



Heritage Happening

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President's Perspective

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Sometimes someone makes a statement and you end up thinking about it for hours. At the charity event on October 16, Jean Usner told me a quilt story that nearly made me cry. But, at the end of the story she said, "A quilt is a very powerful thing."

That made me start thinking about some of the quilts I have made for people and the effect they have had. It is true that some of them have ended up stuffed behind the TV or used as ground blankets. These are rare examples but I did learn that when you give something away, you need to let go of it. That is a life lesson in itself.

Then, there are the quilts that became important to people. These are the ones that people still bring out to show me after 15 or 20 years. These are the ones that have never hung on a wall. They look very little like they did when I made them. The colors are faded, the edges are frayed, and they are patched and incredibly soft. One notable quilt, named Kiki, has been covered with two new backings and one new top. The original quilt is encased in these layers. It belongs to a high school sophomore who has slept with it every night of her life. Her mother claims she can overnight anywhere, without fear, if Kiki goes with her.

When my husband and I went to Mississippi to help with Katrina relief, I was told quilt stories by nearly everyone I talked to. Quilts were taken to evacuation centers and used to wrap children and the elderly as a source of comfort. They were packed into cars along with photographs. They were pulled out of rubble and washed as owners hoped a small corner could be salvaged. Then, quilts started arriving from all over the country. Nearly every FEMA trailer had beds with beautiful quilts from guilds across America.

Quilts are part of the celebration for a new baby. Our charity committee is working on providing quilts to disadvantaged young campers to let them know that someone is thinking about them and to give them one thing that can be their very own. We make them to mark important birthdays and weddings.

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CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION FOR NOVEMBER: Beautiful Savior Church (see inside for details)

Year At a Glance

(WEB info on Pg. 7)

**November 12: w/ PATSY THOMPSON*:
Lecture/ Trunk Show
Workshops and WEB info: See Pg. 7**

December 10: Guild Activity & Potluck

**January 14: w/ SUE NICKELS:
Lecture-
Workshops: See 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

To learn more about workshops or reserve a space, 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!**

Challenge Committee

Cathy McIntee and Karen Lieberman

Don't Forget to Work on Your Challenge!

Fun! Only 4 simple rules and you're on your way to fame and fortune!

Make a quilt that is:

- Blue and White/Cream. Any tint, shade or value of blue will work.
- 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.
- The circumference of the quilt cannot exceed 350". For example, a miniature would qualify, as would a twin size quilt (72" x 90".)
- The quilt must be totally finished and exclusively the work of one current guild member.

Open to all current members. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards at the June, 2010, meeting.

Membership Update

Joyce Harlan JoyceHarlan@gmail.com

Membership dues are \$35. Please direct questions to Joyce Harlan at 248-203-9278.

November Birthdays	
Corlene Ashley	Nov. 10
Beverly DeBona	Nov. 22
Sandy Kaufman	Nov. 20
Jan Mansfield	Nov. 10
Judy Nolish	Nov. 8
Mary Sirianni	Nov. 14
Connie Soon	Nov. 21
Linda Thielfoldt	Nov. 19
Gitta Welch	Nov. 8

Will-Sew With Consequences

Diane Ladue and Joyce Cushing <dladue@comcast.net> JoyceMCushing@aol.com

LAST CHANCE!!!

The November meeting is your last chance to sign up for Will Sew. Bring in the project you have been trying to finish but haven't had the incentive to complete. If you don't have a UFO that you want to enter, please come by the Will Sew table and pledge a fat quarter or two to a fellow member whose project you would like to see completed.

You have until the June meeting to finish your project. Plenty of time, right!? You will be so glad that you did. See Rules on Page 3.

WILL SEW RULES

1. Bring in a project(s) that you've already started but haven'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. Fill out the form that tells the description and history of the project, i.e., did you start it in a workshop, who you're making it for, is it part of a series, maybe why it's not finished.
3. **YOU WILL NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE FORM**, we will give you a number.
4. Once the projects are displayed with the form, members bid fat quarters on whichever projects they want to see finished.
5. **IN JUNE:**
 - 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. **TO PARTICIPATE:**
 - a. Please bring your unfinished project to the November meeting, and let the bidding begin.
 - b. You can download the forms (www.GLHQ.org) or get them at the guild meeting. Any questions call: Diane Ladue – 248-798-7970 or Joyce Cushing 248-646-2956



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.

Haven recipients are families experiencing the trauma of domestic violence, sexual assault, or child abuse. Thank you all for your generous support!

Please Bring in:	
November-	Children's socks and slippers, Women's socks
December-	Scarves, hats and gloves or mittens for mothers and their children, Haven would also appreciate gift cards from Target, Meijer, Kohls, Walmart, Michael's and Staples or Office Max at this time and throughout the year

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

Thanks to everyone that helped to make our Charity Day such a great success. We had a great turn out. With over 300 finished blocks to get us started, 30 plus quilt tops were finished. Plus, several finished quilts were dropped off that day. A scrumptious lunch and birthday cake for Jo Cassar topped off our fun day.

Jo Cassar will be buying a roll of batting to help finish off our charity projects. If anyone needs batting for a charity quilt, call or email Jo (edjocass@comcast.net) with the measurements and she will cut a piece for you and bring it to the Nov. meeting.

With your help, our efforts continue. Please stop by the Charity table at the next meeting and see what projects we have available for you to take home. There may be a top or two... or 30... that need to be machine quilted. 😊

Thanks again to all!!!
The Charity Committee

Newsletter

Debby Tesch <GLHQNewsletter@aol.com>

Please keep me informed if there are changes in your Email address. Usually three Emails per month have fatal errors for distribution.

I apologize for spelling errors on the monthly hospitality reminders. Sometimes it is hard to read the handwriting

Holiday Boutique-December Meeting

Jean Usner <usner-i@comcast.net> Barb Fowler, Kathy Swanteck, Mary Toussaint

The December meeting should be a lot of fun. Invite friends – there is no guest fee. It will be a time to chat, eat, and buy.

Thank you to all who brought such lovely donations to the October meeting! We do need more and we know we can count on the generosity and creativity of our members. We will be ready to accept more donations at the November meeting. Remember to attach the form below to each item. **Be brave** --Set a minimum price as well as a “*Buy It Now*” price. This system should limit the number lining up to pay at the end of the event.

Yes, you can bring items in December between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Make sure these

items are tagged with the form (fully filled out) so they can be quickly placed. These tags eliminate tedious record-keeping which will help move things along.

We need your help. Please consider joining our committee of four if you are able to work with us on the Boutique starting at 5:00 p.m. the day of the event. You can sign up at the Nov. meeting.

Please use the following forms for your tags. Just like EBAY, someone may “*buy it now*” at the price stated.

Please duplicate the form below as needed:

Holiday Boutique – December Guild Meeting	Holiday Boutique – December Guild Meeting
Choose one: _____ Silent Auction _____ Minimum Bid: \$ _____ _____ For sale at \$ _____ _____ (Buy it now)	Choose one: _____ Silent Auction _____ Minimum Bid: \$ _____ _____ For sale at \$ _____ _____ (Buy it now)
Name of item:	Name of item:
Donor name or membership #	Donor name or membership #
_____	_____
If not sold, the item is returned to you.	If not sold, the item is returned to you.

Hospitality

Joyce Monsante

Thanks to all who brought goodies to the October meeting. Our sign-up sheet for November has few volunteers, but most girls said they would bring something. We'll look for some great goodies.

Our Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for December 10 and you are encouraged to bring guests. With that thought in mind, we have changed the eating pattern this year. Large round tables will not be set up for everyone. Instead, lots of chairs will be around to accommodate you and your guests and we will be eating 'off our laps'. Hence, the idea of finger foods or Tapas.

You and your guests can tour the food tables **all** evening. This will be like an open house. Everyone will be able to visit the bazaar tables throughout the evening putting in bids or making purchases.

Remember to bring plates, silverware, and cups for you and your guests.

Our Committee is requesting that each member bring a dish for the December buffet table. The sign-up sheet will be general; drinks, desserts, finger vegetables, finger meat, bread, and finger fruits. Give it some thought and I'm sure we'll have an array of fine food.

See you in November..

Hospitality Sign In Sheet November 2009	
SNACKS	VEGGIE/DIP
Cindy Fitch	
Joyce Nelson	GOODIES
Barbara Grutte	Tona Meli
Kathy Brunner	Jannette Deszers
FRUIT	Donna Cumme

DESSERT	DRINKS
Diana Pagotto	Jean York
Gilda Weldi	Maureen Magadanz
Martha Hale	Janette Deszell
	Barbara Fowler
ICE	OTHER

(Message from the President, Page 1, Continued)

We send them to our military service personnel. My son-in-law, a Navy Captain, took a flannel lap quilt that I made for him to sea. This quilt has also been to Iraq. He never had a favorite blanket as a child and he is extremely attached to this one. Even I am not allowed to use it and I made it! There are a LOT of rules about this blanket. It must be used with the block side up and bare feet are not allowed near it. There are more rules but I have lost interest in learning them. Please recognize that our federal government gave this man the right to fire Cruise Missiles. If you discount his exceptional and devoted interest in video games, you can be assured that our country is in good hands and wrapped comfortably in a nice flannel quilt.

Jean is correct; a quilt is a very powerful thing. Make her tell you the story she told me. Lynne Bryant

Activity Calendar 2009-2010
WWW.GLHQ.ORG
 Kathy Swanteck (Wswanteck@aol.com)

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/
12/10/09	Holiday Boutique	Buffet Tables		
1/14/10	Sue Nickels	Fri. 1/15/10	The January workshops will be Mastering Feathers and Folk Garden Borders.	http://www.sue-nickels.com
		Sat. 1/16/10		
2/11/10	Becky Magnus			
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		



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Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009
7:00 p.m.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR CHURCH
5631 N. Adams Rd.
Bloomfield Township, MI 48304-2003
(248) 646-5041

On N.Adams Road between E. Long
Lake Rd. and E. Square Lake Rd.

Deadline for Nov. Newsletter articles:
Nov. 21, 2009
Email to: GLHQNewsletter@aol.com

Checklist for November

- Haven donation
- Membership Dues
- Workshop Fees
- Name Tag
- Show and Tell Items
- Mug
- Money For Raffle Quilt Tickets
- Holiday Boutique Items
- Finger Food Idea you might bring to the December event.