

# Paper Pieces

January/February 2018

## Quilters Check List>>>

Our monthly meeting is Monday, January 8

Wear your Nametag Lanyard and a smile

Bring a Show and Tell project

Sign up for Winterfest Sit and Stitch

Check out our website: [macombcountyquiltguild.org](http://macombcountyquiltguild.org)

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## Quilter, Author and Shop Owner...

### Ruth Ann Berry to Show Geometric Style

**Ruth Ann Berry**, speaker at our January 8th meeting, is a quilter, a designer and a whole lot more. She owns a small-town quilt shop in Fife Lake, Michigan where she lives with her family. Known as the geometric quilter, Berry teaches quilt classes in the studio above the shop, **Quilter's Clinic**.



She is from a long line of quilters so fabric and sewing machines have always been a part of Berry's life. She has been experimenting with a variety of techniques for more than 25 years. Recently Berry added book author to her list of accomplishments when **Braided Bargello Quilts**, **Bargello Quilts in Motion** and **Simplified 3D Quilts** were published. Berry is also a piano player and hiker. She enjoys backpacking canoe trips into the wilderness areas of the Upper Peninsula and Isle Royale.

## From the Quilted Turtle, an Online Shop...

### Deborah Richmond to Show New Tools

A quilter for more than 30 years, **Deborah Richmond** runs the **Quilted Turtle** online quilt shop. Richmond, who lives in Dewitt, Michigan, will be our speaker February 5th. Opened in 2013, the Quilted Turtle offers quilters tools which Richmond personally tests and approves before offering for sale on the website. She is committed to sharing tools designed to help make quilting easier and faster.



The Quilted Turtle can also be seen at quilt shows around the country. Richmond takes the top selling tools from the website and demonstrates those tools at the shows. The Quilted Turtle booth is where you can see Richmond in action. Richmond shows the best features about each product and explains how she uses these tools in her own quilting.

### DEADLINE

**Information for the next issue of Paper Pieces is due February 15.**

## Guild Board 2017-2018

## Committees

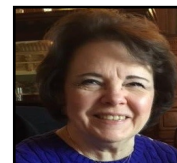
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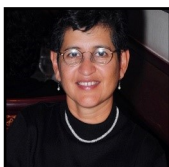
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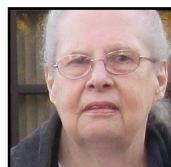
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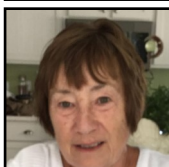
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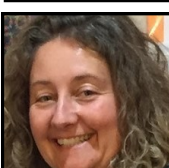
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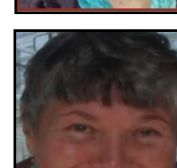
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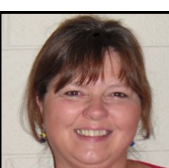
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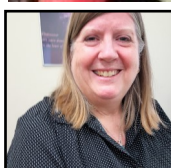
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## Fest News>>>

Fests are held in the Community Center at Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton Township from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fallfest October 21, 2017

Winterfest January 20, 2018

Springfest May 19, 2018



## MCQG Programs 2017--2018>>>

2017

September 11 — Welcome Back

October 2 — Lisa Bongean, Primitive Gatherings (guest fee \$10)

October 3 — Workshop Lisa Bongean

November 6 — Kathy Groves, BobKat Quilts

December 4 — Christmas Potluck (members only)

2018

January 8 — Ruth Ann Berry, Quilter's Clinic

February 5 — Deborah Richmond, The Quilted Turtle

March 5 — Kathryn Schmidt

April 2 — Quilt Show Information and Planning Meeting

April 26 — Quilt Show SetUp

April 27-28 — Quilt Show

May 7 — Linda Wieck, Camo Quilt Project

June 4— President's Tea (members only)



## Time For New Positive Habits>>>

### From Our President — Sue Sharkey

Happy New Year!! Wow, it sure was a busy Christmas season. I hope everyone had nice holidays.

Many of us have decided to make New Year's resolutions. Some want to lose weight, some want to quit smoking, and some want to stop a bad habit. Many of us decide to take a different spin on resolutions, to begin new positive habits. Perhaps some of us may decide to take up a new hobby, learn a new language, or perhaps donate time and talent to a charity. If that's the case with you, look no further than right here at your own guild.

We could use your help making charity quilts! There is a great need for comfort quilts at the local chemo centers and hospitals. While many of us make female

quilts because maybe we tend to buy the female fabrics, there is a great need for young boy and male quilts.

While we have some male fabrics that have been donated to our guild for the charity quilt group, we are in need of more male fabrics. Perhaps your way to give back is by donating a yard or two of male fabric to our guild for charity.

Perhaps, your new habit for this year could be to take and make one or more quilts from our MCQG kits. Kits are bagged and can be picked up near the window area on tables at every guild meeting, or see Kathy Stevens, our Charity Coordinator. I hope you know that the quilts our guild makes and donates to our local

charities are making a big difference in lives of many people here in the local area. Thank you very much for your time and talent.

**Bad Weather?** Tons of Snow? Power outages? Should we have to cancel a meeting we will contact you by phone or email. Look at the last page of your new yellow 2017-18 Directory; there it outlines the **Meeting Cancellation Procedures**. We will make every effort to let you know of a cancellation.

You can also contact me or any of the board members for information about a meeting cancellation.

Happy New Year!!

**Sue Sharkey, President**

[enchantedneedlequilts.com](http://enchantedneedlequilts.com)

### New Website for MCQG Member



Kathy Hellebuyck

Exciting news comes from our very own **Kathy Hellebuyck**. She has launched a website for her fiber art business. It is **enchantedneedlequilts.com** and Kathy is so pleased the site is up and running smoothly.

T-Shirt Quilts and Photo and Memory Quilts are her specialty. All information is just a click away on the new site including quilt sizes, body pillows, photo quilts and prices. Kathy explained that it's all very convenient now for customers. And her life just got easier. By directing potential customers to the website, Kathy has saved hours of time previously spent on the phone explaining her products. Congratulations, Kathy!

## Come Sit and Stitch

**Sew Many Things** will be vendor at **Winterfest** sit and stitch on January 20. Held at **Trinity Lutheran Church**, Winterfest is \$20. In December more than 20 people had already signed up.

There were 43 members at **Fall-fest** in October. Our big winner was **Dawn Nelson** who received a \$25.00 gift card from the vendor, **Stitchin' at the Barn**.

**Dan Markey,**  
**Member at Large**



# Happy January/February Birthday>>>

Kathy Zafferani – January 4	Carol Wennerstrom – January 28
Dianne Hayden – January 5	Marj Bryen – January 30
Linda Strait – January 7	Theresa Ryder – January 31
Jan Knoll – January 9	Helen Snoeck - January 31
Tracey Shock – January 11	Marilyn Woods – February 2
Rose Alongi – January 12	Louise Scholtes – February 3
Rosemary Vorlpagel - January 13	Diane Tocco – February 4
Renee Steinacker – January 15	Brenda Pedersen — February 7
Julie Wickware – January 17	Amy Imkje Pribac – February 8
Susan Harlan – January 19	Janet Bott – February 9
Cindy Rose – January 19	Jan Casella— February 9
Karen Abeyta - January 22	Karen Harris – February 10
Pat Bayma – January 22	Diane Lewis – February 10
Mary Lou Grimes – January 22	Linda Lozen— February 11
Pamela Mackowski – January 22	Linda Rogala – February 13
Cindy Todd – January 22	Linda Fenska – February 16
Fran Pietron – January 25	Karen Stocksett – February 16
Barb Barringer – January 27	Anita Groninger – February 19



If you have a birthday on this list, please bring a treat to share at the monthly meeting.

Valerie Burton – February 21  
Kathy Santo – February 24  
Barbara Schafran – February 27

## Your Help is Needed...

### Quilt Show Set for April 27-28

The Quilt Show is coming! The Quilt Show is coming! It is time to sign up for committees to work at the show, April 27 and 28. Our success is dependent on your help. Also, please try to sell all your tickets. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of keeping track of unsold tickets. The Quilt Show Committee must track which guild member receives each and every ticket, by its number.

All tickets must be accounted for to the state in the quilt show report. The financial success of our show depends on a successful raffle.

Last but not least, get ready to enter your quilts in the show. We would love to have every member enter a quilt or more.

**Marj Bryen and Fran Pietron**

Quilt Show



## Education News...

### MCQG Website updated

Please check our website for updated **EDUCATION** information. There are project details provided by our coordinator **Peggy Lau**. See [www.macombcountyquiltguild.org](http://www.macombcountyquiltguild.org) and click on **EDUCATION**.

### MCQG UFO Challenge

If your UFO is a quilt, it must be quilted and include binding and a label. For Home Décor or other project, it must be usable. All UFOs must be finished by the May meeting to receive credit.

To participate, get the registration form from **Peggy Lau**, Education.



## MCQG Charity Efforts

January is the typical 'season' for cleaning closets and organizing UFOs. We all have projects that we have forgotten or changed our minds about. Now is a perfect time to finish or pass them to the Charity Closet! We have received a number of lovely additions from guild members who have done this. Most of the quilts are for babies and children but we would welcome more for adults in a lap size.

A quilt was donated in December to a lady battling cancer and it was received with tears of joy. We do our best to fulfill the wants and needs of those requesting quilts in just the style or color they would like but it is not always possible. If you have a request/need for a quilt, please let me know.

As 2017 ends we thank the generous members for donations of quilts and their stash. We continue to sort through them to construct kits and finish tops. Thank you to **Sharon Minor, Linda Rogala, Georgianna Lillian,** and **Denise Champine** for fabric donations and to **Cheryl Burke, Marilyn Woods** and **Linda Rogala** for quilt donations. We appreciate all that you do for MCQG charity efforts. **Linda Fenska, Charity Closet**

## Our Very Important Mission

Sewing quilts for charity is an important focus for Macomb County Quilt Guild. Members can make quilts on their own with their fabric or the guild will have precut kits available for members to pick up at our monthly meetings. Completed quilts are turned in to **The Charity Closet**. Located near The Charity Closet will be a table for KIT pick up and return. You can sign out a kit and complete the steps that fit your interest and skill. Kits have various steps to be completed: Tops to be made, Quilted and/or Bound. Do you have some left-over fabric, jelly rolls or charm squares to donate? - Drop them in the bin at **The Charity Closet**.

Although not yet finalized, Kathy Stevens is working on another charity sew day for February 3rd.

Our Charity Efforts for 2017-2018: **Children's Hospital Foundation of Michigan/Detroit** - They can use quilts from baby size to teen. They prefer quilts ranging in sizes from 38 x 38 to 38 x 48 or close to that range.

**VA Hospital/Detroit**- They can use quilts for both male and female patients no larger than 46 x 46. These can be of any color - not just red, white & blue.

**Webber Cancer Center/Warren** - They can use adult sized comfort quilts for male or female patients in the range of 38-40 x 40-46.

**Turning Point/Mt.Clemens** - Shelters abused women and their children. They can use "kid & Mom sized" comfort quilts - a throw or lap size.

**Covenant House/Detroit** - Houses homeless young adults (18-24 years old) that have maxed out of foster care with no place to go. They can be housed for up to 2 years in their facility. Currently they have 45 males and 30 females. They are in need of twin sized quilts for their beds.

**St. Anthony Nursing Healthcare/Warren** - Local senior/nursing home, Pillowcase effort by Terri Brown, she would like to collect 200 men and women pillowcases.

Want to help or have questions? Our Charity Effort Contacts are: Charity Coordinator - **Kathy Stevens** - mcqg.charity@gmail.com; The Charity Closet - **Linda Fenska**; and Pillowcase Project - **Terri Brown**.

## Meet a Member...

### Carol Ann Trullard, a Real Sweetheart

A lifelong Michigianian, Carol Ann Trullard began quilting in 1989 and there isn't much in the quilting world that she hasn't tried. She enjoys both machine and hand quilting. Serving as MCQG Historian, Carol Ann is friendly, helpful and resourceful. Just this past September she married her high-school sweetheart, Kenny. In her own words, Carol Ann answered the following questions.



**Moonglow**, a pattern by Jinny Beyer.

**First and Last Name. Where do you live?** Carol Ann Trullard. I live in St. Clair Shores since 1984. Before that I lived and worked in the City of Warren at City Hall and at the Police Department.

**Personal information.** I married my high school sweetheart this past September. I went on my first date with Kenny when I was 15. He joined the Air Force and we wrote each other and dated when he was home on leave. We lost touch until January of 2010 when we connected again on the internet. He came to Michigan from Kansas in June of 2010 and we've been together ever since. I have no children; Kenny has a son and daughter.

**Where did you grow up?** I've lived in Michigan my whole life, most of it in Warren until I was married and moved to St. Clair Shores in 1984.

**How long have you been a guild member? Have you served on a committee or the board? Do you belong to any other guilds - if so, which ones?** I've been a member of the Guild since the second year after it was formed. I was asked by **Marie Mangus** to be the Historian some years ago. I was a member of two mini groups until about two years ago when Kenny became sick and I decided to stay home with him.

**At what age or year did you start quilting? Describe your first quilt.** I believe I first started Quilting classes at **Quilter's Patch** in 1989. My first baby quilt was a sampler with six-inch blocks that I hand quilted. My first bed size quilt was a log cabin from a book titled *Quilt in a Week* (or was it weekend). It took me two years to finish it. It was also hand quilted.



**Carol Ann Trullard** got the chicken blocks from the guild 'free' table and made the flower herself.

**What is your favorite color or colors when making a quilt?** I love all colors. The more the better. I do favor blue and tan or multi blues.

**Do you prefer hand or machine quilting?** I prefer machine although I don't mind hand quilting a small project.

**Describe your most memorable quilt, event or quilt road trip?** My most memorable quilt was a pattern by **Jinny Beyer**. I ordered the kit from **Keepsake Quilting** and worked on the paper pieced blocks sporadically. I began to think I'd never finish it, but I finally got it done and it won First Place, Best of Show, and Best in Barn at the Armada Fair. **See Page 9**

## *Decorative Stitch in Shelby Township...*

# *A Baby Lock Dealer and a Whole Lot More*

The oldest of nine children, **Mary Verstraete** didn't dream of opening her own shop while growing up on Detroit's east side. "When I grew up I thought I was going to be a housewife," she noted. Today Mary, along with stepdaughter **Sara Gallegos**, is a proud **Baby Lock** dealer and owner of **Decorative Stitch** in Shelby Township.

Mary first learned hand embroidery when she was young from her grandmother. Later in a Catholic high school she learned to sew and quickly fell in love with it, "I would go after school and sew with the nuns." Her mom bought her first machine, a Singer Golden Touch, and Mary took sewing classes all four years. And the seed was planted for a future in the sewing business. But first Mary raised a family while working at AT&T for 35 years. She barely had time to make Halloween costumes.

College didn't happen for Mary until she retired at 55 and she majored in accounting. Sewing came front and center again when she and Sara decided to open **Decorative Stitch** in November, 2014. Sara also hosts online sewing shows, creates videos for sew-at-home classes and teaches on Baby Lock machines all around the country. She is featured on At Home Instructor, QNN and Fons and Porter's Love of Quilting. Located on Van Dyke Ave. at 22 Mile Road, **Decorative Stitch** is in the Shelby Woods Plaza.



**Mary Verstraete at Decorative Stitch.**

**Decorative Stitch**

**48814 Van Dyke Ave.**

**Shelby Township, MI 48317**

**(586) 799-7507**

**decorativestitch.com**



One of many projects on display.

And the business took off. In just two short years **Decorative Stitch** expanded, doubling its size by occupying two storefronts in November, 2016. This allowed space for a roomy classroom. In reaction to the growth, Mary said, "The biggest surprise is how big the community of sewers is and how nice they are. The reception from everybody is overwhelming."

**Decorative Stitch** offers a long list of clubs, classes and events, including Quilt Club, Quilts of Valor, Stitch Club and Ladies With Baggage or LWC which makes purses, totes and wallets. The newest group is Modern Concepts in Quilting with our MCQG member **Nancy McNally**. There are classes for embroidery, sergers, quilting, Electric Quilt 8, quilt as you go, certified Judy Neimeyer classes and Embrilliance instruction. Also retreats, trunk shows, guest teachers and a new favorite, Sip and Stitch evenings.

**Decorative Stitch** is a place for sewers and quilters of all ages, styles, and proficiencies. The store features a bright, colorful interior bursting with inspiration and more than 4,000 bolts of fabric. It sells **Baby Lock** sewing machines and **Koala** sewing furniture.

**Colleen Belli, Editor**

## Macomb County Quilt Guild

### ***SWEET 16 CHALLENGE***

Fall/Winter/Spring

#### **Guild Criteria for AQS 2018:**

- **Finished Size: 40" x 40" (must include border & binding)**
- **Border/Binding: 2" Black**
- **Color: Can have any color, but must have any shade of Pink somewhere in Quilt Top**
- **Must have 16 of anything in design (i.e. 16 colors, 16 geometric shapes, 16 blocks, something that stands out)**
- **Must be completely finished, ready to be turned in by our March 2018 meeting**

**Guild POC: Patti Mitrowski, VP**

**Rules Committee: VP with input from Sue Sharkey & Jill Stiger**

**More Info: [QuiltWeek.com/Contest](http://QuiltWeek.com/Contest), Our Website, Newsletter**

#### ***Can you donate?***

#### ***Help Fill Food Pantry at Trinity Lutheran***

Guild members are asked to donate non-perishable food, toiletries, paper products or cleaning supplies to Trinity Lutheran Church, the host site of our meetings.

The church serves residents in need throughout Macomb County.



Have you planned your entries for MCQG Quilt Show 2018? Here is a memory of MCQG Quilt Show 2016: **Twist-n-Turkeys** by **Claudia Baker**, above. (Not **Cheryl Burck**, as reported in the November/December 2017 issue.)



## ***From Jinny Beyer's "Quilter's Album of Blocks & Borders"***

The significant factor in nineteenth century literature about patchwork and quilting is the lack of information. What does exist supports my opinion that quilting was not highly regarded except as a lesson for young girls or a pastime for the old who no longer had the keen eyesight for "fancy" work.

It seems the days of the old-fashioned quilting bees were gone. In an 1849 article T.S. Arthur wrote "Our young ladies of the present generation know little of the mysteries of 'Irish chain,' 'rising star,' 'block work,' or 'Job's trouble,' and would be as likely to mistake a set of quilting frames for clothes poles as for anything else. It was different in our younger days. Half a dozen handsome patchwork quilts were as indispensable then as a marriage portion. And the quilting party was equally indicative of the coming out and being 'in the market' as the fashionable gatherings together of the times that be.

We have never enjoyed ourselves with the keen zest and heartiness, in any company that we have experienced in the old-fashioned quilting party.... Ah, well! The quiltings, the corn-huskings, the merry-makings in the village of M-- are not forgotten."

**Contributed by Carol Trullard, Historian:** *If T.S. Arthur could see us now! With our electronic sewing machines and long arm quilting machines; our cell phones to keep in touch and take photos of the wonderful quilts we enjoy at quilt shows. And yet I feel it's a shame that we don't experience the camaraderie of a quilting bee as they did in the old days. My mini group held a "bee" to help Lois Madeleine finish a quilt for her daughter and it was a great experience. Our sit n stitch and retreats are the modern bees for our time. If you haven't experience one, please think about trying it. I couldn't have a better group of friends than my quilting buddies.*

### ***Troops Need Love Too...***

#### ***MCQG Donations Delivered***

A big thank you to all who donated items for deployed service members. I delivered everything to the coordinator and she was overwhelmed by our generosity. She collects items for the troops all year. I plan to do this again next year in November.

Go to [www.troopsneedlovetoo.com](http://www.troopsneedlovetoo.com) for more information about this charity.

**Jill Stiger, Past President**

### ***Membership Report***

We gained one new member at the December meeting, which brings our total membership to 189 paid members.

#### ***Board Positions Open For 2018-19***

Please consider joining the board as Membership, Education or Member at Large.

#### ***Heard at the Board Meeting***

"There was enough food at the Christmas Potluck for a third world country."

***Carol Ann Trullard*** from Page 6

***What other hobbies do you have?*** I love taking photos, gardening, I used to do ceramics and oil painting. I also painted dozens of tee shirts and sweatshirts as gifts for my family. My sister-in-law is the only one I ever saw wearing one of them.

***What is your favorite movie of all time and why?*** ***Dirty Dancing.*** I love dancing and watch ***Dancing with the Stars*** religiously.

***What is your favorite food?*** ***Taco Bell;*** anything they serve.

***If you could interview anyone in the world (dead or alive) who would it be and why?*** ***Jinny Beyer.*** She's my favorite quilt celebrity.

## Xpedition Travel Presents

### Hometown Tour

A Four-Day Tour Through **Missouri** and **Iowa**

October 17 – 20, 2018

Prices start at \$699

Sponsored by **Sisters in Quilting**

Trip Includes:

Fully escorted roundtrip by coach

3 nights lodging and 8 meals

Stops include Missouri Star Quilt Company,  
Walt Disney World Hometown Museum,  
Antique Archeology (home of Antique Pickers)  
and Quilt Stores

### Material Girl Tour 2018

A Five-Day Tour of **Quilt Minnesota**

July 30 – August 3, 2018

Prices start at \$743

Trip Includes:

Fully escorted roundtrip by coach

4 nights lodging and 8 meals

Daily Quilt Shop Stops

Daily Mystery Stops

Mall of America

Winery Tour

The **11th Quilt Minnesota** is an annual Shop Hop featuring an exclusive fabric line with a 'Minnesota feel.' Independent Quilt Shops create projects using the exclusive fabrics.

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Harbored Light House - 6-Month Technique of the  
Month Program - 1st Sat for 6 mos. Starts Jan 6th

Big Game Quilt-a-Thon - Feb 4th

Winter Getaway Quilt Retreat - Feb 16-18, 2018

Vintage Rose Technique of the Month -  
Starts End of Feb

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