



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I hope everyone enjoyed Cathy Miller as much as I did.

At the next Guild meeting on May 18th at 7:15PM, Eleanor Levie will present "Quilting Outside the Box." It may be hip to be square but come listen and watch as Eleanor gives a hip-hip-hooray for quilts in odd sizes and shapes... with a trunk show featuring wall quilts and mini's made by Eleanor and other talented quilters which go beyond standard four, true 90 degree corners. There will also be a demo with a mini-workshop on stretching and skewing classic blocks to create your own original designs. After this presentation and hands on activity you'll be stretching your imagination and "Quilting Outside the Box".

Happy Mothers Day's...
Jane Hamel

BOARD MEETING:

The next board meeting will be held before the Guild meeting on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

GUILD MEETING:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 18 at 7:15 at The Lutheran Church of God's Love. Eleanor Levie will present "Quilting Outside the Box."

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:

- May 15, 2010: Pennington Day Quilt Show, Toll Gate Grammar School, 10 am – 4 pm
- June 5-6, 2010: Colonial Quilters of Bethlehem quilt show, Easton, PA.
- October 2, 2010: Newtown Market Day

MYSTERY WORKSHOP:

Diana Leslie's Mystery Workshop will be Tuesday, July 20 at Addisville Church, Richboro from 9:30 AM to 3 PM. Cost of the class will be \$20 (includes lunch). Sign up for this workshop will start at the May Guild meeting.

PHILANTHROPY:

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month (May 4) 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 - Happy Mother's Day!
Please let me know if there is someone who needs a word of encouragement, a get well wish, or congratulations.
Regards, Regina Apuzzo

HOSPITALITY:

The following members are responsible for snacks for the May meeting: **Donna Laing, Fredda Lake, Caroline Lee, Lori Leonardi, Diana Leslie, Eleanor Levie, Helen Losada, Nancy MacManus, Ellen Manson, Donna Martinez.**
Thank you, Leanne Gillen

2009 STASH BUSTERS BLOCK OF THE MONTH:

The block for May is [Squares & Stars](#). Use any 2 Small Flower Prints with a white-on-white background. The resulting quilt will look like a beautiful flower garden!
Please note: There is an mistake in one of the drawings on Quilterscache.com for this block. If you just lay the pieces out first you will see the correct combination. The drawing for step 7 (shown as blue and white quarter square triangles in the sample) shows the colors in the wrong configuration. They should be sewn in the same layout as the step 6 drawing (the pink and white pieces).

Thanks,
Maggie Robinson

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*

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:

- **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.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle by Jackie Kaizar

Have you noticed that it is very 'in vogue' to be green these days? Everyone is trying to save the earth by throwing away less trash, using less plastic, using less fossil fuels, growing vegetables, using less water, harnessing the sun and wind, turning off lights, hanging laundry, driving green cars and repurposing what we already have. Heck, quilters have been doing that since

Day 1! This is nothing new to the quilting community. We've been green way before it was in style. We've been green way before the only one being green was Kermit the Frog! Recycling has always been part of the quilting experience. Our foremothers and fathers cut up their precious textiles to reuse them to make clothing for their children and babies and then when that wore out, cut it up again to make quilts for their beds. This was serious stuff when you consider that the houses were little more than cold, drafty boxes. A hope chest full of warm quilts was indeed a valuable dowry and could ultimately save the lives of a family on those bitter nights before central heating was invented. Even today, in modern day 2010, quilters are still reusing fabric that had been stored for many years in grandmom's attic to create beautiful and utilitarian bed coverings. Quilters are cleaning out their stashes to finally put to good use their saved materials. Worn, faded denim jeans are cut up into squares to make durable quilts for college bound children, and old ties are turned into beautiful Dresden Plate quilts to be used as wedding presents. Even today, family and friends are honored to receive a hand-made and lovingly-made quilt even in this day of central heating and electric blankets. Quilts not only keep you warm, but warm your spirit. To a quilter, every day is Earth Day!

Minutes: Guild Meeting - April 20, 2010

President (Jane Hamel): After April's meeting, future name tag drawings have been eliminated. Sign-ups will be held at May's meeting for the July 20 mystery workshop presented by Diana Leslie. There is a \$20 fee, which includes lunch.

Tonight's program "The Singing Quilter," was presented by Canadian quilter and folk singers Cathy Miller and John Bunge, which was a humorous medley of songs and stories which were related to quilting. The May meeting will highlight "Quilting Outside the Box" featuring Eleanor Levie. It will be held on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:15 at the Church of Gods' Love. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge.

Membership (Dawn Berger, Marlene Beeco): 72 members and 3 guests attended April's meeting. Membership cards are still available.

Sunshine (Regina Apuzzo):

- Get well card sent: Caroline Lee, Carol Molengraff, Ellen Conoscenti
- Sympathy card sent: Susan Schmalzried, Joan Marturana
- Thank you cards sent: Susan Giancio (March's speaker)
- Thinking of You cards sent: Betty Hancock, Pam Sugrue
- Additional Sunshine business: Fabric from the late Lynn Frick will be available to the guild. All monetary donations made will be sent to the Goodwill (ovarian cancer). The Guild will also donate all money made at its annual flea market in

Lynn's name. A sympathy card for Lynn's family was available for members' signatures.

2010 Quilt Challenge (Marsha Watro): Marsha challenged members to stretch their imagination and create a border for any sized quilt. All challenge quilts are due by the October meeting.

2010 Raffle Quilt (Donna Laing): This year's raffle quilt was inspired by Cathy Steven's mother's quilt, except that it will be in blue. All blocks are due by May's meeting.

Hospitality (Denise Somers and Leanne Gillen): There was a sign-up sheet for the June strawberry shortcake party. Call for details.

Treasurer (Kim Moll): Balance is \$9,675.10. The 2010 budget, which was approved by the board and accepted by the membership, is \$5,820. In an effort to cut costs, it was announced that flowers will only be sent in case of a member's death, there will be no door prizes or name tag prizes in the future and programs will feature local and/or guild talent.

Newsletter (Nancy Lacey): Colonial Quilters of Bethlehem will hold their show on June 5 and 6 in Easton, PA. More info on website.

Philanthropy (Caroline Lee): Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Church of God's Love. The next meeting will be on May 4. Bring a sewing machine, sewing supplies, bag lunch and drink. All are welcome. Caroline was selling raffle tickets for a quilt made by the membership for the Church of God's Love.

2010 Block of the Month (Maggie Robinson, Leslie Bell, Dolores Ingram): Winner of the 14 blocks was Lorie Leonardi. See the guild website for information about May's block.

Camp Erin (Donna Laing): As of April's meeting, Donna has collected 86 quilts and was certain of meeting her quota of 94 quilts. Donna thanked the many people involved.

Miscellaneous Business:

- May 15, 2010 - Hopewell Quilters of Pennington, NJ quilt show.
- Joan Carpenter of Doylestown was donating fabric to the guild and needed a member to pick it up.
- Name Tag Winner: Peg Baumann

Show & Tell: Nancy Lacey, Susan Schmalzried, Andrea Csogi, Lorie Leonardi, Sue Smith, Leanne Gillen, Marsha Watro, Mary Mild, Carolyn Wood, Eileen Kelty, Jane Schmidt, Donna Laing, Carol Molengraft, Laura-Jean Prestage, Patricia Clayton, Fredda Lake, Jackie Kaizar

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Kaizar on April 22, 2010