

Heritage*Happenings*



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President's Perspective

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Wow, Sue Spargo is a great quilter! I hope you all got a chance to see her quilts up close in order to appreciate her textured and detailed work. Thanks for bringing her in, Mary Jo and hosting her workshops. With talented speakers, fun workshops, and our growing membership, we do have a solid and bright future. We have a sound budget as well, so life in the guild is good! I'm pleased. The future has been on my mind though, and so I've written a short survey. We need to make some plans for the next few years and would love your input. I'll have it ready to go this month or in April. More on this later.

Last month, someone asked me to put the tips that we cover in the guild mtg. in the newsletter as a reminder.

1. To get the dents out of a packaged 80/20 batt, try a hot steam iron. The steam relaxes the fibers so they smooth out nicely. This DOESN'T MEAN PRESS! I touched the batt with the hot iron once in a while without harm. Use caution with this technique.
2. The big rubberbands that hold the broccolli together are wonderful for keeping quilting thread from unravelling. You can get 18" off the spool before you have to move the band around!

I hope you find these tips helpful.... Next month the tip involves a washing machine, so stay tuned!

A Note From The 1st Vice President

Mary Jo Spina pauls1@comcast.net

Sue Spargo's lecture and workshops were both inspiring and lots of fun. Many of us tried new ways of embellishing our work and found that we love working with wool.

Laura Wasilowski will teach us her many ways of fusing in March. I've heard that her lecture, "The Chicago School of Fusing Guided Tour," is a hoot and Laura will even sing for us! There are openings in the workshop so join us if you would like to learn to fuse and take home one or two small

projects ready to be quilted. There will be no sewing in the class.

In April, Jo Morton will be our guest speaker. Jo would like to stay in a non-smoking member's home with a private room and bath. Jo is allergic to dogs but cats are fine. In appreciation for housing Jo, there would be no charge for taking her workshops. If you would like to volunteer to entertain Jo April 10th to April 13th, please contact me.

Upcoming Events

March 13, 2008

Laura Wasilowski
"Chicago School of Fusing Guided Tour"

- 3/14 Workshop – Tiny Homes and Gardens

April 10, 2008

Jo Morton "Making Something That Looks Old"

- 4/11 Workshop – Hattie's Scrappy Hourglass Quilt
- 4/12 Somewhere in Time



Check out our awesome website: www.glhq.org

Because We Care...

Lynn Aleman lynnaleman@yahoo.com

Merry Silber, believed to be our oldest quilt member at age 92, recently had a stroke. She is doing remarkably well and should be home by the time you are reading this. Merry enjoys hearing from friends. Merry has done so much for the quilting

community, and we're hoping her friends in the quilting community will send her a card.

Merry Silber
c/o Heritage House
25800 W. 11 Mile Road # 309
Southfield, MI 48034

June Book, Magazine, and Pattern Sale

Carol Young cfycomcast.net

We're going to have a fundraiser at the June guild meeting. We've done this in the past and have had a lot of fun "shopping" for used books, magazines, patterns and kits. The items you bring in do not have to be quilting related. In fact, we were all were able to stock up on hardcover and paperback recreational reading books last year, thanks to the generous donation of one of our members. As you are "spring cleaning" (if you engage in that pastime), please set aside your craft patterns, kits, books, and magazines and bring them to the June meeting. Low, low prices and incredible savings are guaranteed. If you have any questions, please email cfy@comcast.net

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Stock Up on Books!

Barb Allen ba_bubbles@yahoo.com

Spring will be here soon, and it's time to get inspired. Now is the time to add to your quilting library!

The AQS book order form will be available at the March meeting. The order booklet will be circulating the first half of the meeting with a list for members to indicate their book choices. All orders must be placed by 8:30PM. By the end of the meeting, totals will be calculated, and everyone who orders will need to supply a check to Barb for the total amount for your order, including

shipping costs. The order will be submitted to AQS the day after the meeting, so that books will be received and ready to distribute by the April meeting.

Please contact Barb Allen by phone at 248-891-4418 if you have any questions.

Check out the available books at <http://www.americanquilter.com/items/>, and keep in mind that our prices will reflect 30% off the list price.

This Little Piggy...

Barbara Fowler dbfowler@comcast.net

The Charity committee picked up a small blue denim bag with two pair of fleece slipper socks. Were they for intended for the Haven, or Charity quilts, or for a friend and they just got forgotten?

Somebody could have cozy feet if the slipper socks find their feet! Call Barbara Fowler, 248-646-3658, and tell her what was intended.

HAVEN Special Request for March:

Spring Cleaning Products

Ideas: Laundry detergent, dish soap, disinfectant, toilet brushes, sponges, window cleaner, dusters

****Please check your closets to see if you can spare one of these items or pick up an extra of your favorite item during a 2 for 1 sale. Help someone else get a fresh start this spring!**

Each month, our guild collects items to assist victims of domestic abuse. Any items are appreciated.

Cathy Labrie and Diana Ratzlaff

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Laura Wasilowski Workshop

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Tiny Homes and Gardens

Friday, March 14, 2008 10am-4pm

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

The glory of fusing is that it is an easy, quick, intuitive way to make artwork. In this workshop explore the techniques of fusing: free cutting, layering, collage building and more. Each student will create a tiny garden quilt in the morning and a little house quilt in the afternoon. Quilt finishing methods, like the fused binding, are also covered. (No sewing machine is required)

Supplies participants should bring:

- 2 yards of regular weight Wonder-Under fusible web. Please **DO NOT BRING HEAT 'N BOND OR STEAM A SEAM.**
- Sharp scissors. Small 5" knife blade scissors work well.
- Paper scissors
- Rotary cutters, mat and specialty blades, such as pinking, wavy, or scallop. (Laura will have some on hand.)
- Cotton batting like Hobbs Cotton Heirloom Batting. 2 pieces about 12"x14"
- Quilt backing fabric. 2 pieces about 12"x14"
- Teflon pressing sheet (optional)
- Iron and ironing surface (We will need 1 iron for every 4 students. Please let us know if you will be bringing one to share.)
- Small plastic bag for fabric scraps
- Tweezers (optional)

Fabric: Only hand-dyed fabric or batiks work for these techniques. Color must penetrate completely through the fabric. Bring a range of rainbow colors in both brights and lights ranging in value from light to dark **OR** purchase a packet of hand-dyed fabrics and threads from Laura for \$20. The packet will include approximately 1 yard total of 8 rainbow colors in each value. See Laura's website for a picture of the type quilt we will make in class.

Please return this portion and your check payable to GLHQ to Carol Young, 2366 Hickory Glen Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

Tiny Homes and Gardens March 14, 2008 \$45 members, \$55 non-members

Total payment enclosed \$_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Content questions: Mary Jo Spina 248-745-0124 PAULS1@comcast.net

Registration questions: Carol Young 248-647-3656 or 248-229-7343

Jo Morton Lecture & Workshops

www.jomortonquilts.com

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 19th 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 19th 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 19th 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.

Please return this portion with a SASE or email address (for supply list) and your check payable to GLHQ to Carol Young, 2366 Hickory Glen Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

Stamped self-addressed envelope or email address required for supply list.

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Member Survey

Dear Great Lakes Heritage Quilt Guild Member,

As a guild, we are always looking for different ways to raise money for our committees' budgets, as well as to support great speakers and workshops. Please consider the following:

- Speakers of high caliber are increasing in cost, both in speaker and workshop fees and travel costs. Routinely, they require independent housing during their visits.
- We've increased the budgets of the committees during this past year, as well. Unfortunately, our dues are not providing enough funding to keep the Guild's financial future comfortable.

To resolve this matter, we have discussed having another quilt show (no sooner than 2010). This is a great source of income and would only be necessary every few years. Besides the revenue, a quilt show puts our guild and our quilts out into the community, raising awareness of the craft and encouraging our membership.

Quilt shows, however, require a lot of work and the involvement of many. Tasks include forming a steering committee, investigating venues, rack procurement, quilt display, security, marketing, and much more.

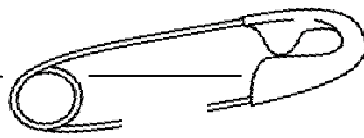
Another option is to plan and carry out a **Raffle Quilt**. The last quilt raised about \$3,000. Of course, there are other means of raising money. Please understand these are merely suggestions, and we are open to other fundraising ideas, too!

Please take a few moments to share your thoughts:

1. Would you like to have another quilt show? Yes No
2. Would you like this to become a regular fund raising activity of our Guild? Yes No
3. If so, would you be willing to help serve on a steering committee? Yes No
4. Would you be willing to work in the quilt show? Yes No
5. Are you open to the idea of working on a Raffle Quilt? Yes No
6. Do you think our dues should be raised? Yes No
7. Do you have another fundraising idea? Please explain below.

Name _____ and/or Member # _____

Please return to Betsy Koss or any board member



Thursday, March 13, 2008 Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.

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

Snacks:

Jean Usner
Robin Cushing
Cathy McIntee
Nancy Buetle
Veronica Stevenson
Barbara Fowler
Diana & Dawn

Drinks:

Nancy Hopper
Karen Hopper
Connie Soon
Elaine Stein

Ice:

Robin Cushing

Don't Forget:

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

Deadline for February Newsletter is Saturday, March 22, 2008



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