

The Silhouette

February 2026 Newsletter of CAMEO Quilters Guild

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Whistle Stop February 19, 7pm

Demonstrations by Cheryl Cawley, Carole Gilbert,
Laurie Johnson and Maggie Smith

Charity Sewing Day February 21st, 9am - 3pm

Sewing for Charity only - kits will be provided or
bring your own Charity project

The Charity Day Committee will set and clean up for Charity Day. We will provide a simple lunch, so everyone can spend as much time sewing as possible. The menu will be: sub sandwiches, soup(s), and chips. Possibly donuts/bagels if budget allows. Tea and coffee will be available. Members are encouraged to bring their own additional beverages if they wish.

Thanks, Charity Day Committee

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A Message from the President Cheryl Cawley

Happy February, CAMEOs

Let's hope and pray the Groundhog does not see his shadow because it has been way too cold this winter so far! It was -15 degrees at my house the other day and that's about the coldest I have seen since my return to Michigan 29 years ago!

I have finally started sewing on a daily basis just this week and I am a happy girl now. Since we will be meeting right before Valentine's day (weather permitting), please bring your Valentine's quilts to show and tell this month (along with any other beauties). I would LOVE to see them! Keep warm and safe until then!

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**Deadline for the March
issue is March 2.**

Keep reading for
"Slip of the Keyboard."

Membership

Sharon Cratsenburg
VP, Membership



Our CAMEO membership is now at 46 members. I hope everyone who attended the New Member Brunch enjoyed it. Thank you to Judy Murphy for reserving the gathering space at her church. It was the perfect location and thank you to those who contributed food for the brunch. It was great getting to know each other a little better. Welcome to CAMEO Quilt Guild!

Retreat

Plans are coming together for our spring retreat at Lions Bear Lake Camp for Thursday, April 9- Sunday, April 12, 2026. The registration form is now online. The camp requires us to have 25 people in attendance. If we don't have that amount, we will have to cancel. All costs are shown on the registration form. Invite a friend to join us. This has always been a fun event. A \$50 deposit is required to hold your spot. This will be returned if the event is canceled. I will not be at The February meeting as I'm having surgery Feb 9. You may give your registration form and check at the membership table when you sign in. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Watch Out for Slip of the Keyboard!

To encourage members to read the entire newsletter, the Editor (that's me!) gets to have a little fun and bury a silly statement somewhere in each newsletter. Members who find the Slip of the Keyboard will write it on a slip of paper at each monthly meeting and be entered into a drawing for a fabulous quilting prize! So, if you come across something that's not quite right, doesn't make sense or just doesn't fit - you've found it!



Happy Birthday

Treats for the February General Meeting will be provided by those with **February** and **January birthdays** because of the missed in-person January meeting:

Darlene B
Jolene B

Marjorie F
Peggy W



Charity

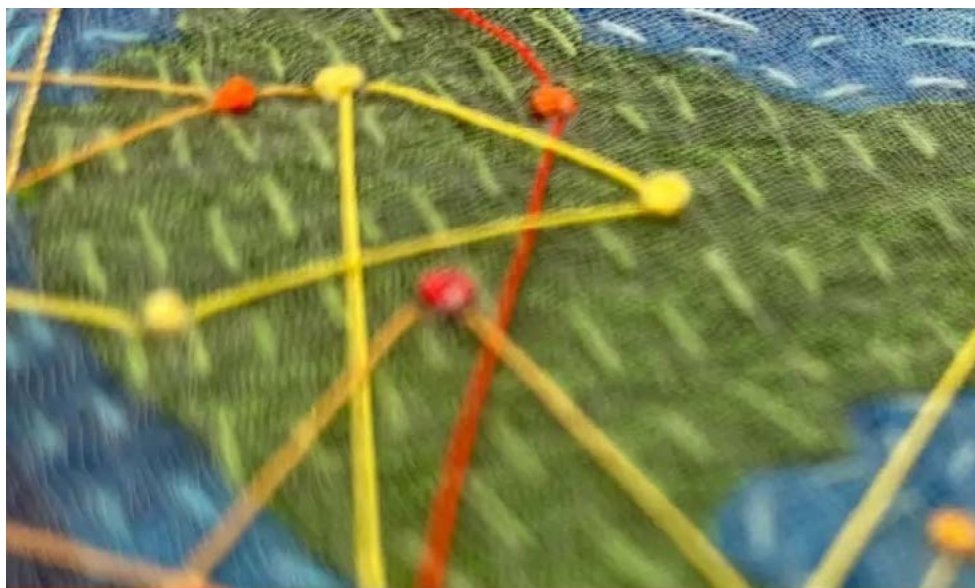
Linda Wallace
Jean Schlegelmann

Things are starting to materialize for **Charity Day** which is coming soon on Saturday February 21st from 9-3. Lunch will be provided by the Charity Day Committee.

Only projects for Charity may be worked on. We will have quilt kits, pillowcase kits and burp cloths for you to work on or you may supply something of your own. A couple of quilts that need bindings put on will also be available.

You may also bring a Charity kit you are working on. If you have an Honor Flight quilt kit out, let's work on those so we can get them turned back in. They are the red, white and blue quilt kits you may have picked up from the Charity table. Member Photos are brought to you by Clairol.

It will be a fun day together and is always enjoyed by our guild members. Thank you for all you do for Charity.



The Scarab Club presents

Threads of Identity

Fiber Art Exhibition

Thursday, February 5 - Sunday, March 8, 2026

Opening Reception | Friday, February 6 | 5:30pm

2026 Programs & Workshops

Theresa Neilsen
VP, Facilitator



Whistle Stop Feb. 19

February Whistle Stop is coming up. We will be joined by our own CAMEO members, Maggie Smith, Cheryl Cawley, Carole Gilbert and Laurie Johnson where they will each show us one of their favorite techniques. Each presentation is about 15 minutes long. Looking forward to seeing what they have to share.

May 2026 - Domestic Machine Quilting Lecture & Workshop SAVE THE DATE

Linda Thielfoldt, from the Quilted Goose will visit our guild to present "Fearless Quilt As Desired" on May 21. She will be demonstrating how to use our domestic sewing machines to quilt our quilt projects. This is sure to be a great evening for all. There will be a workshop on May 23rd led by Linda. Looking forward to watching her make magic and showing us how we can create great looking quilts too. The registration form will be available soon - save the date!

CAMEO PROGRAMS 2026	
Feb 19	WhistleStop
Feb 21	Charity Day Sew-In
Mar 19	Rosemary Spatafora lecture: "Indigenous Quilts"
Mar 21	National Quilting Day Sew-In Clawson Church
April 9-12	Spring Retreat at Bear Lake
April 16	Carolyn Johnson lecture & trunk show: "Using Panels to Make Quilts"
May 21	Linda Thielfoldt lecture & trunk show: "Fearless Quilt as Desired"
May 23	Linda Thielfoldt Workshop "Domestic Machine Quilting"
June	CAMEO Potluck and Elections

Quilters Calendar submitted by Ann Bonelli



February 5, 2026 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Oakland County Quilt Guild

"Improv and Abstraction in Antique Quilts"

Lecture by Marge Tucker

First Congregational Church, 1315 N. Pine St.,
Rochester, MI www.oaklandcountyquiltguild.com

February 10, 2026 10-11:30am ZOOM

Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan

Margarita Koriath, Lecture "The Odd Couple-
Paper and Fabric in Quilts"

St. Stephen Episcopal Church

5500 N. Adams Rd., Troy, MI 48098 www.ntgm.org

Zoom Workshop 12:45-3:45 and February 11, 9:30-3:30

"Whispers of Layers: Paper and Cloth"

February 12, 2026 at 7 pm ZOOM

Great Lakes Heritage Quilt Guild

Martha Stewart, Member Spotlight

Birmingham Unitarian Church.

38651 Woodward, Bloomfield, Hills www.glhq.org

Quilter to Quilter Sale

February 17, 2026, 7pm. ZOOM

Quilt Guild of Metro Detroit

Rachel Daisy Dodd, Virtual Lecture, "Aussie Sunshine"

Redeemer United Methodist Church

20571 Vernier R., Harper Woods www.qgmd.org

Feb 18-Virtual Workshop-Pine Star Workshop

February 19, 2026 at 6:30pm

Capitol City Quilt Guild

C.J. Spensley, Master Quilter "Jane Stickle Quilts"

Edgewood United Church. 469 N. Hagadorn Rd.

East Lansing www.capitolcityquiltguild.org

February 23, 2026 at 7pm ZOOM

Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild

Mary O'Gregg- 3D Art Quilts

Ella Sharp Museum of Art & History

3225 Fourth St., Jackson

www.piecesandpatchesquiltguild.org

March 5, 2026 at 6:30pm

Lansing Area Patchers

Art Quilts

St. David Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Rd. Lansing

www.lansingareapatchers.com

SAVE THE DATES!

Quilter to Quilter Sale Great Lakes Heritage Quilt Guild

April 18, 2026 10am-2pm First Methodist Church of Troy

Treasured Quilts Quilt Show Macomb County QG

April 17-18, 2026 Chesterfield Community

Center 48400 Sugarbush Rd. Chesterfield, MI

**Pease bring QUILT FABRIC ONLY
to the Fabulous Finds table
and take home any leftover
fabric at the end of the meeting.**



Harriet Powers Postage Stamp Available on February 28, 2026

The United States Postal Service has announced the release of the Harriet Powers postage stamp on February 28, 2026.

Harriet Powers was a talented quiltmaker and formerly enslaved woman whose story quilts are celebrated as masterpieces of American folk art. Born on a plantation in Georgia, Powers used her fabric to tell stories inspired by history, faith, and community. Celebrate her legacy with the Harriet Powers Forever stamps comprising 4 designs featuring a panel selected from one of 2 surviving quilts, the "Pictorial Quilt".

Watch this lovely story about Harriet Powers by historian, Tiya Miles:

<https://www.mfa.org/video/harriet-powers-a-story-of-art-and-faith>

By Rosemary Spatafora



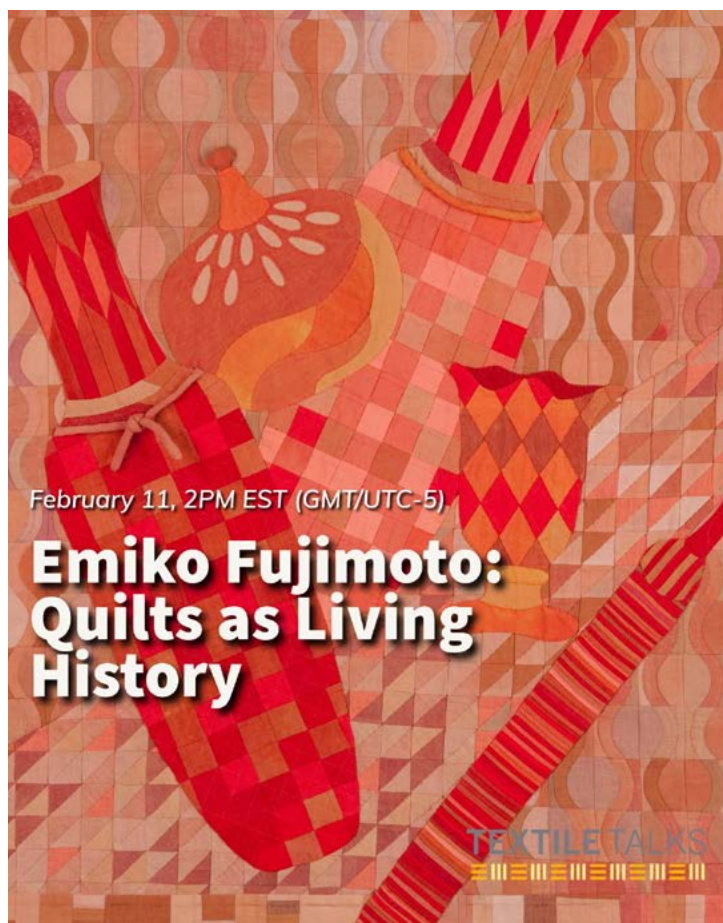
Coming to Textile Talks on February 11: Emiko Fujimoto: Quilts as Living History!

Emiko Fujimoto has been making quilts in the Satsuma region of Japan for over 40 years. She mainly uses Japanese vintage fabrics. Her work reflects a deep love for the region and for her materials. "When there's a beautiful pattern, I try to preserve it in my work," she says.

In this Textile Talk, Fujimoto is interviewed by Naomi Ichikawa. We see several quilts and textile hangings around her home and studio, and take a tour of her vintage fabric stash. Fujimoto and Ichikawa educate us about the fabrics and motifs as they go.

This presentation is given in Japanese with English subtitles.

Textile Talks happen live on Zoom each Wednesday at 2 PM Eastern Standard Time. All talks are recorded and shared on YouTube. Textile Talks are presented by Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA), Quilt Alliance, Surface Design Association, and International Quilt Museum. They are always free and open to everyone. Sign up to watch at SAQA.com/TextileTalks!



**Are you working on your Chandelier Quilt? See Chris Schulte if you have questions.
How about your Challenge Quilt? See Theresa Neilsen for any help.**

2026-2027 Programs & Workshops update

Laurie Johnson

VP, Scheduler

Thanks to everyone who filled out the survey and made suggestions for topics, speakers and workshops - you made my job much easier!

The top two workshop suggestions for next year's guild meetings were Featherweight Maintenance and a Quilted Jacket workshop. Topics included techniques and products, color coordination (this will be covered in this year's Whistle Stop), applique (also in this year's Whistle Stop), scrap organizing and skill building techniques.

Here's some background on some of the topics I have scheduled:

October 2026 **Log Cabin Workshop** taught by Linda Theofoldt is a contemporary, easier way to construct Log Cabin blocks and arrange them. You can use those scraps! It will also give you practice with color and value. Right now, if ten people sign up, the cost is \$60 per person, so if more sign up, we can lower your cost!

November 2026 speaker Donelle McAdams uses an overhead projector to demonstrate "**Tips, Tricks and Hacks**" using items purchased from the Dollar Store and things found around the house. She will also have items for sale, so bring cash. This will replace the typical February Whistle Stop.

January 2027 is a **Featherweight Maintenance workshop** taught by former CAMEO, Cindy May. \$50 tuition includes a cleaning kit. Cindy has been teaching this workshop at quilt retreats and quilt stores and has over 30 years of teaching experience.

The Quilted Jacket workshop in May 2027 will be tuition free and fun! We will be using the the very cute Beachcomber Jacket pattern by Laundry Basket Quilts. It is built upon a sweatshirt base which serves as your quilt batting and backing. Your choice of having a hood or not, zipper or button closure. Cheryl Cawley has a background in dressmaking so she has offered to guide us. Patterns can be purchased at laundrybasketquilts.com (\$12), Shabby Fabrics (\$12), or sewthankful.com (\$9.60) These are PDF downloads which are instruction-based. There is no actual drawn pattern. It will be fun to work on this together after you've done some "homework" before the workshop. You may also work on a different pattern of your choosing. There's a fashion show in your future....

Please be advised that costs for lectures and workshops have gone up, even from last year. Other guilds and quilt stores charge \$85-\$90 for a workshop but we're doing everything we can to keep costs down. Please sign up for a workshop (or two) next year to develop new skills, make friends and have fun!



CAMEO Quilters Guild Programs

2026

Sept 17 Welcome Back

Fall retreat Sept 24-27

Oct 15 Linda Thieffoldt Lecture "Not your typical log cabin"

Oct 17 Log Cabin workshop

Nov 19 Donelle McAdams lecture & demos: "Tips, tricks and hacks"

Dec 18 Holiday Pot Luck

2027

Jan 15 Cindy May lecture

"History of Singer Featherweights"

Jan 16 Featherweight maintenance workshop

Feb 18 Project BETH: Lone star quilt
[BLOCK, TECHNIQUE, EXAMPLE, HISTORY]

Feb 20 Charity Day Sew-in

Mar 18 Member Trunk Show

Mar 20 National Quilting Day Sew-in

April 15 meeting to be determined
Spring Retreat and possible quilt show also occurring in April

May 20 Sue Chase lecture and trunk show

May 22 Beachcomber Jacket workshop (free for guild members, just purchase pattern)

June 17 election and pot luck



Valentine fabric wreaths are no-sew DIY projects created by tying, looping, or pinning fabric strips (often 2.5" x 9") onto a wire or foam wreath form. This video provides a great tutorial on how to make a no-sew rag wreath:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8zqk1VMxSSk&t=319s>

Show `N Tell (at the New Member Brunch)



Llama Quilt by Jean Schlegelmann



I Spy Quilt by Jean Schlegelmann



Some of the Sleep at Home Retreat attendees - December 2026
photo by Chris Schulte

Cameo Executive Board Meeting
1/8/26 zoom

Present: Laurie Johnson, Cheryl Cawley, Donna Griffith, Martha Nordquist,, Jean Schlegelmann, Chris Schulte, Laura Ball Carey, Jeanne Flynn

Absent: Terry Poduska, Sharon Crastenburg, Theresa Nielson

Meeting called to order 7:06pm.

Cheryl Cawley- We are expecting 20 people for breakfast. The menu was discussed. Activities to include introducing board, describing role, reviewing charity functions, encourage participation and have new members introduce themselves.

Meeting 1/15/26 to feature Carol Gilbert and Rosemary Spatafora

VP Scheduler Laurie Johnson- Speakers for the next year are being lined up based on survey results asking more speaker and for workshops

2026-2027 Programming.

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Retreat discussed briefly. We are going to ask for a \$50 deposit as part of the sign up. We need at least 20 people to cover costs.

Member at Large- Chris Schulte says that 9-10 people participated in the chandelier quilt block swap. They will be distributed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:42 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Flynn

CAMEO Quilters Guild Meeting
January 15, 2026
ZOOM

Business Meeting called to order 7:06 pm by President Cheryl Cawley before presentations in the event that the topic was not of interest.

Door prizes are being discussed to involve a 50/50 raffle instead of many door prizes. Judy Murray has been in charge of this and will clarify matters after the meeting.

[Review of the schedule of events for 2026-2027 is in the Executive Board minutes on previous page]

Sharon Crastenburg- 25 people came to the breakfast. Thanks to everyone who contributed to make it successful

Theresa Neilson

February 2026 -Whistle Stop Presenters:

Carole Gilbert- turned needle appliqué

Maggie Smith- domestic quilting basics

Laurie Johnson- tips for color selection

Cheryl Cawley- applique using fusible interfacing.

March 2026- Indigenous quilts day and National quilt day

April Retreat- The benefits of the retreat were reviewed for new members. A typical day and meals were discussed. Carole Gilbert will have sign up available at the next meeting.
There must be 25 participants to break even on cost.

Cheryl Cawley mentioned many free BOM opportunities including for our nations' 250th birthday

Presentations

Carole Gilbert- Carole provided a great overview of different types of appliqué.

We are looking forward to being able to try things at Whistle Stop

Rosemary Spatafora gave a great presentation on how to use up all of those scraps with Crumb piecing.
We hope to see some examples at Whistle Stop

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Flynn