

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

HAPPY 22ND BIRTHDAY TO US! This month's meeting is our Annual Strawberry Shortcake Birthday Celebration and Annual Garage Sale. It is a time to give thanks to the original members of the guild for their hard work in establishing such a great Guild, celebrate all of the good times, good friends old and new and reflect on all of the good things the Guild has done for the community over the last 22 years. In addition, it is an opportunity to make and spend some money by recycling those items in your quilting stash by participating in our Annual Garage Sale -- 10% of the Sales will be your donation to the Guild. (Please let me know if you will need a table for the Garage sale at ahmdmm@verizon.net—we will have some tables set up but it would be good to know how many people will be needing space ahead of time.) So please take the time to enjoy socializing with all of your current quilting friends and reach out and meet other members of the guild.

Please note that the meeting is on June 14th the second Tuesday of the month due to scheduling conflicts at Addisonville.

I hope you are all working hard on your entries for the Quilt Show – count-down is now four months. Remember the Mini-quilt Raffle, the Basket Raffle, and while you are getting ready for the Garage Sale it is the perfect time to get items ready for Aunt Sukey.

We are still looking for input for our classified ads and would like to know where you shop -- this will only be successful if you as Guild members help out Regina with compiling a list.

PARTICIPATION IS KEY TO A GREAT GUILD so don't forget your BOM and Philanthropy blocks this month.
Donna Martinez

REMINDER: JUNE, JULY & AUGUST we will be meeting at ADDISVILLE REFORMED CHURCH in RICHBORO. (Directions are at the end of Newsletter)

Board Meeting: There will be a board meeting on Tuesday, June 14 at 6:30 pm immediately before the Guild meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Guild Meeting: Tuesday, June 14 at 7:15 pm – Annual Birthday Celebration and “Yard Sale.” Please note that we are meeting the **second Tuesday** this month.

MEMBERSHIP:

Please let me know of any changes to the membership list.

Dawn Berger

PHILANTHROPY:

We will be meeting in the trailer on Saturday, June 11 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for Bras for a Cause.

Philanthropy had four attendees on Thursday, May 26 at the trailer. It was very warm and we could have made different (air conditioned) arrangements if we had only had a head count ... so for the summer months, please e-mail me a quick RSVP so that everyone can be comfortable. Thanks! We were able to get a great start to a coffee and cream influence quilt. If you are interested in working on it, please contact me.

Linda Martin-Mills

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

HOSPITALITY:

The persons responsible for bringing strawberries to the June meeting are: **Rosemary Dwyer, Jane Hamel, Fredda Lake, Diana Leslie, Kathy McEachern, Carol Molengraft, Cindi Rosenberger, Pam Sugrue, Rosemary Torelli and Barbara Wyatt.** Donna Martinez is bringing a cake, so the above listed members are to bring strawberries. I will bring whipped cream.

Thank you, Mark W. Baldwin & Eileen Kelty

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:

- **Quilts for Kids:** We are in need of quilts for older boys and girls (teens to age 22). We love receiving stash quilts so if you have any fabrics that would be appropriate, please consider making a quilt. The approximate size of our quilts is 38" x 45" but they can be a little larger than that. Contact Nancy Lacey for more information or go to www.quiltsforkids.org.
- **Project Linus:** Contact Donna Laing for more information

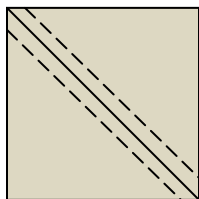
- **Operation Baby Blanket:** (Lorie Leonardi): Thank you to those who have donated blankets. Quilts are still needed for the children of the NJ National Guard as well as the Mercer Hospital. Lorie is collecting quilted, knitted or crocheted baby blankets (Any color for the National Guard. Red, white and blue for Mercer Hospital). Contact Lorie Leonardi or Linda Martin Mills.

2011 BLOCK OF THE MONTH: The Railroad

For your block, choose either red or blue fabric and shirting for the background. Do not mix red & blue in one block. For each block you will need:

- (2) 5" squares of blue or red (print, plaid, stripe, solid)
- (2) 5" squares shirting (light)
- (1) 2 1/2" x 26" strip of blue or red
- (1) 2 1/2" x 26" strip of shirting

Place one light and dark 5" square right sides together. Draw a line on the diagonal. Sew 1/4" from each side of the line. Cut on the drawn line. Press to the dark. Resize to 4 1/2". Repeat with remaining 5" squares. You will have (4) half-square triangles.



Sew 2 1/2" strips together. Subcut into 2 1/2" units. Make (5) 4 patch blocks.



Assemble your blocks to look like this:



12 1/2" unfinished block

Philanthropy for June -

Bring red 10" squares (anything goes ... polka dots, prints, stripe, solids, plaids).

Any questions, call Betsy Smyth. Thanks for participating!

NEWSLETTER:

Articles for the May edition are due by June 25. You can either e-mail them (nqgltr@yahoo.com) or give them to me at the meeting. *Nancy Lacey*

ATTENTION SHOPPERS!

There might be a sale in Aisle 9—the proprietor of that store may just want us to know about it and may be interested in advertising in our newsletter. As I mentioned at previous guild meetings, the Board thinks that having paid advertising in our newsletter is an idea worth pursuing. In addition to providing revenue to support the maintenance of our website, advertising could be another resource for our readers. Your help is needed. We ask that you share the name(s) of a business where you shop. In addition to quilt shops, consider offering the names of other types of businesses, such as bead shops, yarn shops, etc. I thank those who have shared information with me, and I look forward to hearing from all of the savvy shoppers in our guild. Don't worry about offering information that you think would duplicate what we might already have—there are a lot of places out there just waiting to hear from us. So, get in touch with me.

Regards, Regina Apuzzo

QUILT SHOW –PLAN AHEAD

It's never too soon to start thinking about what you would like to donate to Aunt Sukey's Treasures this year. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Aunt Sukey's Treasures, this is a place where quilting/sewing related items are sold during our Quilt Show in October and all proceeds go to the Guild. These monies are used for meeting expenses, guest speakers, workshops and other events. We are looking for new or gently used items such as fabric, books, magazines, patterns and notions. In addition, your handcrafted items such as placemats, pincushions, gift bags, potholders, ornaments, pillowcases, table runners, etc. are also welcome items. Any items you would like to donate can be brought to the guild meetings or brought directly to my house (contact me for directions). Please submit your items no later than September 20th. No items will be accepted after that date. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Marion Baranosky

Quilty Pleasures is your show. Do you have a place to advertise? We are looking for help getting the word out! Please remember we all need to contribute a small quilt or basket in order for the show to be a success. Thanks.
Linda Martin-Mills

2012 CHALLENGE: What's in Your Bag?

This is a step out of your comfort zone, maybe, challenge. The idea is this:

Step 1: Collect all the scraps from a quilt you are making/have made this year. If it is a quilt you have made for someone else, even better. Place the scraps in a gallon zip lock plastic bag.

Step 2: In December or January, I will place the bags in brown bags and redistribute them.

Step 3: The Challenge ... Make a wall-hanging from the material in the bag, for the person whose fabric was in the bag, by the October meeting.

More details will follow, but for now, save your scraps.
Carol McGowan

Minutes of the Newtown Quilters' Guild Meeting on May 17, 2011

President (Donna Martinez):

Tonight's program, presented by Linda Hahn, was entitled "New York Beauty State of Mind". She presented a trunk show with amusing anecdotes of how she developed her book *New York Beauty Simplified*.

The next meeting will be the annual Strawberry Shortcake and Garage Sale and will be held on Tuesday, June 14, at 7:15pm at Addisville Reformed Church in Richboro, Pa. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge. Tables are available for people to sell their own things with the understand that they will donate 10 percent of their earnings to the guild. For the strawberry shortcake social, the guild will buy a large strawberry shortcake. Members will be asked to bring extra strawberries and whipped cream.

President's Remarks

The library will not be open in June, July and August, since we will be meeting at Addisville.

The 2012 challenge, "What's in Your Bag," is being organized by Carol McGowan. Save leftover scraps from a quilt that you are working on and put them in a bag. You will swap that bag with another member, who will assemble it into a small quilt to give back to you.

Diana Leslie's Mystery Workshop on June 14 still has a couple of openings. Contact Diana for information.

Membership (Dawn Berger, Marlene Beeco): 54 members and 7 guests in attendance.

2011 Quilt Show "Quilty Pleasures" October 8 and 9
 (Linda Martin Mills, Betty Miller, Kathy Dettore)

There will be a Bras for the Cause workshop on Saturday, June 11, from 9 to 12 in the God's Love trailer. Bring a bra and embellishments.

Preregistration of quilts will take place in June and July. See Diana Leslie.

The committee is looking into having a workshop. Contact them with any suggestions you have.

They have started collecting mini quilts and baskets.

2011 Raffle Quilt (Linda Smith):

The raffle quilt is finished and was displayed at the meeting. They will take it to Pennington Quilt Works this Friday and Saturday to sell tickets. Contact Linda if you know of a possible venue where she can take the quilt to sell tickets.

Sunshine and Shadows (Regina Apuzzo)

Thank You: Cheryl Lynch, April Meeting Speaker
Congratulations: Dawn Berger, Birth of Granddaughter

Treasurer (Kim Moll):

Beginning balance	\$8,100.92
Monthly expenses	819.98
Monthly income	<u>248.63</u>
Ending balance	\$7,529.57

Detailed Expense for April:

Setup/Rental	\$94.20
Membership	25.63
Corr. Secretary	41.41
Website	109.01
Quilt Show	101.23
Program	297.00
Philanthropy	<u>151.50</u>
Total	\$819.98

Upcoming major expenses:

- Quilt show
- Speakers
- Summer rent

Newsletter (Nancy Lacey):

Possible advertisers for the newsletter are still being explored. Contact Regina Apuzzo with any businesses you think might be interested. Advertising is scheduled to start January 2012.

Philanthropy (Linda Martin Mills): The Philanthropy theme for this month is Brew and Chew. The next meeting will be on May 26 in the evening.

2011 Block of the Month (Betsy Smyth and Rosemary Dwyer):

The winner of the BOM blocks was Barbara Wyatt. The winner of the prize for the philanthropy blocks was Isabel Best. See the guild website for information concerning the block for next month.

Quilts for Kids (Nancy Lacey):

Nancy displayed several challenge quilts that were made with the same fabric. Contact her if you would like to participate.

Camp Erin (Danna Laing)

The blankets for this year's camp were delivered last Friday. They transformed the drab cabins into colorful warm places. The kids loved them. Thanks to all who donated quilts.

Miscellaneous Business:

none

Show & Tell:

Nancy Lacey, Marsha Watro, Cindi Rosenberger, Kristen Chiccarine, Lorie Leonardi, Cathy Stevens, Betty Miller, Kathy McEacern, Denise Rouse, Betty Hancock, Ellen Conoscenti, Ellen Conoscenti, Carol McGowan, Barb Gonze, Betsy Smyth, Deb Weckenman

Respectfully submitted by Lorie Leonardi on May 18, 2011

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 phones during presentations.**

MEMBERS CORNER

CAMP ERIN

We delivered 105 quilts to Camp Erin on May 13. Linda Smith and I, along with several other volunteers and Janet Geissler, the Philadelphia chapter coordinator for Project Linus to make the beds with our quilts and terrific teddy bears dressed in Camp Erin sweatshirts.

The bears and the quilts looked fantastic on the beds there. The quilts really transform the clean plain cabins into cozy rooms that look welcoming and child-friendly. For more information on Camp Erin, please see their website:

<http://www.moyerfoundation.org/programs/camperin.aspx>

The staff and the director were thrilled. We received these notes of parent feedback through the director of Camp Erin Philadelphia, Elise Gaul.

My three children Bobby, Heather and Jordan attended camp last weekend. I am still stunned days later after picking the kids up how amazing their experiences were. They shared that they felt instantly connected to the children at Camp Erin and created instant friendships.

The care the counselors gave and all the volunteers was just amazing to watch from the moment we arrived until the moment we left I am really moved and just so thankful. It is hard for me to even put into words how moved my children were by other stories that were shared with them. One thing is for sure, if they did not realize it before, they realize now they are not ALONE in their grief. My daughter has been resisting grieving her mother and I truly think being at Camp Erin may have encouraged her to open up a bit more with her counselor.

I could go on and on but I wanted to make sure I let you know how thankful my family is for allowing our children such an opportunity and to be able to do it together as brothers and sisters.

Teddy Bears are on their beds, comforters at home have been replaced with their beautiful handmade quilts and their T-shirts were worn to school on Monday. Thank you and to everyone who gave my children such a special and compassionate weekend that they will never forget in their lifetime. We obviously will be sending a donation in as a small token of our appreciation.

Words cannot express how healing the camp was for both Daniel and Joycelin ... Daniel actually said to me, "it helped my heart to heal." We are very grateful ... it sounds like it was an amazing journey, and we so appreciate all the hard work it took behind-the-scenes to make it come together. In my former life, I used to plan large-scale camp retreats for hundreds of national service volunteers, so I can deeply appreciate the amount of effort that it takes to create such magic. I left so inspired to see how many kids got an opportunity to face their losses in a safe space ... it literally brought tears to my eyes.

And yes, our kids are amazing ... we are so blessed. And Daniel shared the whole story with us about reciting his poem to the camp ... I don't think he will ever forget that standing ovation. :-)

I want to thank all the guild members who helped make this possible. Many quilts are made by several different people-- someone sews the top, someone else quilts it, and a third person binds the quilt. You know who you are. You all have helped to make the world a warmer place for grieving children-- one stitch at a time.

At the May guild meeting, we received two quilts for Camp Erin 2012. Your ongoing support for these kids really touches my heart. Many thanks and bright blessings!

~Donna Laing

BUTTON JAR submitted by Jackie Kaizar

Do you remember playing in a button jar in your childhood? I used to spend rainy days sorting through the buttons and arranging them by color or size. I loved to find 'fancy' buttons that had anchors, eagles, or another theme. The diamond encrusted beauties were a favorite. Kiddy buttons were fun and reminded me of my own clothes with their rows of ducks or cats. And there were hundreds of shirt buttons that looked exactly the same but were a slightly different color from its look-alike neighbor. Sometimes other notions got mixed in and I'd find old belt buckles or coverall clips. During the long winter I would glue the buttons onto a board and create a mosaic. Now sadly, in this age of the social network and toys that blink and talk incessantly at you, I doubt very much that many children have the opportunity to play in the household button jar. I'll bet that most households don't save buttons or have a needle and thread with which to attach the buttons, but we sewers and quilters have drawers of notions. Our grandchildren are lucky enough to be able to have some good old fashioned fun playing with these simple disks (and I don't mean a computer disk!). My three year old grandson Nathan came to visit recently and he followed me into my sewing room and quickly spied my colorful

button jar. I wondered how he would play with it until I saw him bring in his big, green John Deere loader. He dumped out the buttons onto the floor and spent his time scooping them up and dumping the buttons into a big pile to be scooped up again. This was as much fun as playing in the sand box or the dirt pile and kept him busy and happy while I got a little sewing work done for myself. So next time your favorite kids come to visit, get out your button jar and watch what this new generation can do with the lowly button.

IN PRINT

If you get Quilter's World magazine, did you read the Letters to the Editor? If so you would have seen the letter Betty Miller wrote about the quilt she made for her cousin's 25th wedding anniversary. Along with the letter, there was a photo of Betty and her cousin with the quilt. Way to go Betty!

DIRECTIONS TO ADDISVILLE REFORMED CHURCH:

Second Street Pike, Richboro, PA 18954

- Take Rt. 332 West out of Newtown - past Newtown Junior School.
- You will stay on this road for about 3.5 miles into Richboro, passing lights at Rock Way and Holland Road
- Turn LEFT at traffic light at TOWNSHIP ROAD (shopping center on your right)
- Follow Township Road past the District Justice to the back entrance of Addisville Reformed Church
- If you happen to miss Township Road, turn left on Second Street Pike and the church is on your left about 1/2 mile across from McDonalds.

If you are approaching Richboro from the West:

- Turn right at the intersection of Rt. 232 and Rt. 332 (the center of Richboro) and follow the "Second Street" directions from above.

Reminders for this month's meeting:

- **Wear your nametag.**
- **Block of the Month Blocks.**