NILES PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2026

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 22, 2026
Hope Community Church
2390 Lake St, Niles, MI

Program: Quilts of Valor: In the Bend
with Glenda Lamont and Mary Ann Lienhart-Cross

PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Oh, the sweet, warm days of Spring are drawing to an end. My gardens are full of beautiful flowers! This is when I love looking at color combinations for quilting inspiration. I have orangy-yellow Stella D'Oro daylilies growing amid beautiful magenta Rose Campion. My Red Hot Pokers are shaded from dark red through fiery orange and fade to sunny yellow. I even have some yellow roses blooming!

I hope you see a lot of fascinating colors in your travels this month and next.
Happy Summer, everyone!
Sally

CHARITY QUILTS

Jenny took 8 quilts to the Salvation Army who thanked us for the donation from the Pacemakers. A rather interesting way to think of us!

Nancy delivered 4 quilts to LifePlan and 3 quilts to the Niles Infusion Center. Nancy is thinking of referring to herself as a Pacemaker as it has a nice ring to it!

BUS TRIP TO AQS QUILT SHOW IN GRAND RAPIDS

Pick up your tickets soon to be sure of getting a seat! We are currently halfway full!

The trip is on Friday, August 21 and we meet at Hope Community Church. The bus will leave the parking lot promptly at 8 AM. We board the bus in the afternoon at 4 PM. Tickets cost $60 which includes admission to the show, snacks and a tip for the driver. There is plenty of storage under the bus so you can shop as much as you wish! Here is a link to the show:
https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/show/grand-rapids-2026/

2027 QUILT SHOW CHAIR(S)

We need to start the search to find our next Quilt Show Chair. Think about whether you'd be interested and whether you'd prefer to do it with a Co-Chair. If even slightly interested, please talk to Sue Counts, Jody Crandall and Sally Hanson to find out what it entails.

COMMITTEE NEEDED TO REVIEW THE TREASURER'S "BOOK"

Excerpt from our Bylaws:

Section 5. Finance Committee

A. The chairperson shall be confirmed by the President.
B. The committee shall review the treasurer's book at the end of each fiscal year of office.
C. The committee shall be comprised of guild members and/or qualified non-members.

We are seeking volunteers to form a Finance Committee to review the treasurer's records for the 2025 Fiscal Year. According to our Bylaws (see above), this committee reviews the books at the end of each fiscal year to ensure records are maintained diligently and accurately.

Please note that this is not a formal audit, but rather a brief oversight process. To make this task as straightforward as possible, a "procedure" document based on previous reviews is attached for your reference.

The review should only take about 15 minutes and can be completed at home or before one of our upcoming meetings. We aim to have this finalized within the next month or two.

Sally will be asking for two or three volunteers at this month's meeting. If you are comfortable assisting with this simple but important task, please let us know.

SCISSORS SHARPENING

Beth was asked to share the news that R & R Sharpening in Edwardsburg does a good job of sharpening scissors at a reasonable price. You will find their information on Facebook. Be sure to search for it including spaces as written above.

MAY MEETING MINUTES ARE ATTACHED.

Treasurer's Report - June 2026		
5/1/2026 - Overall Beginning Balance	**$**	**13,400.53**
INCOME:		
Bus Tickets	$	1,620.00
Dues	$	45.00
EXPENSES		
May Program	$	100.00
Charity Quilts - Storage Containers	$	38.03
Ribbon - for Challenge	$	17.94
Judy Earnst - In Memory	$	50.00
5/31/2026 - Checking Account Balance:	**$**	**5,411.81**
Savings Account Balance:	**$**	**9,347.91**
Overall Ending Balance	**$**	**14,759.72**

GUILD MEETINGS - 4TH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

See the January newsletter for meeting dates and Sit & Sew dates for 2026.

6 PM: Check in & social hour
7 PM: Business Meeting, Show & Tell, Program

- **June 22:** Quilts of Valor: In the Bend – Everything you want to know about Quilts of Valor. After the business meeting, Glenda Lamont will be speaking about Quilts of Valor. During Social Hour she will be at a table with nomination forms and free quilt block kits for those who want to make a few blocks. (Show and Tell will be done after the program this month.)
- **July 27:** Claudia Lash Trunk Show of Presto Avenue Designs. Her website is https://www.prestoavenuedesigns.com/
- **August 24:** Membership Picnic and Challenge Reveal – This meeting is the beginning of our Membership Year and Deb Brechtel will be very pleased if you pay your 2026-2027 dues at the meeting. The dues are still $30 per year unless you're 80 or older and willing to tell Deb so! It is your responsibility to make her aware.

SIT & SEW / WORKSHOP MEETING DATES

Details will be included in the newsletter prior to meeting.

- **June 20:** Miracle Binding/Machine Binding Lesson with Annette, Beth and Pam. There will be charity quilts to bind if you wish AND/OR bring your own projects to work on.
- **No Sit & Sew in July or August**

Happy Birthday to Our Members!

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

JUNE	**JULY**	**July Continued…**
7 – Brenda Allison	3 – Carol Peters	20 – Carolyn Ernsperger
9 – Cheri Rissman	8 – Grace Cronin	21 – Melody VanLue
15 – Kim Barnes	12 – Janice Rajski	23 – Deborah Brechtel
22 – Kim Clark	13 – Marilu Franks	23 – Alechia Evans
26 – Cathy Stair	17 – Virginia Kraft	24 – Barbara Chestovich
	18 – Beej Zenk	26 – Stephanie Anders
	19 – Connie Gless	27 – Laurie Fenske

MEMBER NEWS & CONCERNS

Please send information to Virginia Kraft if you hear of a member who might appreciate a card from the Guild. Her address is 31224 Worrell St, Niles, MI, 49120, or call 574-274+1692 (cell)

Board Members & People Who Help in Many Ways

Please let the board know of any concerns or questions you might have.
President: Sally Hanson.....(574) 339-2475, sallyannehan@aol.com
Vice-President: Melody VanLue……. ..... 269-876-7276, gerryandmelodyv@gmail.com
Treasurer: Beth Raker .....(574) 220-0116, bethraker@gmail.com
Secretary: Pam Holt.....(574) 532-1575, haypamholt@gmail.com

- **Archivist** – Looking for someone!
- **Batting Storage** – Beth Raker – Contact Beth with dimensions when you need batting.
- **Charity Quilt Distribution** – Nancy Dunning… (574) 210-1559, nancydunning@att.net & Jenny Chapla…(269) 683-2740), jchapla@sbcglobal.net
- **Charity Quilt Longarmers** – Stephanie Anders, Annette Blaschuk, Sue Counts, Gene Hubbard, Beth Raker, Stephanie Savona. (If you were left out, please notify Beth Raker.)
  NOTE – We also have several people who quilt the charity quilts on their domestic machines.
- **Courtesy Committee** – Virginia Kraft…(574) 274-1692, kraftyquilts@yahoo.com
- **Door Prizes –** Bettye Green…(574) 292-0036, boopbettye64@gmail.com
- **Facebook** – Beth Raker
- **Free Table/Flea Storage** – Jenny Chapla
- **Hospitality Chair** – Nancy Dunning, Lola Woolett…(574) 612-1086 & Mary Ann Jackson…(574) 329-0521, LMJackson66@comcast.net
- **Kit Supplies Storage** (kits, fabric, patterns, bags) – Sally Hanson
- **Membership Chair –** Deb Brechtel.....(317) 416-7992, indydeba23@outlook.com
- **Newsletter Editor** – Beth Raker
- **Port Pillow Kits and Distribution** – Cindy Mehaney…269-816-1207, newfponyfg@gmail.com
- **Quilt Tops & Backs (Ready to Quilt) Storage** – Sally Hanson
- **Secret Pals** – Nancy Breidenbach…(574) 256-5391, dnbreidenbach@gmail.com
- **Sit & Sew/Workshop Supplies Storage** – Annette Blaschuk…269-845-6005, annetteblaschuk@aol.com
- **Trailer and Drapes Storage** – Jody Crandall… (269) 591-1162, jodycrandall@yahoo.com
- **Web Master** – Deb Brechtel

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 $15 per year. 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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