are enriching our lives and those around us. **The guild donated 485 doll quilts.** Already we have 24 quilts collected to give to Ele's Place. We are well on our way to filling the goals pledged for this year.

So take a moment, sit down, put up your feet and, of course, **let's sew!** Welcome New Year! We are ready!

Thanks. See you in February. *Ruth Kressler*

### From the Executive Board:

As we continue to get new members the Executive Board thought it would be a good idea to clarify the guild's policies on the **LAP library.**

The following will be added to the LAP House Rules:

To **check out a book** from the library, remove the card from the inside front cover of the book. Write your name, phone number, and the date checked out on the card. Then place the card in the front of the black plastic file box on the book table. Books are due to be returned at the next meeting.

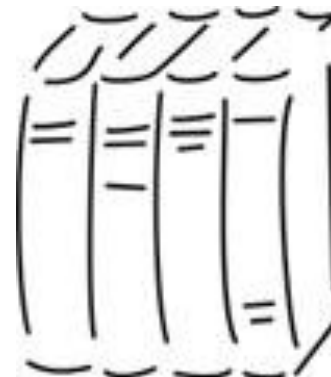
When you **return a book**, please place the book on top of the file cabinet so that the librarian can put the sign-out card back in to the book.

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### From the Executive Board (cont.)

If you have a **late return**, please return the book to the top of the library cabinet, with the late fee tucked in to the card pocket, in the inside front cover of the book. Books are considered late if they are returned later than the next scheduled monthly LAP meeting. **The late fee is \$1.00 per month per late book.**

Please limit your selection of **new books** to one per month, so that others may enjoy them.



### LAP's Executive Board & Committees 2007-2008

#### Executive Officers

President	.....	Ruth Kressler
Past President	.....	Chris McEnhill
Vice President	.....	Linda Nelson
Secretary	.....	Jean Kaufmann
Treasurer	.....	Carol Schon

#### Committees

Program	.....	Jan Lee Asmann
Co-Program	.....	Judy Wells
Membership	.....	Michelle Allen
Librarian	.....	Ann McNitt
Historian	.....	Norine Antuck
Sunshine	.....	Ruby Post
Service Projects	.....	Carolyn Babcock
Welcome	.....	Van Rothenberger/ Chris McEnhill
Newsletter	.....	Denise McGinn
Website	.....	Linda Nelson
Anniversary	.....	Linda Kuhlman
Raffle Quilt	.....	Linda Nelson

## Sunshine Committee



If you know of anyone in the guild who is experiencing illness, surgery, or just needs a word of encouragement, please contact Ruby Post. We don't want to miss anyone so please give Ruby a call at 517-323-3201 or email [postrp@comcast.net](mailto:postrp@comcast.net).

Thank you!

## Service Projects

On Friday, December 7, Major Alice Scott of the Salvation Army picked up ALL of the doll quilts our guild had made for 2007. This year the LAP members were able to contribute **485 doll quilts!!** We exceeded our goal of 400! Everyone who was able to make and give these doll quilts should be very pleased with such an effort.

At the last guild meeting, I collected several quilts for Ele's Place. So far we have made 24 and are well on our way to meet and exceed the guild's goal of 25. Any extra quilts that are donated and not used are given to children who are hospice patients. All of the quilts that our guild makes and donates are greatly appreciated by Ele's Place. Quilts that will be given to Ele's Place must be ready no later than our guild meeting in May. There is lots of time left now that winter has arrived. I have muslin backing and batting for the Ele's Place quilts for anyone who requests it. Please email me at [ckbabcock@comcast.net](mailto:ckbabcock@comcast.net) or call 517-321-5827. Merry Christmas to everyone and thank you for all of the wonderful quilt donations!



*Carolyn Babcock*  
Service Projects

# Raffle Tickets

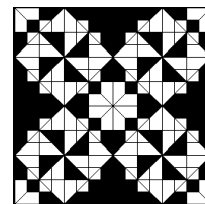
If you haven't sold your LAP raffle tickets, please turn them in to Linda Nelson at the January meeting. We will try to sell them at the LAP quilt show in March!

## Guidelines for Quilt Hanging

As we prepare for our 2008 LAP quilt show, there are a few guidelines we would like to remind you of, regarding hanging sleeves, labels, etc.

The hanging bays measure 8' x 8' x 8'. If your quilt is longer than 90", please adjust the position of the hanging sleeve (down from the top), so the quilt will not drape on the floor. If you choose to have the sleeve at the top of the quilt, it is your responsibility to pin up the bottom of the quilt. If your quilt is wider than 90", we ask that you use a split sleeve --- leaving an 8" gap in the center. This will allow us to hang the quilt around an interior corner of the bay. Quilt sleeves should finish at least 4" wide and should extend to within 1" of the edges of the quilt. Wall quilts may very well be pinned to hanging drapes, but they should still have a sleeve that finishes at least 2" wide to accommodate a dowel or slat.

We also ask that all quilts have a label on the lower right corner (as you face the front side of the quilt). This label should include your name and the name of your quilt. Each quilt should be individually packaged in a pillowcase or fabric bag (no plastic). On the outside of the pillowcase please have a label (either fabric or paper) firmly attached. This label should include your name and address, name of the quilt, the size of the quilt and whether it is part of a group project or from a class or workshop. We hope to have the opportunity to pre-hang the smaller quilts and plan locations to hang appropriate quilts together.



Get your commit to hang forms in to Barbara Logan now! So far we only have 8. A form is attached to this newsletter! Barbara is going on vacation and needs them right away.

We thank you, in advance, for your cooperation. If you have questions, please contact Carol Schon at [quiltschon@worldnet.att.net](mailto:quiltschon@worldnet.att.net) or 517-372-0421.

**FOR THE LOVE OF QUILTING**  
**Quilt Show**  
**March 15-16, 2008**  
*Haslett High School*

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 15, 10AM to 4PM** and **Sunday, March 16, 10AM to 3PM** for the 2008 LAP Quilt Show.

Set up will, of course, be Friday, March 14. We'll be in the game gym this time instead of the front practice gym and will have to wait until the school's booster club spreads the tarp on the game floor before we can begin our set-up.



The quilt show can't happen without the help of all guild members. Last year we had an amazing turn out of volunteers. We are hoping for the same this year. Check your schedules to determine when you can help out, and be ready to sign up on the volunteer sheets that will be passed around at the January and February meetings.

Don't forget that all LAP members are asked to prepare baked goods for the bake sale. We ask that you make two dozen items, and package them 2 items per package. Please label what the items are on each package. You can drop them off at the High School during set up or the morning of the show. If you can't make it, send them with a friend.

### Upcoming Programs

January 3	John Putnam – Trunk Show		
January 5	John Putnam – “Diamond in the Rough” Workshop (9 am-4pm)		
February 7	Anniversary Challenge Display/Show and Tell/Quilt Show Discussion		
March 6	Kaye England Presentation	May 1	Helen Griffiths – Quilting Tips and Techniques for sweatshirts and other garments
March 7	Kaye England Workshop		
March 8	Kaye England Workshop		
April 3	Schoolhouse (station to station – mini demo night)	June 5	Pot Luck

### New LAP Website Coordinator

For the past two years our website designer has been Denise McGinn's son Shad Taylor. Shad owns a part-time business in Chicago named Electronic Tiger Technology and was giving LAP a much discounted rate for his services. In December, LAP member Linda Nelson's husband offered to make changes and update the website, when needed, for free. The Executive Board voted at the December meeting to accept his offer. If you have things that you would like added to the website, or notice something that is out-of-date, please let Linda Nelson know. You can contact her at [lindanelson@comcast.net](mailto:lindanelson@comcast.net) or 517-339-1893.

Visit the website at **[www.lansingareapatchers.com](http://www.lansingareapatchers.com)**.



### **Reminders**

- If you have a skill that you would like to demonstrate at our quilt show, we have time slots available. Both vendors and guild members may sign up. Please let Linda Kuhlman (321-2666 or [kuhlquilter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kuhlquilter@sbcglobal.net)) know if you can share your talents with the adoring public.
- Now that the bustle of the holidays has passed you should have some time on your hands. Please take some of that time to make a quilt for our **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge** – one that depicts 25 years of longevity of the Lansing Area Patchers. There is no size limitation – or minimum, for that matter – any technique – this could be an excuse to try a new medium or pattern that you have wanted to experiment with. **These quilts are due at our February meeting.** We want to hang them together at our show – so please fill out a commit to hang form for them, with a note that they are part of the 25th anniversary challenge.
- Turn in your **Silent Auction** donations to **Ruby Post** as part of our fund raising effort for the show.
- If you have item(s) that would be appropriate for “**Door Prizes**” to be given to attendees at the upcoming LAP quilt show, and you would like donate them, please bring them to the next three guild meetings. Place the items in the box, just inside the entrance (upstairs as you enter the church). By having the box upstairs, it eliminates carrying them up the steps.

# LANSING AREA PATCHERS

P.O. Box 80652, Lansing, MI 48908

Meets at 7:15 p.m. on the first  
Thursday  
of the month, September through  
June, at  
Bretton Woods Covenant Church,  
925 Bretton Rd., Lansing, Michigan.  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Meeting  
begins at 7:15 p.m.



*Lansing Area Patchers*

Email newsletter information  
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## Upcoming Events in Other Areas

### 2008

#### Need a New Calendar for 2008?

Check out the new 2008 Best Quilt  
Designs calendar at  
[www.2008quiltcalendar.com](http://www.2008quiltcalendar.com)



#### January 21, 2008

Martin Luther King Day Reception for Quilts and Human Rights  
Exhibit

Michigan State University Museum, East Lansing, MI  
Contact: Mary Worrall, 517-432-4118 or [worrall@msu.edu](mailto:worrall@msu.edu)

#### March 15-16, 2008

For the Love of Quilting Quilt Show  
Lansing Area Patchers  
Haslett High School, Haslett, MI  
[www.lansingareapatchers.com](http://www.lansingareapatchers.com)

#### April 11-13, 2008

International Quilt Festival/Chicago  
[www.quilts.com/home/](http://www.quilts.com/home/)

### 2008

#### April 23-28, 2008

AQS Paducah Show  
Paducah, Kentucky  
[www.americanquilter.com](http://www.americanquilter.com)

#### September 11-14, 2008

Michigan Quilt Network Showcase  
Lansing, MI  
<http://www.michquiltnetwork.org>

#### October 3-5, 2008

Quilts on the Grand 2008  
West Michigan Quilters Guild, Grand Rapids, MI  
[http://www.wmqg.org/quilt\\_show.htm](http://www.wmqg.org/quilt_show.htm)

If you hear of a quilt show or special quilt event, please email  
it to [threemcginn@aol.com](mailto:threemcginn@aol.com) or call Denise McGinn at 517-333-  
3607 so it can be shared with other guild members.

Thanks to everyone that has donated a door prize this special  
year for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We do not (as of this writing)  
have a car for a door prize.