

25 YEARS OF QUILTING!



LANSING AREA PATCHERS

November-December 2007

And the Pres Says.....

The Fall of the year is upon us once again with all it's beautiful colors. When I need inspiration for my quilting projects I only need to walk out my front door. Even the rainy days contain beauty. The "lazy days of summer" have rapidly become the "busy days of fall".

So, it is appropriate that the holiday season approaches. As we quickly finish projects which are intended to be gifts let's remember to stop and pause for a minute. Take a deep breath. Think of all the wonderful things that come to each of us every day and give thanks. One of the best things about this time of year is not looking toward an ending but looking forward to new beginnings.

May the Peace, Love and Serenity of the season fill your homes and hearts. Happy Holidays!

Ruth Kressler
LAP President

From the Executive Board:

As we begin another year of workshops the Executive Board thought it would be a good idea to clarify the guild's policy on workshop refunds. New members, as well as continuing members, have been confused about what LAP's current policy is. At the October board meeting a new policy was passed. The policy is:

"Refunds will be granted for workshops only if the registrant's spot can be filled."

This enables LAP to meet the obligations of the workshop presenter based on the commitment made by the members of the guild. Members will be reminded of the policy when they sign up for workshops.



A Look Back In Time...by Ruby Post

1. LAP was incorporated in 1992 as a means of protection for the guild and officers in the event of loss or damage to someone's quilt.
2. The quilt show in 1998 had 93% participation of guild members and there were more than 100 large bed size quilts with a total of 276 quilted items all together.
3. When LAP was first organized in late 1982, meetings were scheduled to meet both the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. That soon became too much and was then reduced to just the 1st Thursday of the month.



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
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Membership	Michelle Allen
Librarian	Ann McNitt
Historian	Norine Antuck
Sunshine	.....	Ruby Post
Service Projects	.....	Carolyn Babcock
Welcome	.....	Van Rothenberger/ Chris McEnhill
Newsletter/ Website	.....	Denise McGinn
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.

Thank you!

Service Projects

The guild is nearing the goal of 400 doll quilts that was set last February! So far I have received 343, and since we will have a doll quilt workshop at the November meeting, our goal will certainly be reached. All of the doll quilts to be donated this year to the Salvation Army Scheffel Toy Project will need to be given to me by the end of the December meeting. Just as a reminder, the finished size of the doll quilt should be 18" x 22".



LAP members have also donated 15 Ele's Place quilts so far this year. The annual goal is 25 but we have always exceeded that total, and I'm sure this year will be no different. Quilts are for the children's grief camp sponsored by Ele's Place. Each child attending the camp will receive a quilt of their own to take home at the end of camp. The camp is held the first week in June and all quilts must be received at the end of the May guild meeting. There is plenty of time to sew after the Christmas rush, while we wait for spring. The finished size for these quilts should be approximately 48" x 60".

I have plenty of batting and muslin for backings for anyone who needs it. Contact me at 517-321-5827 or email ckbabcock@comcast.net. Thank you, thank you to all of the members who have donated quilts!

Carolyn Babcock
Service Projects

PROGRAM REMINDER

The November LAP meeting is a sewing meeting. You should bring your sewing machine, cutting mat, rotary cutter, ruler, thread, and fabric to make baby quilts. If you like to tie the quilts, bring embroidery floss and needles.

2 fat quarters = 1 quilt (double sided)
3 fat quarters = 3 tops only
3 half yards = 6 different tops
flannel backing for each quilt

There are kits available, if you choose to sew but not bring fabric, or you can take kits home to complete before the December deadline. There will be a workshop at the Foster Center on Saturday, November 3, 9 am to 4 pm, to sew and finish doll quilts with Louise Mueller.

January Workshop

The January workshop is with **John Putnam**. He will instruct us in the **Diamonds in the Rough** pattern. There is an attachment to this newsletter with instructions, fabric amounts, and a photo of the quilt. These will be at the November meeting, also. Because of the potluck in December, the sign-up sheet will be at the November meeting. Please be prepared to pay \$25.00 when you sign up.

Tidbits...

Linda Kuhlman showed a cute flip flop wall hanging made by painting little feet at the Oct. meeting. Many more ideas can be found in the book "**Calendar Kids, Handprint Quilts through the Year**, by *Marcia Layton*".

LAP member **Kay Nichols** has a new book out "**Wonderful 1 Fabric Quilts**". You can find it at your local quilt shop.

Make changes in your directory...

Lennie Rathbun email to quilter224@comcast.net

Michelle Allen phone number to 517-331-1336 (they are dropping their home number, this is their cell)

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 for the tarp to be spread on the game floor before we can begin our set-up.

All the committees are chaired except the **Bake Sale**. Give either Van Rothenberger or Chris McEnhill as call if you'd be willing to take that task for the weekend of the show.

Turn in your **Silent Auction** donations to **Ruby Post** as part of our fund raising effort for the show.

Do you have a notion that you bought and have never gotten around to opening and using? How about a book or pattern that you just couldn't resist and then found that you already had it at home. Bought fabric for a project and then changed your mind and it's been sitting on the shelf for years. Get them off your guilt list and donate them to the guild to use as **Door Prizes** for our guests attending the quilt show in March. Bring them in to **Judy Wells**. This is a good excuse to sort through your sewing space and purge the 'like new' items from your stash.



Speaking of **Door prizes**. There were several people who stepped up to the plate and volunteered to help out with the duties for the door prize and volunteer packet activities when Brenda Millett became ill. By chance, does any one have the **manila envelope** containing all the addresses and form letters for the list of manufacturers and shop owners who donated merchandise to our show in 2006? Please take the time to look if you helped out so **Judy Wells** doesn't have to recreate all that info from scratch.

Michigan State University Giant Fabric Sale Report

In Feb. of 2004, Suzanne Handel generously donated her fabric stash to the Great Lakes Quilt Center. She was a former quilt shop employee in Indianapolis where she amassed a fantastic stash. She moved to Okemos, MI, when her eyesight began to fail to be near her family. She wanted us to sell her fabric and donate the money for the quilts at the MSU Museum.

After the required waiting period (museum rules), we held the sale on September 22, 2006, at the MSU Auditorium. It was a beautiful autumn day and we made over \$7,770 for our collections! We sold 1/3 of our inventory, so we are now brainstorming for the next sale.

The MSU Museum thanks all the volunteers who came out to help and make this day a success: Louise Mueller, Carole Davis, Fran Mort, Liz Cardinal, Mary Harvey, Cindy Mielock, Janet Munn, Rosemary Spatafora, Carolyn Warfield, Jean Carlson, Jan Gagliano, Judy Wells, Barb Worthington, Betty Wilson, Melissa Bloomfield, Sophie Wood, Shirley Linn, and Pat Trumble.

Support your local Quilt Shops

For those of you that do not know about **Everlasting Stitches** it is in the NE corner of Holt Rd and Aurelius Rd, and you are in for a pleasant surprise. It is owned and operated by **Pam Henrys**. She is always so friendly and helpful and willing to work with you, make special orders, etc. She has been very supportive of LAP and is extremely generous in the discounts she gives us for items purchased for LAP use such as library books, FQ's for sunshine, raffle quilt, etc. Pam's husband is an excellent woodworker and makes many items for sale in the shop such as thread cabinets and a chair side sewing cabinet.

The **first Saturday of each month** she has special sales. Precut FQ's are always \$1.25 (\$1.50 for Batiks) on that day, as well as a generous discount on yardage. Larger cuts and 'finish a bolt' are even more generous on her 1st Saturday sale. Books & patterns are 25% off. She has several sales that she rotates and sometimes starts the 1st Saturday sales on Friday!

Pam has a long arm quilting machine that she rents out very reasonably and, if you use it to quilt a **charity quilt** it is extra reasonable.

Quilt shops are important to us and it is important that we support them. See you at the 1st Saturday Sale in Holt!



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

2007-2008

November 1-4, 2007

International Quilt Festival/Houston
www.quilts.com/home/



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

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For the Love of Quilting Quilt Show
Lansing Area Patchers
Haslett High School, Haslett, MI
www.lansingareapatchers.com

April 11-13, 2008

International Quilt Festival/Chicago
www.quilts.com/home/

2008

April 23-28, 2008

AQS Paducah Show
Paducah, Kentucky
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

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

Thank you **LAVENDER & PEONIES** Quilt Shop on South
Bridge Street, in DeWitt, for the 20% off coupon provided to
guild members in October for Kaffe Fassett and Amy Butler
fabrics.