



September – October 2009

The President Says



Keep the Ball Rolling.....

That is what I was told when Ruth Kressler passed the “President’s Ball” to me. I had no idea LAP even had a “President’s Ball.” Linda Kuhlman created it during her term as President, and I feel honored to be the fourth LAP President to receive it. During my term, I need to cover it with my own fabric selection, and then I’ll toss it to the new incoming President at the end of my term, so that they can **“keep the ball rolling.”**

I’m excited about the upcoming quilt year. With a fabric challenge, a mystery quilt, our charity quilts, and a quilt show, we will definitely stay busy.

I’m hoping that I’ll get a good chunk of my projects done at the Around the Block Quilt Shop’s retreat in Tustin on Sept. 10-13th. I can get more quilting done in four days at the retreat than I can do in four months at home. I also love stopping at Elm Creek in Farwell, and can’t wait to purchase lots of fabric on the way there and on the way home.

We still have a few volunteer opportunities, so be sure to read this issue to find out how you can help!

The board thinks it would be nice if we had someone (or a couple someone’s that could take turns) to serve as a **“greeter”** at meetings. These greeters would welcome members as they arrive, remind them to sign in, put their name tags on, give pincushions to guests, and remind everyone to turn off phones. If you are interested in serving as a greeter, please let me know.

This year we will be trying field trips to local quilt stores and quilt shows. We would car pool there, have lunch, do some shopping, and just have **FUN!** The first one will take place on Friday, **October 16th**, and we will go to the Around the Block Quilt Shop in Portland, and then have lunch in Portland. We will meet in the Lansing Mall Parking Lot, behind Younkers, at 10 am. Based on the number of people that sign up, we will determine how many will need to drive. I will volunteer my van that can hold 6. We have no specific end time, but if we eat lunch at noon, we should be back by 3:30 pm. This is not structured, but just a fun day of shopping with friends, and very, very flexible.

I looked up the definition of FUN, and it says “something that provides amusement or enjoyment”, and I sure do enjoy seeing the beautiful quilts that our LAP members make. I enjoy hearing all your quilt stories, and I can’t wait for the new guild year to start!

Denise McGinn
LAP President

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Meeting Information and Dates

LAP meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Bretton Woods Covenant Church, 925 Bretton Road, Delta Township.

September 3	October 1
November 5	December 6
January 7	February 4
March 4	April 1
May 6	June 3

Board meetings are held every other month and are scheduled for:

October 19	December 21
February 15	April 12
June 21	

Information and articles for the newsletters are due to Jan Lee Asmann, jasmann@sbcglobal.net on the following Thursday.

October 22	December 24
February 18	April 15
June 24	

New Members



LAP has added six new members for the 2009-2010 year. This year the new members will have a mentor to help them find their way through our guild and become better acquainted faster. At the September meeting please welcome:

Suzanne Bonjour	Kathy Gommesen
Elaine Hewitt	Chris Keppel
Mary McCulloch	Jackie Shulsky.

Membership List

The 2009-2010 Membership List can be found on the web site or as an attachment in addition to this newsletter. If you need a hard copy please contact Michelle Allen, 517-331-1336 quiltsnacks2@yahoo.com

From the Executive Board

Guild Supplies

Many guild members are in possession of guild owned supplies. In this newsletter we have attached an inventory of those supplies. If you no longer have an item that is listed in your care, please let us know what happened to the item(s), so we can update the inventory.

Please do not dispose of guild supplies. If you can no longer house the item(s), please let the guild President know so other arrangements can be made.

Treasurer Update



A new Expense Reimbursement Form has been created and members are now asked to complete this form when asking to be reimbursed for a purchase or expense

made on behalf of LAP. Please be sure to save receipts as you will need to turn them in with the completed the form.

The Expense Reimbursement Form will be available on the LAP website at www.lansingareapatchers.com as well as from the Treasurer, Kay Parkhouse

Programs

Our October meeting is presented by Brenda Lee Fandrei from Lee's Lines. Brenda is a fabric artist and designer. She will cover the history of Crazy Quilting, types of fabric, embellishments used in Victorian art forms, and share her trunk show of Crazy Quilts.

October Workshop

October 3rd at Foster Community Center, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Brenda and her daughter, Krista, will teach a beginning and an intermediate class in hand embroidery in the morning. Beginners will cover basic embroidery stitches that are the foundation of Crazy Quilting and stitch a journal of basic stitches. Intermediate students will cover more advanced stitches.

In the afternoon we will design a Crazy Quilt creation using different fabrics making a pillow top. This should be a fun and new experience for some of us. Remember NO sewing machines needed. Sign-up sheets will be at the September meeting. After that, please contact Shirley Waldrop, 517-626-6216, cell: 517-449-0325 jdwsjw@aol.com

Upcoming presentations include Dan Burke in November and Ami Sims in the spring. A complete program list will be handed out at the September meeting.

Workshop Fees Raised

The Board voted at the August 17, 2009 board meeting, to raise workshop fees for members to \$30.00 per workshop. Non member rates will remain at \$35.00. All existing cancellation policies remain in affect.

Phone Tree

We will be eliminating the LAP phone tree. Instead we will notify members of emergency situations by email and by the website. Please check your email before guild meetings to make sure a meeting has not been cancelled. We have had a situation where a meeting had to be cancelled not related to weather, so check your email if the weather is good. Those without e-mail will be contacted by phone.

Name Change

The Board agreed to give the "House Rules" a new name. They will now be called "Operating Procedures".

LAP Website Information

Come to the LAP website at www.lansingareapatchers.com to discover useful topics, such as the LAP newsletter, mystery quilt instructions, meeting information, quilt show information, any LAP form, pictures, and additional information as



it becomes available. Return to the site often to find updates. This is one way for us to communicate so if you have problems with the site or suggestions please contact Linda Nelson, lindanelson@comcast.net or her husband Ron at ronnelson@aol.com Both welcome and want your comments!

The Blog

The blog will be used again this year but with a different look. I will post a general quilting question/s each month for our discussion. This month's question is posted on the blog at lansingareapatchers.wordpress.com. If you have suggestions for topics please send them to me or give them to me at a guild meeting.

Need more info about how to access or navigate the website or the blog. Ron Nelson will be at the September LAP meeting giving a presentation to assist us with using the LAP website and also the blog.

Service Projects



LAP has two service projects. We make doll quilts for the Salvation Army to give with wooden doll beds at Christmas.

Doll quilt sizes are 18"x25" made without batting to be soft and pliable. Our commitment for 2009 is 400 quilts by the December LAP meeting. At the moment we have 111.

LAP also makes quilts for the children at Ele's Place. Sizes for these quilts are: 42"x60." Last year we contributed 37, but our commitment is 25, due to Georgiana Viele by May. We hope to hang some of these quilts at our Quilt Show. The public should see how much beautiful work goes into these donations.

Quilt Show Business

Door Prizes

Donations for door prizes to be given at the May Quilt Show are needed now so we know how many we need to add. We will accept new/nearly new books, sewing accessories, gadgets, notions, or

anything else you might like to donate. A box will be at each meeting for collection. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Carole Rasmussen, 347-1853, john.s.rasmussen@comcast.net

Silent Auction

Carolyn Babcock has started collecting items for the silent auction at our quilt show in May. So far we have 20 great items, both big and small. Right now we are in need of smaller items such as hot pads, coasters, mini-wallets, etc. Since the economy is difficult for many people right now, we are hoping that some smaller, less expensive items will enable more bidders. The goal is to collect about 60 items.

UFO Rescue

The 2010 Quilt Show Committee has proposed this new booth for the May show. Here is a way to get unfinished objects (UFO's) out of your house and off your guilt list. Take a look at your UFOs and admit to yourself which ones you know you'll never ever finish. It doesn't matter why. Maybe you got stuck with a technique, misplaced the pattern, ran out of one of the fabrics, inherited someone else's UFO, simply lost interest, or have a couple of orphan blocks that didn't make it into a quilt top or an entire quilt including the fabric to finish it all the way to the binding. Package these up in a way that clearly displays all the pieces and parts, including the pattern if it's available. Use a ziplock bag, a shoe box with the fabrics displayed on edge or the clear plastic bags that bed linens come in. Fill out the "UFO Rescue Form" as completely as you can. Clearly display the inventory form in the package and turn it all into Chris McEnhill.

Find the form on the web site on the LAP website at www.lansingareapatchers.com or get one at the meeting from Chris.

After helping sort through a couple of different estates the past few years, trust me, your children will truly thank you for purging before you “kick the bucket.” One person’s UFO can be another person’s treasure and think of all the precious memories it could be making somewhere else instead of sitting at the bottom of your closet tied up in a plastic bag.

Please Announce It

If your quilts are going to be featured at a quilt shop, library, show, or anywhere else, please let Linda Nelson and Jan Asmann know so that they can put something in the newsletter and on the website so that guild members can come view your quilts and show their support.

Upcoming Events



Here’s a list of many event around the Great Lakes Area,

<http://museum.msu.edu/gllc/online newsletter.html>

“Fall into Quilts”

10 am to 4 pm
October 2-3, 2009

First Congregational Church
5449 Clarkston Road, east of Sashabaw
Clarkston, MI

Nearly 200 quilts will be exhibited. A needlework boutique, quilt raffle, door prizes and vendor mall, people’s choice award are also planned. Admission is \$5.

Lunch will be available. For more info: Linda Britton, 248-625-7977, candlbritton@comcast.net, or Coleen Merte, 248-303-8410, cmerte@comcast.net.

Festival of Quilts and Crafts

10 am – 4 pm
October 2-3, 2009

Dearborn First United Methodist Church,
22124 Garrison, Dearborn, MI 48124

Vendors, Demonstrations, Silent Auction Luncheon, Enter the Miniature Quilt Contest, Submit quilted items- clothing, purses, home décor. Submit challenge pieces, charity quilts, whatever....

For more information contact kkaroub@gmail.com

Quilt Expo – Des Moines, Iowa

Air Bear Travel Deluxe Motorcoach
Tour

October 27 – November 1st

Includes: Transportation, 2 nights hotel enroute, 3 nights at show (full breakfast included at hotel), Visit to nearby Fons & Porter Quilt Shop
\$599 per person double occupancy.
Contact Sharon Parr, Keeping the Piece Quilt Guild, 906-635-5408

Looking to put together a quilt retreat? Contact Denise McGinn, LAP President at threemcgins@aol.com
She has a file of Retreat Centers that are interested in hosting quilt retreats.