

# Heritage Happenings



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## President's Perspective

Betsy Koss [betsyquilts@comcast.net](mailto:betsyquilts@comcast.net)

The March 15th program on Alabama quilts at the Henry Ford Museum got me to thinking. What we saw there were quilts made from the most simple elements; old aprons, dresses, lingerie too! So I had to wonder at a life so poor and simple that I'd have to wait for my husband's blue jeans to wear out so I could get a quilt top finished! Hmm. What we saw were some strong, graphic quilts that were just great. The hand quilting meandered over their surfaces in a free and quick manner, giving them a lively and spontaneous look. My thoughts? Sometimes, we do our best work when we are challenged. Maybe the challenge is matching color to some antique blocks, or placing them together in a pleasing way. If your thing is working in a group, maybe it's getting those 18 matching blocks done every month! It could be drafting a block from memory, or whatever stretches your brain cells and puts your personal stamp on your work. I think it is good for me and you.

If you haven't filled out a survey yet please go to website make one up and bring it to the April guild, please. I'll have some there if you need.

## A Note From The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Mary Jo Spina [pauls1@comcast.net](mailto:pauls1@comcast.net)

I hope everyone enjoyed Laura Wasilowski's musical lecture last month. Laura's slideshow featuring new lyrics for golden oldies was really entertaining and there was lots of laughter from the audience.

This month Jo Morton will describe how choosing fabric carefully is the key to making quilts that look old. Jo specializes in creating small quilts that have the feel of those made in the 1800s and will share several of them with us at her lecture. Jo was included in the Early American Life Directory of American Traditional Crafts for many years, designs for Andover Fabrics, has written over a dozen quilting books, was

featured on Simply Quilts and has had pieces published in numerous quilting magazines.

Learn how Jo combines a wide variety of fabrics to make a small quilt as well as how she pieces and presses her work in Friday's workshop. On Saturday, Jo will teach us how to machine piece 6-inch, 8-pointed stars accurately and how to combine them to make a small quilt inspired by an antique crib quilt. There are openings in both workshops.

## Upcoming Events

### April 10, 2008

- Jo Morton, Nebraska  
"Making Something That Looks Olde"
- **4/11 Workshop**  
"Hattie's Scrappy Hourglass Quilt"
- **4/12 Workshop**  
"Somewhere in Time"

### May 8, 2008

- Laura Rodin,  
Michigan "T-Shirt Quilts"

### June 12, 2008 (6:30 start)

- Potluck
- Elections
- Book, Pattern and Magazine Sale
- Challenge Quilts

## Stitches of Devotion

Erin Ransom [www.elkhartcountyhistoricalmuseum.blogspot.com](http://www.elkhartcountyhistoricalmuseum.blogspot.com)

My name is Erin Ransom. I am on staff at the Elkhart County Historical Museum. We are excited to announce that our new exhibit "Stitches of Devotion: Quilts and Coverlets of Elkhart County" will open to the public on April 20. It is our hope that you will pass this information on to your fellow quilters. We would love to host a group if that would be of interest to you.

For more information on what we have done to prepare for this exhibit visit our website listed above.

It may also be of interest to you that the Elkhart County Convention and Visitors Bureau is hosting a Quilt Garden and Mural Tour that begins in may. A link to their website can be found on ours.

## This Little Piggy...

Barbara Fowler [dbfowler@comcast.net](mailto:dbfowler@comcast.net)

The last chance to cut Charity quilt kits from this FABULOUS STASH of fabric sitting in my basement. Come to 931 S. Shady Hollow, Bloomfield Hills, on MONDAY, APRIL 21. The cutting room will be opened from 10 am 'till 4 pm. (I get time out for lunch!) There is also a new supply of batting to go with the kits and if you are working on a charity quilt

and need batting, call anytime you need for a pick-up.

My street is the 3rd block N. of 16/Big Beaver and west off Adams, 4th house on the N. side. Phone #248-646-3658. Give me a call if possible but come even if you didn't call, we'll have a job for you!

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# Jo Morton Lecture & Workshops

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Jo has been creating small quilts with the charm of the antique since 1985. She uses color and fine stitchery to give her quilts the feeling of being made in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Using an antique quilt's color and/or design as a source of inspiration, Jo creates an interpretation – a quilt that might have existed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

## Hattie's Scrappy Hourglass Quilt

Friday, April 11, 2008 10am – 4pm

Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Effective scrap quilts can be a problem. Let Jo help you choose fabric to make this scrappy quilt reminiscent of a late 19<sup>th</sup> century piece. Students will pair fabrics to make this wonderful vintage 37" x 37" re-creation scrap quilt. Learn Jo's piecing technique and pressing tips to make assembly a breeze. Shown on the front cover of Olde is New Again.

## Somewhere in Time

Saturday April 12, 2008 10am – 4pm

Berkley Public Library, 3155 Coolidge Hwy, Berkley, MI 48072

Learn to piece 6" LeMoyne (8 pointed) stars with your sewing machine. Jo likes to call it hand piecing by machine. Inspired by an antique crib quilt, Jo made hers much larger (66" x 66"). Pressing tips will be included. Shown on the back cover of Hearthside Stars.

**NOTE: Workshops are in two different locations.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Hattie's Scrappy Hourglass Quilt April 11, 2008 \$50 members, \$60 non-members

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Somewhere in Time April 12, 2008 \$50 members, \$60 non-members

Total Payment enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Haven

Cathy Labrie and Diana Ratzlaff

Each month our guild collects items to assist victims of domestic abuse. Any items are appreciated! Look for the collection area near the back of the meeting area, near the windows.

Here's a list of this month's and the upcoming months' collections:

**April** - Coffee, tea, creamer, sugar and powdered drinks (such as Kool Aid, lemonade, and iced tea) Gatorade, juice.

**May** - With sun upon us let's donate sunscreen, sun hats and flip-flops for Moms and their kids.

**June** - Wind up the year with personal care items for hair, teeth and skin.



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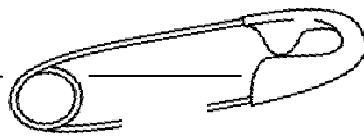
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## Thursday, April 10, 2008 Meeting

**When:** 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Birmingham Unitarian Church  
38651 Woodward Avenue  
(Woodward and Lone Pine)  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

**Don't Forget:**

- Name Tag
- HAVEN Beverage Item
- Charity Quilts
- Show and Tell
- Favorite Tip or Technique
- Cup/Mug
- Completed Survey

**Snacks:**

Betty Fraser  
Martha Hale  
Diana Pagotto  
Sue Chase  
Pam Hoffman  
Nancy Hooper  
Patty D.  
Monica  
Karen Moore  
Denise Jewell

**Drinks:**

Gitta  
Marilyn Cohen  
Lydia Hampton  
BJ Pepper

**Ice:**

Lucy

*Deadline for May Newsletter is FRIDAY, April 18, 2008*



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