



Heritage Happenings

Volume 18, Issue 8
April, 2010

President's Perspective

Lynne Bryant LynneMBryant@comcast.net>

I admit I am obsessed. I have spent the last month playing with my new Cricut Expression. This is a machine that looks like a computer printer and was invented for scrap bookers. It cuts paper into A LOT of different shapes. Some genius figured out how to use it to cut out fabric. I am not going to defend the fact that I no longer have to cut the shapes for appliquéing on to a quilt. This machine will do it for me. Each appliqué is perfect and identical (if that is the way you want them). You can also change sizes from ¼ inch to 24 inches. You can reverse the shapes, also. Wanda Nash and Meena Schaldenbrand brought two examples of quilts cut by the Cricut to the last guild meeting.

The discovery of the Cricut makes me as happy as when I was introduced to the rotary cutter. There are drawbacks. You have to back your fabric with "Heat and Bond Ultra". I suspect that Sulky will come up with an alternative eventually. But, right now, I would not want to use it for a soft baby quilt. Since I do mostly wall hangings, it is not a problem for me.

Plus, you have to buy these design cartridges that can be pretty pricey if you don't get them online. Each cartridge has about 100 different designs on them, but the cartridges are aimed more at scrap bookers than quilters. This will change as soon as the manufacturers recognize the quilting market.

As usual, nothing quilters do is cheap. JoAnn's sells the Cricut for about \$300 - \$400. It does come with some starter cartridges. The cartridges can be as high as \$90. I got mine machine online for \$180 but I had to buy a cartridge for \$24.

Meanwhile, I continue to happily stare for hours at the blade cutting my fabric into perfect hearts, flowers, leaves, trees, circles, squares, letters and numbers. Life is good.

Year At a Glance

(WEB info on Pg. 7)

**April 8: KAT CAMPAU: Lecture
Workshops: See Pg. 7**

**May 13: w/ PAMELA ALLEN*:
Lecture-
Workshops: See Pg. 7**

**June 10: Guild Activity,
Potluck, and elections**

**June 11-12: w/Gwen Marston:
Workshop only: See Pg. 7**

**For questions regarding
registration please contact
Kathy Swanteck via email at:
Wswanteck@aol.com. Put
GLHQ WORKSHOPS in caps in
the subject line.**

**** Please note that the
teachers with * after their
names have not been in this
area before. These workshops
may fill quickly, so don't wait
to sign up!**

Raffle Quilt

The Tale of the Travelling Raffle Quilt

The quilt has had guest appearances at two quilt get-a-ways! Do you have a place the quilt can travel to?

Remember, the raffle quilt is a fundraiser and must, you know, raise funds. Help out by showing the quilt and selling tickets! Any questions? Call Ann Woodman at 248-629-7011. annwoodman@comcast.net



Guild Members

There will be a general membership vote taken on Thursday, June 10, 2010 to raise membership dues to \$40 per member.

Through the years the dues have never been raised despite the fact that all of the guild expenses have increased. Every effort has been made to keep costs at a minimum. However, most of the expenses are out of our control. Speaker fees are no longer \$100 - \$200 as in the past. Speaker fees have risen to \$600 - \$800 depending on the speaker. Speakers also require hotel accommodations as opposed to staying in quilters homes. In many instances airfare is incurred to bring quality speakers to our guild. When possible these costs are shared with other guilds in the area, but even paying half of the airfare and hotel accommodations is expensive. Costs to print and mail the newsletter have increased. Room rentals have also increased. Funds have also been allocated to support our donations of quilts to local groups. These are some of our expense items but not all. Many members donate their time and resources to stay within the guild budget. Our fundraisers, the December Boutique and the raffle quilt are the main source of income to supplement the dues which are used for guild expenses. **To maintain the quality of speakers and guild functions please vote yes to raise the dues to \$40. Thank you.**



Devine Quilters

Longarm Quilting Service

Jackie Jaskot & Maureen Magadanz
2346 London Bridge # 64 Rochester Hills, MI 48307
Phone: 248-894-8060 / 734-459-0740 Email: mmagadanz@sbcglobal.net

BIRTHDAYS : April

Lucille O'Connor	4/2
Mary Wilson	4/6
Jane Mullin	4/7
Lillian Wojtys	4/7
Gloria Knotts	4/15
Lydia Hampton	4/16
Ruth Montalvo	4/17
Ann Woodman	4/21
Kathy Brunner	4/22

Hospitality : Joyce Montante,
 <jhmjmm@comcast.net>
 Ruth Montalvo, Jean York

Thank you everyone who contributed to our buffet table in March. A great array of food was enjoyed by all.

If you did not sign up for the April meeting and wish to bring something, you are welcome to do so. PLEASE remember to bring your cups and plates. Go GREEN, save the environment.

Hospitality Sign In Sheet April, 2010	
SNACKS	VEGGIE/DIP
Diane Ladue	Betsy Koss
Suzanne Jones	GOODIES
Diana Payotte	Eilene Still
Wanda Nash	Jean Usner
FRUIT	Carol Behling
Dolly Traicoff	
Martha Hale	
Paula Griffis	
L. Coy Kendall	
DESSERT	DRINKS
Robin Cushing	Barbara Fowler
Lavanya Reddy	Kathy Brunner
Cathy McIntee	Janet Peciny
	Patti Balsinger
ICE	OTHER
Robin Cushing	

2009-2010 GLHQ QUILT CHALLENGE REMINDER:

Simple, Easy and Fun! Only 4 simple rules.

Make a quilt that is:

1. Blue and White/Cream. Any tint, shade or value of blue will work.
2. You may add ONE additional color if you like. For example, if you want to add yellow you can select several different fabrics to use, as long as they are yellow.
3. The circumference of the quilt cannot exceed 350". For example, a miniature would qualify, as would a twin size quilt (72" x 90".)
4. The quilt must be totally finished and exclusively the work of one current guild member.

Charity--HAVEN

Cathy Labrie and Barb Fowler

Haven is very appreciative of what our Guild has provided to mothers and their children over the years and we are proud to deliver any donations that our members provide. Please provide only new items. Thank you all for your generous support!

Please Bring in:	
Apr	Baby products from skin care to diapers/wipes
May	Paper products
June	Flip flops, hats, sunglasses and sunscreen!!

Nominating Committee Sue Chase—Corresponding Secretary Jamie Watson and Betsy Koss

Your Guild Needs You!

Details on positions and sign-up sheets will be near the refreshments.

If you think you may be interested, please let us know—we would love to hear from you! It is a great way to meet new friends and help determine activities for our guild. Do you have ideas for speakers or field trips? Would you like to see us host a quilt show again? Give us your voice by serving on the board. Are you a current board member or committee chair who is willing to serve in that capacity again, or would like to try something new? Please let me know. Get involved! We would love to have YOU! You can approach any current board member with your questions.

Charity: Patti Balsinger, Fran Mills, Jo Cassar and group

We took in 10 finished quilts at the March meeting. Several tops went out to be finished. If you have a charity quilt started please finish it and bring it to the April meeting. Coming up in May, we will be supplying a minimum of 25 baby quilts to the Oakland County Medical Society's, Healthy Start Healthy Family baby shower in Pontiac. Keep those finished quilts coming.

Thanks to all that have already turned them in to us.

The Charity Committee

Quick as a Wink Sunflower Quilt Workshop

Kat Campau

Friday, April 9, 2010

9:00am – 4:00pm

Birmingham Unitarian Church

You should be able to nearly finish this 12” square art quilt either from your own pattern or using Kat’s Sunflower pattern shown below. The process uses free hand cutting and spur of the moment techniques. You can use fabrics from your cotton stash or dig into those velvets, laces and shiny remnants you have lying around. No kits, patterns or fabric to buy.

There is no fusing, glues or patterns. You cut the shapes and lay tulle (bridal netting) over them, pinning them down with

straight pins. Then, you sew over the piece to hold the petals and leaves in place.

This class uses a stream of consciousness approach allowing your right brain to make the decisions. The larger the variety of your scraps, the better your results will be. You need to bring scrap pieces of dark, medium and light fabrics giving you a variety of different values. You could even use your black and white collection or make a poinsettia for next December.



Heritage Happenings

Volume 18, Issue 8

April, 2010

Kat Campau

Art quilter, purse knitter, mosaic maker, paper and fabric collagist, crazy embroidery stitcher, beader, teacher, and interested in learning how to do more. Kat makes ATCs, fused glass items, felt stitchery, seasonal banners, bead embroidered jewelry, etc....

REGISTRATION FORM

____ **Quick as a Wink Sunflowers - All Levels**

Friday, April 9, 2010

Birmingham Unitarian Church at Woodward and Lone Pine Road

9am – 4pm



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

___ Guild member # _____

___ Non-Guild member

Fee: \$45

Please make check payable to: **Great Lakes Heritage Quilters (GLHQ)**

Mail registration form and payment to:
Kathy Swantek; 1262 Player Dr; Troy, MI; 48085

Please note: Workshop fees are non-refundable.

WILL SEW

Diane Ladue and Joyce Cushing

dladue@comcast.net, joycemcushing@aol.com

TWO TWO TWO TWOMONTHS.....

that's all the time left until the June meeting . Have you been working on your project?

Since some of you are just starting your WILL SEW – WITH CONSEQUENCES this is a reminder of this year's rules.

In September and October remember when YOU:

1. Brought in a project(s) that you'd already started but hadn't had the incentive to finish. You know the one I'm talking about, you love it but it keeps getting pushed to the back while you work on things for other people.
2. Filled out the form that told the description and history of the project, i.e., did you start it in a workshop, who you're making it for, was it part of a series, maybe why it's not finished.
3. YOU DID NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE FORM, we gave you a number.
4. Once the projects were displayed with the form, members bid fat quarters on whichever projects they wanted to see finished.

COMING IN TWO MONTHS!!

5. IN JUNE, 2010:
 - a. Projects must be completely finished including the binding and ready to display at the June meeting.
 - b. If you finish your project you get the fabric that was bid on your quilt.
6. HERE'S THE NEW PART:
 - a. If you don't finish you must give the number of fat quarters that were pledged to everyone who bid on yours and all the fat quarters they brought will be put in a lottery for one lucky participant.
 - b. You may set a limit on the number of pledges for your project if you wish.
 - c. All fabric must be quilt shop quality 100% cotton.
7. SO TO PARTICIPATE:
 - a. You had to register your unfinished project at the September and/or October meeting.
 - b. Any questions call: Diane Ladue – 248-798-7970 or Joyce Cushing 248-646-2956

SALES OPPORTUNITY

June Meeting, 2010

The GLHQ Board received a request from a member to sell her commercial patterns at a meeting. It was decided that at the June meeting, guild members who have a business may sell items such as patterns or display their work to promote their long arm quilting business. This will take place in the Pavillion as the June meeting is crowded for space. At

this meeting there are tables for the Potluck, the Challenge Quilts display, and the “Will Sew For Fabric” display of finished quilts. Since there will be a cost to rent the Pavillion, the member vendors will be charged \$20. It is felt that there will be interest from members in this new activity. Interested member vendors can contact Jean Usner.

Membership Updates:

JoyceHarlan@gmail.com
248-203-9278

Date	Speaker	Workshop	Title of Workshop	WEB Page
3/11/10	Dianne S. Hire*	Thur. 3/11/10	Come Play With Me	http://dhquiltsandclasses.blogspot.com/
		Fri. 3/12/10	Five Easy Pieces	
4/8/10	Kat Campau	Fri. 4/9/10	Quick as a Wink Sunflower	www.katcampau.com
5/13/10	Pamela Allen*	Thur. 5/13/10	Still Life is not Boring	http://pamelart.homestead.com/titlepage.html
		Fri. 5/14/10	Fantastic Fabric Faces	
		Sat. 5/15/10	Under the Influence	
6/10/10	Guild Activity	Potluck, Elections		
6/11/10 6/12/10	Gwenn Marston	Quilt Designs and Marking Quilts without Templates	2 Day Workshop only:	



Great Lakes Heritage Quilters
Debby Tesch
1098 Snead Dr.
Troy, MI 48085
GLHQNewsletter@aol.com

Note to all Board members: The April Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00pm at Jean Usner's home.

Thursday, April 8, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Birmingham Unitarian Church
On Woodward near Lone Pine Rd.

Deadline for May Newsletter articles:
April 14, 2010
Email to: GLHQNewsletter@aol.com

Checklist for April

- Haven donation
- Workshop Fees
- Name Tag
- Show and Tell Items
- Mug, Plates
- Money For Raffle Quilt Tickets
- Goodies