

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy Valentine's Day! Enjoy something chocolate for the holiday (that includes brown fabric for all of you weight watchers)!

I was really happy to see all of you (all 77 members) at our last meeting and hope that our attendance/participation continues to be so enthusiastic. We have a lot of activities for all of you to consider this year, starting with our Challenge quilts, which are due completed at the October Dinner Meeting. We will still be exchanging fabrics at the February meeting so if you missed it in January, you have one more chance to join in. We will need a volunteer to chair and coordinate our participation in October's Historic Newtown Day and of course we will need volunteers to replace the current Guild Board Members.

Applique is a favorite technique of mine, so I am really looking forward to this month's program and I want to thank Ellen in advance for her efforts on the Guild's behalf. For those of you who don't know her work, you can look back over all the prize winners from our Quilt Shows. It is great when members take the time to share, teach and inspire all of us.

Speaking of inspiration—didn't you love January's Block of the month? Remember to do this month's block— Participation is the cornerstone of a great Guild.

Look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting! *Donna Martinez*

BOARD MEETING: The first Quarterly board meeting for the year will be at Donna Martinez's home on February 19 from 3:30-5:00 PM. Board members please RSVP AHMDMM@verizon.net

GUILD MEETING: Tuesday February 21 at 7:15 PM – "Quilts by Ellen Conoscenti"
A presentation by our own Ellen Conoscenti of her fabulous applique quilts and lecture on how and why she chooses applique as a quilting technique.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:



Hi Everyone - If you know someone who is going through a difficult time and needs a word of encouragement and support or a get well wish, please let me know. If congratulations are in order, I'd be happy to send a note and share the good news with our members.

Regards, *Regina Apuzzo*



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MEMBERSHIP:

Please let me know if there are any changes to the membership list.
Thank you. *Dawn Berger*

NEWSLETTER:

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

HOSPITALITY:

The following members are responsible for treats for the February meeting: Mark W. Baldwin, Isabel Best, Ellen Conoscenti, Leanne Gillen, Eileen Kelty, Barbara McClintock, Beverly Sce and Rosemary Torelli.
Thanks to all, *Eileen Kelty and Mark W. Baldwin*

MINUTES OF THE NEWTOWN QUILTERS' GUILD MEETING ON JANUARY 17, 2012**President** (Donna Martinez):

At tonight's meeting, Jane Hamilton presented her talk entitled "Scrap Quilts Revisited."

At the next meeting, Ellen Conoscenti will talk about Appliqué Quilts. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, at 7:15pm at Gods' Love Church. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge.

President's Remarks

Donna Martinez asked for and got volunteers to work on a committee to discuss splitting up the duties of the vice president into two positions.

Membership (Dawn Berger, Marlene Beeco): 77 members and 5 guests in attendance. There are 12 new members to the guild.

2012 Raffle Quilt (Diana Leslie and Deb Weckenman):

The quilt is in the planning stages.

Corresponding Secretary (Regina Apuzzo)

- Welcome notes sent to our new members
- Thank You: Kathy McEachern (facilitated advertisement from Barks County Dogs); Rosemary Dwyer and Betsy Smyth (Co-chairs of the 2011 Block of the Month Committee); and Marsha Watro (for telling us a beautiful holiday story at our December meeting)
- Sympathy: Cindi Rosenberger (mother passed away); Warren Uzialko (husband of the late Ellen, former guild member); and Betty Hancock (father passed away)
- Get Well: Marie Colello
- Thank you note was sent by the New Jersey National Guard to Lorie Leonardi to thank the guild for its partition in Operation Baby Blanket.

Treasurer (Kim Moll): 12/10/11 – 1/17/12

Beginning balance	\$11,842.85
Income	
Advertisers	275.00
Membership	<u>3,562.00</u>
Total Income	3,837.00
Expenses	
Corresp. Secretary	39.40
Hospitality	39.40
Quilt Show	103.50
Rental	80.56
Total Expenses	<u>262.86</u>
Ending balance	<u>15,472.55</u>

Newsletter (Nancy Lacey): Please do not reply to the mass emails that Nancy sends out for the guild. Rather, send an email to the individuals referenced in them.

Philanthropy (Linda Martin Mills): The next meeting will be on January 25 at Linda's house. Bring your machine and neutral thread, and be prepared to quilt. RSVP to Linda if you plan to attend.

2012 Block of the Month (Donna Laing)

The winner of the BOM blocks was Peg Bauman. See the guild website for information concerning the blocks for next two months.

Each month, Donna will bring some fabric scraps that could be used in the following month's block. Look for a swap basket on the Block of the Month table. Feel free to bring fabric to share, too! Please bring enough of one fabric for that month's block, for example, if you are bringing a dark fabric for a block of the month that will require four 4-inch squares, please bring a piece of dark that's at least 8 inches square. All swap fabrics that are not claimed for the block of the month will be donated to Philanthropy.

Miscellaneous Business:

Marsha Watro suggested that we invest in a new, better sound system. Donna Martinez will look into it and report back to the guild next month.

Name Tag Winner: Leslie Bell

Show & Tell:

Cathy Stevens, Leanne Gillen, Nancy Lacey, Marsha Watro, Lorie Leonardi, Rosemary Dwyer, Anne Guinn, Donna Laing, and Angela Topley

Respectfully submitted by Lorie Leonardi on January 18, 2012




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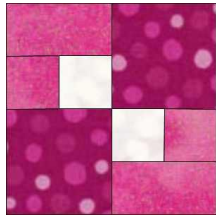
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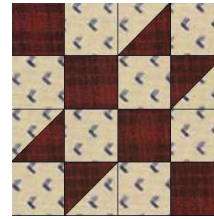
2012 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Directions for the February and March blocks are on our website: <http://newtownquiltersguild.org/bom.shtml>

February – Tam's Patch



February – Crockett Cabin



Peddler's Village Quilt Competition

Congratulations to Betsy Smyth who received second place in the applique category and Cathy Stevens who received an honorable mention for the traditional category.

Operation Baby Blanket

This thank-you email was sent from the New Jersey National Guard to Lorie and the Newtown Guild:

*Jane E. Hackbarth
MPSC Contractor
Armory, Family Assistance Center
December 20, 2011*

Thank you so much again for coordinating this effort as well as your treasures made by your hands. Happy holiday, and the New Year is filled with health, wealth and much happiness.

Thank you for all that you do.

Jane

LOOKING AHEAD

April 14 & 15, 2012: Quilting from the Heart 2012 Quilt Show. Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore. Toms River Elks Lodge #1875, 600 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ.

Quilt Camp 2012: Friday April 27 to Sunday April 29 (with the possibility of adding April 25, April 26, and/or April 30) at Blue Lake, a retreat center owned by Burkholders' Fabrics. Because Johnsonburg was not available this coming April, we investigated a different location for this year. A group of Johnsonburg regulars visited Blue Lake and made the decision to try it in 2012. The cost, which will be less than Johnsonburg, will be available shortly. The retreat center has 14 bedrooms (with 24 beds.) The facility has a large room for sewing, a large dining room with kitchen, and bedrooms on 3 levels. One handicapped room is on the main floor, 9 bedrooms are on the 2nd floor, and 4 bedrooms are on the ground floor (available by steps or by walking outside down a gentle slope on the driveway. The lower floor also has a game room and 2 large sectional sofas (which could be used for sleeping.) Because the total number of beds is less than were available at Johnsonburg, last year's participants were made aware of the change of location first. At the present there are 24+ on the list, but as the date grows closer this may change. I will keep a waiting list, so if you would like to be on that list please email or call Peg Bauman (see membership list).

June 26, 27, 28: From 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM the "House of Buck Quilt & Garden Festival" in honor of Pearl S. Buck's 120th birthday, featuring the Variable Star Quilters & friends, lectures, demos, tours, café. See: www.pearlsbuck.org/events for more information.

MY WIFE, THE QUILTER

She learned to quilt on Monday. Her stitches were very fine. She forgot to thaw out dinner, So we went out to dine. She quilted miniatures Tuesday. She says they are a must. They really were quite lovely, But she forgot to dust. On Wednesday, it was a sampler. She says the stippling's fun. What highlights! Oh what shadows! But the laundry wasn't done. Her charm quilt was on Thursday, Green patches, blue and red. I guess she really was engrossed; She never made the bed. It was wall hangings on Friday, In colors she adores, But she never seemed to notice The crumbs on all the floors. I found a maid on Saturday! My week is now complete. My wife can quilt the hours away; The house will still be neat. Well, it's already Sunday. I think I'm about to wilt. I cursed, I raved, I ranted-- The MAID has learned to quilt!!

(Author: unknown) Submitted by Sally Weber

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GUILD ETIQUETTE

1. If you spill something, please wipe it up.
2. Place all trash in the wastebasket.
3. Put your chairs away after the meeting.
4. Out of respect for our speakers and fellow members – **Please keep talking to minimum and silence cell phone during presentations.**

Reminders for this month's meeting:

- **Wear your nametag.**
- **Make and bring Block of the Month and Philanthropy Blocks**
- **Say hi to a Guild member you don't already know.**