

President's Perspective

It's the changing time of the year. The seasons are changing and there are changes in your guild! In case you weren't at the last quilt day or haven't heard, I will repeat the following announcement. *It is with great regret that we announce the resignation of our guild president, Ginia Forrester. As president, Ginia worked diligently to identify both problem areas and strengths of the guild and strongly supported the board's efforts to address several challenges; many of her suggestions will be incorporated into our membership drive. We thank her for all her hard work on behalf of the guild, both as president and over the course of many years, and respectfully accept her decision. In accordance with the guild by laws, we have a process in place in the event that the President cannot complete her term. The Vice President of Programs steps into the job and that will be me for the remainder of this year.*

This also means that we will have more openings for our elections in November. Our Nominations chair, Sonja Hagen would love to talk to you if you are interested in any position, both for the current year and in the near future. Please consider serving as an officer or on a committee as an essential part of your commitment to the guild.

We also showed you budgeting and membership concerns for the guild. Our dues will be raised in 2015 to \$40 per year, our membership numbers must be increased and our workshop fees will be normalized at \$55 for members. (More details are available from any board member if you missed the presentation.)

Our focus must be on increasing our membership and making our guild more 'user friendly' to both current and potential members. Carol Makielski is heading up a committee that wants YOUR input on what we can do to make people want to be part of our group.

Several suggestions can be put to use immediately. We need to get to know each other better. Say hello to each other! The lobby before a meeting can look quite chaotic to a new member, so show someone what's happening. Invite the members of your sit and stitch group to join you at a meeting. Talk about the guild and our great speakers and workshops when you're out and about. We want to have fun and enjoy what we do with fiber.

For myself, I want to be able to 'speak quilt' with like-minded people. I also love the suggestion of free demos before and after meetings at quilt day. What would you like to see or what would **you** like to show us? Please be active in promoting our guild so that we can always be an active group!

You may want to STOP reading here—I'm about to get up on my soapbox! With over 300 members, there is something *each and every one of us can do* to actively participate. There are so many who do so much, and I'm so grateful. Yet I still challenge each one of us to find a spot that fits what we *can* do or what we like and contribute to the working of this guild. Don't complain without a positive suggestion for improvement. Don't suggest without planning on active participation. Join in on whatever is happening, wherever you can. Don't expect someone else to do it!

We all love quilts. Let's make sure we always have a guild here to promote, preserve and celebrate them.

Kathy Schmidt

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Save the Date

Quilt University 2015
will be held
July 24, 25 and 26, 2015.

Deadline for submissions to the next
Newsletter is December 3, 2014

Mail them to:

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**Please, no late admissions*

QUILT DAY November 15, 2014**AGENDA**

8:30 Doors open. Members admitted with 2014 membership card.

Guest admission: \$ 10.00

9:00 Business meeting

9:45 Guest Speaker: Ami Sims

11:00 Show & Tell

Vendor: Sunflower Quilts

November 15, 2014 Guest Speaker**Ami Sims**

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July	30
Sept	26

Thanks to everyone for having a label on every quilt that was donated this month!

Safe House Labels

Remember that you must sew a GAAQG label onto all quilts before turning them in for Safe House. If you don't have a label, bring a sewing kit to sew one on during the meeting.

You can pick up labels at the Safe House Fabric table at any meeting.

Directions for printing a sheet of six labels are available at http://www.gaaqg.com/sh_labels.html

Nominations for 2015 Guild Board Elections

Elections will take place at the November 2014 meeting. The candidates are as follows:

President: Sonja Hagen

Vice President of Membership: Glenna Schweitzer

Vice President of Programs: Lottie Parker

Treasurer: Marilyn Knepp

Secretary: Marge Gladd

GAAQG 2015 Workshops—Registration Form

Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor 48106

Name _____ GAAQG Member: Yes No
 Address _____

 Telephone(s) Home _____ Cell _____
 Email Address (please print carefully) _____

**EACH workshop cost is \$55 for members, \$75 for non-members.
 Check appropriate box for the class you wish to attend.**

Classes run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with an hour break for lunch. Check website for classroom location.

Debra Gash		Fri-Jan 16 Spontaneous Screen Printing		Sun-Jan 18 Start With a Scribble
Kathy Kansier www.kathykansier.com		Fri-Mar 20 Elegant Victorian Purses		Sun-Mar 22 Making a Grand Entrance
Maggie Ball www.dragonflyquilts.com		Fri-May 15 Kaleidoscope Puzzle Quilts		Sun-May 17 Bargello With a Twist
Lynn Krawczyk smidgestextilestudio.com		Fri-Sep 18 Printed/Stitched Collage		Sun-Sep 20 Become a Paint Flinger
Pat Pauly www.patpauly.com		Fri-Nov 20 Shibori Half Square Triangles		Sun-Nov 22 The Big Leaf

Mail Registration Form and check made out to **GAAQG** to: Lottie Parker, PO Box 970650, Ypsilanti MI 48197
(DO NOT INCLUDE ANY KIT FEE).

You will receive confirmation of registration by email or phone.

The supply list and any kit fee information can be found on the website: <http://www.gaaqg.com>
 or you may enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

GAAQG Class Registration Policy

- Registration is open to both guild members and non-members by **regular mail only**. Members must be in good standing (dues and library fines paid) at time of registration. **Non-member** registrations will not be processed until one month prior to desired class. Non-members pay an additional \$20 per class and this entitles them to admission to the GAAQG meeting on Quilt Day.
- Class fees are **non-refundable** unless the class is full and your spot in class can be filled by someone else. Once a class is full, a waiting list will be started. You will be notified via email or telephone if you are placed on a waiting list for a class. You can check with VP-Programs before mailing to see if a class is full.
- If you find you are unable to attend a class after registering, please contact the VP-Programs as others may be available to take your spot.
- Supply lists will be sent via email unless a SASE is included. If you misplace your supply list, they can be found on the website at <http://www.gaaqg.com>.
- Registration questions? Contact Lottie Parker, VP-Programs, via email at programs@gaaqg.com.

Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild 2015 Membership Application

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____
 E-mail: _____

Member Status: New ___ Returning ___

Please indicate your areas of volunteer interests:

___ Admissions Table ___ 2015 Quilt University
 ___ Short technique demonstrations before or after Quilt Day meetings
 ___ Other, please specify _____

Please indicate if you have expertise in any of the following areas and are willing to consult with officers or committee chairs on an occasional basis:

___ Finance/accounting ___ Web design ___ Marketing/Public Relations
 ___ Graphic Arts ___ Legal ___ Copywriting/editing

___ I will pick up my member badge at the next meeting

___ I need my member badge mailed

(include a self addressed, stamped envelope)

We encourage every member to access and read the electronic newsletter, if possible, since the cost to print and mail a newsletter is now \$2.91 per month. Switching to the electronic distribution continues to save the Guild a substantial amount of money every year and helps to keep our dues low.

___ I do not have internet access and am requesting a mailed hardcopy of the newsletter.

Mail this completed application with check (made out to GAAQG) for **\$40** to:

Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild or GAAQG

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(Dues are \$20 after August 15, 2015)

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JANUARY SPEAKER AND WORKSHOPS

DEBRA GASH

Debra Gash has taught a variety of fiber art classes, from surface design techniques such as painting and printing, to felting and abstract design. Using her background as an educator (MSU) and consultant, Debra designs all of her classes to help participants tap into their personal creativity and learn while playing. She especially enjoys experimenting with new materials and techniques, and sharing her findings with others. Her innovative approach to heat-shaped fabric vessels was featured in [Sew News Magazine](#).

Debra has taught at the GAAQG's Quilting Unlimited since 2009, and currently teaches mixed media artwork and printmaking at Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester, MI. She is also the current President of the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan.

Lecture—Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015

Color... Color? Color!

Color is a critical element in almost all art, yet many of us are not confident about selecting and managing color palettes effectively. We will explore how we are inspired by and react to color, what moods are suggested by certain palettes, and how to stretch your color comfort zone. A demonstration project illustrates color choices, including mistakes.

Workshop—Friday, Jan. 16, 2015

Spontaneous Screen Printing

Explore fun and easy ways of screen printing to create designs and patterns on fabric. Learn how to use common household and sewing materials to create instant screens and super stencils. We'll use both screen printing ink and thickened fabric dyes, along with wax, crayons, and even Stitch N Tear to create fabric that is totally your own. Masks, stencils, and resists are explained and used to create multi-layered prints. No previous screen printing experience is necessary, and printing may be done on fabric or paper. Screens are provided.



Workshop—Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015

Start with a Scribble, Design with a Doodle – Abstract Mini Art Quilt

Take the stress out of designing abstract art by starting with scribbles. Focus will be on developing a viable composition, selecting and managing a color palette, and exploring design decisions as we build small abstract pieces from scratch. Many variations will be offered, so you can create one or several mini quilts.

Be sure to check out our NEW registration form, which has info for all teachers and workshops. Get your registrations in early as space is limited in all classes!

GAAQG Guest Speaker: Ami Simms, November 2014

<http://www.amisimms.com>



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First introduced to quilting in 1975 while conducting research among the Old Order Amish, Ami is the author of nine quilting books, numerous patterns, and is the creator of the infamous Worst Quilt In The World Contest®. Ami has designed two fabric lines, appeared on five different television shows, and was invited to the White House in 2004 along with other artists who participated in the Art in Embassies program.

Ami is the founder and Executive Director of The Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative and the co-curator of "Alzheimer's Illustrated: From Heartbreak to Hope."

Ami blogs and writes a free monthly e-newsletter read by more than 17,000 of her closest friends. Visit her at www.AmiSimms.com and at <http://www.facebook.com/AmiSimmsQuilter>.



Saturday Lecture, November 15 –Living With Quilts: A Survival Guide: Learn creative coping strategies for quilters, but not necessarily for their families. Topics include how to pad your house (quilt display and storage), appropriate more studio space (why stop with the spare bedroom?), eliminate pesky distractions (cooking and cleaning), increase storage capacity (batting goes in the oven), and the best way to deal with the guilt of UFOs (ignore it)!



Friday Workshop, November 14 – Dancing Spools Quilt: Celebrate your love of quilting with this new twist on the traditional spool pattern. Spools are three-dimensional and made from folded squares—there are no set-in seams. Striped fabric will make your 3-D fabric spools look just like the real deal as they dance around on this pushed-neutral background. Students will create the interior portion of the Dancing Spools quilt (about 24" x 24") during this six-hour workshop.



Sunday Workshop, November 16 – String Star: Make a cute little String Star quilt, about 33" x 33" before borders, in this 6-hour hands on workshop. Learn strip-piecing, "tube" construction, and lots more as you machine-piece your way to the stars, er...star. This is a real stash-buster quilt and can be made totally scrappy happy, or with a controlled palate. The choice is yours. Border options will be discussed, but you'll add those at home.

Strip for Safe House/Free Class/Stash Buster

Come join the Free Class following the January meeting. If you enjoyed Off-Track from January 2012, you'll love this class. No points, no bias, no nesting, all straight sewing. See samples at the November meeting. Cut your strips before class and you will be ready to go. If you want to put a "team" of three together, you can share the pre-cutting of fabric and probably finish a safe house quilt in just a few hours. Here's what you need to cut before class:

ALL FABRICS SHOULD BE NON-DIRECTIONAL FOR ALL VARIATIONS.

VARIATION #1 - 42 - 2.5" strips background, 4 - 4.5" strips of background, 21 - 2.5" strips prints or theme fabrics.

VARIATION #2 - 42 - 2.5" strips prints or theme, 4 - 4.5" strips of print, 21 - 2.5" strips background,

VARIATION #3 - 21 - 2.5" fabric A, 21 - 2.5" strips fabric B, 21 - 2.5" strips of fabric C, 4 - 4.5" strips of one of the fabrics, Fabrics A,B,&C should contrast with each other. ie. yellow, green, purple.

Since this "class" is free, it is expected that everyone who attends the class will make at least one Safe House quilt using the pattern from class. If you are a member of the three person team, three quilts should be made for Safe House sometime in 2015.

Pat Wagner
mickpat2@yahoo.com

Chance to win fabulous prizes!!!!

Once again, there will be a door prize drawing at the January, 2015 meeting. To have a chance to win fabulous prizes, all you need to do is submit your membership application with the dues payment of \$40 by the *beginning* of the January meeting.

The 2015 Membership application (which can be found elsewhere in this newsletter) will be posted on the GAAQG.COM website, and will be available at the November meeting.

There are numerous benefits to being a member of the Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild. We look forward to seeing you in 2015!

Safehouse news from Ann Rapundalo

Last month we collected 26 quilts. This brings us to 174 so far this year. If we can get 76 more for the November meeting then we will reach our goal for this year of 250 for the year!

If we could collect 126 at this next meeting we could make an all time record of 300 quilts for a year. Let's see if we can do it!!

Please remember to put a label on your quilt if possible. We'll try to have a few extras at the admission table if you need to sew it on during the meeting.

Calling all Longarmers!

Do you have a longarm quilting machine and are you willing to quilt SafeHouse quilts at no charge or a reduced rate? We would like to update our list of available longarm quilters on the SafeHouse pages of our website.

In the past, some quilters have quilted SafeHouse quilts at no charge. Some have charged a nominal amount for thread. Some have offered to quilt a SafeHouse quilt at no charge or reduced rate for each quilt they quilt at full price.

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There are still a few spots to be filled for the QU2015 committee. If you would like to join the behind-the-scene efforts to make Quilt University 2015 a successful weekend, please contact Christa Hitchcock at qu@gaaqg.com.

2014 Calendar

October 2	Board Meeting* & deadline for newsletter
November 6	Board Meeting*
November 14-16	Quilt Day and classes with Ami Simms (http://www.amisimms.net)
December 4	Board Meeting* & deadline for newsletter

* The board meetings are held at 7:30pm at Safe House, 4100 Clark Road, Ann Arbor. All members are welcome to attend.

Tues & Thurs 10 am - 7 pm
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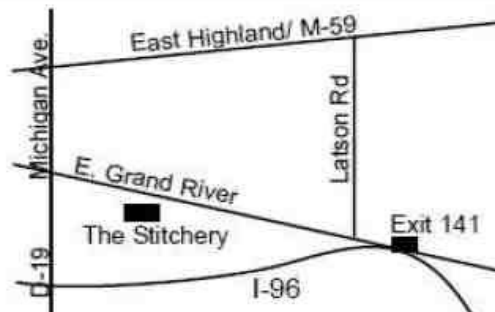
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