



NILES PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD NEWSLETTER - 2024

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NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024

Hope Community Church

2390 Lake St, Niles, MI

PROGRAM: TRACY KRUEGER OF PUMPKINVINE QUILTS

PRESIDENTS GREETINGS

Happy October!

I am ready for flannel shirts, apple cider, and football! What makes you all snuggly and warm? Will you join us for the Guild Challenge Quilt? We are starting our *many* half-square triangles this month. Keep on making those Port Pillows and Charity Quilts. Someone is going to need them soon.

And keep an eye on our Programs through the fall and winter. We have a lot of good stuff coming up!

Sally

GUILD CHALLENGE QUILT 2024-2025 – SALLY HANSON

We hope to see you this Saturday, October 12 at the Sit & Sew where Sally will talk about choosing fabric and will demonstrate methods of making the half square triangles. Beth will bring copies of the directions. Please bring your sewing machine, supplies, lunch and drink! If you have fabric chosen, bring it and get started. Or bring any project to sew.

If you receive your newsletter in the mail, please notify Beth if you want to receive printed copies of the Challenge directions. She won't send them unless she knows you WANT them! Her cell is 574-220-0116 and she is fine with both calls and text messages. Or email bethraker@gmail.com.

NILES PIECEMAKERS SPRING RETREAT AT THE AMIGO CENTRE

Important dates:

Your registration & a fee of \$20 are due on October 28 (the October meeting)

The final payment is due at the January meeting on January 27. Please pay both by check.

The retreat will be held from Thursday, March 27 to Sunday, March 30, 2025. You can choose to come just part of the time if you wish. The retreat will be at The Amigo Centre is at 26455 Banker Rd, Sturgis, MI 49120. Tables, ironing boards and irons, cutting tables and will all be set up for us. Just bring your sewing machine, supplies and work on anything you desire.

It is located not far from Shipshewana, providing an ideal base for those who wish to explore the surrounding area during their free time. Meals are included and you can choose not to buy some meals if you plan to spend part of the day elsewhere.

Registration is now open and is accompanied by a fee of \$20 by October 28. Please pay both this and the final payment with checks. This fee secures our dates and needs to be turned in soon. Then please ensure that your final payment is paid by the January meeting on January 27, 2025.

Sue Counts and Melody VanLue are collecting your money and forms.

PORT PILLOWS – SEE THE UPCOMING SIT & SEW NOTES BELOW

CHARITY QUILTS

Jody Crandall is flying to Charlotte, NC on November 7 and would like to take any quilt donations that any members are willing to make to give them a home in the ravaged North Carolina mountains. Private helicopters are working daily to distribute quilts, plus coats, gloves, socks, etc. Jody will be at the October meeting and will collect any that are donated. She is also willing to ship!

Kay Collins has plenty of the small 20x20 and 24x24 quilts for now. However, the 40x40 size is really needed. The small flannel hearts are always needed as well. They are given to new mothers in sets of 4.

SECRET PALS

Pam will have forms available to fill out and will collect them at the October Meeting. At the November meeting you will receive your Secret Pal! Pam had back trouble that put her into bed and presumably on a heating pad instead of coming to the September meeting. Many of us know how that feels!

QUILTWORX WORKSHOPS WITH TAMMY GARDNER

Tammy is continuing to host workshops in her studio on the following dates which are all Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$20 and are scheduled from 10-3. You can also rent a sewing machine for \$5. If you started the QuiltWorx project at the Sit & Sew or are working on some other QuiltWorx project, this is an excellent opportunity to work on it with Tammy's expert help. Contact Tammy to reserve a spot. Call 574-606-8600 or email tamquilts@gmail.com

Dates: October 17, November 5 & 21, December 3 & 19.

SHAE VAUGHN

Shae told us about the Quilt Index at Michigan State University in East Lansing. From their website: The Quilt Index, originally launched in 2003, is an open access, digital repository of thousands of images, stories and information about quilts and their makers drawn from hundreds of public and private collections around the world. It represents the work of thousands of community-based and independent scholars, digital humanists, and professionals in libraries, archives, and museums who are dedicated to preserving and making accessible quilt history.

You can find the page for adding quilts here at <https://quiltindex.org/add-quilts/> But be sure to look around, there is a wealth of pictures and stories about quilts.

FUTURE PLANS FOR SIT & SEWS

We are tentatively planning a Sit & Sew in April 2025 where you can learn to use your selvages in a project. See the photo for two ideas. Start collecting selvages now and more details will be in future newsletters. Jody Crandall advises that you cut an additional ¼"- ½" of fabric in addition to the selvage. It gives you more options. DEFINITION: A selvage (US English) or selvedge (British English) is a "self-finished" edge of a piece of fabric which keeps it from unraveling and fraying.



In May we will meet on a Tuesday, May 27, because of Memorial Day. During the day, we will have a workshop by the speaker, a certified instructor for LegitKits, Dana Altman. The church is available for the meeting that evening but not during the day, so Sew Happy has invited us to have the workshop in their building. Lots of details will be shared later. Learn more about Dana Altman and LegitKits here: <https://www.legitinstructor.com/meetourinstructors/danaaltman>

We have introduced a "Hostess" role for each Sit & Sew Workshop. The Hostess is responsible for having a sign-up sheet at the meeting preceding the date (so you know how many to plan for), getting the room set up which includes getting the supplies needed including power cords owned by the guild and stored at Annette's, ensuring the church is locked when everyone leaves (which is EXTREMELY EASY,) answering questions ahead of time, and ensuring the day runs smoothly. If the day must be cancelled, this person would make sure the people who signed up get the message.

It's important to note that the Hostess is not required to have a plan for the sewing to be done that day but are welcome to do so if they desire. Many of our Sit & Sews are a great opportunity for people to work on their own projects. If you are interested in volunteering as a Hostess for one or more Saturdays in the coming year, please contact Sally Hanson.

GUILD MEETINGS - 4TH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

6 PM: Check In &, Social Hour

7 PM: Business Meeting, Show & Tell, Program

- **October 28:** Tracy Krueger of Pumpkinvine Quilts
- **November 25:** Stone Soup Batiks
- **December:** No Meeting & No Newsletter

SIT & SEW & WORKSHOPS

Meet at Hope from 10 – 4. You can leave earlier if you wish. Bring your lunch and sewing supplies. If you prefer, you can always work on a project of your own choosing.

- **October 12:** Picking fabric for the Challenge Quilt & Half Square Triangles – various ways to make them. The method in the Star Gazing quilt directions will be shown as well as various specialty rulers and papers. See which one you prefer! Hostess: Sally Hanson
- **November 9:** Port Pillow Assembly Line – Come help make a bunch of the large size port pillows. Fabric, Velcro and stuffing will be on hand. Just bring your machine, etc. OR work on your own project. Hostesses: Sue Counts and Beth Raker
- **December – No Sit & Sew**

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES ARE ATTACHED.

Treasurer's Report - September 2024

9/1/2024 - Overall Beginning Balance	\$ 7,543.21
INCOME:	
Dues	\$ 270.00
Bus Trip	\$ 110.00
EXPENSES	
State Licensing Fee - Niles Piecemakers	\$ 20.00
Amigo Center - Retreat Deposit	\$ 250.00
Future Program Deposit - Dana Altman	\$ 163.00
September Program Fee - Shae Vaughn	\$ 422.00
9/30/2024 - Checking Account Balance:	\$ 4,522.04
Savings Account Balance:	\$ 2,546.21
Overall Ending Balance	\$ 7,068.25

Happy Birthday to Our Members!

Please notify Beth Raker if your birthday is missing or incorrect.

<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>
7 – Lisa Schmidtgoessling	3 – Sandy Myers
15 – Jo Greich	8 – Cindy Lapekes
19 – Nikki Mathis	9 – Judi Kidman
26 – Judy Felty	9 – Carmen Merica
29 – Nancy Breidenbach	16 – Lisa Ottman
	18 – Marsha Caulkins
	22 – Diane Loebach
	27 – Laura Koenigshof

NEW MEMBERS & CHANGES

<p>Brenda Allison 268-845-9860 2412 Burton Rd, Niles, MI 49120 brealli@aol.com Birthday: June 7</p>	<p>Kim Barnes 574-261-4495 68788 Leet Rd, Niles, MI 49120 quiltsr4u@comcast.net Birthday: June 15</p>
<p>Marsha Caulkins 847-533-0054 2633 Fern Way South Bend, IN 46615 macaulkins@gmail.com Birthday: November 18</p>	<p>Change of address – the rest is the same as before. Angela Longeliere 574-524-6230 1712 Burnham Dr, Mishawaka, IN 46544 alongeliere@gmail.com Birthday: March 10</p>

MEMBER NEWS & CONCERNS

Please send information to Virginia Kraft if you hear of a member who might appreciate a card from the Guild.

Virginia's address is 31224 Worrell St, Niles, MI, 49120, or call 574-274+1692 (cell)

PUBLIC EVENTS

SEPTEMBER – JANUARY

WHIP STITCH: QUILTS ARE CONTEMPORARY ART – WARNER GALLERY

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OLD & BOLD: VIVID 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY QUILTS FROM THE SHEIN COLLECTION – ROTUNDA GALLERY AND WEIKAMP GALLERY

September 28, 2024 – January 5, 2025

Wednesday – Sunday, Noon – 5 PM. Closed Monday and Tuesday. The first Friday of the month, open until 8 PM.

The quilts in the Whip Stitch exhibit are new and include Julie Farver's work, a member of our guild and the owner of the Quilted Oak Leaf in Dowagiac. Those in the Old & Bold exhibit are a selection of historical quilts from the private collection of Cari Shein. Viewing these two collections offers an exploration of the evolution of quilt-making across centuries.

South Bend Museum of Art

120 S Martin Luther King Drive, South Bend, IN 46601

No fee for entry but donations are welcome.

OCTOBER 2024

LAWTON COUNTRY QUILTERS – QUILTS ON THE VINE

Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 10 AM-4 PM

Quit raffle, vendors, raffle baskets, door prizes, demonstrations by members and a food truck!

Lawton Middle School, 100 Blue Pride Drive, Lawton, MI

Admission: \$7

NOVEMBER 2024

QUINCY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 22ND ANNUAL QUILT & CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 9 AM – 3 PM

A special display will show "Quilts Role in the Underground Railroad" and other quilts. There will also be vendors and a Christmas Store with gently used items. Lunch of soup and sandwich will also be available.

Quincy United Methodist Church, 32 West Chicago St, Quincy, MI 49082

Admission: \$5.

MUDSOCK QUILTERS GUILD QUILT SHOW

Saturday, November 9, 2024

300+ quilts, quilt raffle, vendors, Steals & Deals

Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 13450 E 116th St, Fishers, IN

Entrance fee: \$5 Visit www.mudsockquiltersguild.org

MARTELLI SEW CRAZY TURKEY TROT ROAD TRIP 2024

The Martelli company is on a road trip to our area! Cut 100% accurately while eliminating aches & pains. Join us to learn!

(Shameless plug from Beth Raker: I have two of their tables which I like VERY much and would buy again. I am also a big fan of their rotary cutter.)

Friday, November 15, 2024. Sign up for either 10:30 AM or 2 PM.

Cost \$15 – Includes T-shirt, a gift and chance of prizes. Limited seats available.
Sew Unique by Jackie, 51095 Bittersweet Rd, Granger IN 46530
Call 574-271-1775 to reserve a spot or stop into the store.
Hours: Monday 12– 5, Wednesday 9 – 8, 9– 5 the rest of the week. Closed Sunday.

ALL YEAR

THE QUILTERS HALL OF FAME

926 S Washington Street, Marion IN

Admission \$7, Seniors \$6

www.quiltershalloffame.net, Tuesday - Saturday, 10am -4pm

July 30 – October 5: *Katie Pasquini Masupost's contemporary quilts* will be displayed. She is their 2024 Honoree.

October 8 – December 14: *Holiday Splendor* – family heirloom quilts from the collection of Pat & Arlan Christ.

Board Members

Please let the board know of any concerns or questions you might have.

Sally Hanson - President.....(574) 339-2475, sallyannehan@aol.com

Robin English – Vice President(269) 663-3303, RobinsNestQuilts@aol.com

Beth Raker – Treasurer & Newsletter Editor....(574) 220-0116. bethraker@gmail.com

Melody VanLue - Secretary..... 269-876-7276, gerryandmelodyv@gmail.com

**We meet on the 4th Monday of every month
except we do not meet in December.**



Visitors are welcome and can attend two meetings without joining. Membership dues are \$30 per year and the year is from August through July. Seniors ages 80+ pay half dues. Dues are also prorated for new members by the half year. So any new members joining in August through January pay full dues, but in February through July will pay half dues.

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CHARITY QUILT SIZES NEEDED:

These sizes are approximate, and any size will be accepted.

The two sizes we give most are:

- 40x56 for baby quilts and
- 60x72 for cancer and infusion patients.

We also need:

- St. Margaret's House: Twin bed size quilts which are about 72x90, or even bigger.
- Wheelchair lap quilts: About 30x30 up to 40x40.

- *Hold off on this size for now. We have plenty.* NICU: 20x20 up to 24x24 small quilts for the NICU. It's appreciated to have flannel on the back to make them especially soft as they are used to cover the babies as they leave the hospital so that their eyes aren't hurt by the bright lights.
- NICU: 40x40 blankets to cover the Isolettes.
- NICU: Flannel hearts about 5-6" made of doubled flannel to be given to moms and babies to carry the scent for comfort. Each mother needs four.
- Port pillows – used on the seatbelt to protect the port worn during chemo or after other surgeries. Let Beth or Sue Counts know if you need a copy of the port pillow directions. Kits are often available at meetings. We are making a larger size than we did at one time as it seems to be appreciated.