

# Heritage Happenings

Great Lakes Heritage Quilters

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## *Well are your creative juices flowing yet?*

President's Message, Liz Hunsanger

Have you started developing a new creative habit? It is never too late to change things up a bit. Remember, it takes at least 30 days for a new "habit" to take root. Be patient with yourself. Old habits are hard to break. Some suggestions for your creative side:

- Sign up for a class -- we have some great ones coming your way this year.
- Start up a small sewing group.
- Mentor a new quilter.
- Set aside time every day for quilting or any other creative project.

- Start a project using colors out of your "safe zone."
- Try a new technique.
- Teach someone what you have learned.
- Bring a friend to a guild meeting.

Just by jumping in with both feet, you will create a splash!

Reminder: Board Meetings are generally the Thursday following the guild meeting @ Pudge's Restaurant at Long Lake (18 Mile) and Rochester Road in Troy @ 6:30 P.M. All are welcome.

Have a great month!

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice President—Sue Chase

### A MAGICAL BEGINNING

In 1992, something special began. Our guild. I was there that first night. It was a magical experience. The very first evening, almost 100 people signed up. One hundred! After that first beginning, we met monthly. We did fun things I had never thought of before--world charm square exchanges, block of the month, workshops, small stitch group. Friendships began to form. We suffered growing pains; how do we do this? how do we do that?

When we had our first QUILT DAY, the night before was like Christmas Eve as a child-- I couldn't sleep. I kept looking at the clock. Then, we were together, from 9am to 9pm. We blew fuses out at the Kingsley Inn at least twice. Giving rise to careful control of how many irons we had at an event. Running special events smoothed out over the years. We grew strong---and have been at full capacity of 150 the last 4-5 years. We developed a reputation for being friendly, for having a GREAT speaker program.

Look at each other at the October meeting and smile! Wish each other a "Happy Anniversary!" Greet someone that you don't know, stop to talk. Feel wonderful. Because we are **GREAT LAKES HERITAGE QUILTERS**, and we weren't born yesterday--- we were born TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO!



### October Birthdays:

**Kelli Butcher  
Sandra Carter  
Susan Chase  
Kyrras Conrad  
Mindy Dawson  
Theresa Elson  
Kimberly Heath  
Liz Hunsanger  
Judy Mandziara  
Janet Peceny  
Pam Thompson**

### Bill Kerr of Modern Quilt Studio--Lecture Trunk Show

#### Details Matter

We are very fortunate to be hosting BILL KERR, who is co-owner of MODERN QUILT STUDIO with his wife WEEKS RINGLE. They are quilt pattern designers, publishers of both books and magazines, and are also fabric designers. In addition to the afore mentioned roles, they teach and lecture around the world. BILL is bringing lots of quilts for us to see and touch, and products from their shop for us to purchase. Modern Quilt Studio accept credit cards, cash and checks, so come prepared. Whatever your personal style of quilting, you will learn so much! Come join us—the evening is going to be so interesting and fun!

Have you made a QUILT from a Modern Quilt Studio workshop, book or pattern? Please bring it to OCTOBER SHOW & TELL-----Bill Kerr will enjoy that so much. Let's let our AWESOMENESS show!

# Holiday Auction

## December Live Auction for Haven

The Live Auction at the December guild meeting is going to be so much fun. We already have some wonderful offers of items and services for you to bid on and can't wait to see what sort of thing you come up with. Once again, here are some examples of what we're looking for:

Items such as quilts, any kind of goodie filled basket, movie tickets, gift certificates, etc. Are you known for your lemon meringue pie or shortbread cookies? Offer your specialty served on a festive plate. Do you have a special skill? Offer up your expertise. Join with a friend or stitch group and see what you can come up with. The more people that participate the more fun it will be. Put on your thinking caps and come up with something different and fun.

We would like to have 10 to 12 items of various values so that there is something for everyone. 100% of the profits will go to Haven and all donations are tax deductible.

As I mentioned last month, we need to know exactly what the items are well before the auction. Unfortunately, we won't be able to use everything offered and will have to limit the number of items. **Please submit a description of your potential item to me by November 1<sup>st</sup>** (the sooner the better), and I will let you know if we can use it by the November guild meeting. Please text, email or call me with the description and value (please include a photo if applicable). Contact me if you have any questions.

Diane Ladue

248-798-7970 (texting is acceptable)

dladue@me.com

## Membership

September's meeting was well attended. We had 13 guests attend and 92 members!

As of today, we have 138 members that have renewed their memberships. Sixteen members from last year have not renewed. I sent out a reminder, but now their openings are on a first come first served basis. I have notified everyone on our waitlist of the openings and I am waiting for their forms and money to arrive. If you know of someone who hasn't renewed, please encourage them to get in touch with me as I will be working on the new roster this week. See you at the October meeting.

Andi Cushman  
Membership  
248-330-3698

## Cookbooks

GLHQ Cookbook Sale-NOW \$3 or 2 for \$5

Our GLHQ cookbooks are now available for an unbelievable price of \$3 or 2 for \$5!!!

At this price, they would make a perfect gift for everyone on your holiday list!!! Better yet, buy one for your husband or significant other so he/she can do the cooking and that allows you more time to quilt!!! We still have plenty of books available. Give me a call! I will deliver or you can pick one or two cookbooks up at the door prize table!

Joyce Cushing 248-646-2956

## Charity

At the September meeting, members donated 11 quilts, 12 pillowcases, and 1 top and a back, so it just needs to be quilted.

Some of these items will go to Heart to Heart Hospice and the others to Haven.

At the retreat, 22 blocks were pieced to make one quilt top. Four pillowcases were made and 4 quilt tops were made and donated.

Sandy Kaufman 248-646-1972

## Free Table

**Yes, it's really free....**

We had a near swap meet at the free table last month.

If you found more items you wish to re-home, bring them to the Oct 12th meeting. The free table will be ready.

Please be sure to check the table before leaving and pick up any of your items that are not claimed. Thank you for participating!

Nancy Hughson



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## Done is Good – The Challenge Quilt

During our monthly guild meetings, members share gorgeous quilts they have completed. The smiles show how much we enjoy these finished works of art.

The benefits of quilting are many. Being surrounded by others with a similar passion and bright colors elevates our moods. Quilting with its repetitive motions has a meditative quality that is both relaxing and allows us to forget about our worries. Quilting stretches our problem-solving skills, it can offer us new challenges that makes our lives more interesting. We realize a sense of satisfaction and achievement when we finish a quilt.

Done is GOOD, so finish a quilt and enter it in the annual Challenge Quilt during our June 2018 meeting.

The Challenge Quilt Rules are simple:

1. Complete an unfinished quilt from a Great Lakes Heritage Guild Workshop, Mystery Day, BOMs or past Challenge quilt.  
This year's workshops and Mystery quilt qualify, too.
2. You can submit up to two quilts
  - a. Small category 30" x 30" or less, (if not square, 900 square inches or less)
  - b. Large category - over 30" x 30" (if not square, more than 900 square inches)
3. Bring it to the June 2018 Guild Meeting.

Looking forward to seeing all those finished quilts!

Any questions, contact **Patti Kreh**.



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## MOTIVATOR OF THE MONTH:

### Putting it all to use

Today is your chance to do what you can, when you can, with what you have. Even the most difficult, complicated achievements come to life by completing one step at a time.

You're smart enough to accept that whatever you're doing will require some time and effort. Now is your opportunity to invest that time, to make that effort.

You already know the challenges will require persistence and diligence. And you've already discovered you have what it takes to keep going.

There's always something you can do. And even if the going gets slow, you go ahead, because it's a whole lot better than falling behind.

With every effort, new options open to you. With every moment, the momentum grows stronger.

You have purpose, desire, integrity, ability and a love of making good things happen. On this day filled with unique possibility, enjoy putting it all to use.

— Ralph Marston

<http://greatday.com/motivate/170916.html#tX5kWJGeGGZrDKb2.99>

## FALL RETREAT 2017

The Fall Retreat was held at Lake Huron Retreat Center in Burtchville, MI (north of Port Huron). Twenty quilters attended. It was a very successful retreat with several charity tops and pillowcases completed. Each participant completed a charity block, which Sandy collected to have someone make into a quilt. Quilters enjoyed good shopping, met the Crazy Canucks from Toronto, Canada, who were on a quilting retreat. The Crazy Canucks also expressed interest in our Missouri Star trip. Our quilters utilized both conference rooms with ten quilters in each room, which allowed all to have plenty of space.

The 2018 retreat is reserved. There appears to be enough interest to still have the retreat as well as the Missouri Star trip. The dates for the next retreat are September 24-27, 2018. And, if you can't make it for that one, the 2019 dates are September 16-19. It's such a gorgeous venue; we must snap up the dates very early. A huge thank you to Martha Stewart, who has volunteered to be the contact for the 2018 retreat.

Kathleen Joseph

## Oct. 12th Meeting at 7:00

**Birmingham Unitarian Church**  
**On Woodward near Lone Pine Rd**  
**Bloomfield Hills MI 48304**

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## Checklist

- ✓ Name tag
- ✓ Your mug or cup for beverage
- ✓ Haven donation
- ✓ Charity
- ✓ Show and Tell—Modern Quilt Studio?
- ✓ Your checkbook or cash to pay for workshops or items from Modern Quilt Studio.