



Heritage happenings

Volume 15

Issue 7

March 2007

Great Lakes
Heritage Quilters

President's Perspective



I recently received an article in the mail from a friend about quilting. It stated that a dedicated quilter spent an average of \$2304 a year on materials. Now I know you all are now thinking "How much did I spend?" So I asked a few close quilting friends if they were average or above average. I must warn you that when you ask your so called close quilting friends this question they may or may not answer right away, but they will kindly tell you how much you spent last year, where you spent it, and what you purchased. The other question was did this count retreats, quilt shows, and classes. My friends without hesitation said yes. I am still in denial. So my thought to you is that it is our duty to be above average.

Happy Shopping!!!!!!

Christine Reeves

See photos of our
Mystery Quilt Day
On-line at www.glhq.org

Spring Events

It has been a very busy year for the Great Lakes Heritage Quilters. The remainder of the guild year promises to be equally interesting. In March, our speaker will be Amy Davidson. She is also doing a workshop on March 10. We have scheduled a retreat in Midland for April 13-15. This is a great way to relax and quilt without interruption while making new and better friends. Julie Silber will speak on "Maverick Quilts" on April 12. Liz Helwig, a favorite local quilter and teacher, will give a trunk show and lecture on May 10.

Finally, June 14, it all comes together for the year. We will have our guild elections, challenge quilt unveiling and vote, and our potluck dinner. Our "Will Sew for Fabric" members will show us their 'finished' quilts or watch their promised fabric go to someone else. Great Fun!!!!

A Note from the 1st Vice President Betsy Koss

I really enjoyed putting February's program together. With the help of Linda Esenbock, her computer and her camera, it was a snap! Thanks, Linda, Diane, Deb, Jo, Barbara, Cathy and Karen! I hope you enjoyed spying in their sewing rooms with me. March brings us a breath of fresh air with Amy Davidson and her brand new pattern workshop. Look for her new quilt design at the Quilt Show! and check out her workshop inside...Remember, she brings prizes for all who attend!

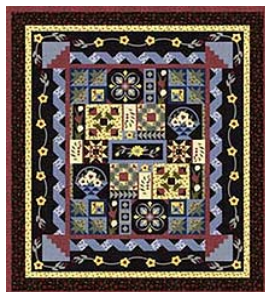
Hurry Spring, Betsy

Charm Squares

From Elaine Stein

The following 7 people signed up for charm squares: Jean Sallant, Nancy Bruel, Jannette Deszell, Martha Hale, Dianne Zyskowski, Sue Gadds and Elaine Stein. Please bring 3 different quilt-shop quality yellow fabrics suitable for appliqué, each cut into seven 6" squares. The April sign-up will be pinks appropriate for appliqué.

**Quilters
Make Great
Comforters**



"MEME'S SUNNY GARDEN"

Designed by Nancy Odom

SPECIAL ONE-TIME PURCHASE FOR ALL 9 BLOCKS

Features 14 pieced blocks around a center appliquéd medallion with a pieced background.

All six patterns are needed to complete the quilt.

Instructions included in this pattern: Tulip Nine-Patch, Berries, and Petal Points.

The completed quilt is approximately 86"x 98"

The Fabric Kit includes the pattern and all of the fabrics for the top, borders and binding (approximately 13.5 yards).

You choose and purchase the backing fabrics.

Total cost of pattern and fabric packet is \$198.99.

If the fabric kit is shipped, there are additional charges.

If you desire to purchase only the pattern the cost is \$35.98.



Yoder Department Store

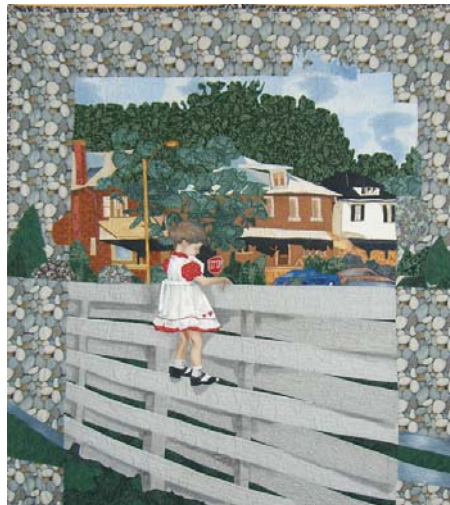
PO Box 245

Shipshewana IN 46565

www.yoderdepartmentstore.com



Design Wall showing current work



"Goldie" 2003



Aniko Feher with her "Survivors" 2003 quilt

Aniko Feher's Artistry *from Lynne Bryant*

We really do have an amazing and varied group of quilters in our guild. Some are traditional quilters whose skill and sense of color are enviable. We have hand quilters and piecers and those who do everything on their machines. Some like Aniko Feher are very nontraditional in their approach to this art form. Aniko is in the group who visualize their work from an artistic background rather than a sewing background.

Her days are spent at Ford Motor Company turning car designs into digital models. She explains that every surface of a vehicle has to be designed by a computer before production. Her educational background is in Interior Design with a degree from Wayne State University.

During a period when Aniko had time on her hands, she saw a quilt and "a light went on". She bought a book called, "Quilts, Quilts, Quilts" and spent the next several years making traditional quilts. Along the way she transformed into a 'fabric freak' like many of us. Her art took a major step forward when she realized that she could use her graphic background to plan quilts.

Aniko's design wall is covered in the TOTALLY conceived quilt design. The design is usually taken from photographs and copied full size and tacked to the design wall. She uses transparent overlays to copy the design and then, "just fills in the blanks". See design wall photo. Her first major wall hanging using this technique was "Goldie", which was accepted in the 2003 NQA show in Paducah. Her 2006 quilt, "My Jerusalem", was also shown in Paducah.

In 2003 her tribute to her mother and other Holocaust victims, "Survivors", won an NQA Judges Recognition Award at their 34th Annual Show and an Honorable Mention at the "Quilters Heritage Celebration". This quilt added another dimension to her designs by overlaying a transparent portrait of her mother on a grouping of fellow survivors of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. See photo above.

Aniko's quilts are intensely personal expressions of devotion to her family and her religion.

Thank you *from Eilene Still*

As I write this article for the newsletter everything is planned and ready for the big event: GLHQ's first quilt show. There are many people to thank for making the Quilt Show the success I know it will be. First of all is everyone who supported the art of quilting by coming and viewing the quilts. Thanks to our members and friends for staffing the show. A lot of man-hours went into setting up, running and taking down the quilt show.

Thank you quilters for sharing your quilts. Thanks to the advertisers in the program. Thank you vendors for taking a chance on a new show.

Most of all I wish to thank the members of the quilt show committee who spent 18 months planning the show, a great group of enthusiastic, hard-working quilters.

Christine Reeves, Pam Mathias and Maureen Magadanz - quilt raffle

Diana Ratlaff - Planning and Quilt travel

Jamie Watson - Quilt Display

Patti Balsinger - Publicity

Joyce Cushing and Mary Sirianni - Vendors

Paula Burr - Door Prizes

Nancy Osterman - Program content

Mary Toussiant - Program advertising

Betsy Koss - Staffing

I hope you enjoyed the Quilt Show.

Door Prizes *from Marilyn Flowers*

This month's door prizes were from Aunt Nan's Fabrics in downtown Oxford. This is a new shop which is well worth the trip to Oxford to visit. They have many examples of quilted items offered in their classes and their fabric selections are great. Coming next month, Christina's in Rochester.



My name is Amy Davidson and I'm just like all the other quilters out there. I love to quilt and I love fabric. Maybe the only difference between you and me is I can't leave well enough alone. Most quilters are content with quilting. I felt the urge to turn my passion into a job. Maybe out of selfishness, I wanted to quilt and not go to a job that didn't involve quilting.

I come from a "stitching" background. My mother owned a needlepoint shop for 15 years while I was growing up. While I always swore I would NEVER be anything like my mother, our lives have ended following a similar path. I must admit that I am very much like my Mom and proud of it. Thanks, Mom.

Back in 1995 or so, I got my nerve up to apply at a quilt shop. I really had only done a little quilting at that point, but ignorance has never stopped me before. I got the job and I was off on this great adventure. I learned as much as I could, mostly by picking the brains of quilt teachers and other more knowledgeable quilters. I was soon teaching classes. Some nights I was learning the technique from books before teaching them in the morning! I found the joy I got from watching students "catch the bug" was even more fun than quilting itself. I was definitely hooked on teaching. While teaching, I found myself searching out or developing the best, most reliable techniques I could. This often caused me to rewrite directions to incorporate these techniques.

In 2003 I got involved in designing some quilts for a fabric company. They needed quilts made with their fabric for Quilt Market. Does it get any better than that? The company was South Sea Imports. I have also worked for P & B Textiles doing the same thing. I have had a quilt in Quilt magazine and have one in an upcoming issue of Quilter's World. I have also had a quilt in Keepsake Catalog. I travel and teach to many guilds and shops. My first love is still seeing that spark in a student's eye. In 2004, the day before I turned 40, I started Humble Bee Quilt Works. It was the logical next step for me. If I was going to rewrite pattern directions for classes and design quilts for fabric companies, why wouldn't I do it under my own label?



Pieceful Traditions Quilt Shop

3010 Van Horn Road Suite D
Trenton, Michigan 48183
Trafford Square Shopping Center
Corner of Fort Street and Van Horn
734-692-1333
piecefultraditions@sbcglobal.net

Hours:
Monday-Saturday
10am - 6pm
Closed Sunday

Jill Stein and Jan Whitten
Owners



Devine Quilters



Longarm Quilting Service

Jackie Jaskot & Maureen Magadan

2346 London Bridge # 64 Rochester Hills, MI 48307
Phone: 248-894-8060 / 734-459-0740 Email: mmagadan@sbcglobal.net

GREAT LAKES HERITAGE QUILTERS PRESENT

AMY DAVIDSON

"MAD ABOUT PLAID"

Amy will be teaching her latest design to us in a workshop to be held at the Berkley City Library on March 10th. This quilt design has not been seen publicly, it is so new! As the workshop title indicates, it is a plaid, but no ordinary plaid. It has depth, and an interesting diagonal-ness. It can be made up with bold colors for a dramatic look, or in soft (or reproduction) fabrics for a cozy feeling. This will be our last workshop of 2007, and perhaps our best. Amy has fun with her workshops, giving away prizes, and goodies to all who come. Join the group for some strip piecing, no triangle, quilt-making fun!

***** LOOK FOR THE 'MAD ABOUT PLAID' QUILT AT THE GLHQ QUILTSHOW!*****

THE CLASS FEE INCLUDES AMY'S PATTERN. CHECK HER OUT AT: humblebeequiltworks.com

SATURDAY WORKSHOP

MARCH 10 2007 10am-4pm BERKLEY CITY LIBRARY 3155 COOLIDGE HWY.

Questions about content: Betsy Koss 248.858.2695

Registration: Jo Cassar 248.738.8155

=====

Please return this portion with a SASE and your check, payable to GLHQ to: Jo Cassar 2550 Garland Sylvan Lake, MI 48320

SATURDAY WORKSHOP MARCH 10

_____ \$40.00 Guild Member OR _____ \$45.00 non Member

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Membership Report *from Julie Greening*

There were 73 members and one guest in attendance at the February meeting. Bring a friend to the March meeting so that they can see what a wonderful Guild we have. Thirty quilts were displayed during Show and Tell. One was a quilted shopping bag. Eleven of them were for charity and two were for injured military personnel.

March 2007

Hospitality

Snacks (Sweet or Savory)

Jean Usner	Sue Chase	Cathy McIntee
Sue Gaddis	Jean Saillant	Cristine Reeves
Diane McDonald	Fran Mills	Pam Mathias
Natalie Lankin		

Drinks: Jean Lumm, Jean York

Ice:

Reminder: Bring your own mug. Please Label ingredients for those with dietary concerns (especially peanuts, dairy, pork). Also, don't forget to bring your mug.

March Birthdays

Teresa Mitchell	3/6
Robin Cushing	3/7
Suzanne Jones	3/9
Jaime Watson	3/11
Lydia Cutler	3/17
Natasha Kendal	3/17
Diane McDonald	3/21
Nancy Osterman	3/21
Gloria Sirosky	3/23
Christine Reeves	3/27
Jan Landsberg	3/28
Maureen Magadanz	3/31

GLHQ has obtained permission from the quilt artists to publish photographs of their copyrighted designs in the newsletter and on the website. In accordance with the intellectual property and copyright laws of the United States of America, there can be no visual duplication of the quilts without the express written consent of the designers of the quilts.

I'm not messy...

I'm

Creative

Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 10 - 5

Sat. - 10 - 4

Call ahead if you need
later hrs.

Sadie Sewing Shoppe Inc.

Quilts ~ Fabric
Sewing Classes

1816 N. Dixie Hwy.
Monroe, Michigan 48162
Phone: (734) 289 -1213
So Sweet Ice Cream in
Front of Building



Owner: Barb Peterson



The Quilted Goose

646 E. Long Lake Rd.
Troy, MI 48085
248-740-8867
Fax 248-740-8869
E-mail: info@thequiltedgoose.com

Linda M. Thielfoldt
Authorized Sales Representative

Gammill
QUILTING SYSTEMS

Statler Stitcher
Longarm Classes
Longarm Machine Quilting

The Great Lakes Heritage Quilt Retreat

Friday April 13th thru Sunday April 15th 2007

There is still time to sign up for the retreat. It will be held at the:

Ashman Court Midland, Michigan

Grab a quilting buddy and come along. You do not have to be a member to join the fun. If you would like to join us this year all you need to do is fill out the form below and write a check to:

Cindy Fitch @ 6216 Beachwood Ct. West Bloomfield Mi. 48324

to reserve your spot. Please include the form with your check so that we will be able to get more information to you to make your getaway as carefree as possible. Grab a quilting buddy and come along!

The cost for the retreat for Friday thru Sunday, includes our quilting space, hotel room for 2 nights, dinner Friday and Saturday night, breakfast Saturday and Sunday, continuous break station between 1 pm and 5pm Saturday and Sunday, Swimming and exercise room.

**Quad, per person \$187.92 Triple, per person \$200.88 Double, per person \$226.80
Single \$300.24**

Name (PLEASE PRINT) -----

Address-----

Phone----- email-----

Room choice Single Double Triple Quad

Roommates if you know:-----Need Roommate?-----

Check #----- Amount-----

Hope to see you there.

Mary Toussaint and Cindy Fitch

Haven Information *from Cathy Labrie*

Haven is a safe haven for women and children in abusive relationships. Throughout the year we collect various items to help support this facility. They are very appreciative of our continued support. For the month of March, I would like to collect baby products. Examples are: diapers, wipes, pacifiers, bottles, baby spoons, dishes and bibs. Thank you for caring enough to share!

Charity Report *from Sandy Kaufman*

At the February meeting members returned 5 quilt tops and 2 completed adult lap quilts. Also 4 baby quilts that will go to the Oakland County Medical Society Baby Shower. They donated 4 adult size quilts and three Tiny Miracle quilts made from their own fabric collections.

Oakland County Medical Society Quilts

The Oakland County Medical Society has moved up the date for the quilts to be in to them to the first week in April. If you are planning to make and donate a quilt for this program please have it ready at the March meeting or let me know when and where I can pick it up between then and the April deadline.

**I've spent most of my
life making quilts.
The rest I've just
wasted.**



Living Quilts
Long Arm Machine Quilting
Custom Made Quilts & Repairs
Fabrics 40% off
248-601-1431

Chantal Anderson
quilt haus@aol.com

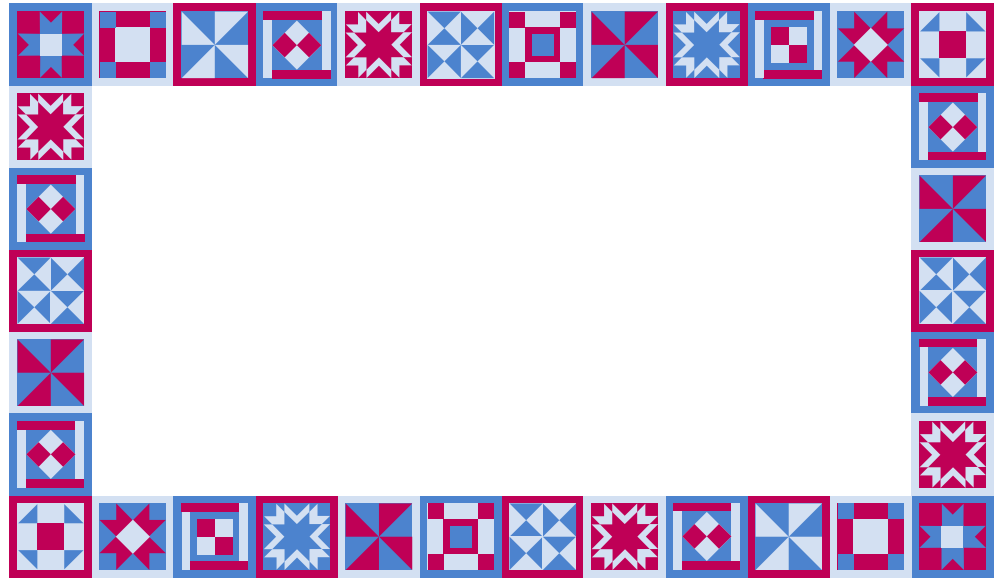
402 Hillview
Rochester Hills, Mi 48306

**There's Nothing more
exciting than
starting a new project.**

Maggie's
Top Stitch Quilting
248-543-5881
Long-arm Quilter
patterns and pantographs
custom work available
www.maggiestopstitchquilting.com
e-mail: msmith759@wowway.com



Great Lakes Heritage Quilters
Lynne Bryant
1811 Hollywood
Grosse Pointe Woods MI 48236
LynneMBryant@comcast.net



Thursday, March 8, 2007 Meeting

Our March 8 meeting will be held at
Birmingham Unitarian Church at
Woodward and Lone Pine Road 7:00pm

Don't forget

- Name Tags
- Charity Quilts
- Haven Items
- Mugs

Deadline for April Newsletter,
March 16

