

Paper Pieces

November/December 2015

Quilters Check List

- ◆ Name Tag
- ◆ Smile
- ◆ Bring Show and Tell Projects
- ◆ Introduce yourself to someone new

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Elsie Vredenburg

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November 21, 2015

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Deadline for the next Paper Pieces

December 15, 2015

Quilts by ELSIE



Elsie Vredenburg is probably best known for her pictorial pieced quilts, which are often combined with elements of traditional patchwork designs. She prefers piecing to applique, so she has developed a method of designing in which all elements of the design are converted to straight lines. This makes for somewhat of an angular look, which is characteristic of her pictorial quilts. Subject matter ranges from architectural to people to the animal world. Elsie's quilts have appeared in many national and international quilt shows, including American Quilter's Society, National Quilting Association, National Patchwork Association, Quilt Expo Europa, Quilters Heritage Celebration, Quilt America!, International Quilters Association. They have also appeared in Quilters Newsletter Magazine, Lady's Circle Patchwork Quilts, Quilting Today, and Traditional Quiltworks. Her article, "From Photo to Fabric: Pieced Architecture" was published in the Spring 1996 issue of The American Quilter Magazine. Elsie is a native of Michigan. She received her BS in Home Economics Education from Michigan State University in 1963, and taught Home Economics at the high school level for a few years, then decided it was more important to stay at home with her young children. Her quilting career began at that time as a way to add a little bit to the family income while staying at home. She learned to quilt while still in high school, at the insistence of her grandmother. - See more at: <http://www.quiltsbyelsie.com>

Win a Prize! If your birthday falls on

January 15 be the first* to call **Kathy Santo** at

(586) 909-1594 to receive a \$20 gift certificate to **Front Porch Quilts in Troy.**

*If more than one birthday falls on the date above, the first to call wins. There will be only **one prize.**

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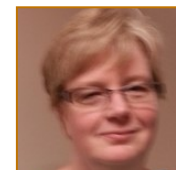


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RetreatFest News>>>

Fests are held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Clemens, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Retreats are held at Lake Huron Retreat Center, north of Port Huron in Burtchville Township.

Lakeport Retreat September 24-27, 2015

Fallfest October 24, 2015

2016

Winterfest January 16, 2016

Lakeport Retreat February, 25-28, 2016

Springfest May 7, 2016

Lakeport Retreat September 22-25 2016

MCQG Programs 2015--2016>>>

2015

September 14 — **Kathy Hellebuyck:** T-Shirt quilts

October 5 — **Pam Achatz:** Traditional quilts

November 2 — **Elsie Vredenburg:** Pictorial quilts

December 7 — Christmas Party and Potluck (members only)

2016

January 4—Whistle Stop

February 1—Debbie Grifka

March 7—Carolyn Vagts

April 4— **No speaker Quilt Show meeting**

April 22-23 —Quilt Show

May 16—Cathy Miller and

John Bunge—Singing Quilter

June 6 **Presidents Tea**

From the President — Sue Sharkey

Hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner! I love the feeling that winter brings. There is a certain peace and quiet outside. Turning the calendar ahead to a New Year can be exciting.

Speaking of new... I'd like to reflect on new members!

Try to remember back when YOU were new to the Macomb County Quilt Guild. It might have been last month, last year or 14 years ago. Can you remember where you sat that first meeting? Who the women were at the table? How did you like the business meeting? Were you excited to see the Show and Tell quilts? Did you like the speaker? I bet you formed a lot of opinions that first night. Many liked it and continued coming back. I hope that we ALL are doing a good job of welcoming new members into our group and asking them to sit at our tables. We've talked about various ways to welcome new people, whether they are just a guest for the evening or a new member. I feel it is up to all of the members in the guild to be the "welcoming committee" for the new people. Sure would feel good to be greeted with a smile and a chair at your table. Provide some information, let them know that coffee and snacks are available, where the rest rooms are located. Get to know one another!

Our guild has a lot to offer our new members. Sunny Howe, our membership lady, has put together a new member packet filled with important guild information like our By-Laws, Standing Rules, Current officer names, Programs for the year, a membership card and a MCQG pin. Also, a free MCQG cookbook! We have a membership Directory that gets printed late fall and is available usually at the December meeting. This includes names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of our members.

We encourage new and old members to make a name tag. Please wear it to the meetings. It sure helps to remember names and faces. The tag can be as fancy or as plain as you'd like. Look around at some of the name tags, they are all very interesting!

Each meeting begins with fellowship from 6 to 7 pm. That's when we gather, find our tables, chat with fellow members, and maybe get coffee and a snack. We sell 50/50 raffle tickets at this time. We begin the business meeting at 7pm. That's the time the Board members give their monthly reports. At this time, we'd like to keep things quiet at the tables. Sometimes if it's noisy at your table, please feel free to say shhhhhhh ! It's only fair to be polite to others that are trying to listen to the board members speak.

After the business meeting, we usually have a speaker. The speaker of the month usually has a lecture and a trunk show of their quilting journey. Some months we have Whistle stops where there are 3-4 different stations you can walk to around the room and a new sewing or quilting technique is demonstrated. A whistle is blown and that means to go to a new stop.

On months that we have potluck parties, we don't schedule speakers. In December and June we have potluck parties. Each member is invited to bring some sort of food or dessert to share. We set up long tables down the middle aisle and it is transformed into food heaven! I always enjoy the chocolate desserts. In December, some members choose to decorate their tables with holiday tablecloths or table runners, and maybe a centerpiece. Some members like to exchange gifts among each other at their tables.

In June, we have a President's Tea Party. Seems it is more like a potluck where each member brings a yummy main dish or dessert to share. However, we do serve tea and coffee. Member tables are decorated with fancy quilted table runners, lacy doilies, pretty tea cups and pots, dishes and fresh flowers. Some members dress up! Fancy dresses, pretty hats, real old fashioned gloves. Last year, we had a Downton Abbey themed tea party. We even had a raffle basket with Downton Abbey DVDs, special teas, fancy tea cups, sewing and quilting items. We really have fun at the potluck parties. I know I've gained some weight eating way too many brownies or chocolate chip cookies!

At the end of the meeting, after the speaker is finished, we have a 50/50 raffle drawing. Then, we have Show and Tell. That's my favorite part of the meeting when all the amazing quilts are shown!

Other information that I thought you'd like to know: (Continued on Page 4)

Sue Sharkey continued

We also have a mini group called New Kids on the Block. The group is headed by Marcia Gramzow. This is for new members who want to improve their quilting skills and meet others. They meet on the first Friday of each month from 9:30 am until noon at Marcia's home. There is no cost to you. Please contact Marcia if you're interested in joining her mini group.

During months when the weather is bad, sometimes we have to cancel a meeting. You will be contacted by a member by phone. Last year, we had to cancel our February meeting because of snow and cold.

Our website has so much information for you to look at. I encourage you to go online and check it out. www.macombcountyquiltguild.org. Password is diane. Use all lowercase letters.

Every other month, we have a newsletter on our website called Paper Pieces. Our newsletter has information on events, upcoming classes and retreats, to news about charity projects as well as upcoming speakers. Our newsletter editor, Kathy Santo, does an excellent job of creating and publishing this for us. If you have anything you'd like published in our newsletter, please email Kathy Santo with the details. You will be notified by email when Paper Pieces is published.

Whether you're an old or a new member, I hope you continue to feel welcomed by our group and inspired by the others around you. Always feel free to speak with me or the other board members. We are here to serve you.

I hope you enjoy your holidays,
Sue Sharkey

JILL STIGER — PAST PRESIDENT

It's not too early to begin thinking about the Board positions we will need for next year. In each newsletter, I'll give a job description for one of the Board positions. This month-

MEMBERSHIP

- Maintain membership records and ensure effective management of the organization's records using a computer data base program.
- Receive and process membership applications on a timely basis, including forwarding all cash and checks to the Treasurer promptly.
- Prepare new member packets, including a welcome letter, bylaws, and membership directory, to be given to new members upon payment of dues.
- Create and supply membership applications and membership cards
- Send a current computer spreadsheet to the Newsletter Editor prior to the expected date for each mailing of the newsletter as requested.
- Create a yearly membership directory as soon after October 31st as practical.
- Prepare sign-in sheets for the monthly meeting by using current membership database.
- Sends current membership information to web master.

Sunny has done a marvelous job for us and she will gladly assist anyone who is interested in taking this position. Our Board meets once a month for about an hour. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard within our Guild. Please consider joining.

CHARITY CUTTING PARTY NOVEMBER 21, 2015

Please join us on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 9:00 to 5:00 to sew and quilt the tops at the North Macomb Sportsman Club in Washington Twp. Please consider taking a top or two and quilt them for us. Your designs can be simple, straight lines or stitch in the ditch. Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies and a bag lunch. If you are able to attend or have questions, please email me at clbaker1996@gmail.com that you are coming. (see directions last page)

Claudia Baker, Charity Committee



Happy November/ December Birthdays>>>

Katherine Delicato – November 1
Kathryn Hellebuyck – November 3
Nancy Zerilli – November 11
Doris Breitzkreuz – November 13
Joyce Wells – November 14
Joyce DeGrafferireid—Nov. 19
Marilyn Lekki – November 21
Maureen Cobb – November 24
Evelyn Washchuk – November 25
Donna Russo—November 30
Nancy Fricano – December 11
Cindy Kowalski—December 12
Marie Chesney – December 13
Carol Holloway – December 15
Carol Ann Trullard – December 16
Sunny Howe – December 18
Mary Julian—December 18
Mary Doetsch— December 19
Cindy Dembeck – December 21
Carol Serenko – December 25
Merry Johnson – December 25
Cathy Riley – December 27
Elaine Martin – December 28

If you have a birthday on this list, please bring a treat to share at the November meeting.

ROAD RALLY / SHOP HOP

WE had a blast.....

Here are the clues.

- 1. Started out as a home décor and sewing school with classes.***
- 2. Has Australian bears in the store.***
- 3. Has two enclosed porches.***
- 4. Has moved locations in the same strip mall.***
- 5. Livernois not in Detroit.***

Bonnie Kaster won the basket to Sew Many Things.

Barb Barringer won the basket to Decorative Stitches

Peggy Lau won the basket to Cristina's

Anita Groninger won the basket to Fabric Affair and

Denise Champine won the basket to Front Porch Quilts

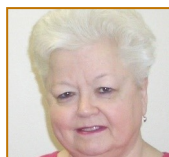
Money prizes were also distributed.

Pictures will be posted on the webpage.

See Jacqueline Bertolini's Ad Page

MEET A MEMBER

Pam Tibbits



Hello, I live in Clinton Township, I am single with no children, but I have 9 nieces/nephews and 20 great nieces/nephews and 2 great great nieces. I was born and raised in Detroit. My dad was a Detroit City Policeman and I grew up on the east side of the city.

I have been a member of the Guild since about 2002. In 2002, I walked into Quilters Corner and signed up for the quilt university and began taking classes. It was through these classes that I have met the best friends in my life and I am thankful for that everyday.

I have a large family and I have made many quilts for almost all of them by now.....some more than one quilt. I get GREAT pleasure in presenting a quilt to a family member....it gives me great pride and joy in seeing their reaction and I can honestly say I have never been disappointed!

I REALLY like brights and batiks and I only piece the tops, by machine. I leave the quilting to the pros. While it is not a specific technique, I would love to make a wedding ring quilt.....someday!

One of my most memorable road trips was to the Ricky Tim's seminar in Cleveland, OH.....getting to meet Ricky, Alex Anderson and Libby Lehman. I also go to many retreats and always have a great time. Quilting and sewing are really my hobbies. My passion is dancing and while I can't dance myself, I love to watch dancing in almost all forms. My friends all know how "crazy" I am about my nieces who have danced many years in competition and I traveled with them for many years. One niece is still in the world of musical theater and I love to travel anywhere she is performing.

I enjoy almost anything musical.....and dancing. I believe I was a dancer in another life.

AND I LOVE Chocolate !!!

MY SOUL IS FED BY NEEDLE AND THREAD

PAM ACHTZ

DON'T FORGET OUR QUILT SHOW APRIL 22ND AND 23RD 2016

SET UP IS APRIL 21ST

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING

ROAD RALLY TEAMS



Janet Bott
Bonnie Kaster
Cathy Riley and Colleen Beals



Barb Barringer
Jacqueline Bertolini
and Claudia Baker



Sandi Miski
Denise Champine
Joy Sandelich



Terri Brown
Cindy Zielke
Anita Groninger



Linda Rogala
Roy
Peggy Lau
Kathy Andary
Kathy Santo

WE HAD A BLAST



Lunch Mexican Village

Casino Night at Fabric Affair...

Wheeling and Dealing with Dawn



Fabric Affair hosted **Casino Night** on Saturday, September 19 at its store in Troy. The only Bernina dealer in Oakland County, the shop opened four years ago. To celebrate its success, owners **Michelle and Rich Strassburg** held the casino party to give back to the customers that bought sewing machines from them. "It was totally for fun and customer appreciation," Michelle explained. MCQG's very own **Dawn Nelson**, one of two employees, served as dealer at the Blackjack table.

The party began with appetizers, desserts and a variety of beverages. Guests received tokens, with the chance to win more, when they arrived. More than 50 people enjoyed the Blackjack, Craps and a Roulette Wheel. There were plenty of favors and prizes too, including fat-quarters, scissors, rulers, embroidery programs, a variety of notions and even a \$250 gift certificate. A good time was had by all!

The shop carries a full line of sewing, embroidery, and serger machines, as well as providing repairs, machine instruction and ongoing support. Michelle is in charge of sales while Rich is an authorized Bernina repair technician. Also to help customers learn machine quilting is Stanley, the long-arm machine. More information and class schedules are available at myfabricaffair.com

Located at the southeast corner of John R and Long Lake, Fabric Affair opened in 2011. The duo worked hard and quickly made plans to expand. They outgrew their original store in the middle of Long Lake Plaza, moving to a larger end unit in May, 2014.

Colleen Belli, Member



MEMBERS CHALLENGE

Challenge: Finish one quilt for Charity
(This means pieced, quilted and bound)

Who: Each guild member is being asked to finish at least ONE charity quilt.

When: Turn in finished quilt(s) between October 2015 – June 2016

Prize: One or more cash prize(s) of \$50.00.

A member may donate more than one quilt. One finished quilt will get one ticket for drawing.

Each additional finished quilt turned in will get an additional ticket for drawing.

Perhaps you have never quilted a top with your sewing machine.

Now is the time to CHALLENGE YOURSELF!!

Very easy to stitch in the ditch, use a straight stitch or decorative stitch on your sewing machine.

Maybe your friend likes to machine piece and you like to quilt, trade jobs with each other.

Rules:

No polyester batting (cotton only)

Binding must be sewn on by hand (when sewing front to back)

Members may use charity fabric and batting

Or, Members may use their own fabrics and batting

Our charity committee really needs your help! Please challenge yourself to finish one quilt!

We highly recommend you help us out with this effort, but we are not demanding you do this.

Turn quilts into Sue Sharkey for a ticket to be entered into June 2016 drawing.

Thank you for your time and talent!

Cutting Tip

Resquare your fabric often (every 6" if using a 6" wide ruler or every 4" if using a 4" wide ruler)

Save Scraps...

Every Little Bit Goes a Long Way

Purple Heart will accept your sewing scraps, thread, batting -- anything you have left over -- no matter how small. The scraps are used to make insulation. Call Purple Heart at **(734) 728-4560** to schedule a pick up (within three days). Or, you can bring your scraps to a guild meeting and I will take care of it. There is a limit of 20 bags or boxes per pickup, and the organization will accept other items for donation. There is more information on the website: www.purpleheart.org

Jill Stiger, Past President



Directions to North Macomb Sportsman Club

Go toward M-53 N / Van Dyke (these directions are from 16 Mile Road heading west)

Bear Left onto Van Dyke Road

Turn left onto 28 Mile Road

Turn right onto Mt. Vernon (unpaved road)

Turn right onto Inwood Rd. (unpaved road)

If you reach Mound Road, you've gone to far

FOR SALE: Husqvarna Viking Mega Quilter with Next Generation Quilting Frame.

9" neck, stitch regulator, knee lift and can be used on or off the frame. Frame comes in two pieces, can be set up for 5' or 10' length.

PRICE: \$925.00 Please contact: Jacqueline Bertolini 586-242-3154

My home email is jtbertolini@comcast.net

