



BINDINGS

September Meeting and Shoe Tote with Carolyn Bunkley

Saturday September 8, 2018 9:30am

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Don't forget to renew your membership.

Supply List for tote:

19" x 13" upholstery fabric for body (check remnant bins)
 14"x 2" handle
 18" zipper,
 Coordinating threads
 Machine with zipper foot and basic sewing supplies.
 I will also have kits for \$5 that include fabric and zipper.

Ice Dying Class with Wanda Nash

Sunday September 30, 2018
 Livonia Senior Center
 10 AM to 2 PM

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

African World Festival – Update

Big thanks !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! to Julie Baker, Shirley Phillips Horn, Jacqueline Diamond Hall, Karla and Bill Middlebrooks and Harold Bunkley. It was a long night but we got it done.

Additional THANKS to all of the volunteers during the 36th African World Festival!!!

And to the teachers, you Rock!!! It was the museum request that people could say I learned to quilt at the Charles H Wright museum, taught by GLAAQN quilters.

GLAAQN's, you made it a reality. Love you all!!!

Carolyn Bunkley

Lunch Update – September and November

There will be no lunch in September or November due to prior engagements by our wonderful Patricia Millender. She has supplies that she can provide to anyone that volunteers to handle lunch for these two meetings. Contact Patricia Millender at 313-418-9757 if you can stand in for her at either meeting.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVES

by Sharon Ray

2015 – 2017 Officers

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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.*

I would like to thank all of the volunteers that assisted at the African American World Festival. I want to thank you Carolyn Bunkley for chairing this event, and your teachers who taught the classes. You all did a fantastic job. You did something new and different with the classes and Great Lakes sewing machines.

I also want to thank Kaye Whittington and Wanda Nash for chairing the State Fair event. Membership volunteered to set up and participate in this event. These events take all of us to make them a success and at all of these events our membership show up and get the job done. We couldn't do these events without all of you. Thank you.

Fall is approaching fast and as quilter's we begin to collect projects and things to do during our winter hibernation.

The Grand Rapids AQS quilt show was the beginning of this quilter's tradition.

I want to thank all of the ladies that joined us on that bus trip. We had members and friends join us. Some of the friends enjoyed themselves and the fellowship so much that they will be joining us. We had a great time, so rowdy that we even got pull over by the police. You would have to have been there to understand that.

Our next adventure is in Chicago. We are going to Chicago in October to enjoy and fellowship with the

Chicago's Needles & Threads Quilt Guild and to get a taste of downtown Chicago. If you are considering going, you should act now because there are only a few seats available. I'm sure we will have get stories to tell and get quilt items to show.

Veterans Quilt A Thon Update

A big bushel of thanks to those ladies who attended our Veterans Quilt A Thon in August. We had lots of fun and made a bunch of quilt tops. Most of the tops are being quilted as we speak with some of them ready for binding. Many thanks to the members who took kits home to complete tops. We are well on our way to having 20 finished quilts for our veterans. Thanks to Sharon Ray and April Shipp who served lunch so that we were able to be fortified at the meeting. If you still have a top or veterans quilt in your possession, please contact Wanda Nash as soon as possible so that I can get an accurate count. If you are available to do bindings when the quilts come from the quilters, please let me know. Thanks again – Wanda Nash

Thank you for the quilt!

I just wanted to say how much I and my family are enjoying the quilt you sent down for Harvey victims. I was fortunate to have received one and have fallen in love with it. Thank you for thinking of our community. My apologies for taking so, so long to write a thank you. I received it in February. And it really has gone a long way to comfort us. With gratitude, David Falloure

On the road with Patricia Millender

While traveling in North Carolina I found the most fabulous African Fabric store with Dutch Wax prints. They sell 5", 10" and 2 1/2" x42 strips. They were wonderful people and I know you would enjoy doing business with them. Let them know I referred you.
 Patricia Millender
www.french-nc.com.



The Baxter Community Center's Threads Sewing Class proudly presents the 4th Biennial Quilt Show.

This exclusive Quilt Show Event features excellent historical and personal stories. This year's Quilt Show Event's theme is "A Stitch in Time; Every Quilt Has a Story." The exhibition will feature



unique stories of the lives of women in the Thread class. The quilt story theme will be presented in a variety of topics by Quilters who share their respective lives and historical perspectives on a variety of topics. The stories vary from the 1940s up to the present day. Including National stories like the "March on Washington" to local stories like the "Grand Rapids Logan Street Ladies".

Fiber arts including African Kente patterns pave the way for the creation of vibrant colors. Highly intricate patterns all showcasing a rich tapestry of combined works through different quilt mediums.

The Threads Program Quilters are excited to share their stories with the community. We invite everyone interested in joining and being part of this highly anticipated 2018 Quilt Show Event which will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 14 and 15 at the Baxter Community Center Gym, 935 Baxter St. SW , Grand Rapids, MI from 11:00 to 5:00 pm.

Ann Arbor Quilt Show Observations

Members of GLAAQN turned out to see the Ann Arbor (GAAQG) quilt show July 28-29. It was great seeing so many familiar faces. There were many fine quilts, and a wide array of vendors, including Wanda Nash with her batik fabrics. The quilts in the main gallery were thoughtfully curated/hung by our own Kaye Whittington; each pair of facing quilts complimented each other. Some were on the same theme or design or color array. Others juxtaposed contrasting treatments, e.g. modern and traditional treatments of a theme. Many of the quilts had various levels of embellishment, ranging from a few discrete beads or buttons, to crazy quilts, to a wool quilt almost entirely covered with intricate applique, embroidery, and beading. There were also a number of quilts using fused applique. Some were Laura Heine patterns, a rooster, a turtle, and a butterfly/flower; others were originals. I was also impressed by quilts that used a relatively simple repeating pattern, but achieved elegance and impact through carefully chosen fabrics emphasizing color and texture, thoughtful arrangement, and meticulous piecing. Of note, all the quilts in the two long side corridors were charity quilts, ready to be donated to the Safe House Domestic Violence Project. Many of these quilts could just as easily have hung in the main galleries.

Henrya Rachmiel

A guild member told me that after each meeting, they have a sew-in, and small groups work together as teams to cut and sew these fine quilts. Perhaps we could display more of our charity quilts during show and tell, to appreciate and inspire each other in our charity quilt efforts. There were other interesting special displays. In one of them, several quilters were given the same photograph to use as the inspiration for a small quilt. Then each of the quilts was given to another quilter to use for inspiration for another quilt. And those quilts became the inspiration for yet more quilts. It was sort of a quilt "telephone" process, with each quilter another link in the sequence. Overall, the show was an inspiration and a challenge.



Circle Quilt Adventures

Quilters in the circle quilt class in June represented all levels. Kudo's to the beginners that tackled such a challenging project. You showed tenacity, commitment and enthusiasm as you learned a new technique with the 45 degree wedge ruler. Here is a sampling of the quilts and their creators. We can definitely expect to be dazzled, as members complete and show their projects.



Dion Williams



Frances Jackson



Patricia Baxter



Vi Warren

Call for quilts

We have been contacted and asked to share with our members requests for quilts for two organizations. Schoolcraft College and INAI Gallery in Adrian. Pdf's are attached to this newsletter for additional information. If interested, please contact the organization with any additional questions.

Quilting Students at the Charles H. Wright Museum, African World Festival, 2018



GLAAQN CALENDAR

Sept 8	Meeting; Shoe Tote with Carolyn Bunkley
Sept 30	Ice Dying with Wanda Nash
Oct 19 - 21	GLAAQN Chicago Quilt Retreat Bus Trip
Nov 10	Meeting; Christmas Craft Workshoping: It's a Wrap Christmas Stocking Exchange

Business Meetings: 2nd Saturdays, Odd Months

Meeting Times:

Workshops:

Set up 8:45am

Start Time – 9:00am (prompt)

Room Setup – 8:30am

Business Meeting – 9:30am

The Runway (aka Show & Tell)

Workshops (Per Schedule)

Meeting Location:

Livonia Civic Park Senior Center

15218 Farmington Rd.

Livonia, MI

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

Regional Quilt Groups

AA Quilt & Doll Guild;

Warrensville, OH; 216-464-1367;

[https://www.facebook.com/pages/](https://www.facebook.com/pages/African-American-Quilt-and-Dollmakers-Guild/262311637174807)

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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/LEQLL>

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Needles & Threads Quilters Guild

Chicago;

<http://www.ntqgchicago.net/>

Peace Baptist Church Quilters;

Detroit, MI; D. Wimberley, 313-893-

1997

Piecemakers Quilt Guild;

Saginaw, MI;

[http://www.piecemakersquiltguild.](http://www.piecemakersquiltguild.com/)

[com/](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.wwcqg.org/>

Membership Renewal

Please do not forget to renew your membership if you haven't already done so. We have so many exciting activities coming up and information to share. We would not want you to miss anything.

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 any business 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 the completed form to any business 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 _____

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dedicated to serving the community through quilting and quilting education*

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