

# A PIECE OF NEWS

The Newsletter for Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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## March 2023

### Reminders:

All requests to be added to the agenda need to be sent to the president one week before our meeting date. Keep those announcements coming!!

If Saginaw schools are ever cancelled due to bad weather on our scheduled meeting date, the guild meeting will also be cancelled that night.

### President's Note

I caught a lively leprechaun  
With stubble on his face.  
He promised loads of buried gold  
And led me to the place.  
But when I let him loose to dig,  
He leaped and led a chase.  
That lively laughing leprechaun  
Had left without a trace!

Betsy Franco

"Tis the time of the Irish, leprechauns, and clovers. Ancestry.com says I'm 17% Irish, but if you ask my friends, they say I'm 100% Blarney. Either way, my blood runs a little green. Besides, I think we are all a bit Irish during March. Anyway, this is the perfect month to dig out a green UFO or start a new green project.

Julie

<https://lorimillerdesigns.com/2017/02/24/free-tutorial-lucky-shamrock-pillows/>

<https://thesewingloftblog.com/how-to-scrapping-st-pattys-style/>

7:00 pm

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

**This month's date:**

Mar. 15, 2023

7:00 pm

Doors open at 6:15 pm

This month's program:

Zoom presentation with

Beth Helfter of evapage quilt  
designs



Get a head start on Easter with this Youtube video, it has 4 projects to try.

<https://weallsew.com/drawstring-bunny-bags/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teHtXhYt-5g>

### Junior Vice President Update

As you are aware, our Junior Vice President has resigned. At the last guild meeting the board took a couple of minutes to meet in the hall. Judy Wilson's resignation was accepted and a candidate stepped forward to finish her term. Connie Wegner was nominated and appointed by the board to become our new Junior Vice President until June. Connie will then become our Vice President for the 2023-24 season.

We are currently seeking a Junior Vice President to the 2023-24 season. If you are interested contact Jane McClure on the nominations committee. The vote will be held at the March Meeting.

### Programs

**March-** It's time . . . for our ZOOM presentation with Beth Helfter of evapaige quilt designs! She will be discussing her accordion half square triangle technique. Come see how it magically works to have a block made quickly. Our presenter has agreed to allow our members to access the zoom lecture from home! Below you will find the link. **Reminder this is only for Piecemakers Quilt Guild members.** Beth Helfter is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Saginaw Piecemakers Accordion Sewn HSTs™

Time: Mar 15, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84388815544?pwd=dEJIL0JDQitmM0xPQzZsSEtRSWY0Zz09>

Meeting ID: **843 8881 5544**

Passcode: **151558**

**April** - Let's find homes for those orphan blocks! Bring your 12.5 x 12.5-inch blocks. You can make your small ones larger just so they all measure 12.5 x 12.5. Bring a sewing machine if you wish and any larger pieces of flannel. We will be making lap blankets for the veterans. We will be making either 4 block by 4 block blankets or narrower ones of 3 x 5 blocks for taller veterans and wheelchairs. The flannel will be the batting/backing instead of the traditional 3 layers. Once they are finished, they will be given to Diane Jankowski for delivery to the VAMC.

Also bring your project made with Flying Geese to share with the guild. Tell us which technique you prefer when making Flying Geese.

**May** - A masquerade party. Feel free to make a mask for the upper half of your face. Bring some finger foods to share and a fat quarter. Games are being planned.

Dorothy Bodeis

## Piecemakers Quilt Guild Meeting February 15, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:01

President introduced a new member and a guest

-Stickers for car window \$6

-Hot Pad class talked about, a success

-Kits for sale \$10 each

Announcements

-Clara spoke about the need for hire out quilting

-Ink cartridges are \$2 each store credit at Staples

Minutes No changes, keep as submitted

Vice President Dorothy Bodeis

Tonight, flying geese demonstration, bring projects made with methods learned

March – Zoom meeting w/Eva Paige designs

April – Orphan Blocks 12 ½”

May – Masquerade Mask and end of year party

Jr Vice President

May – Masquerade mask, finger foods to pass, Games including bingo, punch provided, bring your own drink if you wish, bring one fat quarter

Standing Committees

UFO #4 for February, #5 for March

Fat Chance Cyndi Thomas won a bundle of fat quarters, Jane McClure won a bundle of fat quarters, and Ruth Hawley won a bundle of fat quarter

Scrap Happy Club 36 blocks turned in, Ruth Hawley won the blocks, Scrap Buster block for March, see pattern on the website

Nominating Committee still in search of vice president for remainder of this year

Duties are mainly securing guest speakers for next year.

Gadgets for this month forked pins, pressing bars in two sizes

Door Prizes Ruth Hawley and Connie Wegner

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Sturm

### Fat Chance

Hello,

Last month for the fat Chance was red fabrics and I received 24 fat quarters, so I gave out 3 bundles of 8. The winners were Ruth Hawley, Jane McClure, and Cyndi Thomas.

This month is civil war fabrics. Hopefully we will have a good turnout for these fabrics! I always like it when I can give out several bundles.

April is black/white and the last one is any color batiks.

Have fun with this. See you at the meeting.

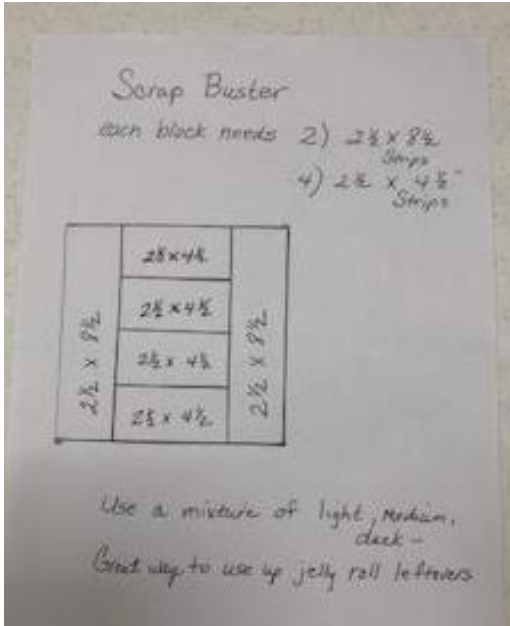
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## UFO (Unfinished Objects) CLUB

Just a reminder from UFO that your project number for March is 5. I look forward to seeing everyone's accomplishments.

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 February block was a red/cream churn dash. We had 36 blocks turned in. Ruth Hawley was the very lucky member to win them.

The block March is a Scrap Buster block using any variation of light/medium and dark. It is a very good way to use up the leftovers from jelly rolls. The pattern is posted on the Facebook website and in this newsletter.

I have also included a picture of the 80-block quilt I made using this block.



In the coming months I will have a limited # of copies available for members who don't use Facebook. Printing costs can add up quickly and I tend to misplace patterns that I can't look up on a phone or tablet! We will try out this system and see how it works

With any luck we will be taming that never ending stash that we have collected over the years.

Happy Scrappy Sewing!

Linda

### COMFORT QUILTS

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 occasionally we 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](mailto: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



### March Door Prize!

Donated by Robyn from BETWEEN PATCHES LLC  
The cutest little quilt shop just outside Bay City.  
470 Chip Rd, Bay City, MI

(Prize not as pictured)



We have two door prizes this month.

A complimentary ticket drawing for everyone who attends the meeting!

Thank you to both our donors, Between Patches and Anonymous



### Piecemakers Quilt Guild Window Decal

Reg. \$8.00 ea. **Now on Special** - \$6.00 each

Show your support for your guild!  
Pick up at the check-in table at the guild meeting.

Looks great on any vehicle!!!

## Beggar Wants to Be a Chooser

Ladies, please keep the Guild in mind as you start your spring cleaning. We are requesting a few special items for our potluck box. These items will remain in the box to be used for our get togethers each year because we all forget our serving pieces at one time or another. We are asking for the following: 6 slotted serving spoons, 6 non-slotted serving spoons, 3 meat serving forks, 3 punch bowls, 3 punch bowl ladles, and several small sets of tongs. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, please bring them to the next meeting and see Ellen at the Officers Table. Thank you in advance!

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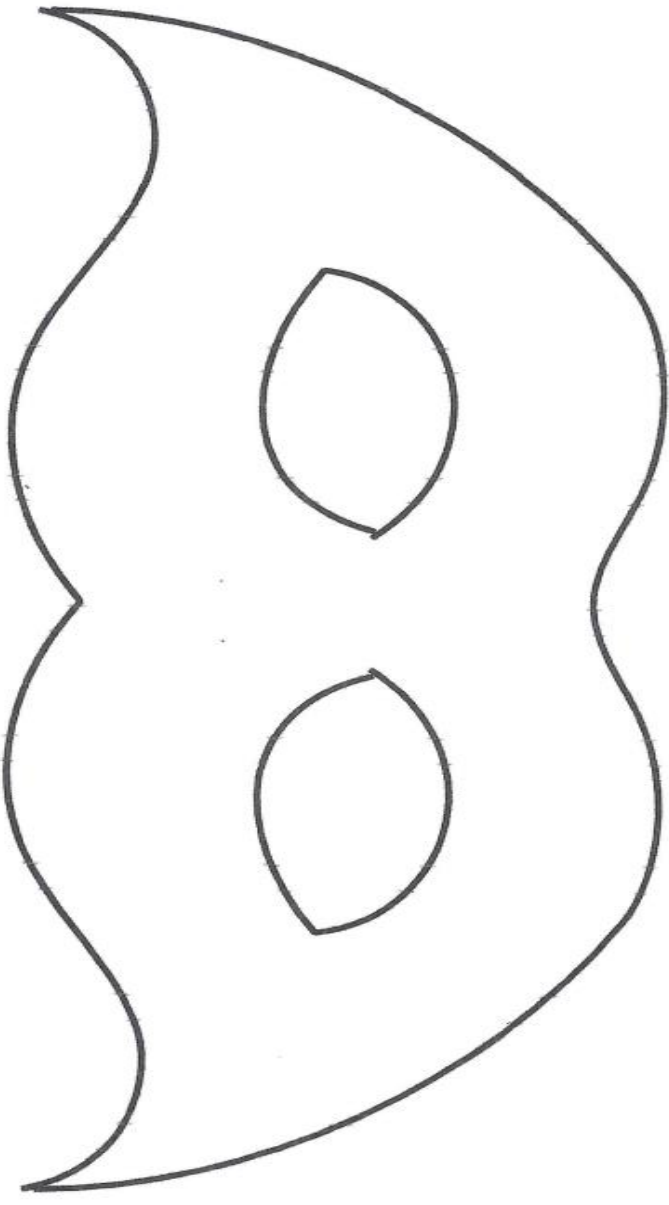
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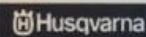
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