



Heritage Happenings

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President's Perspective

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I admit that I have a lot of UFO's. Truthfully, I used to have a LOT more of them. I am gradually working my way through the stacks and bins and boxes. I am down to less than 10 and this is actually becoming a problem. I have always had UFO's in reserve in case I ran out of creative ideas.

I love the way a quilt changes when it surfaces from its UFO status. I may have learned a new skill or seen a better way to put it together. But when the pile of unfinished objects begins to thin, I get a mild panic attack. When they are gone, I may have to resort to an equally high pile of mending or make drapes (ICK!).

Since I am being honest here, I will tell you that I am more than slightly insulted that anyone would ask me to replace a zipper or hem a pair of pants. **Would you ask Picasso to paint the garage?!** I put the repair in a pile and tell the person that they will have to go to JoAnn's and buy the correct thread. I do have hundreds of spools of thread but never the right one. This demand eliminates about 1/2 of the repairs. I put the rest out of sight and forget about them. This is not deliberate, I really do forget. I am hopeful that my family will eventually learn to not even give them to me.

Back to the UFO situation. I do not make bed quilts very often. My attention span is too short. I want to get done quickly and not follow directions. Square quilts are more a goal than an actuality. I like my smaller quilts. They are usually no bigger than 50" x 70" so they can be turned into a twin if I wish but they will hang nicely on a wall. I can learn a new skill and not be forced to work on it for months.

My UFO's are mainly bed quilts from an era where machine quilting meant "Stitch in the Ditch" or "Stippling". I intended to quilt my own tops. I now know that our guild has a lot of talented long arm machine quilters, I hire them and I am secretly happy that I won't get them back for weeks and have to face the binding issue.

At this moment my panic is mild but it is building at a steady rate.

Year At a Glance

(WEB info on Pg. 6)

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!**

Raffle Quilt

Ann Woodman, 248 - 629 - 7011

Remember, this is our major fundraiser! Did you know that the cost to create this beautiful quilt is over \$900! We also have many hours of effort from those who contributed with construction and quilting.

Could some of you who attend more than one guild offer to take the quilt to a meeting before June? This quilt is a great opportunity to show off our talents, introduce ourselves to new potential members and support our ever increasing program costs. If everyone could make a special effort to sell tickets we could honor our volunteers.

Please let me know what dates you could do this to allow me to schedule the quilt appearances around them. Thank you!



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

Charity

Thank you so much to all of you that have returned your finished Charity quilts. With your hard work we are meeting our goals. There were 11 quilts turned in at the February meeting.

Thank you also to the ladies that took home unfinished tops last month. If you still have a Charity quilt waiting to be finished, please consider finishing it now and bring it to the March meeting. :)

Quilt Roundup Continues!!! Bring those finished quilts to the March meeting. Thanks again!

Charity Committee


 *Devine Quilters* 
Longarm Quilting Service
Jackie Jaskot & Maureen Magadanz
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Hospitality : Joyce Montante,
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Ruth Montalvo, Jean York

Thank you everyone who contributed to our buffet table in February. A great array of food was enjoyed by all. Please note the March list for goodies is a little short.

If you did not sign up for the March 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.

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.
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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:	
Mar	Women and children's underwear, plus sizes welcome! Toddler Pull-ups,
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.

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SNACK LIST FOR MARCH

Snacks: Becky Magnus

Veggie/dip: Cathy Labrie

Goodies: Joyce Nelson, Maureen Magadanz, Nancy Osterman

Dessert: Robin Cushing, Barbara Gittleman, Betty Fraser

Drinks: Mary Wilson, BJ Pepper, Christine Reeves, Aniko Feher

Ice: Robin Cushing

WILL SEW

Diane Ladue

Three months, that's all the time left until the June meeting . Have you been working on your project? Is it already done or is it still in the bag from the fall meeting? Personally, mines on my design wall completely untouched. But that doesn't mean I haven't been thinking about it. Okay ladies, let's put the pedal to the metal and finish them up. We'll be so happy we did. Good luck.

March—Dianne Hire

June 1985 to Present

Award winning fiber artist!



This is final notice of the Dianne Hire workshops on Thursday, March 11 and Friday, March 12, 2010.

There are only a couple of spots left in the Friday workshop and several in the Thursday workshop. If you are thinking of taking either of these workshops please send your completed registration form and check payable to GLHQ to: Kathy Swanteck: 1262 Player Dr; Troy, MI; 48085

We have reduced the workshop fee to the early bird amount of \$45.

Please call me if you are sending a check in the mail so I can reserve your spot in the workshop. 248 879-7890

The registration form and supply lists are attached.

Thank you,
Kathy Swanteck
1st Vice President
Great Lakes Heritage Quilters

DIANNE HIRE

Award winning fiber artist and international exhibitor, Hire attended Vanderbilt University and received her BA from Tennessee Technological University (English major and Philosophy Minor). She lives with her two best friends --- husband, Terry, and Maine Coon Cat, Sir Hilary Hire --both of whom love fiber and strings in quilt form. Before moving to Belfast, Maine in 1981 she was a Couture Dress Buyer and never ever considered quilting to be a possibility for her life.

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

Come Play With Me - All Levels

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Birmingham Unitarian Church at Woodward and Lone Pine Road

9am – 4pm

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 - Intermediate

Friday, March 12, 2010

Birmingham Unitarian Church at Woodward and Lone Pine Road

9am – 4pm

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 Curvaceous Squares completely sewn together and ready to quilt.

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 EMAIL _____

___ Guild member # _____ Non-Guild member
\$50 member (\$45 if paid by 2/11/10) **\$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 Swanteck; 1262 Player Dr: Troy, MI; 48085

***Please note: Workshop fees are non-refundable.**

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/titlpage.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:	

“Curvaceous Squares!” with Dianne S. Hire

Friday, March 12, 2010

Birmingham Unitarian Church at Woodward and Lone Pine Road

9am – 4pm

Make easy, template-free, intuitively created blocks of inset curves that become squares.

Supplies:

✓ **100% Cotton Fabrics, only!**

Bring combinations of fabrics that you love together, varying lights, mediums & darks for good contrast, but see specifics before cutting. **NOTE:** All fabrics as noted below should be different from each other if possible. (Sharing is encouraged...so be prepared to swap and/or share should someone need a color!)

✓ **►Precut 40-50 squares before you come to class** - all precut to the same size. You may cut them from 5” to 8”, but 6” or 7” is suggested. No duplicates if possible. If you’ve chosen prints, vary the scale. Select a quilt below, then use the chart to understand what color combos to bring.

- **“Centrifuge”:** Create “groupings” in your assortment of the 40-50 different fabric squares. For instance, you will need 4 to 5 families (groupings). The chart below has only (4) groups as an example. Modify your chart according to your color preferences. Fill in the “another family” blanks, to help you decide. *Use this as a guide of how to make your color selections, not as an exact listing of what to bring.*
- **Black & White fabric:** Bring a fat eighth of solid white fabric and a fat eighth of solid black fabric. Solids, yes, please. This would be the center of the windmill blades in the quilt, “Centrifuge”.
- **“Curvaceous Squares”:** In your assortment of the 40-50 different fabric squares, bring anything you love. It all works together.

Block	Blue Family	Green Family	Yellow Family	Red Family	Another Family?	Another Family?
#1	Turquoise	Chartreuse (lime)	Daffodil	Orange	?	?
#2	Sky Blue	Apple Green	Goldenrod	Fuchsia	?	?
#3	Periwinkle	Blue-Green	Lemon	True Red	?	?
#4	Grape Violet	Peacock	Ochre	Ruby	?	?

- ✓ **Many shades/colorations of 1 color family.** This is the “popper”. Bring approximately 30-40 pieces about 3” wide x 8-9” long. This color should not be used in the precut square assortment. However, if you have some shade of green in the square mix (like very, very dark), you certainly may use an assortment from lime to chartreuse to mud green shades for the popper. Suggested color families: greens to chartreuses; reds to oranges; yellows to oranges. Assortments will give your piece excitement and movement vs. only 1 fabric/color. See photo.
- ✓ **SCRAPS:** Bring a small amount of scraps, different from ► **Precut 40-50 squares**, but in the same ilk.
- ✓ **NOTE:** if you sew quickly, or want greater selection, bring additional 1/3 yd cuts or FQs in same “types/colors” of your selected fabrics. Also, be prepared to share small pieces of fabrics...this adds dimension to your piece.

II. Other Supplies

- ✓ Transportable ‘design wall’ or piece of flannel
- ✓ A very small bladed rotary cutter for curves such as Olpha 18 mm
- ✓ Bring the largest rotary cutting mat you can bring
- ✓ Sewing machine in good working order w/ extra needles (you may use a Featherweight, but not recommended.)
- ✓ Fabric shears
- ✓ Normal thread (for piecing)
- ✓ Pins, seam ripper, & other normal sewing supplies for piecing
- ✓ 12” square ruler.
- ✓ **Bring your basic foot**, not a ¼” foot...the surface of a regular basic foot holds the fabric best
- ✓ Bobbins pre-filled and ready for piecing.
- ✓ A spray bottle with water (THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ITEM!!!)
- ✓ As always, I cannot help but recommend more fabric rather than less, to satisfy that creative monster within



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

Birmingham Unitarian Church
On Woodward near Lone Pine Rd.

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

Checklist for March

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