



NEWSLETTER

See you at the July 12 Meeting
Doors Open 6:15 Start at 7PM

"GADGETS GALORE Latest and Greatest TOOLS AND TRENDS"

Our Guest Speaker:

Mary Smallegan

www.customquiltsunlimited.com

**Mary will be demonstrating
and sharing new and creative
resources for your
quilting tools of the trade!**

**Fresh from the June Shipshewana Show
and gearing up for the August
AQS Grand Rapids Show,
Mary promises to WOW you!**

Be There or Be Square



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OUR GUILD MEETING PLACE

Inmanuel Lutheran Community Room

Downtown Bridgman
Located at the corner of Lake Street and Church Street
Use SIDE DOOR with Ramp Enjoy Wonderful Parking.

July 12

Aug 9

Sept 13

Oct 4 (not 2nd Thursday)

Nov 8

JULY THEME SHOW and TELL "Stars and Stripes"

Surprise us with your
JULY Theme quilts!



Variety Quilts also!



Hello Quilters,

This Independence Day, I will admit, I am a sentimental fool. History and legends, they thrill me! I know that sewing and quilt making, have played a tremendous part in our heritage. Seamstresses and homemakers were revered for their ability to not only provide for their communities and families by making garments, but also quilts and bedcovers, curtains, upholstery and yes, FLAGS!!

Our country's history is full of people who were influential for a wide range of reasons. Betsy Ross, who is said to have made the first American flag shortly before the Declaration of Independence was signed, is one of these legendary women. Betsy Ross, born in 1752, was a seamstress and owned an upholstery business with her first husband, John Ross. Even after her first husband's death, Betsy continued to run the business as a war widow. She married twice more after that. It was while running her upholstery business that Betsy began to make flags and gain a reputation for producing quality flags. According to her grandchildren, Betsy Ross would tell her family, that she was responsible for making the first American flag. Although the details of this story have not been entirely authenticated, legend says, Betsy met with a secret committee comprised of three members of Congress, including George Washington, Robert Morris, and her uncle by marriage, General George Ross. It was at this meeting that she was asked to sew the first American flag. George Washington showed her a design of the idea. George Washington's original pencil sketch for the flag indicated 6-pointed stars, a form he apparently preferred. Betsy Ross, however, recommended a 5-pointed star. When the committee protested that it was too difficult to make, she took a piece of paper, folded it deftly, and with a single snip of her scissors, produced a symmetrical five-pointed star. This seeming feat of magic so impressed her audience that they readily agreed to her suggestion.



While some may say the authenticity of this story is in question, there is no doubt that Betsy Ross did have an upholstery business and she was acquainted with George Washington both socially and through business; her pew was beside the Washington's at church, and she also embroidered cuffs and ruffles for him.

The flag is a revered symbol. Hundreds of years later, the American flag is one of the most recognized and respected symbols there is. Betsy Ross was a role model. In her lifetime, she faced the death of three husbands and two daughters. As a widow three times over, she still ran a business and managed as a single mother, in a time of war and during a time where women did not have the same respect and freedoms as women today have. The design that Betsy Ross was the first to sew for the United States was officially adopted by Congress on June 14, 1777. The flag had thirteen stripes and thirteen stars. Her flag-making business did very well and was carried on even after she died, by her daughter. Betsy Ross died in Philadelphia on January 30, 1836. The United States celebrated the 200th anniversary of her birthday with a postage stamp. The U.S. flag has been modified 26 times since its adoption in 1777. Today's 50-star flag, created in 1960, has been in use the longest.

As quilters of today, there is no doubt we carry on the traditions of the past. Your latest creation is a "history marker". Each gift we give, each quilt we create, marks a passage of time! LABEL YOUR QUILTS, be sure that those that come after us, know the maker and the "legend" behind your quilts. The wedding quilt, the baby quilt, the friendship quilt, the artistic expression from within, be sure that you document your quilt. Your legacy, legends and the love for your art, will surely be remembered. **LABEL YOUR QUILTS!**

Liberty is ours, and with our artistic freedoms, we certainly stand united and gather to inspire each other, our families and community with our declaration of dedication to the mission: "*The purpose of this guild shall be to sponsor and support quilting activities, to encourage quilt making and collecting, to contribute to the growth and knowledge of quilting techniques, textiles, patterns and history by providing educational meetings, travel and fellowship.*"

"Every quilter has a masterpiece within"

Doreen Johan 2012 President





ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Many Thanks to **Mary Hill**
our *June Showcase Quilter of the Month*.

Mary shared with us terrific examples of her quilts and wallhangings. She told us of her enjoyment working and teaching in fabric shops. Mary is new to our area, but has been a MICHIGAN quilter for many years! The Mariner's Compass



wallhanging we viewed, may someday soon be offered as a demonstration/class! By popular demand! Thanks Mary, we welcome and appreciate YOU.

SAVE THE DATE

For more info look at www.btcguild.com CALENDAR
 July 21-22 Quilt Gathering (Show & Expo) Ohio
 July 28-29 Ann Arbor Quilt Guild Quilt Show
 July 29-30 Quilt Shop Hop (Nancy!)
 Aug 1-Sept 29 Coopersville Farm Museum Quilt Show
 Aug 22-25 AQS Quilt Show - Grand Rapids
 Oct 12-13 Our Bountiful Harvest Quilt Show (HERE!)



HOBBS BATTING UPC LABELS !! QUITTED HUGS FOR KIDS

Can save and send in the labels to use for a DISCOUNT Purchase of BATTING to use for our Community Quilts! You will receive **FREE** batting at the August and September Sit and Sew Sessions!

BRING YOUR LABELS to the JULY meeting, we need HOBBS labels with UPC. Give to Deb Adams! **Thanks!**

www.btcquiltguild.org

- All members are encouraged to send in activities for the Web Site: Quilt Shows Retreats, Shop Hops etc.
- Any special recognition due any of our members is always welcome.
- Links to places of interest for the members (quilt related please)
- New items quilters would love and where they are available.
- Shop owners please keep me informed of changes in your hours, and any events that are coming up that our members would enjoy participating in. I can't put it on the web site if I don't have the information.
- Let's keep everyone informed of what is going on with our guild
- The web site is only as useful as the information I receive.
- Please send all info to vickinitz@sbcglobal.net any time, I will do my best to get it on in a timely manner.

Vicki Nitz 269-429-4366

SAVE THE DATE: BTCQ BOARD MEETING



**Tuesday July 17th
@6:30 PM
Lincoln Township
Library**

All Officers and Board Members PLEASE
RSVP to President Doreen Johan @269-449-9897
doreen@johanrealestate.com



Learning to Share

One of the first skills a preschooler learns is how to share, whether it is their toys with a friend or cookies with their mom. We would like to encourage our fellow quilters with all levels of quilting skills to enter a quilt into

Our Bountiful Harvest Quilt Show

We all strive for neat seams and pointy points, but if you're like us, we LOVE the story behind the quilt. "This is for my granddaughter who is going off to college and these are her t-shirts from high school" ... or ... "This piece of fabric is from my mother's wedding dress and this was my father's favorite shirt".

Often what makes a quilt the warmest is the love that is poured into it not the batting inside. Please consider sharing with us and our quilt show attendees the story and love within one of your quilts whether the "points are pointy" or not. You can find the form on our guild's website or at our guild meeting and registration begins this month!

Quilt Show Meeting

All Members Welcome

July 26, 2012

6:30pm

Lawrence Room

Lincoln Twp Library

See Ya There!!!

Sue & Vicki

Vicki 269-429-4366

Sue 269-449-8965

SILENT AUCTION
MINI QUILTS NEEDED
SOONER than LATER!
BRING to JULY Meeting PLEASE
For PUBLIC LIBRARY DISPLAYS
Thank You



Thank you to the members that have taken tickets for the October American Girl and Quilt Raffles. If you have not taken any to sell yet, we would love to have all members participate. The guild is encouraging every member to sell at least 12 tickets for each raffle. The funds raised help offset our membership dues. Remember for every 12 tickets you sell, your name goes in the drawing for the Candy Apple Red KitchenAid mixer. If you need additional tickets before the July meeting please email me at elliottd@comcast.net. I am happy to get them to you. I am also encouraging members to sell the tickets and return the monies by the September meeting. Keep selling and let's make this a real success for our guild.

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

We are taking pre-registration for the Boutique now. This would include your contact information and a rough idea of what you might put in the Boutique. For details contact Cathy Benke or Cindy Shepherd. See Cathy or Cindy for forms or they may be printed from our website -- [http://](http://www.btcquiltguild.org/)

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. You can turn your pre-registration forms in to Cathy or Cindy at a meeting or mail them to one of us. Hope to see lots of



Happy Birthday to all in July
Enjoy your Special Day



DEMO DEMO DEMO

Carol Range will
SHARE a technique for
making a
custom beach towel
at our July meeting!
This is so cool!
You will want to make
FOUR!

**BUS TRIP TO GRAND RAPIDS
AQS SHOW – August 25
Limited SEATS AVAILABLE
JOIN OUR FUN * SAVE YOUR SEATS
ACT IMMEDIATELY CALL TODAY!
Contact Aggie or Doreen
With full payment 35.00 before 7-12,
includes your paid show admission!
No LINES NO PARKING!
GROUP FUN!
BE THERE or BE SQUARE**



DID YOU MISS THE FUN?

Deb Adams, (hiding in the middle), asks you to **SAVE THE DATE!** More **FREE FUN** SOON!

MORE *Jelly Roll Races* and *Sit and Stitch*
for “**QUILTED HUGS for KIDS**” coming soon!

In June, quilters gathered and LAUGHED and had FUN together and created with **FREE** donated fabrics, tops that will soon be quilts! **SAVE THE DATES: August 8 and 18 and September 22** All days from 10-3 @ the Lincoln Township Library. Do you have fabric donations? Novelty colorful joyful fabrics accepted. Assorted Strips of 2 1/2 inches are great! We have many, so let's Mix and match! Contact Deb, Nancy, Sue or Doreen with donations or

questions. Pictured here are Shirley Keim and Sue Russell, (also Deb A.), and you can see from the smiles, this is **FREE FUN!** Join us soon! **QUILTED HUGS for KIDS** needs your help, our charitable campaign is collecting quilts for Lory's Place, Pediatric Cancer Patients, and Suitcases for Kids Foster Children Program. The quilts you create stay here in our region and provide impact and immediate comfort as we share our **QUILTED HUGS!** We will collect completed quilts at each meeting until October! Bring your quilts to the meetings, or drop off anytime to Doreen or Vicki @RE/MAX Sunset Coast office.

Let's make this a great charitable community campaign for 2012.

Berrien Towne and Country Quilters, Thanks SEW much!

Thanks to Lincoln Township Library for the generous and inspiring space to sew together!



AUCTION TODAY



September 13th General Meeting

DONATIONS NEEDED from YOU!

Mystery Items from Vendors will be Auctioned!

Great Surprises! CLEAN your SPACE, SAVE and

DONATE to the BTCQ 2012 AUCTION

NEEDED ITEMS include: **UFO's, TOPS, QUILTS, Tools,**

Machines, Frames, Hoops, Fabrics,

Books and Novelties and so much MORE.

You bring it, we will sell it!

Items can be delivered ahead to

Doreen @ RE/MAX Sunset Coast for storage,

CLEAN YOUR STUDIO and STASH

BTCQ GUILD AUCTION is COMING SOON!

SIT and STITCH TOGETHER

All Around Berrien Towne and Country



★ Berrien Springs Library Quilters meet every Monday from 10-3pm at Berrien Springs Library. Everyone is welcome to bring a project that they are working on, and join the fun. For more information, call Kay Crow at 471-1989.

★ The Bridgman Bees meets every Thursday at the Bridgman Library at 10 AM--approx. 2 PM. The group frequently goes out for lunch. Some folks bring a lunch. Refrigerator and stove are available.

★ Sit and Stitch Whatever is scheduled every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:30 pm @ the Lincoln Township Public Library.

★ Appliqué Society meets the Wednesday following the regular guild meeting at 6:00 PM at the Bridgman Library. We'll gladly teach you to appliqué, help you with your appliqué, or maybe give some ideas for future projects. We created the appliqué blocks in our 2010 raffle quilt! For more information please call Linda Woods (556-1125) or Sue Russell (983-3799)

"Sew many quilts, so little time!"

Quilting with a friend will keep you in stitches!



**Minutes of the Guild
Berrien Towne & Country Quilters Guild
Immanuel Lutheran Community Center
Bridgman , Michigan**

June 14, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M.

By President, Doreen Johan.

Showcase Quilter of the Month:

Mary Hill was the featured quilter this month. She is the Lincoln Township Library director. She moved here from Grand Rapids where she lived for 30 years. She has been quilting since 1981 and been sewing since she was 8 years old. She has worked in quilt shops for many years and taught classes as well. She presented a variety of quilts. Several were using strips. She is also a knitter and loves to applique.

Old Business:

President, Doreen Johan asked for approval of the May 2012 minutes. Motion to accept was given.

New Business:

Bus Trip to Grand Rapids: Aggie Blesy announced that there were still openings and sign up would be available during the meeting. Nine more spots were open. She reminded attendees to bring their own lunch and beverage. The bus will leave at 8 A.M. Saturday, August 25th from the car pool lot on Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville. By exit 23

Quilt Show: It was announced that more volunteers were need to help with the quilt show and members are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible, so show plans can move forward. Sign up sheets were available at the Quilt Show table. Forms for quilt registration & contests are on the web site for members to download, www.btcquiltguild.org and will also be in the monthly newsletter. Quilt show is only 120 days away. The boutique information and registration is also on the web site.

Raffle Tickets: Andrea Elliott was not present for the meeting. All ticket money sold will be collected at the July meeting.

Silent Auction: We still need more mini quilts. Doreen mentioned that in 2010 we earned over \$1100 dollars for Quilts of Valor and have earned over \$10,000 since it's inception.

Dates to Save: Quilt shows

Shipshewana, Indiana- June 20-23

Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild Show-July 27-29
Coopersville Farm Museum Quilt Show- Aug. 1
To Sept 29, Coopersville, Michigan
Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 25 Bus Trip

Motion to Adjourn made by Kay Wilcox and Seconded by Deb Weil

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Show and Tell: Our theme was Wedding quilts. A few were shared and several general design quilts were also shown.

Program: Kathy Schmidt was our guest speaker. She had a wonderful trunk show of some of her art quilts and suggestions for trying art quilts.

Our vendor was Cornelia from Calico Creations, South Haven

General Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Weingart, Secretary

Winners:

Block of the Month:

Laura Williams

Door Prizes: Shirley Keim, Kay Wilcox and

Becky Lund



54-40 or Fight Block - July 2012

BOM 2012 - Stars, Stars and More Stars

Cutting instructions:

Solid black fabric:... 10 squares $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$... 4 squares $4\frac{7}{8}'' \times 4\frac{7}{8}''$, then carefully cut on the diagonal as shown(nail point is $2\frac{7}{16}''$)

Waste (on both sides)

Think July 4th colors

Bright blue solid/ small print fabric:... 8 Squares $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ Bright red solid/ small print fabric:... 2 squares $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$... 4 rectangles $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 5\frac{1}{4}''$, then carefully cut on the diagonal as shownSewing Instructions using $\frac{1}{4}''$ seams:

Step 1. Referring to Diagram I, make one red/black subunits and four blue/black sub units. These units should measure $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$.



Make 1



Make 4

Step 2. Referring to Diagram II, make four pieced-square sub units.



Sew one red triangle to the black triangle. Line up the triangles as shown. Line up inner points at the top where the "A" symbol is.



Sew another red triangle to the other side of the black triangle. Make four in total. These units should measure $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$.



This block can be difficult to sew but persevere and be prepared to seam rip out once or twice if the block doesn't measure as $4\frac{1}{2}''$ square.

Step 3. Arrange sub units to form design, layout block. Sew sub units together to make rows. Sew rows together to make block. Block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}'' \times 12\frac{1}{2}''$.

"54-40 or Fight" Boundary Disputes Warrants New Quilt Block

The "54-40 or Fight" slogan, popular among American citizens who wanted the boundary between Canada and the northwest territory to be set at $54^{\circ} 40' N$, inspired a star quilt block with nine patch units which carries the same name. The division line previously set by the Treaty of Paris in 1783 failed, due to the use of a faulty map which incorrectly sited the Mississippi River. After much negotiation, the dispute was finally resolved in 1846, when the Oregon Treaty established the boundary line at the 49th parallel.

Copied from: http://www.quiltersmuse.com/political_quilt_blocks.htm



54-40 or Fight Block

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information, pictures,
and links visit us on the web!
Bookmark us today!**

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REMINDERS

Door Prize Monthly Drawing

To enter the door prize drawing, you must be wearing a legible name tag and be a member in good standing (dues paid). Good Luck!

Membership Dues

Dues are \$20.00 through December of each year. Pay at any meeting or mail to Cindy Bauer or Irene Pearson.

Membership Cards

Be sure to sign and carry your membership card as there are many quilt shops that give discounts for Guild members. Anyone that did not receive their membership card, please stop by the desk at the next meeting and pick it up.

Meetings

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month from February through November.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
9650 Church Street
Bridgman, MI 49106

Sunshine and Shadows

Please email or phone with your concerns as to whom to send cards to. **Put Sunshine and Shadows in the subject area.** Thank you.

Barb Stover
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Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the newsletter are due the 20th of each month. Send them to the editor at:
btcqnewsletter@yahoo.com

Website Information

Information is due by the 20th. www.btcquiltguild.org
Contact: Vicki Nitz at vicknitz@sbcglobal.net

