

# 25 YEARS OF QUILTING!



## LANSING AREA PATCHERS

March-April 2008

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

Well time is really flying. Here we are already into the third month of the year. Like most of you, I am scrambling around to finish those last minute projects for the Quilt Show.

**John Putman's Trunk Show** and Workshop was a huge success. It helped to warm up January. February gave us lots of weather extremes-snow, rain, ice, temps in the 40's and wind chills below zero. We have survived it all! March is going to be every bit as busy for us. **Kaye England** will be here with her presentation and two workshops. Close on her heels will be the **Quilt Show**.

From the last report it sounds like things are falling into place. However, we are short more than 15 volunteers on Sunday. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please check your calendars and come to the March meeting with an idea of when you would be able to help. It will be a great time for all.

Then, before you know it, **Spring** will really be here with all her warm temperatures and balmy weather. The sun will shine more and the days will seem to get longer. As we traverse through the next busy weeks, take a moment to look in the garden under the snow. The crocus's are coming up. The tips of tulips and daffodils are breaking through the ground. This is a true sign of faith and hope that things will change. May the next few months, though they be hectic at times, see you reach your goals and **savor life**.



Happy quilting!

*Ruth Kressler*

### Dinner with Kaye England

Several members have expressed an interest in going to dinner with Kaye England prior to the March 6<sup>th</sup> guild meeting. Join other members and Kaye at 5:00-5:15 p.m. at:

#### Vinaigrettes

940 Elmwood Road, Lansing



### New Quilt Store

Wendy's Simple Stitches, 517-545-0555  
1122 Pinckney Road, Howell, Michigan  
(D-19 about 1/4 mile North of I96 on the West side)

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

#### Executive Officers

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Raffle Quilt	.....	Linda Nelson

## Team Japan is On Their Way!

In case you haven't heard, six of the eight ladies of Team Japan's Quilt Queens are coming to LAP's quilt show. They've only got 3 ½ days here so we're trying to expose them to as much American culture as we can without overwhelming them. Liz Borajkiewicz will be renting a van to transport them as a group since we'll be busy working the show during the day. Each morning they will have breakfast with their host families, lunch wherever they happen to be and dinner each evening with different guild members. Sure hope you take the opportunity to meet them when they're at the quilt show each morning. Their tentative schedule is:

**Thursday** afternoon, settling into their host homes for a few hours, attending a 'color' demo at Everlasting Stitches followed by a demo/hands-on playing on the longarm quilting frame and of course shopping at a small 'quilt shop'.

**Friday** has them at MSU doing a Quilt Viewing with Beth Donaldson and the Quilt Queens will pick the quilts they want to see via the www before they arrive. After lunch, they will experience a large quilt shop at Country Stitches.

After dinner, they'll be at Haslett HS observing and helping with the set-up of our show. (Their show is not a fund raiser so they do not have raffle quilts, silent auctions, vendors, bake sales, etc.)

**Saturday** morning will find them at our show. They'll go to The National Quilt Day event in Holt for the afternoon. After dinner, they will be treated to a Stack-n-Whack Show and Tell per their request. They just recently heard of this technique and it's a difficult concept to explain over the phone. If you have a stack-n-whack project that you'd let me borrow for the evening, bring it to the March guild meeting. Please label with your name so I can remember who it belongs to.

**Sunday** morning back to the show. If they want to go shopping at the malls, Liz will take them in the afternoon. Late afternoon they will experience a hands-on demo of maple sap boil off to make syrup, weather permitting. That evening there will be an American style potluck hosted by Team USA with a dual theme of MSU tailgate party and Easter dinner.

**Monday** morning will be the maple syrup back-up date if the weather is bad on Sunday, or if the ladies still want to shop, off to Portland to Around the Block or souvenir shopping, and then back to the airport for their afternoon flight back to Chicago.

*Chris McEnhill*

## 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!

## Upcoming Programs

March 6: Kaye England Presentation  
 March 7-8: Kaye England Workshops  
 April 3: Mini Demo Night  
 May 1: Helen Griffiths Presentation  
 June 6: Potluck

## Update your Membership Roster

Therese Sprague has a new email address:  
[Tasprague6039@att.net](mailto:Tasprague6039@att.net)

## Silent Auction

The numbers for this year's quilt show silent auction donations are really down from the past several shows. There's still time for you to make something and donate it right up to the time of the show. Monies earned from this event help to pay for our speakers and workshop teachers. All of you benefit from the teaching of these people. I know that several of the people who have already donated have put in more than one of the 20 items received so far. That's a rather sad percentage of our 70 members who have participated in this fund raising event. There's still plenty of time to make a table runner or baby quilt. They're usually good sellers.

*Chris McEnhill*

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE ITEMS FOR THE QUILT SHOW DOOR PRIZES. DONATION BOX WILL BE AT THE MARCH GUILD MEETING**



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# Quilt Show

## Date and Time

**March 15-16, 2008** (Haslett High School)

Saturday: 10am to 4pm    Sunday: 10am to 3pm

## Set Up

Set up will be Friday, March 14. We're in the game gym this time 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. We will start to pre-hang the smaller quilts, on the hanging drapes, at 3:00 pm, in the Viking Room at the high school. The poles will arrive at 6:00 pm. We can use lots of help to set up and take down the show. As in most things, "many hands make light work". Thank you for your cooperation.

## Hanging Sleeve

**Sew your sleeves to within 1 inch of the edge so your quilt will not sag at the corners.**

**\*If your quilt is less than 90 inches wide but longer than 96 inches**, you have 2 choices for how you want your quilt displayed.

**A.** Place the hanging sleeve 90 inches from the bottom of the quilt. This will allow the top to fold over and in back of the top pole and will display the bottom border of your quilt.

–OR–

**B.** Place the hanging sleeve at the top of the quilt and fold the bottom edge of your quilt up by either basting it or pinning it so that the quilt hangs no longer than 90 inches. This will display the top border of your quilt.

**\*If your quilt is over 90 inches in both width and length**, you also have 2 choices.

**A.** Make sure your sleeve is 4 ½-5 inches deep so the width can be gathered on the top pole. You will need to pin or baste the length to 90 inches to prevent it from dragging on the floor.

**B.** If you have techniques at the top of your quilt that you want clearly displayed, then you will need to have a break in your sleeve to allow it to wrap around the corner of the bay. At the **TOP OF YOUR QUILT** apply a 90 inch sleeve starting at one edge of your quilt. Leave at least an 8 inch gap and apply another shorter length of sleeve continuing on to the other edge of your quilt. Each section of the sleeve will be threaded onto 2 different poles allowing the quilt to wrap around the inside corner of the bay. It doesn't matter whether you leave the gap on the right or left side of your quilt. You will need to turn up the bottom edge of your quilt to hang a total of 90 inches by either pinning or basting.

## Raffle Tickets

If you haven't sold your LAP raffle tickets, please turn them in to Van Rothenberger at the March meeting. We will try to sell them at the Quilt Show. Also turn any money in from raffle ticket sales to Van.

## Demo's

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) know if you can share your talents with the adoring public.

## Bake Sale

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.

## Quilt Drop Off

Quilts can be dropped off with the following members:

**Norine Antuck**, Lansing, MI (484-8607)

**Maxine Litzinger**, East Lansing, MI (337-2749)

**Georgiana Viele**, South Lansing (372-4862)

**Sue Ziel**, Lansing (886-8481)

Maxine has indicated that she would be willing to pick them up at the March guild meeting or at the March 8<sup>th</sup> Kaye England workshop, or any other time, but call first. Be sure to check with each drop off location for a convenient time and to be sure they are home.

It will be helpful to you, if you use an easily identified fabric case (as opposed to the common white pillowcase), so you can quickly find your quilts, when it is time to pick them up. Remember that your name, telephone number and the name of the quilt should also be written, in some manner, on the case. I usually just write it on a piece of muslin and baste it to the hem of the case. At the time for pick up, please be patient and make sure that the member, where you dropped off your quilts, knows that you're taking yours.

## 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  
to Denise McGinn, newsletter editor,  
at: [threemcginns@aol.com](mailto:threemcginns@aol.com)

## Upcoming Events in Other Areas

### 2008

#### **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)



#### **March 28-29, 2008**

Oakland County Quilt Guild' s Quilt Celebration 2008  
First Baptist Church, Lake Orion, MI  
Contact: <http://www.members.tripod.com/ocqg/>

#### **March 29, 2008**

" Ugly Quilts" Quiltmaking Day  
Quilts & Human Rights Exhibit, MSU Museum, East Lansing,  
MI  
[http://museum.msu.edu/Exhibitions/Current/quilts\\_and\\_hu  
man\\_rights.html](http://museum.msu.edu/Exhibitions/Current/quilts_and_hu<br/>man_rights.html)

#### **August 23-October 25, 2008**

Quilt Exhibit – Birmingham Historical Museum  
Birmingham, MI. Contact Ann Larson, 248-642-2817  
<http://www.ci.birmingham.mi.us/home/index.asp?page=501>

### 2008

#### **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)

#### **October 4-5, 2008**

Helping Hands Quilting Marathon  
Quilters Against Cancer, Fremont, MI  
[www.quiltersagainstcancer.com](http://www.quiltersagainstcancer.com)

#### **October 20-25, 2008**

Trunk Show of East African Quilts  
Ailsa Craig, Ontario (one hour from Port Huron)  
<http://www.cotton-by-post.com/notions3.htm>

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