



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

After the long snowy winter it's so nice to see the flowers and to hear that the ducks have returned to Nancy Lacey's pool cover.

Susan Grancio notified me that one of the NJ state patterns purchased by a Guild member is missing the template. She has sent it to me ... so check your pattern and let me know if it's yours. Also she has sent the website information for the **Mid Appalachian Quilt Symposium** at Mt St Mary's College in Emmittsburg, Maryland, July 9-11. <http://www.magonline.org/>

Jane Hamel

BOARD MEETING:

The next board meeting will be held before the Guild meeting on Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend

GUILD MEETING:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 20 at 7:15 at The Lutheran Church of God's Love.

Cathy Miller, "The Singer Quilter," is a Canadian quilter and folksinger from Victoria British Columbia. Since September 2000, she and her husband John have toured across North America, Australia, New Zealand, the UK and Germany presenting a program of songs, stories and quilts. These appearances included the International Quilt Festival in Houston, AQS Nashville Show, Ricky Tims' La Veta Colorado gallery, Eleanor Burns' Quilting retreat and Alex Anderson's "Simply Quilts" TV program. To date Cathy has released four CD's about quilting. The songs range from the historical, through the poignant, to the drop-dead funny!

Diane Leslie has seen Cathy & her husband and said don't miss this meeting!

GUILD ETIQUETTE:

1. If you spill something, please wipe it up.
2. Place all trash in the waste basket.
3. If possible, put your chair away after the meeting...
AND
4. Out of respect for our speakers and fellow members, please keep talking to a minimum and turn off or silence cell phones.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of 3/16/2010 there is \$8,579.59 in the treasury. Expenses for the month of March include Vice president spent \$511.61 for the speaker, \$68.90 for storage and 127.28 for corresponding secretary.

Kim Moll

LOOKING AHEAD:

- ❖ April 30-May 2, 2010: Quilt Camp at Johnsonburg (NJ) Presbyterian Center
- ❖ May 15, 2010: Pennington Day Quilt Show, Toll Gate Grammar School, 10 am – 4 pm
- ❖ October 2, 2010: Newtown Market Day

PHILANTHROPY:

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month (April 6) in the trailer behind The Church of God's Love from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants should bring their sewing machine, cutting supplies, lunch and a beverage.
Caroline Lee/Chairperson

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:

Camp Erin: Donna Laing needs quilts for the 2010 season. If you have a **completed** quilt or would be able to help by piecing a backing, attaching a binding or machine quilting a top, please contact Donna. She has 40 plus quilt tops she needs help with.

Quilts for Kids: Contact Nancy Lacey for more information.

Operation Baby Blanket: Quilts for Babies born to military personnel. Contact Lori Leonardi or Linda Martin-Mills.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:

Hi Everyone ...Welcome Spring! Please let me know if there is someone who needs a word of encouragement, a get well wish, or congratulations.

Regards, Regina Apuzzo

HOSPITALITY:

Happy Spring to all! The following is a list of members responsible for snacks for the March meeting:

Debbie Heagy, Dolores Ingram, Terri Jones, Jackie Kaizar, Wendy Kane, Eileen Kelty, Joanne Kulig, Elaine LaPrete, Nancy Lacey, Barb Ladyansky, Steve Ladyansky. If you cannot bring your snack, please arrange to switch with another member.

Thank you, Leanne Gillen and Denise Somers

MEMBERSHIP:

Please review your membership information and if there are any changes such as phone number, email address etc., phone or email me. Thank you, *Dawn E. Berger*

2009 STASH BUSTERS BLOCK OF THE MONTH:

The block for April is "Braced Star Variation One," found on www.quilterscache.com under the free 12" block patterns. Please use: Yellow Star Points, Pastel Spring Colors for Center Border, and any white-on-white fabrics (not off-white) in Center and Background. This pattern calls for making templates, but you can easily adapt this to use your quilting ruler to add the 1/4" seam allowance to each side.

You can contact Leslie Bell, Dolores Ingram, or Maggie Robinson if you have any questions.

2010 QUILT CHALLENGE:

Our Challenge for 2010 is going to be a "Border Challenge". Try a new and different type of border for your quilt! Pieced, appliquéd, felted wool, embroidery, paper pieced, embellished or any other medium you can create - it should reflect the theme of the quilt. If you need some inspiration, check out the many books or internet sites that can suggest a new and exciting type of border and I'll share more ideas with you in the months to come. I'm not going to limit the size, just keep in mind that if your quilt is large, it will probably have to be folded for our challenge display. Since there is no size limit, you can think about the quilts you plan on making this year and try to apply this challenge when you create the border! The quilts will be due at the October 2010 meeting.

Good Luck, Marsha Watro

NEWSLETTER:

Articles for May's edition are due by April 24. You can either e-mail them (nqgltr@yahoo.com) or give them to me at the meeting. *Nancy Lacey*

PROGRAMS FOR 2010:

- ❖ **April 20:** Cathy Miller - "The Singing Quilter"
- ❖ **May 18:** Eleanor Levie - "Quilting Outside the Box"
- ❖ **June 15:** "Strawberry Shortcake Party" with a special Show & Tell and Guild "Yard Sale"
- ❖ **July 20:** "Quilting and the Internet"
- ❖ **August 17:** "Taking Care of Your Sewing Machine"
- ❖ **September 21:** Trish Hodge - "Batik Textile Traditions of Indonesia"
- ❖ **October 19:** Annual Guild Covered Dish Dinner and 2010 Raffle Quilt Drawing. Challenge Quilts due.
- ❖ **November 16:** Jeannie Campbell - "Choosing Fabrics for Your Quilt", 2011-2012 Election of Guild Officers & Food collection for God's Love Church
- ❖ **December 14:** "Holiday Fun" (PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE SECOND TUESDAY)

MEMBERS CORNER

Please feel free to submit your own items for publication. It can be a tip of the month, a story, info on a great web-site or quilt shop that you have found, etc.

Beginning this month, Donna Laing will be sharing little bits of information about quilting and history.

"The Female Society for Relief & Employment of the Poor in Philadelphia employed destitute women at their House of Industry to knit, spin & sew. In 1831, their best quilters recd 15 cents per day."

Ducks! By Nancy Lacey

Yes, spring is here (as signaled by the return of the ducks). I thought the ducklings were cute the first year. I really got a kick out of watching them grow the second year. But after not being able to open the pool until July last year, the cuteness factor has gone away! Of course, Harris is getting his exercise chasing ducks and they really are a great photo op. And let's not forget that they are a source of entertainment for the cat. Maybe we will have to learn to live with them and I'll just have to draw inspiration for a new quilt!

Minutes: Guild Meeting March 16, 2010

President (Jane Hamel): Jane opened the meeting with a welcome to those attending and to the evening's guest speaker.

Tonight's Program: "Using Photographic Images in Quilts"-- Susan Grancio explained the various methods of transferring photographic images to fabric and offered suggestions on how to use those images in quilts.

April's Program: Cathy Miller, "The Singing Quilter"

Jane thanked Donna Laing for hosting the "Aging Gracefully" workshop.

April Guild Meeting: Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at 7:15 p.m. at God's Love. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge.

Corresponding Secretary (Regina Apuzzo)

- ❖ Thank You notes to: Jane Hamel for hosting our January program; Donna Laing for hosting the "Aging Gracefully" workshop.
- ❖ Thinking of You card to Joan Marturana.
- ❖ Welcome notes to the Guild's 2010 new members.
- ❖ Sympathy cards to: Barbara Gonze whose father-in-law passed away; Barbara Wyatt whose mother-in-law passed away; Eileen Kelty whose father passed away on Saturday.
- ❖ Get Well card to Diana Leslie.
- ❖ Get Well cards and flowers to: Marie Colello who was hospitalized following surgery; Ellen Conoscenti who was hospitalized following surgery.
- ❖ Thank You cards received from Marie and Ellen. Read at meeting.

- ❖ Congratulations to Donna Laing who machine-quilted Kaffe Fassett's quilt which appears in the premier issue of "The Quilt Life" magazine, a publication from Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson.
- ❖ Guild Member, Lynn Frick, was admitted to hospice care. Cards were welcomed to be sent to Lynn's home address. Update to Minutes: We are saddened to report that Lynn passed away on Thursday, March 18, 2010.

Treasurer (Kim Moll): Balance: \$9,218.48.

The proposed 2010 Budget will be detailed in the April newsletter. Approval will be requested by vote next month.

Membership (Dawn Berger, Marlene Beeco)

- ❖ 65 members and 3 guests attended tonight's meeting. Nametag prize winner: Cathy Stevens.
- ❖ Don't forget to pick up your 2010 membership cards.
- ❖ Don't miss your opportunity to own one of those nail files! Who knows how long the supply will last!

Newsletter and Guild Website (Nancy Lacey)

- ❖ Sunday, March 21, 2010, is the deadline for items to be included in the April newsletter. When the newsletter is posted on our website, Nancy will notify members via E-mail.
- ❖ Nancy received an email from someone who wants to sell a sewing machine; the seller is located in Western Pennsylvania. If anyone is interested, contact Nancy

Hospitality (Denise Somers, Leanne Gillen): Thank you to those who brought refreshments tonight. Check the April newsletter for a list of members requested to bring refreshments for our next meeting. A reminder call will be placed to those on the list.

Library (Dolores Ingram): New books will be listed in the newsletter and will be available at next month's meeting.

Philanthropy (Caroline Lee): Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30-10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the trailer behind God's Love. Bring your sewing machine and supplies and a lunch with beverage. All are welcome. Note: Please check with Caroline to see whether the group will meet in April.

Other Philanthropy Projects:

- ❖ Camp Erin (Donna Laing) - Received 7 finished quilts tonight. Donna needs more quilts that would be suitable for a boy; she has received only 27 such quilts. If you plan to make a quilt, please make one that is either unisex or suitable for a boy. The requested size is approximately 50" x 70". Donna thinks there may be 100 children who will be attending this year's camp. She likes to give an extra quilt per cabin; the quilts that were not selected by the children are donated to the Wissahickon Hospice. Quilts are needed by May 1, 2010; 72 quilts have been donated.

- ❖ Project Linus - Two quilts were delivered to the Nottingham Fire Department to be given to the children of Daniel McIntosh, a paramedic with the Bensalem Rescue Squad, who died in the line of duty.

2010 Block of the Month (Maggie Robinson, Leslie Bell, Dolores Ingram): Angela Topley won the blocks made for February; Valerie Egar won those made for March. "Braced Star Variation One" is the April block. You will find it listed on our website with a link to quilterscache.com for piecing directions.

2010 Guild Challenge (Marsha Watro): This year's challenge will focus on the quilt border. Members are being challenged to create a border treatment that they have never done previously. It can be conventionally pieced, paper-pieced, or appliquéd; felted wool can also be used—just a few suggestions. The border should relate to the theme of the quilt. There is no limit on the size of the quilt; but if you submit a large quilt, it will need to be folded, not hung. A quilt that has been shown in a competition or show is not eligible, but you can submit a quilt already completed. Challenge yourself and think outside your box! Quilts will be exhibited and judged at our October, 2010 dinner meeting.

2010 Raffle Quilt (Donna Laing): This year's raffle quilt will be a reproduction of Cathy Stevens' mother's quilt—a late 19th century quilt. There are 3 blocks remaining. Members are encouraged to sell additional raffle tickets, beyond those included with your membership dues. Since there will not be a quilt show this year, our raffle quilt will be our only source of income. There was discussion about possibly having the quilt available at venues where tickets could be sold. If you have any suggestions, contact Donna Laing or Jane Hamel. Note that the raffle quilt license must accompany the quilt and someone must be in attendance with the quilt. Donna Laing plans to take the quilt to a meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Study Group in July for possible ticket sales.

Quilt Camp, Johnsonburg, NJ (Peg Bauman): Full. Peg will E-Mail attendees regarding meals.

Show & Tell: Rosemary Dwyer and Marlene Beeco (brought quilts made by 3rd grade students at St. Andrew's School for donation to Camp Erin; the quilts will be quilted by Marsha Watro), Ellen Manson, Mary Shafer, Nancy Lacey, Ingriola (a guest this evening), Cathy Stevens, Nancy MacManus, Marsha Watro, Peg Bauman, Crys Harm, Janet Cohen, Lorie Leonardi, Eileen Kelty, Lyn Wood, Mary Mild

Respectfully submitted by Regina Apuzzo on March 20, 2010