



BINDINGS

Garage Sale & March Meeting Activities

Saturday March 9, 2019 9:30am

We look forward to seeing you at the March 9 meeting at the Livonia Senior Center. We have a full business agenda with lots of great information regarding our upcoming Quilt Show in late September. After the meeting, we will have a Garage Sale.

April Shipp will be giving a quilt artist's talk after the business meeting for our Griot Collective Series.

Thinking About Going Pro?

Join Ami Simms after the regular meeting (before lunch) for a short introductory get-together if you are interested in getting the wonderful ideas in your head out into the real world for fun and profit. If you have any interest at all in "going pro" please come and share your questions and concerns. Copyright, selling platforms, reporting income, marketing, branding, promotions, advertising, and the nuts and bolts of becoming a professional quilter can be topics for ongoing discussion moving forward if there is interest. Ami was on the national teaching circuit for more than 30 years, wrote 9 quilting books, numerous patterns, and founded both the "Worst Quilt in the World Contest" and the "Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative, which raised \$1.1 million for Alzheimer's research.

Reminders

- A couple of members are needed to assist with cutting fabric at the Garage Sale. Please contact Sharon Ray at (313) 319-1356.
- Members are encouraged to bring in potential quilts to be voted on as the Quilt Show feature quilt.
- Member Pat Millender will be providing lunch available for purchase. Cost: \$5.
- Please fill out preliminary Quilt Submission form attached to the Newsletter. Your name will be entered a drawing for a prize.

The GLAAQN logo is the Pempamsie, an African Adrinkra symbol meaning to sew in readiness, being prepared. It symbolizes readiness, steadfastness, hardiness, and fearlessness.

2019 Quilt Show – ALL QUILTS HAVE A STORY

Quilt Show Co-chairs Carolyn Bunkley, Karla Middlebrooks and Patricia Millender are so excited to formally kick off the planning process. Over 20 members of the committee braved the elements on Sunday February 24 to share their quilting backgrounds and vision for the quilt show and review committee duties and immediate priorities. Having everyone briefly share their quilting stories helped build our enthusiasm and connect us as a team. It was a fun and engaging meeting. We look forward to having the other members of the committee at our next meeting. You will be welcomed with open arms.

You might notice that the theme in the title of this article has been slightly modified from what was approved at the January Meeting. After some research, it was discovered that our original theme is also the title of a book published in 2013. The committee chairs recommended a modified theme that still captured the spirit and intent of the original to the Executive Board and it was approved. The balance of this article will include more details regarding the show, an invitation to members to bring quilts to the March Meeting to be voted on for the feature quilt, an abbreviated submission form (don't worry we are not asking for finished quilts yet) and key dates.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVES by Sharon Ray

We have gone through the worst of winter and we are getting close to spring. I know at this point we are all looking forward to warm weather and getting out more. Our group will begin to get busy doing something just about every month.

sign up for all the committees for the quilt show. There is no previous experience necessary. There will be someone to guide you through and assist you. We need all hands on deck to make this show fun and successful.

The March meeting will be a very important and busy meeting. We have Mary Hill, chair of the Election Committee who will announce the beginning of the election process. So, if you have any thought of running for a position, this will be a good time to speak up.

Finally, we will have a garage sale at the meeting, new fabric for \$1 a yard. So, we are asking members to bring a friend, family member, co-worker and spread the news. There will also be a food vendor. So come and take a look and enjoy this Saturday bargain hunting.

The Quilt Show committee will be updating us on the advances on the quilt show. We will need people to

Thank you all and I look forward to sharing and caring.

Happy Quilting!
Sharon

2018 – 2019 Officers

*President – Sharon Ray
Vice President – April Shipp
Secretary – Carolyn Bunkley
Treasurer – Patricia Murphy*

Committee Chairs

*Charity Quilts: Mary Hill and Lorraine Hunter-Rooks
Newsletter: Theadra Fleming
Photographers: Margie Tate
Webmaster: TBD
Refreshments: Pat Millender*

Past Presidents:

*Theadra Fleming
Wanda Nash
Marian Coakley
Justine Burnell*

Membership Policy:

Member dues are \$30, payable in May. Dues for members joining in Nov or later are \$20. Each member in good standing is allowed one guest per fiscal year. Meeting cost is \$10 for non-members. Member wide mailing requests and newsletter content should be sent to glaaqn.newsletter@gmail.com. We will respond to all inquiries on a timely basis.

THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM JULIE BAKER

Dear GLAAQN Members,

Thanks you so much for your prayers, your gifts, your presence and love, because of the death of my mom, Eula Mae Jackson. "Oh how good and pleasant it is when we dwell together in unity." There were so many cards, and only one duplicate, thank you. I have put the cards in Mama's hat box and will re-read them from time to time. Mama really loved being with this group.

Sincerely,
Julie Baker

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Pat Millender has a friend on the Palmer Park Art Show Committee. They would like to have some quilters at this year's show. They will provide a tent with side walls for ½ the normal cost totaling \$800. They will have space for 8 artists. Pat will be one of them. Each quilter would contribute \$100. Please plan to bring your own chair and table. The event is the first weekend in June (Saturday June 1 and Sunday June 2). If you think you might be interested, please call or text Pat Millender at (313) 418 – 9757.

2019 Quilt Show (continued from page 1)

The 2019 Quilt Show dates are **Saturday, September 28 9:00am - 5:00pm** and **Sunday, September 29 12:00pm - 5:00pm**. As in the past, set up will be the day before the show opens on Friday, September 27 9:00am - 4:00pm. Ticket pricing will be voted on and the pre-sale process will be discussed at the March meeting. We are excited that we will again be using the St. John's Armenian Church Conference Center. Our initial discussions with them indicate that they will be making some interior improvements in the early part of this year (e.g. painting, enhanced lighting, etc.) that will benefit our event. We believe its location in Southfield allowed us to expand our audience in 2017 and leverage the great publicity that was put in place by the 2017 committee. **All members will be asked to work at least one 4 hour shift during the show.**

For the March 9 Meeting, members are invited to bring in finished quilts that they would like to be considered as the feature quilt for the Show and related publicity. Each quilt will have the opportunity to "walk the runway" before members fill out their ballots. With all the beautiful quilts we have seen in recent months, we should have a nice variety from which to choose. The winner will be announced at the meeting.

Members are also encouraged to fill out a brief submission form to give us an idea of how many quilts we may have for the show. **At this time, we are only looking for 3 pieces of information.** We ask that you simply identify the names or intended names (if it is not finished) or type of quilt (charity, silent auction or challenge quilt) of up to 5 (five)

quilts you would like to consider putting in the show along with its dimensions. This information will be used to develop a preliminary layout design. We will inform the membership of the final number of quilts that can submitted before the May meeting so that we can begin collecting the more detailed submission forms at the May and July Meetings. Again, this list of up to 5 quilts can include charity quilts, challenge quilts, and silent auction quilts. Specific guidelines for challenge and silent auction quilts will be defined and discussed at the March Meeting. Please see the form attached to your newsletter email. We will be requesting photos of your quilts with the formal submission form that you can begin submitting in May as we have in the past. **Again, the detailed quilt submission form is NOT due in March.** Those members that fill out the form will have their names entered into a prize drawing at the meeting.

If you have any questions about the show, feel free to contact the co - chairs.

Carolyn Bunkley via email at bunkleycarolyn@sbcglobal.net, via phone at (313) 715 - 9971;

Karla Middlebrooks via email at kemiddlebrooks@gmail.com, via phone at (248) 420 - 5532;

Patricia Millender via email at pl.millender@gmail.com, via phone at (313) 418 - 9757.

Key Quilt Show dates can be found on page 4.

2019 QUILT SHOW KEY DATES

Dates	Show Activity or Related Event
March 9	Members vote on Feature Quilt and Ticket Pricing; Members submit short form for up to 5 quilts
March 31	Save the Date Flyers and Cards ready for distribution
April 13	Tentative: Quilt Show Committee Meeting Livonia Senior Center
May 11	Pre-Sale Tickets Distributed to members; Members may begin submitting detailed Submission forms with photos; Silent Auction and Challenge Quilt forms due
June 8	Tentative: Quilt Show Committee Meeting Livonia Senior Center
July 13	Deadline for quilt submission forms with photos; Deadline for Show Booklet Advertising forms and Show Vendor application forms due; Members sign up for Show work shifts; Quilt Show Committee meeting following membership meeting
August 1	Show Booklet Final Review and Submission to the Printer
August 10	Tentative: Quilt Show Committee Meeting Livonia Senior Center
September 7	Finalize member work shifts; Quilt Show Committee meeting following membership meeting
September 27	Quilt Show Set Up (9:00 – 4:00pm)
September 28 – 29	Quilt Show

GLAAQN CALENDAR

Jan 12	Membership Meeting, Quilt Retreat Class Follow up with Linda Ali
Feb 16	Buffalo Soldier Quilt Workshop with April Shipp
Mar 9	Membership Meeting; GLAAQN Garage Sale
Apr 13	Circle Quilts 2 Workshop with Theadra Fleming
May 11	Membership Meeting; Election of New Officers; Workshop with Cynthia Ferguson
June TBD	Quilt Retreat with Needles & Threads Quilters Guild in Chicago
July 13	Membership Meeting
Aug TBD	African World Festival
Sept 7	Membership Meeting
Sept 28-29	2019 Quilt Show

Business Meetings: 2nd Saturdays, Odd Months

Meeting Times:

Room Setup – 8:30am

Business Meeting – 9:30am

The Runway (aka Show & Tell)

Workshops (Per Schedule)

Workshops:

Set up 8:45am

Start Time – 9:00am (prompt)

Meeting Location:

Livonia Civic Park Senior Center

15218 Farmington Rd.

Livonia, MI

<http://ci.livonia.mi.us>

GLAAQN SASH POLICY

The Executive Board of Great Lakes African American Quilter's Network (GLAAQN) hereby set forth the following policy regarding the official accessory of the organization, (GLAAQN sash).

This policy states that the proper construction of said sash as well as how and when it is to be worn by the members. According to the approved instruction the finished size of the sash should be 7" wide by 70" long. It is to be constructed only of various lengths of African fabrics, (and the logo patch which contains the organization name and the pempamsie symbol which has been adopted as the official symbol.

Each member is required to wear the sash over the left shoulder at quilt shows, members and immediate family funerals and any event stipulated by the Executive Board.

It is important that members adhere to this policy. Upon joining the organization each member will receive a copy of the sash instructions, a picture of the completed sash and a Great Lakes African American Network (GLAAQN) logo patch.

This policy was adopted
January 12, 2019

Regional Quilt Groups

AA Quilt & Doll Guild;
Warrensville, OH; 216-464-1367;
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/African-American-Quilt-and-Dollmakers-Guild/262311637174807>

Community Quilters;
Fellowship Chapel Church, Detroit, MI; 313-347-2820

Flint African American Quilters Guild; Flint, MI; 810-239-8325

Flint Brown Sugar Stitches Quilting Guild; Flint, MI; Deidre Matson, 810-785-6909

General Henry Dearborn Quilting Society; Dearborn, MI; macretired@sbcglobal.net

Great Lakes Heritage Quilters; Bloomfield Hills, MI; info@glhq.org

Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild; Ann Arbor, MI; <http://www.gaaqg.com/>

Lansing Sisters in Stitches; Lansing, MI; Wilma Rhodes, wqltr64@gmail.com

Lomax Quilting Ministry; Lomax Temple AME Zion Episcopal Church; 17441 Dequindre Detroit, MI 48212; Estella Armstrong President;

Lottie Elmira Quilters; Detroit, MI; <https://www.facebook.com/LEQLLC>

Needles & Threads Quilters Guild Chicago; <http://www.ntqgchicago.net/>

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Peace Baptist Church Quilters; Detroit, MI; D. Wimberley, 313-893-1997

Piecemakers Quilt Guild; Saginaw, MI; <http://www.piecemakersquiltguild.com/>

The Quilt Guild of Metro Detroit; Harper Woods, MI; <http://www.qgmd.org/>

Sew What Art Quilters; Chicago, IL; Trish Williams, handyworksbytrish@yahoo.com

Sew Our Unique Love Stitches; Battle Creek, MI; Barbara Mason, bmason4689@aol.com, 269-979-8342

Sisters of the Cloth; Ft. Wayne, IN; www.sistersofthecloth.org

Wed Night Quilting Sisters Ministry; Hartford Baptist Church, Detroit, MI; 313-861-1600

We Sew Love Quilting Ministry; New Prospect Baptist Church, Detroit, MI; Julie Rambo, 248-910-8424

Western Wayne County Quilting Guild; Belleville, MI, <http://www.cqg.org/>

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Please complete the information below to renew. Dues: 1-year **\$30.00**; 3-year **\$81.00**; 5-year **\$118.50**. You can bring renewal form and payment to the July 14 Meeting or mail to our PO Box listed below.

Date: _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____
 Full Payment

I want to: Renew Current Renew Lapsed Membership

Name _____ Birthday: Month _____ Day _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones: Home [] _____ Alternate [] _____

E-Mail _____

Signature _____

Please complete this form and attach a check or money order payable to: **Great Lakes African American Quilters Network or (GLAAQN). Bring to the May Meeting or mail to: GREAT LAKES AFRICAN AMERICAN QUILTER'S NETWORK (GLAAQN) Attn.: MEMBERSHIP P. O. Box 51583 Livonia, Michigan 48151-5158**

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PAYMENT & RECORDS

Date Received _____ Check No. _____ Money Order No. _____ Cash in Person _____

Dates Processed: Treasurer _____ Mem. Packet _____

New Member 1-Yr 3-Yr 5-Yr Membership Expiration _____

Great Lakes African American Quilters' Network (GLAAQN) is a regional African American network dedicated to serving the community through quilting and quilting education

Great Lakes African American Quilters' Network

P. O. Box 51583
Livonia, MI 48151-5158

Send your newsletter email and address changes to:
glaaqn.newsletter@gmail.com

2019 PRELIMINARY QUILT SUBMISSION FORM

MEMBER NAME: _____

QUILT NAME OR TYPE	ESTIMATED FINISHED DIMENSIONS	QUILT STATUS
Example: Tribute to Mother; Charity Quilt; Silent Auction; Challenge Quilt	60 in x 60 in	C=Complete; WIP = Work in Progress
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2)		
3)		
4)		
5)		

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MEMBER NAME: _____