

***President's Perspective*****Happy New Year and Happy New Beginnings!**

When I sat down to compose this note, I reflected on what our guild means to me and I was surprised and delighted to discover how big a part of my life this guild has become over the last 10 years. The friendships I've made, the groups I belong to and much of the socializing I do are a direct result of my involvement in the guild. What's the secret to developing friendships and building a network within the guild? Get involved! Take classes, participate in SafeHouse sewing events (January, March and September), and volunteer.

For the last year your Board has been focusing on two primary goals: increase membership, and make the guild more welcoming for new and returning members. We have so much to offer, the one downside is that our Quilt Day meetings can be very overwhelming to anyone unfamiliar with the stations and flurry of activity. Each of you has the opportunity to make an impact. What can you do?

Come early and stay late – factor in time to really look around and talk to people.

Introduce yourself to someone you don't recognize.

If you see someone looking bewildered, ask how you can help.

If you are standing there looking bewildered, please ask someone for help – if they don't know,

I guarantee they will point you in the direction of someone who can help.

**VOLUNTEER!**

What will your Board be doing to help increase membership and strengthen bonds within the guild? Here are just a few things:

Carol Makielski is head of our new Membership Recruitment committee. This effort encompasses PR, Quilt Day Greeters, outreach through quilt shops, and more. Carol is looking for your suggestions and participation.

We will try to provide a clear description of the job, task, time, skills, etc. needed when we're requesting volunteers.

Signage for Quilt Day stations to clearly mark what's going on and where.

More detailed membership information describing guild opportunities, activities, and events.

By now you are familiar with the phrase "it takes a village" – in our case, it takes a guild! When making your 2015 New Year resolutions, please make certain to include joining at least one guild activity and volunteering for at least one thing.

As your President for 2015, I look forward to supporting you in your quilting endeavors and building more friendships.

Happy New Year and Happy Quilting,

Sonja

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*February 28<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 5 pm*  
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Deadline for submissions to the next  
Newsletter is February 5, 2015  
Mail them to:  
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Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197  
E-mail: [jhacala@aol.com](mailto:jhacala@aol.com)  
\*Please, no late admissions

**QUILT DAY January 17, 2015****AGENDA**

8:30 Doors open. Members admitted with 2015 membership card.

Guest admission: \$ 10.00

9:00 Business meeting

9:45 Guest Speaker: Debra Gash

11:00 Show & Tell

Vendor: Creative Quilt Kits

### January 17, 2015 Guest Speaker Debra Gash



Debra Gash has taught a variety of fiber art classes, from surface design, such as painting and printing, to felting and abstract design. Using her background as an instructor (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.



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## Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild 2015 Workshop Registration Form

*All classes held at Washtenaw Community College,  
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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GAAQG MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS (please print carefully) \_\_\_\_\_

		Member \$55 per workshop	Non-Member \$75 per workshop
<b>Debra Gash</b>	Friday, January 16, 2015 Spontaneous Screen Printing	_____	_____
	Sunday, January 18, 2015 Start With a Scribble	_____	_____
<b>Kathy Kansier</b>	Friday, March 20, 2015 Elegant Victorian Purses	_____	_____
	Sunday, March 22, 2015 Making a Grand Entrance	_____	_____
<b>Maggie Ball</b>	Friday, May 15, 2015 Kaleidoscope Puzzle Quilts	_____	_____
	Sunday, May 17, 2015 Bargello With a Twist	_____	_____
<b>Lynn Krawczyk</b>	Friday, September 18, 2015 Become a Paint Flinger	_____	_____
	Sunday, September 20, 2015 Printed/Stitched Collage	_____	_____
<b>Pat Pauly</b>	Friday, November 20, 2015 Shibori Half-Square Triangles	_____	_____
	Sunday, November 22, 2015 The Big Leaf	_____	_____

Mail Registration Form and check (made out to GAAQG) to  
Lottie Parker, P.O. Box 970650, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

**TOTAL ENCLOSED**

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Questions? Email [programs@gaaqg.com](mailto:programs@gaaqg.com).

## Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild 2015 Membership Application

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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:

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**PO Box 131272**

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

Office use: Check no.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount received: \_\_\_\_\_



## JANUARY SPEAKER AND WORKSHOPS

### DEBRA GASH

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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!**



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## MARCH SPEAKER AND WORKSHOPS

KATHY KANSIER



My name is Kathy Kansier. I am a quilt teacher, quilt show judge and AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser. I travel to provide these services for guilds, shops, and quilt shows. I like making quilts using a variety of techniques, colors and fabrics. I would be bored if I only made one type of quilt. One day I may be working on a hand appliqué quilt, the next day I may be piecing quilt blocks on my Bernina sewing machine and the next day I may be beading on an art quilt. I also enjoy making baskets, rug hooking and cross stitching.

I have been happily married to my husband, David for 35 years. We live in Southwest Missouri, between Springfield and Branson. David owns a construction company. We both grew up in Wisconsin, became born-again Christians in 1980, and served as missionaries to Mexico prior to moving to Missouri in 1993. Our seven children are grown and we are now enjoying being grandparents.

### Lecture—Saturday, March 21

#### Is There a Winning Quilt in Your Dreams?

As an experienced quilt show judge, Kathy has developed her “Top Ten Tips for Entering Quilt Shows.” Learn about choosing and entering quilt shows, preparing and shipping your quilts and what happens to your quilts on the judging floor. Kathy will discuss the criteria used for judging a variety of techniques and the importance of color, fabric and design choices for award-winning quilts.

### Workshop—Friday, March 20



#### Elegant Victorian Purses

Learn a variety of crazy quilt, embroidery and silk ribbon stitches, beading techniques and wired silk ribbon flowers while making this stunning class project. Students will individualize their purses with an assortment of ribbons, beads and trims. Kathy has assembled kits that include your needed material supplies. You only need to bring hand sewing tools to class, making your preparation for this class minimal.

### Workshop Sunday, March 22



#### Making a Grand Entrance

Kathy was the recipient of the 2009 Jewel Pearce Patterson Award for Quilting Teachers (sponsored by the Houston Quilt Festival & Market.) As a result of that scholarship, Kathy developed this workshop and has taught it at major quilt shows. She also curated an exhibit of quilts made by her students and herself with the theme of entrances. In the workshop, the students learn to design and make an entryway, based on an existing photo or drawing. Fabric and color choices, textures, perspective, light sources, scale and quilting possibilities are all discussed in class. The students spend the morning developing their designs on large sheets of paper with the use of tracer lights. In the afternoon, they learn to choose and fuse fabrics into place. The project is completed at home with machine appliqué and quilting.



## 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.  
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## 2015 Calendar

Jan. 8	Board Meeting*
January 16-18	Quilt Day & classes with Debra Gash
February 5	Board Meeting* & deadline for newsletter
March 5	Board Meeting*
March 20-22	Quilt Day & classes with Kathy Kansier ( <a href="http://www.kathykansier.com/">www.kathykansier.com/</a> )
April 2	Board Meeting* & deadline for newsletter
May 7	Board Meeting*
May 15-17	Quilt Day & classes with Maggie Ball ( <a href="http://www.dragonflyquilts.com/">www.dragonflyquilts.com/</a> )
June 4	Board Meeting & deadline for newsletter
July 2	Board Meeting*
July 18	Quilt Day & classes with Suzi Parron ( <a href="http://www.barnquiltinfo.com/">www.barnquiltinfo.com/</a> )
August 6	Board Meeting* and deadline for newsletter
September 3	Board Meeting*
September 18-20	Quilt Day & classes with Lynn Krawczyk ( <a href="http://www.fibraartysta.com/">www.fibraartysta.com/</a> )
October 1	Board Meeting* & deadline for newsletter
November 5	Board Meeting*
November 20-22	Quilt Day & classes with Pat Pauly( <a href="http://www.patpauly.com/">www.patpauly.com/</a> )
December 3	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.

## CLASSIFIEDS

Classifieds are for GAAQG members only. Hard-to-find quilt-related "wanted" items such as out-of-print books are listed free on a space-available basis. No items currently available from shops. Limit 3 column-width (normally about 3.5" wide) lines per listing. Items must be for individual member use only (no commercial requests). All transactions are between members. GAAQG is not responsible for any aspect of any resulting transactions. Type or very neatly print your name and a phone number & brief description of the item. Mail or e-mail to: Julie Hacala , 5508 Pineview Dr., Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197 or [jhacala@aol.com](mailto:jhacala@aol.com)

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