

A PIECE OF NEWS

The Newsletter for Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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January 2024

Woohoo!! The new year has begun. Time to take your saved change and invest in some new treasures. Bring in your old project directions, yarn bits, books, and other crafting booty to the January meeting. It's time to swap treasures and prepare for the coldest months of the year. What items will you find? Please bring a bag, box, or other tote to take home your personal horde. If you have an extra, please bring it for a friend. Remember this is not a white elephant sale. Limit donations to crafting items in good conditions. I'll see you there. Come early and take home plenty. The proceeds will support our monthly events for 2024-25.

We will not have a speaker for January. Our main event is the Quilter's Treasure Trove. We will be reviewing a new change to the By-Laws though. So please come if you can. Normal protocol will be observed. Share your completed projects, but remember no more than three items per person. Bring your completed UFOs, Scrap Happy blocks, Comfort Quilts, Joey Bags, and Fat Chance entries. Looking forward to seeing you.

Elections are coming. We need a volunteer to head the Elections Committee. You need to be an attending member for three years and a non-officer. Please step up and help find new officers. For those of you who are worried about becoming an officer, please keep in mind a lot of work has been put in to make the positions easier than before. We have created documents to support each position. I personally promise to assist the new president in all paperwork, computer work, and planning if they request help. We need some ladies who are willing to put their personal stamps of excellence on a new slate of officers.

Julie

Programs Calendar 2023-24

January- Treasure Trove sale (trash to treasure)

Perfect place to bring unwanted sewing items. Notions, fabric, machines, books & patterns. Monies go to the guild. No need to price items.

Pattye Kent

7:00 pm

3rd Wednesday of the month at
Second Presbyterian Church
2665 Midland Rd., Saginaw, MI

This month's date:

Jan. 17, 2024

7:00 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

This month's program:

Treasure Trove Sale



Minutes for Saginaw Piecemakers Quilt Guild Meeting November 15,2023

Meeting called to order at 7:13

Thank you for coming and all of the delicious food.

Minutes no change, stand as written.

January Trash to Treasure has been changed to Quilter's Treasure Trove. Bring crafts to get rid of to the January meeting.

No Meeting in December

February guest speaker is Sarah Gallegos from Fons & Porter.

Standish – NE Michigan Arts Council, enter quilt in show, submit before 12/31/23. Suggested to put in newsletter for registration January 27th and 28th.

Committees

-Gary & MaryJane need names on bears please, Bring bears to Gary

-UFO - #4 for tonight, #5 to show for January

-Round Robin quilt, take home tonight; pass around in January because Dorothy won't be here

-Comfort Quilts – Bernice Webster won bundle of fat quarters

-Scrap Happy – 29 Blocks, Ruth Hawley won; next month's block Christmas Star 10 ½" block

-Fat Chance 4 bundles of 9 each, Judy Collier, Cindy Gath, Jill Knapp

Treasurers Report – Linda handed off report for the notebook

Quilt Show Tickets – Applications for quilt show due 2/21/24; please mail or bring to January meeting

Nothing for the good of the order

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Sturm

SIT AND SEW

Feb sit & sew: Wed Feb 21 at Between Patches in Bay City. 4 spaces available.

Any questions - text, call or leave me a message

Pattye Kent. 989-236-2306

FAT CHANCE

January-polka dots

February-red fabrics for red work

March-green batiks

April-geometric fabric-different shapes

May- civil war

Nell

UFO (Unfinished Objects) CLUB

UFO for November is project #5 on your To-Do list. Please remember to sign in at the UFO table even if you have not completed your project.

Cyndi Thomas

SCRAP HAPPY

The rules are very simple. NO buying fabric. Use your stash to complete a block (pattern provided) each month. If a block is submitted your name will be entered in a drawing to win all of the blocks.

Our November block was Spools in every color/style of fabric. We had 29 blocks turned in. The lucky winner was Ruth Hawley.

Hope you didn't put the Christmas fabric away yet....The block for January is Christmas Star block using traditional Christmas fabrics. The unfinished size of the block is 10.5 inches. The pattern is posted on the Facebook website and in the newsletter.

Are you having any luck taming that never ending stash that we have collected over the year?

Happy Scrappy Sewing!

Linda B.

January – Let's do Christmas!

May seem out of season but those scraps for Christmas may hanging out right now.

Cutting:	Light	Dark
3" squares	6	6

For Half-square triangles

2.5 square	4	9
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Construction:
Make 12 Half Square triangle using the 3" squares. Square up to 2.5
See layout below.

Please use Traditional Christmas Colors!

Light/Dark	Dark/Light	Dark	Dark/Light	Light/Dark
Light/Dark	Dark	Light	Dark	Light/Dark
Dark	Light	Dark	Light	Dark
Dark/Light	Dark	Light	Dark	Dark/Light
Dark/Light	Light/Dark	Dark	Light/Dark	Dark/Light

COMFORT QUILTS

We are trying something new this year. Each month, a donation of a quilt or joey bag, and maybe a couple of pillowcases, gets your name in a drawing for that month. A fat quarter bundle (8-10) from local quilt shop including their card in case someone would want to get more fabric to make a quilt, is being donated by a group of generous members. The names would be kept for a larger drawing to take place at the end of the guild year. The more someone would donate the greater the chances of winning!

We are moving away from the small baby quilts because babies outgrow them too quickly. We will be using the 3-yard quilt size (lap size). We are also including some twin-size quilts. Kits for child quilts, teen quilts and Joey bags are available at the guild meetings.

Most of our fabric is donated, but we do need to purchase backings and/or batting. There will be a container at our table for donations. Your help is greatly appreciated. We encourage you to continue sewing at home making pillowcases, quilts, and Joey bags. This is a great way to use your stash.

Jan Schell and Chris Pahssen-Noble, co-chairs

PIECEMAKERS NAME BADGES

Name badges are a great way to meet other members of the guild. Wear yours to each meeting. Do you need a name badge? Badges are \$7.50 each and include a pin back or a magnet back. Extra magnet backs are also available for \$1.00 each. You can order a name badge at the meeting or by contacting Chris Pahssen-Noble: cpahssen@aol.com or call/text 989-751-0308.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Check out our Facebook page. Lots of information is shared. Search for Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Saginaw. This is a closed group for Piecemaker members only, so your request to join needs approval of an administrator.

Clara Martin and Chris Pahssen-Noble, co-administrators

QUILT SHOW INFO.... FOR YOU TO KNOW!!

Quilt Raffle Tickets will be available at the January meeting. We have them in groups of 20 for our Guild Members to sell. We also have groups of 50 and 100, as some people will be selling at their businesses. We will record all ticket numbers with your name, and you will be responsible for selling and returning any unsold ones. We are hoping for each member to sell 20 (\$1 each). In your envelope will also be a picture of the quilt, so you can show what it looks like to anyone purchasing a ticket. This beautiful Quilt is 89x80.

Thank you,
Laura Greenfelder
Quilt Show Co-Chair

Quilt Entry Forms will be available at the meeting in January. They are already available on our Facebook page to download and print. Remember all entries for Quilts, Challenge or otherwise must be submitted in person or USPS (mail to address on the form). Please follow instructions on form. **NOT** able to accept by email. Any questions, call Nell Beebe at 989-845-5819.

Thank you,
Nell Beebe, Quilt Show Take in Chair



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We will have signup sheets for the Quilt Show for several of the booths in two-hour slots starting at the February meeting:

Door Entry - Linda Birchmeier - Committee Chair
Pinning & Hanging - Wanda Rohle - Committee Chair
Boutique - Stephanie Clark - Committee Chair
Basket/Gift Drawing - Cathy Engel - Committee Chair
Raffle Ticket Table - Laura Greenfelder - Quilt Show Co- Chair
Rack set up - Clara Martin - Quilt Show Co-Chair

Thank you to our other Committee chairs who have also been working hard:

Vendor chair - Pattye Kent
Ribbon Chair - Ruth Hawley

Thank you, Clara Martin, Quilt Show Co-Chair
Laura Greenfelder, Quilt Show Co-Chair

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE



Ladies,
I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Winter is a great time to spend in your sewing room and our boutique is in need of items to sell. We need a variety of small handmade items to stock our shop. I will be available at our guild meetings to bring in your donations.

Thanks for supporting the guild.
Stephanie Clark

BASKET/BOX TO DONATE FOR THE APRIL 2024 PIECEMAKERS QUILT SHOW.

You can help greatly by making a basket or by helping to fill a basket:

- Make up a group/friends basket or box to donate.
- Be creative, donate anything new to help fill the baskets.
- Donations of new items do not need to be sewing related.
- Think: kids, adults, movies, chocolates, cookies, coffee, wine, spring plants, scented candles, lotion/body bath, scarves, color books, crayons, drink cups/tumblers, cross stitch, yarn, quilt books, fat quarters, quilt patterns, gift certificates, donation of services, the list goes on...
- Bring your basket or gift item to the March Guild meeting or at our Quilt Show set up, or when you bring in your quilt.
- It must be turned in before the day of show.
- Make sure we know your basket/item is coming by calling or texting 989-928-5506, Cathy Engel, to get your name and item on the list, or see me at any meeting, January/February/March.
- Thank you so much for helping to make this year's Piecemakers Quilt Show a success.

Cathy Engel
Committee Chair
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