

# A PIECE OF NEWS

The Newsletter for Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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**November 2023**

**“ I like big bucks and I cannot lie.”**

Yes, it is deer widow season. Whether you wait for your hunter to come home or just enjoy the spirit of the woods. It's time to pull out those special projects. Enjoy setting up your machine on the dining room table. Eat those fun foods that are your favorites. Visit a craft show. Start planning Thanksgiving and Christmas activities. Savor your alone time or your girl time.

Personally, I can't wait for the opportunity to finish my Christmas projects and get inspired for the winter creativity season.

See you at the Harvest Dinner.

Julie

## Programs Calendar 2023-24

**HARVEST DINNER** - Wed Nov. 15. **TIME 6:00 Dinner at 6:30.**

Bring a dish to pass and serving utensil, your table service and a drink.

YOU DO NOT have to bring a fat quarter for this (This project will be at the May Ice Cream Social). **Do** bring any Show & Tell you have. If you've not signed up and are planning on coming, please contact Pattye Kent. We need to make sure we have enough tables set up for the evening.

**January-** Trash to Treasure Sale. As you're cleaning out or tidying up your sewing room, remember to collect items for our annual Trash to Treasure sale. You don't need to put prices on items.

Pattye Kent

## Show and Tell

Please remember you may only share 3 items at Show and Tell. This gives everyone a chance to share their projects. Thank you for being mindful of the rights of all members.

7:00 pm

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

**This month's date:**

**Nov. 15, 2023**

6:30 pm

Doors open at 6:00 pm

This month's program:

Thanksgiving Potluck



## Piecemaker's Minutes October 18, 2023

Meeting called to order by Pres. Julie Peasley at 7:00pm

Salvation Army Bears (Mary Jane Sanford) are available for \$6.00 ea. To be dressed and returned to the Nov. meeting.

Donna Lineberger is still making hats for the Pregnancy Care Center. Donations of Baby or DK baby yarn is appreciated. She has made 25 so far.

Secretary Report- No changes. OK as it stands.

Presidents report- We have a raffle license for the Quilt Show. We are still seeking a Vice President .

HARVEST DINNER – Wed November 15 . Doors open at 6:00 . Eating at 6:30 . Bring a dish to pass, a serving utensil, place setting and drink. Bring a non-perishable item for the Church Pantry.

Comfort Quilts- Chris Pahssen-Noble . Any donations you will get a ticket to win a small prize at that night's meeting, Nell Beebe was tonight's winner. Quilts, Pillowcases, Joey Bags or monetary donations are accepted.

Name Tags are \$7.00. See Chris Pahssen-Noble

Facebook Page is for members only. New members please request to join. See Clara Martin or Chris Pahssen-Nobel. They will be deleting any non-members after this meeting.

Fat Quarters- 3 bundles of 10 tonight. Winners were Nell Beebe, MaryJane Sanford and Pam Findley

UFO – November # 4. Complete and bring to Harvest Dinner.

Quilt Show- Clara showed sample of ribbons being made by Ruth Hawley.

Business Partners- reminder to let them know you are a Piecemaker member and support their businesses. See listing at end of this newsletter.

Business meeting adjourned at 7:19

Our Program – Dan Burke presented his trunk show. Wonderful, inspiring quilts.

Show & Tell – members showed what they have been working on these past few months. A few members that took Dan's class on Tuesday showed their blocks and one finished table runner.

Soldier Quilts – Diane J. showed the donation quilts that she received.

Scrappy Block drawing- Kim Holihan won the 21 blocks. Next month's block will be a cute spool block. Get the pattern on the Piecemakers Facebook page.

Submitted – Pattye Kent (Jr,VP) for Kim Strumn

### DRESS A BEAR CAMPAIGN

***Bears are due back by the Harvest Potluck.***

Mary Jane Sanford



### SIT AND SEW

SIT & SEW - Friday - December 1, 10:00-4:00 at Keepsake Quilts in Mt. Pleasant. We have room for 4 more. Bring your projects to work on, a sack lunch and drink.

Any questions - text, call or leave me a message  
Pattye Kent. 989-236-2306

## Fat Chance

I was very pleased with last month's fat Chance. Remember you can bring me all your fat chances in a bag with your name and I will put them in each month.

November- Christmas fabrics  
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 #4 on your To-Do list. Please remember to sign in at the UFO table even if you have not completed your project. See ya'll at the Harvest dinner.

Cyndi Thomas

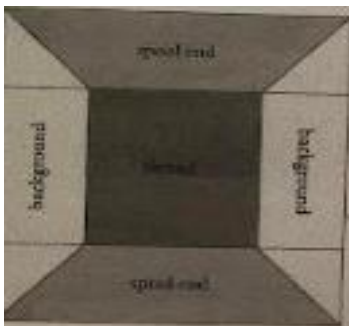
## SCRAP HAPPY

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 October block was Starry Charms. We had 21 beautiful blocks submitted that were won by Kim Houlihan.

The block for November is a Spool Block. It is 6.5" unfinished size. We distributed some copies of the pattern at our October meeting. The pattern was then posted on the Facebook website.

### Spool Quilt Block – November Scrap Happy Block

6.5" unfinished size. This block will be very scrappy, so my only suggestions for fabric would be solid for spool, light for the background and stripes for the thread.



Fabric cutting:

Thread Fabric: Stripes would be great – (1) 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" square

Spool Fabric: Solid or subtle – (2) 2" x 3-1/2" for thread section

Background: (2) 2" x 3-1/2" for thread

(4) 2" squares for spool sections

Use flip and sew method using 2" squares to form spool ends (make 2). Be sure to watch the angles.

Sew background strips to thread square. Watch direction if using stripe fabric. See photo for assembly.

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

Happy Scrappy Sewing!

Linda B.

## 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](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

## HELP FEED THE HUNGRY AT THANKSGIVING!

Each year for our Thanksgiving Pot Luck we collect canned goods or money for the food pantry at this church.



**Thank you for your generosity.**



## QUILT SHOW ENTRIES AND INFORMATION

- \* Quilt Show Entry Forms will be available soon and at the November 15, 2023 Harvest Dinner
- \* We ask that if you have any questions regarding the Quilt Show that you direct all your questions to the Quilt Show Co-Chairs. Please ask Laura Greenfelder or myself and we will direct you to the Committee Chair or answer them for you. This way you will receive the correct information.
- \* Questions for the Boutique should be directed to Stephanie Clark.
- \* Questions for the Basket/Gift Card-Certificates, etc. should be directed to Cathy Engel.
- \* Quilt Show entry forms should be directed to Nell Beebe.
- \* Volunteer sign up for each committee should be directed to Committee Chairs and will be in February and March at the guild meetings.

Thank you,  
Clara and Laura, Co-chairs



**Question: What did the QUILT say to Kent when he was sewing up his blocks?**

**Answer: Hurry up will ya, I've got a show to do!!**

## QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

As our quilt show approaches, we have needs that you as a guild member can help with. Our boutique is in need of donated items to sell. We will be open both days of the quilt show. Money raised helps the Guild pay for speakers in the coming years. We are asking for new items only. Be creative!! We have found that smaller items such as potholders, pin cushions, needle cases, and mug rugs typically sell better. We would like all of the items to be priced no higher than \$20. We will start collecting donations at the January meeting and will continue to do so until the quilt show in April. Feel free to include a price if you have an idea what your item could sell for. We are grateful for every donation received and we'll do our utmost to get the best price possible. That being said, once items are donated, they will not be returned. We may try to sell them at the following Guild meeting. If everyone does their part and contributes something we should have a great boutique. Thank you in advance for supporting the Boutique.

Stephanie Clark





## IDEAS FOR QUILT BASKET/GIFT DRAWING

HELP! Bring in your donations to February/March meeting.

LOOKING for a way to volunteer for the guild?

We understand that not everyone can volunteer for set up of quilt show but you can help in other ways:

- \* Donate a basket full of new goodies.
- \* Themed items, kids, women, men, baby, any gift certificate, business, restaurant, etc., donation of services from business.
- \* Ask a business you know to donate (Get business cards to be displayed for them with their donated item).
- \* Make up a group/friends basket/box to donate. (Get together with a few friends and make a movie night basket, or something you would like to win yourself).
- \* Use a box, a basket, anything!
  - \*\* If you and/or your friends donate a filled basket we will put your name on it as the donors!
- \* Get Creative! or donate any new items and we will fill baskets for the drawing. (Sewing or related items and fat quarters are great, or ANYTHING new we can use to help fill the baskets).
- \* So, as you look through your treasures for those items for our January sale be sure to also check out your new items that you bought and never used, or donate some fat quarters.

**BRING IN YOUR BASKET/OR WHATEVER IT'S IN** either at the guild meeting in Feb/March, or at set-up on Wednesday, or when you bring in your quilt. It must be turned in before day of show. But I need to know ahead of time that you are donating a drawing item so I can count it. Cards will be provided for you to list your item(s) donated. One per donation.

Cathy Engel, Committee Chair  
Basket/Gift Drawing

Some examples from last show:



**Quilt Show Entry Forms Available starting November 15 at guild meeting.**

**2024 (A Splash of Color)**

**Celebrating 43 years of Piecemakers Guild 1981-2024**

1. Please submit one form per quilt: All Entries mailed or handed in must be received by February 21, 2024.
2. Mail completed form(s) to: Nell Beebe 14495 Lincoln Rd. Chesaning, MI 48616
3. All Entries must be brought to Kochville Veterans Hall on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 starting at (no earlier) 12:30 pm. and until 2:30 p.m.
4. Quilts/Items will remain on display until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2024.
5. Quilts/Items can be picked up when take-down is complete and/or by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday April 13, 2024.
6. Large Quilts will be limited to the first 24 entries due to space for hanging.
7. Entrance **MUST** be a Piecemakers Guild Member or pay \$20.00 Fee for entering quilts into the show.

Entries are available at Guild Meetings, on our Facebook page in (Files) to download and print or contact Nell Beebe for other ways to obtain them.

Nell Beebe  
Committee Chair  
Take In/Take Down 2024 Quilt Show

**2024 Quilt Show Challenge:  
A Splash of Color Wall Hanging**

Your interpretation of **A Splash of Color**  
Size: Smallest 60" to Largest 90" in perimeter

Example: When measuring the wall hanging, it must not be smaller than 60" in **perimeter** and no larger than 90" in **perimeter**. Any size in between is acceptable.

Example: Any combination as long as it measures between 60" to 90" finished:  
 $15 \times 15 \times 15 \times 15 = 60$ ,  $30 \times 30 \times 15 \times 15 = 90$ ,  $5 \times 5 \times 25 \times 25 = 60$ ,  $25 \times 25 \times 10 \times 10 = 70$ .  
By measuring all four sides and adding them up, you will get your **perimeter**.

Clara & Laura  
2024 Quilt Show Co-Chairs



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