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# The Silhouette

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## Summer To Do List:

- Quilt Everyday!
- Visit Quilt Shops & Shows
- Enjoy Family & Friends
- Get Lots of Exercise & Sleep
  - Eat Healthy Food
  - Relax
- Renew CAMEO Membership  
(form included in this newsletter)
- Invite Friends to Join CAMEO
  - Mark Your Calendar for  
September 17 -  
CAMEO Night - Welcome Back



Look inside for...

- Important news about CAMEO
- CAMEO'S 2015/2016 Schedule
- 2015/16 Membership Form
- Book Review
- CAMEO Info Article
- Much More!

## President's Corner:

Here's what I did on my summer vacation. Sound familiar from our school days? Well it is just as relevant today as it was back then. I am amazed at how fast this summer is flying by. Pretty soon it will be crisp apples, colored leaves and black cats. Wait...I am getting ahead of myself.

So during my vacation, I decided to continue working toward my goal of visiting every quilt shop in Michigan. While the Guild is working to compile the complete list of shops, I wanted to see what the U.P. has to offer and took a quick drive up there. I have not really explored that peninsula before, so I began searching the internet for shops, but much to my disappointment many were more than a day's drive away from each other. While my time was limited, I was at least able to satisfy my Row-by-Row craving at Gloria's Happy Hooker in Sault Ste. Marie. There was so much to see and discuss with them, that I wasn't able to visit The Quilted Moose which is also in the area. My time was unfortunately up, but I'll definitely be going back for more.

When I returned to the lower peninsula, I made a point to travel around the state and visit the shops participating in Row-by-Row, such as Bits and Pieces (Wayne), The Quilt Patch (Tecumseh) and Smith Owen (Grand Rapids). Like the U.P. I haven't yet made it to all of the shops in the Mitten. Although we all have our favorite shops we like to visit where we're known by our first names and welcomed at the door, isn't it fun to get out and visit some new ones and meet new people?

I've come to realize how wonderful it is to have so many shops to choose from. We could easily buy fabric on the Internet. However, I wanted to take time to browse for something interesting for my 200th project and not just click and submit. I think it is important to visit with others who enjoy quilting as much as we do. We support their livelihood with our passion.

So what did you do on your summer vacation? Did you visit any interesting quilt shops, satisfy your Row-by-Row cravings or find something to deepen your passion? I would love to hear your stories and it would be great to share them with the Guild as well. Please send me an email and tell me about your adventures and we'll highlight them in upcoming newsletters.

I hope each of you have a wonderful remaining summer and look forward to seeing you when the Guild reconvenes in September.

Sew Sincerely,

*Sharon Johnsonbaugh*

## Guild Program Calendar

**2015 - 2016**

**September 17** - CAMEO Night - Welcome Back!

**October 15** - Monique Dillard: "My Quilting Journey"  
Trunk Show

**October 17** - Monique Dillard Workshop

**November 19** - Mary Clark: Hexie Lecture

**November 21** - Hexie Workshop

**December 17** - CAMEO Potluck (*members only*)

**January 21** - Barbie Brooks, Backstreet Quilt Shop:  
Lecture and Trunk Show

**January 23** - Barbie Brooks:  
Creative Wool Bag Workshop

**February 18** - CAMEO Night Whistle Stop

**February 20** - CAMEO Charity Day

**March 17** - Colleen Mertz:  
Northwater Quilts Lecture/Trunk Show

**March 19** - National Quilting Day

**April 21** - Joe Cunningham: "My Life in Quilts"

**April 23** - Joe Cunningham Workshop:  
"Rock the Block Album"

**May 19** - Suzi Parron: Barn Quilts Lecture

**May 21** - Suzi Parron: Barn Quilt Square Workshop

**June 19** - CAMEO Potluck, Annual Meeting & Elections  
(members only)

### **NEW OFFICERS** - Sharon Cratsenburg

I would like to congratulate all the new officers that will be on the board for the 2015-16 CAMEO year. They are as follows:

President- Sharon Johnsonbaugh

VP facilitator- Linda Watkins

VP Programs- Barb Lusk & Carol Fetsco

VP Member ship- Cindy May

Recording Secretary- Rosemary Spatafora

Corresponding Secretary- Sybil Dederian

Treasurer- Cheryl Cawley

Assistant Treasurer- Laurie Johnson

Member at Large- Kay Schepke, Jodi Schlict, and Karla Sutton

Welcome to the Board.

Thank you for a great year.

### **Program News** - Linda Watkins, VP Facilitator

I hope everybody is having a great summer! Seems hard to believe that it will be over soon. CAMEO has many exciting programs coming in the 2015-2016 guild year.

In September we will have our welcome back to CAMEO meeting. A great time to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. Also, Show and Tell is always filled with wonderful quilts members completed during the summer. October and November we are lucky to have Monique Dillard and Mary Clark coming to our guild. I'll have more information on them in the next newsletter. Till our next meeting, keep on sewing. See you all in September.

### **Charity Committee** -Willie Pfeiffer & Sharon Cratsenburg

It is a beautiful sunny day and I hope all of you are enjoying the summer. All too soon we will be into fall and Guild will start again. We would appreciate having any kits you took last year or for the summer, finished and brought back in September. Some have been out since last October.

A large amount of fabrics unsuitable for quilting was donated to the guild last year. We will be bringing it to the September meeting. If you can use it for clothing, crafts, etc, please feel free to go through it and take what you can use.

There will also be some new kits in September so come back to the charity table to take a look and pick something to do.

Those of you who signed up to be on the charity committee can sign up at the September meeting and choose a couple of months to help at the table during those meetings. If you do not sign up we will assign dates for you. We will be sending a list of members out to you after the September meeting. It is your responsibility to replace yourself with another committee member if you are not attending your assigned help date. I hope you are all able to participate this year.

See you in September.

*Co Chairs Sharon Cratsenburg & Willie Pfeiffer*



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## Membership News and Notes

Cindy May  
Membership Chairperson

Just a reminder, be sure to renew your CAMEO membership for 2015/2016. We have some great programs and workshops planned for this year. A membership form is included in this newsletter. Invite a friend to join as well!

### Who Won?

**CAMEO's 2015 Raffle Quilt Winner:**  
Beth Popovich



### Door Prize Table Second Chance Winners:

1. Four \$25 gift certificates to local quilt shops - Willie Pfeiffer
2. Gift Basket - Willie Pfeiffer
3. Batting - Kathy Wilson
4. Quilt Kit - Chuck Blanchard

### UFO Challenge Winners:

Main Prize - Theresa Nielsen  
Additional Winners - Loreen Garrison, Carole Gilbert, Sharon Cratsenburg, and Linda Wallace.

### Online Resources

English Paper Piecing Tutorial:  
<http://www.quiltviews.com/free-tutorial-epp-and-me-a-guide-to-english-paper-piecing>

Cross-body Phone Bag Tutorial:  
<http://www.quiltviews.com/free-video-tutorial-brendas-cross-body-phone-bag>

Bag Making Tips:  
<http://www.quiltviews.com/brenda-millers-bag-sewing-tips>

*"I like working with color.  
Piecing helps me keep from going crazy."  
Anna Williams, Quilter (1927 - 2010)*

## Quilter's Calendar

**August 12-15, 2015**

**2015 AQS QuiltWeek**  
DeVos Place Convention Center  
303 Monroe Ave NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
[www.quiltweek.com](http://www.quiltweek.com)

**August 15, 2015**

**Old Fashioned Quilting Bee Workshop Series**  
Whaley House, Flint, MI

**August 18, 2015**

**Carol Loessel, lecture**  
Kalamazoo Log Cabin Quilters, Kalamazoo, MI  
<http://klcqq.org>

**Sept. 19 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Melon Patchers "Quilt Affair"**

Display of quilts, quilting demonstrations & trunk show.  
St. Agnes Church  
855 E. Grand River  
Fowlerville, MI  
Admission is \$5

**September 25 - 26**

**Third Annual Quilters's Showcase**

Birch Run Expo Ctr.  
I-75, Exit 136



**September 25 - 27**

**American Sewing Expo**

Suburban Collection Showcase  
45100 Grand River Ave., Novi  
<http://www.americansewingexpo.com>

**October 4**

**Bead Bonanza - A Bead Show & Sale**

Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild  
Southfield Civic Center  
26000 Evergreen Rd.  
(between 10 & 11 Mile Roads)  
Southfield, MI  
\$5 Admission

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## What's a CAMEO member to do,...? *By CAMEOCarol*

Hold onto your seat and grab your chair too, it's going to be a wonderful year!

Even though CAMEO is "off" for the summer, work is still being done.

\*The newly elected officers have transitioned into their offices. A list of them appears in this issue of the newsletter and more information can be found about them at [cameoquilters.org](http://cameoquilters.org)

\*July 15 marks the start of the new guild year. The Membership VP has been busy filling in committee first choices. Some committees have filled already. If you have forgotten to send in your renewal form, there may still be time to get your first choice of committee, so do it soon. At worst, you could get your second choice. The longer you wait, the greater the likelihood that your committee choices will be filled.

\*The 2014-15 Audit Committee will meet to conduct the audit and will give their report at the September 17 Welcome (Back) to CAMEO General Meeting.

\*As of this newsletter, the Silhouette, will be sent by mail to those members who cannot receive e-mail during this guild year. If you can get e-mail, please consider getting it sent to you via computer only. It DOES save printing and mailing costs and allows for a newsletter that is more than 6 sheets of paper long. After 6 sheets, printing and mailing costs increase with mailing costing twice as much per issue. If you like a hard copy, an e-mail copy is just as easy to read. If you like to keep newsletters, you can print them or store them electronically. They'll be there for you to reread when necessary and they won't take up space in your home. If you rarely save an issue, then why request a hard copy to be mailed to you? After reading it on screen, you can delete it; again no clutter, no extra trash, and no storage needed.

\*At the September 17th meeting, you will be asked to proofread your directory information so that everything is accurate before it goes to press. Your copy of the member directory will be available at the October 15th meeting. Be sure to be there in Sept. to check your entry info.

\*The Charity Committee awaits your return! They will announce their choices for the charities CAMEO will support during this year and will seek your approval at the September meeting. If you know of a charity that could use our support AND you are willing to be the go-between for it, there may be time to get it on the list. Contact the guild president to pass along that info to the Charity Committee. Meanwhile the committee will be preparing kits for you to take out and complete during the year. We haven't had a 100% participation in charity donations since 2003-2004. That's the year every one of the members contributed something. Let's do it again! If you still have a kit from a previous year, compete it and bring it in.

\*In the past we have had two ongoing charities to support and each may be on the list this year. We have made and given fabric Christmas bags to the Haven for the children and mothers who are housed there. We not only make the bags, we stuff them with age/gender appropriate items. Kits are available w/directions and suggestions for items to add (this is when the dollar store can be a good source). The completed bags are due at the November meeting. If The Haven is on the list again, pick up your kit(s) no later than the October 15th meeting.

Another ongoing charity has been the church where we meet and its Layette Program. Baby items are due for that at the April meeting because the church distributes the items on Mother's Day. If it is on the Charity Committee's list this year, pick up a baby item every so often when out shopping and bring all of them to the April meeting.

\*The 2015-16 Program is in place and is listed elsewhere in this issue. Plan ahead and sign up for all of the workshops that you decide to attend. There is a "hexie" workshop planned for November 21. Ever want to learn how to make them or how to use them? Register early before it fills up.

\*Watch for information about the new, FREE TO MEMBERS ONLY "Quilting with Confidence" series of classes offered by CAMEO. Learn new or update quilt making skills.

\*It is not too early to mark your calendars for the Charity Day workshop on Feb. 20 when we all spend the day working on charity projects; a great way to participate in CAMEO's charitable contributions so that the guild complies with the state's requirement to maintain our status.

\*And it is not too early to mark your calendar for National Quilting Day to be celebrated by CAMEO on March 19. NQD was designated by Congress in 1991 to be held on the third Saturday of March each year to celebrate the rich tradition of quilt making. Bring your sewing supplies and a current project to spend the day just enjoying the companionship of other quilters on a day devoted to you as a quilter.

\*If you have a technique, ruler, or new idea to share with members, contact the Program VP or the Facilitator VP, ASAP. You could be a presenter at our annual Whistle Stop program at the February 18th meeting. Our Whistle Stop is unique to CAMEO, no other guild provides for it the way we do.

\*If you are eager to join with other CAMEO members in a small group Sit & Stitch, ask around. There are plenty of others who feel the same way. They are fun ways to get involved, make new friends, and even to learn new skills. You won't get anywhere unless you ask.

\*There will be more to write about in coming issues of CAMEO's Silhouette, so be sure to check out this column each month as well as all of the articles in the newsletter. For more information, call or e-mail an officer; their contact info is on the front page.



## Take a Second Look at the Handiwork of Handwork - by Janet Steele

*“The advantages of making patchwork, besides the useful purposes it is put to, are its moral effects. Leisure must either be filled up by expensive amusements, ‘mischief,’ or by listless idleness, unless some harmless useful occupation is substituted. Patchwork is, moreover, useful as an encourager of perfection in plain work, because it must be very neatly sewn; so patchwork often plays a noble part, while needlework is encouraged and brought to perfection, and idle time is advantageously occupied.”*

*Cassell’s Household Guide to Every Department of Practical Life  
Volume II, circa 1875*

The virtues of patchwork by machine versus by hand will always be a subject of discussion. With today’s over-the-top, technically-advanced sewing machines, hand sewing has fallen by the wayside for many quilters. Some quilters have an aversion to handwork and will avoid it at all cost, but I’d like to invite you to rethink handwork as a way to work on your quilting projects away from your sewing machine.

There are times when you want to sew, but you don’t want the drudgery of lugging your sewing machine around. It’s summer-time! We want to be outside in our yards, or in the park, or at the water’s edge! We want to commune with nature; but we also want to sew! The beauty of hand-sewing is not only its relaxing effect, but its convenience and portability. Having a hand-sewing project to work on during down time – scheduled or unscheduled – instantly gives you a two-for-one deal; a way to constructively pass the time, and a way to work on your project!

### PREPARATION IS KEY

The key to a successful hand-sewing session is preparing your project ahead of time and having a kit prepped and ready to go at a moment’s notice. Prepare this kit well in advance when you’re cool, calm, and collected. It’s a no-brainer if you’re sewing on binding. Just make sure you have clips packed. If you’re sewing patches, prepare the fabric to be sewn. This means pieces are cut and ready to go. If you are working on blocks, plastic sandwich bags are a great way to keep block pieces together. Make sure you have all the tools you will need. Do a dry run to make sure you don’t forget that all-important tool that, without it, will stall your project. (I speak from experience. Having everything I needed, the last thing I did was load my Needle Caddie . . . and left it on my cutting table! Ugh!)

I suggest you pack your basic sewing needs: Pre-cut fabric pieces, a small pair of scissors, needles and thread, pins, seam ripper, and a thimble. Also include any other necessary tools for your specific project and in line with your specific process in sewing.

Purchase an inexpensive plastic container small enough to be easily portable, but large enough to carry all items.

Handwork can be anything from sewing patches and binding, to embroidering, to sewing on embellishments for crazy quilting. In addition to hand-piecing, consider English paper piecing or appliqué. Just remember to plan ahead; and enjoy!

### **CAMEO Quilters**

#### **Next Meeting**

**Thursday, September 17, 2015**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Clawson United Methodist Church**

**205 N. Main Street (just north of 14 Mile Road)**

**Clawson, Michigan**



## **CAMEO Quilters Guild - June 18, 2015 General Meeting Minutes** *submitted by Carol Fetsco*

The meeting took place at the Clawson United Methodist Church, 205 N. Main, Clawson, MI 48017  
Call to order at 7:04 P.M.

President's Opening Remarks: Sharon Cratsenburg led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance then welcomed everyone. Sharon announced that quilt show videos are in and members who ordered them will get them after dinner. Sharon added that if anyone still had charity items, they need to complete them this summer and bring them back in September. Linda Watkins and Sharon Cratsenburg presented the quilt show raffle quilt to the winner. Invocation: led by Karla Sutton; dinner followed.

Business meeting resumed at 8:15.

Betty Carpenter, Hospitality Committee Chairman: introduced the members of the committee who planned and worked on tonight's program; Betty explained how the centerpieces she made would be awarded at each table.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved; will be signed, dated, and placed on file.  
Sharon thanked the members of the Executive Board who worked with her during the year.

Theresa Nielsen, Program VP: Announced that the program for next year is set and the list of speakers and workshops is on the front table.

Cindy May, Membership VP: Announced that 47 members were in attendance tonight; encouraged members to send in renewal forms.

Janeen Sharpe, Treasurer: Went over guild show budget as well as the guild budget for the year. Questions asked and answered. Report accepted, will be signed, dated, and placed on file.

Sharon introduced the proposed members of the Audit Committee, Cheryl Cawley, Sarah Leight, Linda Pankratz and explained that they will do the audit of the Treasurer's books after July 15 but that they needed to be approved by the membership in order to do so. Joline Bowdich moved to "Approve the three identified proposed members of the Audit Committee"; second by Lynda Draudt, voice vote followed; results: all were in favor, no opposed. Motion carried and Cheryl Cawley, Sarah Leight, and Linda Pankratz have been approved to serve on the Audit Committee.

Linda Pankratz along with the Nominations and Elections Committee announced the slate of candidates for officers of the 2015-16 Executive Board. Joline Bowdich moved to "Close the nominations for next year's officers", voice vote followed; results: all were in favor, no opposed; motion carried, the nominations were closed. Ballots were distributed to Active members, time allowed to mark the ballots, then they were collected to be counted.

Linda Watson and Theresa Nielsen, Quilt Show Co-chairmen were introduced by Sharon and were presented with bouquets of flowers to congratulate them on their efforts. Theresa read a postcard she received from a guest at the show thanking the guild for such a great show. Linda thanked the members for all their hard work in putting together such a successful show. Winners of the "Best Ribbons" in each of 9 categories were announced; the ribbon prizes were the innovation of Betty Carpenter and Linda Wallace of the Lobby Committee and the judges were three of the vendors.

Sharon announced that the June 25th Board meeting would be the transition meeting that will include the outgoing and new officers; she will send an e-mail to all involved.

Linda Pankratz announced the winners of the Executive Board elections. Sharon Johnsonbaugh is the new president, Facilitator VP is Linda Watkins, Scheduling VP is Carol Fetsco/Barb Lusk, membership VP is Cindy May, Recording Secretary is Rosemary Spatafora, Corresponding Secretary is Sybil Derderian, Treasurer is Cheryl Cawley, Assistant Treasurer is Laurie Johnson, and the three Members at Large are: Kay Schepke, Jodie Schlicht, and Karla Sutton.

Sharon Johnsonbaugh announced the winners in the UFO Challenge: Theresa Nielsen won the main prize and, because of the large response to the challenge by the members, four additional winners were selected; they were Loreen Garrison, Carole Gilbert, Sharon Cratsenburg, and Linda Wallace.

Sharon C. asked members who would be shopping at shops who vended at or contributed prizes to, our show, to thank those quilt shops. The list of those vendors/donors appears in the show catalog.

Rosemary Spatafora announced the winner of the Second Chance drawing: Willie Pfeiffer won the four \$25.00 gift cards to quilt shops in the area. Second prize, went to Willie Pfeiffer. Third prize went to Kathy Wilson, and fourth prize went to Chuck Blanchard.

Sharon C. reminded everyone to take home their dishes and then thanked everyone for the previous two years as president.

Adjournment at 9:10 PM

## **CAMEO Quilters Guild Executive Board Meeting June 25, 2015 - submitted by Carol Fetsco**

The meeting took place at the home of Sharon Cratsenburg.

2014-2015 Executive Board Members present: Sharon Cratsenburg, Loreen Garrison, Theresa Nielsen, Cindy May, Carol Fetsco, Sharon Johnsonbaugh, Janeen Sharpe, Jean Schlegelmann, Lynda Draudt, Linda Watkins Absent: Janet Steele

2015-2016 Officers present: Sharon Johnsonbaugh, Linda Watkins, Carol Fetsco, Cindy May, Cheryl Cawley, Laurie Johnson, Rosemary Spatafora, Sybil Derderian, Karla Sutton Absent: Kay Schepke, Jodie Schlicht

Call to Order: 8:41 P.M. following a potluck dinner.

Minutes of the May 19, 2015 Board Meeting: approved as sent, will be signed, dated and placed on file.

President's remarks: Sharon C. welcomed all and introduced the new officers elected at the June General Meeting. Sharon asked to have the officer names changed on the website by July 1.

On keys: Sharon C., Sharon J., Janeen S., and Cheryl C. will meet to exchange keys and information at a meeting to be arranged soon. There will be three keys on a ring. On Budget: Sharon C. put together costs for next year and will give it to the new Facilitator, Linda Watkins. On Property: It is located at the church except for a few items stored at Linda W.'s home, Carol Fetsco's home and the Library at Sandy Peiss' home. Still looking for the CAMEO logo lectern quilt. CAMEO may need a place in the church storage area for financial records from previous years. Also, there is a need to label the boxes in the church storage area. On Publicity: Melissa Smith will do Facebook page and she will be a member.

Loreen Garrison, Facilitator VP: Announced that a property inventory is needed; she has transferred the Facilitator box to Linda Watkins; following a brief discussion, Sharon J. and Linda W. will pick up Archives items stored at Waneda Mathis' home.

Theresa Nielsen, Scheduling VP: Announced that the program for 2015-16 is complete.; all folders for guest presenters will be given to Linda Watkins who will go through the contracts to check if any presenters are in need of deposit checks.

Cindy May, Membership VP: Announced that she has received 38 renewals as of today including two associates. Cecile Scott has a new e-mail address, it is [cecscott4@gmail.com](mailto:cecscott4@gmail.com); reminded that all new officers need to send in member renewal forms before July 1; is thinking about including pictures of members next to names in directory; some information pages of the directory will be available on line and sent via e-mail rather than being included in the directory, this is being done to help reduce printing costs of the directory. A brief discussion followed regarding the CAMEO Library, consensus was that it needs to be culled to reduce the size; outdated books could be available for sale to members.

Carol Fetsco, Recording Secretary: All 2014-2015 meeting minutes through the June General Meeting have been given to Sharon C. to be placed on file; gave the Recording Secretary manual to Rosemary Spatafora, the new Rec. Sec.; explained precedent of two persons elected to one office: it was done in 2003-2004 when Johnnene Madison was elected to Scheduler VP along with Pat Pilot, Johnnene who lives in Canada could not attend two meetings a month but could secure guest speakers for her "Canadian Invasion" program while Pat could attend the meetings, had voting rights, and would work with Johnnene. This time around, Carol Fetsco will be able to attend two meetings a month and work with Barb Lusk who will be securing the guest speakers, but who cannot attend two meetings a month.

Sharon Johnsonbaugh, Corresponding Secretary: Gave the Corres. Sec. box to Sybil Derderian and announced that the two will get together soon to go over details of the office.

Janeen Sharpe, Treasurer: Announced that she is thinking of a new credit union to get more interest; suggests a budget increase across the board for next year of about 5%.; the church is now requesting a monthly rent check; will arrange to meet with new officers to get names changed at the credit union; suggested that half of the treasury should go into a CD for at least four years to earn more interest and added that the new Executive Board should discuss the matter and make a decision.

Jean Schlegelmann, Assistant Treasurer: Announced that she is still working on the quilt show records; added that \$10.00 needs to be refunded to All Sew of Flint, Lynda Draudt will take care of getting the check and sending it to All Sew of Flint.

Members at large:

Lynda Draudt: All manuals turned in, Catalog final report to be given at Quilt Show Core Meeting in June.

Linda Watkins: On recent Quilt Show, it was outstanding and while the final tallies are still being done, it looks like the show brought in more money than ever before. The final Show core committee meeting will be at Linda's house on June 30 at 7 P.M.

Sharon Cratsenburg thanked everyone who served with her in the past guild year and adjourned the meeting at 10:05 PM.

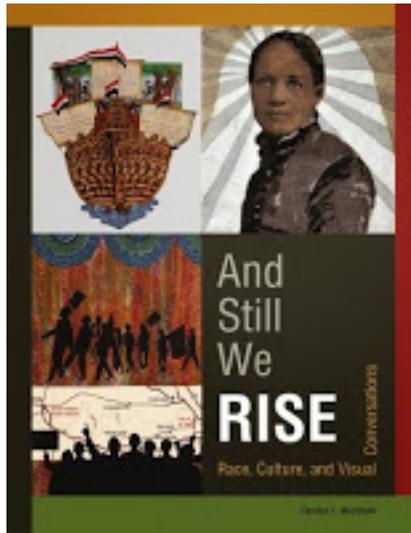
## And Still We Rise: Race, Culture, and Visual Conversations - Book Review by Nancy Bekofske

*"As an artist, I strongly believe art has the capacity to touch the spirit, engage, educate, and heal in ways that words alone cannot."*  
Carolyn L. Mazloomi

The origin and use of quilts has always been about warmth and protection. Quilts have also always been about art and expression. Quilts have been created to express political affiliation, to raise funds for causes, and to communicate the ideals and goals of various groups and social causes.

(For an overview see: <http://worldquilts.quiltstudy.org/americanstory/engagement/awareness-activism>)

*And Still We Rise* consists of 97 quilts by 69 artists that express the totality of the African American experience. In her opening essay Carolyn Mazloomi explains the genesis of the quilt exhibition: using the accessible and visual medium of quilting, artists explore 400 years of history, from 1619 when the first kidnapped and enslaved Africans landed on American soil to Trayvon Martin's murder.



Each quilt merits a full page and a detail illustration accompanied by the artist's statement. Unlike many "coffee table quilt books" this is not a book to flip through lightly. The quilts incorporate diverse techniques that merit study. The subject matter and story behind the quilts are thoughtful and passionately presented. The diversity of the subject matter is extraordinary, and very personal to the quilt artist.

The quilts are presented in historical order beginning with *20 and Odd* concerning the 1619 arrival of the first enslaved Africans in America. The Dutch ship *The White Lion* battled a Spanish ship and captured "20 and odd" enslaved Africans. The *White Lion* landed at Jamestown, Virginia and traded the Africans for food and supplies. The quilt by Carolyn Crump shows the ship hull made of African bodies.

The quilt subjects include the expected: Crispus Attucks who died in the Boston Massacre; enslaved first American poetess Phillis Wheatley; Nat Turner rebellion organizer; the Amistad case; Harriet Tubman; and John Brown. Other subjects appear that are not covered in

typical American textbooks: Griot Lucy Terry Prince; Levi Coffin who established the Underground Railroad; political activist Frances Ellen Watkins Harper; political activist Ida B. Wells; the first black U.S. Naval ship captain Robert Smalls; Civil Rights activist Rosa Parks; and the first African-American Brigadier General in the U.S. Army Benjamin O. Davis Sr. Iconic African American achievements in music, athletics, and the arts appear.

The artists address the dark side of the African American experience. *Ironic* by Sandra Hankins portrays the three men murdered in Mississippi in 1964 whose story was central to *One Mississippi, Two Mississippi* by Carol V. R. George which I reviewed at the beginning of the month. *The Scottsboro Boys: The Arrest* by Patricia Montgomery commemorates the nine Negro young men who were wrongfully arrested and condemned to death. Other quilts present The Freedom Riders, Martin Luther King, the bombing of the Birmingham 16th Street Baptist Church, and the signing of the 1968 Civil Rights Act.

There are quilts to celebrate achievements and firsts: the first all African-American flight crew; the election of President Barack Obama; the appointment of Condoleezza Rice; Brigadier General Hazel Q. Johnson-Brown; and astronaut Mae C. Jemison.

Reading the book, confronted by the quilts, brings a roller coaster ride of emotions. One is educated, one remembers, one mourns, and one hopes. Arriving at the 2012 *Trayvon Could be My Son* by Dorothy Burge brings a heavy awareness of current turmoil and the inequalities of our society and justice system.

The last quilt *Visionaries of Our Freedom: Quadricentennial: The First Four Hundred Years of African Presence in America* by Sherry E. Whetstone-McCall is a crazy quilt collage in the shape of the continent of Africa. The artist states, "Let that anniversary be marked by the telling of stories that recognize and celebrate the perseverance and triumph of the African-American people. Let the stories inspire the world to take courageous steps for freedom today and for generations to come."

*I received a free book from Schiffer in exchange for a fair and unbiased review.*

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- c. Donate time in service each year by working on one guild Standing or Special Committee.**

In addition to at least one of the above, each member must serve on at least one designated quilt show committee during the planning/execution stages of a quilt show. Our next show will be in 2017.

**Please look over the committees(s) you would like to join to fulfill your membership obligation to the Guild. Descriptions of each committee are in your Membership Directory. Committees will be filled on a first come basis. If the committee of your choice is filled, you will be notified.**

***(Members please note that many committees will already be filled and you may be assigned to one you did not choose. You will make new friends)***

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Archives	Audit	Charity
Fund Raising	Hospitality	Library
Membership-Sign In	Membership-Directory	Newsletter-Editorial
Newsletter-Calendar	Newsletter-Mailing	Nominations & Elections
Program-Charity Day	Program-Facilitator	Program-Scheduling
Program-Ntl Quilt Day	Property	Slip of the Keyboard

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Challenge	Doorprize	Fat Qtr/Blockery Exchange
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Research & Info	Quilt Retreat	Telephone Fan Out
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**I would like to chair this committee or event.**\_\_\_\_\_

**IN ORDER TO FILL OUR COMMITTEES, YOU MUST CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE STANDING COMMITTEE THEN A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

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We will try to accommodate your first choice for the committee placement. Thank you for your participation.

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