



#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Thank you for allowing me to share my "Quilting Journey." I had fun. During the presentation I forgot to mention two very talented machine quilters ... Diana Leslie and Karen Thompson.

On a sad note ... John "Butch" Myers, Jr., The "Biker Dude," passed away on December 26, 2009.

*Jane Hamel*

#### **BOARD MEETING:**

The next board meeting will be held before the Guild meeting on Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend

#### **GUILD MEETING:**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 16 at 7:15 at The Lutheran Church of God's Love. Eleanor Levie will present "Quilting Outside the Box" featuring quilts from "Skinny Quilts & Table Runners I and II and designs from "Unforgettable Tote Bags". She will also lead members in a few exercises for stretching and skewing blocks. You will be challenged to work on them at home and bring them back in June for a special Show & Tell.

#### **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.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

April 30-May 2, 2010: Quilt Camp at Johnsonburg (NJ) Presbyterian Center

October 2, 2010: Newtown Market Day

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:**

Tuesday Philanthropy: Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Church of God's Love from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants should bring their sewing machine, cutting supplies, lunch and a beverage. If you are unable to join Caroline on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month to make quilts, you can contact her about machine quilting & binding quilt tops.

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.

Wall Hangings for Hershey Medical Center: Sue Schmalzried is collecting wall hangings to decorate the patients' rooms.

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

#### **SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:**

Hi Everyone - Happy Valentine's Day! If a message sending words of encouragement, good wishes, congratulations, or get well could warm someone's heart, please let me know.  
*Regards, Regina Apuzzo*

#### **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*

#### **HOSPITALITY:**

The following is a list of members responsible for snacks for the February meeting:

**Rosanne Friehs, Christa Froehlich, Leanne Gillen, Rita Gilson, Barb Gonze, Anne Guinn, Jane Hamel, Betty Hancock, Crys Harm, and Patti Hartpence.**

If you cannot bring your snack, please arrange to switch with another member.

*Thank you, Leanne Gillen and Denise Somers*

#### **2009 STASH BUSTERS BLOCK OF THE MONTH:**

This year's theme is "Stars, Stars, and More Stars." Each month the background fabric will be white on white (bright white, not off-white).

For February, the pattern is "Go-Along Star #1" from [www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com) (found under 12" blocks). For this block, use the white on white background and one or two shades of pink or red (Think Valentine!). A complete list of patterns will be posted on our website.

If you have any questions, contact Maggie Robinson, Leslie Bell or Dolores Ingram.

**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 February's edition are due by February 21. You can either e-mail them (nqgltr@yahoo.com) or give them to me at the meeting. *Nancy Lacey*

**PROGRAMS FOR 2010:**

- **February 16:** "Quilting Outside the Box" with a make and take project by Eleanor Levie
- **March 16:** Susan Grancio - "Using Photographic Images in Quilts"
- **April 20:** Cathy Miller - "The Singing Quilter"
- **May 18:** Guild "Make and Take" project
- **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.**

**Preparing For The Winter Olympics by Jackie Kaizar**

It was the end of January and I had started stressing out about how I was going to get my challenge done by the end of the summer. I needed something that would jump start my project and carry me through the busy summer months. So far, 2010 proved to be a busy year with a new baby to help with and then a wicked cold that put me in bed for a week. But while I lay there next to a pile of tissues and a cup of hot tea, I saw in the paper that the Winter Olympics started in 22 days. The

Vancouver Winter Olympics – the solution to my problems. Once every four years, I get projects ready just as the athletes start their intense training. While they run and lift and sweat, I plan, cut and prepare fabrics (and maybe sweat a little bit too). All of this preparation gets me to the point where I can finally just sit and watch the show. In these three weeks before the opening ceremonies begin, I'll get my quilt top together to the point of hand quilting it, which will then be set aside and left for my attention during the games. So for the duration of the competition, I'll be hunkered down with a log in the fireplace and a warm quilt on my lap, enjoying the Thrill of Victory and the Agony of Defeat.

**Minutes: Guild Meeting January 19, 2010**

President (Jane Hamel): Jane opened the meeting with a welcome to the guild's new members.

Tonight's Program: "My Adventures in Quilting" Jane Hamel shared her quilting journey and brought some of the quilts that she made along the way.

2010 Programs and Workshops are posted on our website and will be in the February newsletter.

"Aging Gracefully" Workshop: January 30 and February 6, 2010 (Donna Laing) Payment was requested from those who signed up. There are some openings for both dates. If you are interested, see Caroline Lee or E-mail Jane Hamel. The first session will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the trailer behind God's Love. Bring notepad, pen, lunch with beverage, and camera (optional). After lunch, patterns will be distributed and participants will travel to Country Quiltworks. No sewing will take place during the first session.

February Guild Meeting: Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 7:15 p.m. at God's Love. Eleanor Levie will present "Quilting Outside the Box" with a "make & take" project—you do not need to bring any supplies. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge.

Corresponding Secretary (Regina Apuzzo):

- Get Well card sent to Jackie Kaizar.
- Thinking of You card sent to Lynn Frick.

Treasurer (Kim Moll): Balance - \$10,098.93

Membership (Dawn Berger, Marlene Beeco): 70 members and 4 guests attended tonight's meeting. New members were introduced: Linda Scatton, Gwen Sahi, Judi Reiss, Jennifer Barthelemy, Kristin Chiccarine, and Angela Topley.

Nametag prize winner: Ellen Manson

Newsletter and Guild Website (Nancy Lacey): Sunday, January 24, 2010, is the deadline for items to be included in the February newsletter. When the

Hospitality (Denise Somers, Leanne Gillen): Thank you to those who brought refreshments tonight. Check the February 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.

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.

The guild receives many requests for quilts to help charitable organizations and causes. Members, who would like the guild to respond to such a request, should speak with Caroline. All requests are presented to the guild's Board prior to presentation to its members.

God's Love Raffle Quilt has been completed. Thank you to Caroline Lee, Betsy Smyth, Diana Leslie, and all those who helped with this project. Tickets are not yet available for purchase.

#### Other Philanthropy Projects

- Haiti Earthquake Help—During tonight's Board meeting, Board members discussed how the guild could help victims of Haiti's earthquake. Since aid organizations have stated that their immediate need is for cash donations, the Board felt that this would be a good first step by making a donation to the American Red Cross. This suggestion was raised at the guild meeting, and a majority of those present responded in the affirmative. A check for \$500 will be sent to the Red Cross. For the time being, the guild has tabled a suggestion to make and send quilts. As this tragedy plays out over time, the guild will look at the viability of sending quilts to the area.
- Camp Erin (Donna Laing)—Donna has quilt tops that need quilting. Please let her know if you can help. They do have people who will bind the quilts. The requested size is approximately 50" x 70".
- Quilts for Kids (Nancy Lacey)—Nancy and Cindi Rosenberger made quilts that will be featured in commercials for the Downy Touch of Comfort Program. Look for the quilt that Nancy designed on the cover of the March, 2010 issue of "The Quilter Magazine." (P.S. You will find Nancy pictured on page 34!)

2010 Block of the Month (Maggie Robinson, Leslie Bell, Dolores Ingram): 26 blocks were made for January. Cathy Stevens was the winner. See our website for information on February's block.

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. 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 19<sup>th</sup> century quilt.

Quilt Camp, Johnsonburg, NJ (Peg Bauman): Peg requested payment either tonight or at our February meeting. If you cannot pay by the February meeting, call Peg. Two spaces are open.

#### Other Business:

- Kim Moll informed us that Joan Marturana has had another setback. If you would like to help with meals, please see or contact Kim. Meals are needed for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. If you would like to send Joan a card of encouragement, please mail it to Joan's home address.
- Marion Baranosky is collecting recipes. If you would like to share one or several of your recipes, please send them to Marion via E-mail or snail mail.
- The guild received a letter from the Ellis County, Texas, Quilt Guild, requesting that we make a patch for our guild and send it to them for inclusion in a quilt that they plan to make for their show. Marsha Watro made an embroidered Baltimore block patch, displaying the name of our guild. A photo of the patch was circulated among those present.
- A Sugarloaf Craft Festival will be held in Oaks, PA, on March 19, 20, 21, 2010. Look for information on our website.
- Sue Nickels will be at Hinkletown Sewing in Ephrata, PA, on May 26, 2010. Look for information on our website.

Show & Tell: Linda Smith, Marlene Beeco, Karen Thompson, Cindi Rosenberger, Nancy Lacey, Kristin Chiccarine, Marsha Watro, Rosemary Dwyer, Helen Losada, Linda Martin Mills (Linda showed the quilt she made for daughter—the quilt that survived the fire. She thanked everyone who sent best wishes, patterns, and advice. She was able to get the quilt clean.), Sue Smith, Marie Colello, Rosemary Torelli, Carol McGowan, Mary Mild, Lorie Leonardi, Fredda Lake

Thanks to Jane Hamel who gave us a "TUIT"—". . . an indispensable item. It will help you become a more efficient person. . . . Now that you have one, you can accomplish all those things you put aside until you get a around "TUIT"!

Respectfully submitted by Regina Apuzzo on January 22, 2010