



Heritage Happenings

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President's Perspective

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Some months I seem to write this article in five minutes, others I end up sitting down at 11:30 on the night it is due and wondering what I could possibly have to say. It is 9:00pm and I still don't know. The good news is that I am making some progress on my quilts.

I had a 4' x 8' Formica top designed and made to sit on top of my sewing table. Now my sewing surface is flush with my sewing machine. The top is built so all my machines will fit into it. The first thing I did was gaze at the pristine surface. It is shiny, it is clean, it is inspiring.

The next thing I did was put about six coats of paste car wax on the surface. This is a trick I learned a while back from someone in the automotive industry. OK, maybe three coats would have been enough. My scissors were the first of many things to go careening across table. I caught them just before they fell off the edge and embedded in the floor (again).

The good news is that this top is **amazing**. Whole quilts glide effortless under my presser foot. I have stopped using those really bad words when my quilts get stuck on edge of those plastic extension tables. My back and shoulders don't hurt, my stitches are more even and I finished two quilt tops in two days. My charity quilt will actually be done by the next meeting. Life is good!

Raffle Quilt

Remember, this is our major fundraiser! Could some of you who attend more than one guild offer to take the quilt to a meeting before June? Please let me know what dates you could do this to allow me to schedule the quilt appearances around them. Thank you!

Ann Woodman, 248 - 629 - 7011



Year At a Glance

(WEB info on Pg. 7)

**February 11: W/ BECKY MAGNUS:
Lecture & Trunk Show**

**March 11: w/ DIANNE S. HIRE*:
Lecture-
Workshops: See 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!**

CHARITY: Patti Ballsinger, Fran Mills, Joe Cassar and group

Fourteen quilts were delivered to the Haven in Jan.

CHARITY QUILT ROUND UP.....Now we need a count of all the kids quilts that are yet to be turned in. If you have a quilt in progress that you will be turning in please let us know at the charity table. We need this information so that we can decide if another charity sewing day should be scheduled to make more quilts. If you have a finished quilt PLEASE bring it to the Feb. meeting.

Thanks so much! Keep sewing!

The Charity Committee



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

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

If you did not sign up for the February 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.

See you in February with hearts and flowers.

Hospitality Sign In Sheet February 2010	
SNACKS	VEGGIE/DIP
Elaine Stein	Pam Hoffman
Barbara Fowler	Barbara Gittleman
Maureen Magadanz	Lavanya Reddy
FRUIT	GOODIES
Gitta Welch	Cindy Fitch
Fran Mills	Martha Hale
Jamie Watson	
DESSERT	DRINKS
Diana Pagotti	Mary Jo Houck
Ailene Still	Jannette Deszell
Robin Cushing	B. J. Pepper
	Phyllis Coykendall
	Sheila Johnson
ICE	OTHER
Robin Cushing	

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Membership Updates

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Your Guild Needs You!

YES, members, it is that time once again! It is time to start thinking about filling our board positions and committee chairs for next year.

Information detailing the positions and sign-up sheets will be available starting this month 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.

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:	
Feb	Personal hygiene products, oral and hair care products
Mar	Women and children's underwear, plus sizes welcome! Toddler Pull-ups,

Dianne Hire

Award winning quilter, Dianne Hire graduated from college with an English degree with minors in French and Philosophy, followed by 17 years as a buyer for haute couture clothing. This provided her with an eye for excellence in design and color. Her grandmother, while recovering from a serious illness, introduced her to the possibilities of quilting. From very traditional hand piecing, Dianne quickly combined her love of color, fabric, and design to create joyful and whimsical contemporary art quilts.

She was quickly asked to share her approach in lectures and workshops. Her students can learn her exciting and playful approach while developing their own sense of design, composition and color. Her workshop, "Come Play with Me" developed into her book, "Quilters Playtime, Games with Fabric".

Dianne will be giving two workshops at Great Lakes Heritage Quilters on March 11-12, 2010 at Birmingham Unitarian Church at Woodward and Lone Pine Road, beginning at 9:00am. She will present her lecture, Oxymoron Quilts at 7pm on Thursday, March 11. Guests are welcome for a \$5 charge.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

_____ Come Play With Me 3/11/10

_____ Curvaceous Squares 3/12/10

\$50 member (\$45 if paid by 2/11/2010)

\$60 non-member

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

Mail registration form and payment with self addressed, stamped envelope to:

Kathy Swantek; 1262 Player; Troy, MI; 48085

Email: wswantek@aol.com

Please note: Workshop fees are non-refundable

Dianne Hire Workshops



come PLAY with me!!!
Thursday, March 11
9:00am – 4:00pm

Dianne's book, ***Quilters PLAYTIME, Games for Quiltmakers***, is based upon the Play workshop and is now available from AQS Publishing.

All levels

Focus: Design, Technique, Intuitive Color

Class Description: Need to lighten up? Not having any quilting fun? Tired of prissy little piecing? Then this workshop's for you. Improvisational and intuitive, we'll play liberating games at your sewing machine, allow creative juices to flow. We'll slice and dice fabrics, trade slivers of blocks, hunt for the bright colors just begging for a place to land in a quilt. Return home with a few oxymoron blocks, in random order.



Curvaceous Squares
Friday, March 12, 2010
9:00am – 4:00pm

Intermediate 1 Day Workshop, 6 hours
Focus: Color, Technique, Project

SQUARE C U R V E S??? Huh? Exactly what does that mean?? Create easy, template free, intuitively designed squares into a motion filled wall hanging that is fast to assemble and in three optional designs: broken circles, randomly curved squares, or meandering, dancing curves. If you use basic bold brights in nearly solid fabrics, the quilt is exceptional. By the end of the day you may have your top sewn together and ready to quilt

Newsletter

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Buy More Quilt Raffle Tickets

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June 11, 12, 2010 **Class with Gwen Marston** by Deb Tesch

Because we have a little extra space this month I wanted to share a little information about this class coming in June.

Gwen Marston has agreed to join our guild for a two-day class based on her book “Quilting with Style.” It will require no sewing machines, only supplies like paper, pencil, eraser, and scissors. From her book, I see phrases like “drafting quilting designs” and “see how basic principles are combined and recombined, altered and improvised upon.”

The best part: Your quilts will receive your signature. You will gain the

knowledge and permission to make a quilt any way you like. The sky is the limit!

You can learn to draw cables, feathers, all kinds of designs inspired by Gwen’s knowledge and study of old quilts. Once you see a “home-made feather” the perfect balanced ones won’t seem as personal as one designed from your own hand!

The class will contain humor, success and two great days of idea-sharing and support. It’s a great time to meet other like-minded quilt lovers. Consider taking the class. At present I understand there are only seven spots left.

I am a huge fan of Gwen’s style and tips on how to study old quilts to find new ideas. Until we get a more formal description of the class I wanted to let you know a little about it.

Activity Calendar 2009-2010
WWW.GLHQ.ORG
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Date	Speaker	Workshop	Title of Workshop	WEB Page
10/8/09	Mary Bajcz	Send Mary Pictures of your finished Blocks!		http://scrap-happy.biz
11/12/09	Patsy Thompson	Fri. 11/13/09	Yes there is Life After Stippling	http://patsythompsondesigns.com/
1/14/10	Sue Nickels	Fri. 1/15/10	Mastering Feathers on the machine	http://www.sue-nickels.com
		Sat. 1/16/10	Folk Garden Borders Design and machine appliqué.	
2/11/10	Becky Magnus	Trunk Show		
3/11/10	Diane 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.homesitead.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:	



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Thursday, Feb 11, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Birmingham Unitarian Church
On Woodward near Lone Pine Rd.

Deadline for Mar. Newsletter articles:
Feb 20, 2010
Email to: GLHQNewsletter@aol.com

Checklist for February

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