



## March 3, 2016 DAMQG General Meeting Minutes

26 members in attendance along with 4 guests

Meeting was called to order at approx. 6:40pm.

### **Approval of February Minutes**

Kimberly V. motioned to approve the minutes, Joy seconded.

### **New Members**

Rebekah welcomed new members Karen Burton and Beth Dever. The new members introduced themselves.

### **Happy Birthday**

March member birthdays announced and those with March birthdays who contributed to the Birthday Grab Bag selected items.

### **Raffle**

Members were given raffle tickets upon arriving. 5 quilty gifts were raffled off. Pam Eckler, Sandy Kaufman, Hayley Cason, Donna Tarnas and PT Thompson were winners.

### **April Meeting**

Due to activities at the church, the April meeting will be held in the Sanctuary.

### **Additional Update**

Oakland County Guild Quilt Show on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, information was passed out for Quilted Treasures presented by the General Henry Dearborn Quilting Society. (See handouts below).

### **Old Business**

#### **Retreat Update**

Retreat scheduled for March 18-20<sup>th</sup>. Sue let those interested in info on the retreat space to visit the FB page, there is a link that will provide additional information.

#### **Members Only Social Media Sections**

Dana reminded us of the information provided in the Members Only Sections. New members should see Dana for access information to Members Only Sections.

#### **Charm Square Swap**

Members who participated in the 5" Charm Square Swap exchanged packs/bags. Participants will have until May to make a project for the person who provided the packs/bag they selected.

### **New Business**

#### **Financial Report**

Dana reviewed the report. Printed reports were available at the meeting. (A copy of the report will be distributed with the March minutes).

### **Build the Bank**

We collected \$44.00 toward Build the Bank.

### **Mod Squad**

Lori announced that the Mod Squad (handwork gathering) meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Panera on Telegraph/12 Mile in Southfield from 6:30pm-8:00pm. (See handout below).

### **March 5 Sew-in**

Will be held this Saturday at the Church. Kat passed around a mini basket project and the pattern will be available to make on Saturday.

### **Applique Class**

Dana and Lynette will be teaching an applique class May 21. Supply list will be available in April. Members are able to begin signing up tonight, see Dana. Dana and Lynette showed samples of 2 Pebbles patterns and a DAM Girl pattern. Attendees will be able to select from one of 2 Pebbles patterns to make in class. Those who sign up will automatically receive DAM Girl pattern. There will be a \$5 class fee for materials for each person attending. Members can attend for \$20.00 and non-members fee is \$25.00.

### **MQG Updates**

Rebekah shared the pattern of the month and info regarding the next webinar. QuiltCon West, those who attended shared their experience and some highlights (excellent weather).

### **Monthly Features**

#### **Education – How to Publish Your Work**

Lori presented information and her experience with getting published. She showed items she had featured along with a handout. (See handout below).

#### **Question of the Month – What is your oldest work in progress?**

A number of the members shared their oldest works in progress.

### **Round Robin**

Nancy, Ashley, Lynn, and Kimberly will be participating in the Round Robin chaired by Erica. Other members expressed the desire to join in at a later point.

### **#thatDAMcharitybee**

February charity quilt blocks were submitted. Rebekah explained the March block and showed examples. (See handout below). Karen volunteered to put the February blocks together. Rebekah said that Keroline expressed interest in quilting a charity quilt and will follow up with her regarding quilting the February charity quilt.

### **Make and Take**

Rebekah demonstrated fabric stretching over a frame for displaying/hanging. (See instruction handout below).

### **Reminders: Next Meeting – April 5**

- Bring your *March Charity Block – Triangles in a Square*
- Bring your *Show and Tell* to share
- Bring your answer to the *Question of the Month*: What is the most challenging thing you've ever made? Quilt pattern or technique
- Bring your contribution to the *Birthday Grab Bag* if you are participating and haven't done so already
- Bring items you would like to donate for *Build the Bank*

### **Show and Tell**

Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:11pm.

Minutes provided by Lynette Holliday 2016 DAMQG Secretary

***(See handouts below)***

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Second Prize · Lap-size patriotic quilt  
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Third Prize · Stained Glass Quilt Block  
by Jim Thrush

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Boutique

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## **Mod Squad**



### **Third Tuesday of the Month**

(Next meeting is March 15<sup>th</sup>)

**6:30 – 8:00 PM**

**6:00 for dinner**

### **Panera Bread**

28681 Telegraph Rd, Southfield, MI 48034

(West side of road just south of 12 mile)

Bring any kind of hand work, stitching,  
knitting or crochet for an informal evening  
with friends.

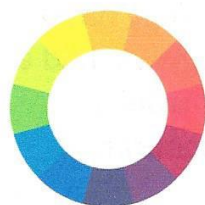
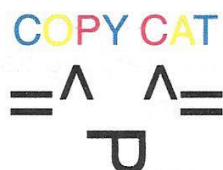


## TOP 10 SECRETS TO GETTING YOUR QUILTY PATTERNS PUBLISHED



1. Be proud of your creativity. You are unique. Throw away the self doubt and negative talk that your work is not good enough.

2. Don't be a copycat. Review recent magazines and blogs so you can submit something unique.



3. Fabric and colors matter. Black is hard to photograph. Solids are easy to get. Stay current.

4. Do your best work. This design is a representation of you.



5. Follow the submission guidelines.

The publisher provides detailed info on what you should include.



**Rules**

6. Take great pictures of your work. Use natural light.



7. Expect to be paid, don't work for free. Prices range from \$50-150 for small items to \$300-400 for a large quilt.

8. Read the fine print. Work with a contract and make sure you know the terms. Copyrights can vary.



9. Don't take rejection personally. More often it is them, not you. They have enough pillows, had a similar quilt last month or want a different look. Submit it somewhere else.

10. Just submit it! You don't get published if you never send it in. What have you got to lose?



## March's Block

Color scheme: orange, teal, brown, cream

Unfinished block size: 12.5"

Block instructions: Select four fabrics for the inside triangles. Cut 8" squares out of each of these 4 fabrics. Cut each square in half across the diagonal. You will have 8 triangles. Piece 4 of the triangles into a square. Cut 2" strips out of your border fabric and attach to each side of the pieced center. Trim to 12.5"



1. Select your fabric piece. Measure the dimensions of your piece
2. Purchase two sets of stretcher bars that are 3" shorter than each dimension of your fabric piece
3. Assemble the four stretcher bars. *I use a rubber mallet if the corners are not cooperating. If you have a square, adjust and straighten each corner of your frame.*
4. Lay the fabric piece face down. Place the frame on top of the fabric piece (the front of the frame will have a bevel edge, which should be placed face down).
5. Center the frame on the fabric. Pull the fabric around to the back .
6. Start with one staple in each side of the frame. Always work opposing sides after each other. Pull taut and staple as you work your way around the frame.
7. Once you reach the corner, secure and staple down one side of the edge, then, pinch at the corner of the fabric Pull the fabric so that it is snug as it comes around the corner. Arrange the folds in a manner that is pleasing to the eye, pinch, and pull tight before stapling.