

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Spring is finally here! All of the beautiful colors are an inspiration to gardeners and quilters alike.

Speaking of inspiration for those of you who missed last month's meeting with Cheryl Lynch – it was full of information about using Windows Word on the computer to make great designs. I really learned a lot of new simple techniques (since I am not particularly computer savvy it was great for me). This month's program with Linda Hahn looks like it will be equally eye opening.

Just to keep everyone up to date, we also introduced some new areas in the newsletter - we will be starting a classified section and like last months' newsletter, an interactive section that will allow you to give quilt tips and information to your fellow guild members. We also have an idea for next years' Guild challenge and a Guild member to coordinate it - more to come during the May meeting.

We are counting down to this year's quilt show - only five months to go so keep working on your entries and don't forget about the mini quilts for the auction. My tip for the month is don't forget how long it takes to bind those quilts for the show.

The June meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month and the program is our annual Strawberry Shortcake Social and Garage Sale so remember to sign up for refreshments and start collecting those items you want to sell.

Have a Happy Mother's Day! *Donna Martinez*

Board Meeting: No meeting this month

Guild Meeting: Tuesday, May 17 at 7:15 pm - **Our presenter for May is Linda Hahn.**

Linda's classes are fun and empowering! Linda has a way of taking a project that looks complex and breaking it down in such a way that it's easy to understand. Linda adds her own sense of style while at the same time making it fun! Her infectious passion for quilting shines through in her classes.

Linda received her National Quilting Association Teacher Certification in 1999 and was named NQA Certified Teacher of the Year in 2009. Linda was on the faculty for the 2010 AQS Show in Lancaster, PA, the 2010 NQA Annual Show in Columbus, OH, and the 2010 Mid Appalachian Quilters Conference, as well as the 2009

Quilters Heritage Celebration, Lancaster, PA and the 2009 Machine Quilters Exposition, Manchester, NH. She was on the faculty for the 2008 NQA Show in Columbus, Ohio. In August 2007, she taped a quilting segment for EBRUTV, Somerset, New Jersey.

Linda, along with Merry May, operates Double Trouble Studios. Their new book entitled "Insider's Guide to Quilting Careers" is now available. Linda's pattern line can be found at www.froghollowdesigns.com.

Linda's new book "New York Beauty Simplified" has just been published by the American Quilter's Society in Spring 2011. The presentation she will do for us is based on her New York Beauty Simplified process.

MEMBERSHIP:

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

Dawn Berger

PHILANTHROPY:

We will be hosting a "brew and chew" workshop at the trailer on Saturday, May 14 from 9:30 am -1:00 pm. We will serve coffee and breakfast goodies. We ask you to bring any coffee, tea, cafe prints or neutral scraps for a fun-filled morning. Give as much or as little of your time. We will have kits from last month to finish if you have time to donate.

Linda Martin-Mills

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:

Hi Everyone! Happy Mother's Day! 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 members selected to provide refreshments for the May 2011 meeting are: Regina Apuzzo, Jane Boyer, Rosanne Friehs, Nancy Lacey, Judy McTaggart, Laura-Jean Prestage, Jane Schmidt, Carolyn Spadacino, Nancy Stevens and Sheila Wright.

Thanks to all who brought food.

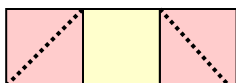
Mark Baldwin and Eileen Kelty

Make 4 different spools out of thirties fabric. For each spool you will need:

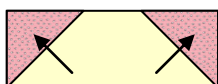
- (4) 2" x 2" squares of thirties fabric
- (1) 2" x 5" rectangle of thirties fabric
- (2) 2" x 5" rectangles of unbleached muslin (background)

Piecing the block:

Draw a diagonal line on each of the four 2" x 2" squares. Place one square on each end of the muslin rectangle (wrong sides together) and sew on the lines as shown in the diagram below:

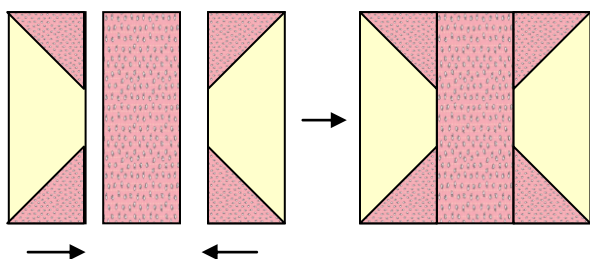


Press in the directions of the arrows shown in the diagram below. Trim off excess triangles ... save and bring in with your block.



Repeat for other side of the spool.

Sew these two "background" units onto a 2" x 5" rectangle (thirties print).



Make 3 more spools (all different thirties fabrics) and assemble as shown below:



Sign and date your block with a pigma pen.

Philanthropy for May -

Bring a 2 1/2" strip (at least 18" wide) of a thirties fabric.

Any questions call Betsy Smyth or Rosemary Dwyer.
Thanks for participating!

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.
- **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. Wash quilt before donating). Contact Lorie Leonardi or Linda Martin Mills.
- **Project Linus:** Contact Donna Laing for more information.

NEWSLETTER:

Articles for the May edition are due by May 22. You can either e-mail them (nqgltr@yahoo.com) or give them to me at the meeting. *Nancy Lacey*

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

As I mentioned at our April meeting, the Board discussed the idea of having paid advertising in our newsletter. We think this is an idea worth pursuing. I have volunteered to prepare and send letters to prospective advertisers. I could use your help. Please share with me the name(s) of businesses that I might contact. I do have a few in mind, but I know that there is a wealth of shopping information in our guild. In addition to providing revenue to support the maintenance of our website, advertising can be another resource for our readers, especially new quilters. I appreciate your help and look forward to hearing from you.

Regards, Regina Apuzzo

Sunshine and Shadows (Regina Apuzzo)

- Thank You: Jane Hamel, Betsy Smyth, Marsha Watro, Nancy Lacey, Carol McGowan, Linda Martin Mills, Christa Froelich
- Thinking of You: Barbara McClintock
- Sympathy: Denise Somers (loss of mother); Carol Molengraft (loss of mother)
- Get Well: Sue Bowles

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

- **Bras for a Cause:** Linda will chair this committee. The embellished bras will be treated as an art exhibit and will be part of the quilt show. The guild decided to allow both members and non-members to enter their bras. Linda is looking for other venues to display the bras. They will be auctioned off at some date after the quilt show. (See next page for a photo of Helen with Linda's bra.)
- **Café:** a third co-chair is needed for this committee.
- **Vendors:** Let Jane Hamel know the name of anyone or business that might be interested in vending at the show.
- **Registration:** pre-registration of the quilts will be in June and July.
- **Mini Quilts and Baskets:** Turn them in whenever they are ready.

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

Minutes of the Newtown Quilters' Guild Meeting on April 19, 2011

President (Donna Martinez):

Tonight's program, presented by fiber artist Cheryl Lynch, was "Using Your Computer as a Design Tool." She also brought some of her quilts to inspire us. The next meeting, presented by Linda Hahn, will be "New York Beauty State of Mind" on Tuesday, May 17 at 7:15pm at Gods' Love Church. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge.

President's Remarks

Budget: The budget for 2011 was approved unanimously. See page 4.

As a new administration, we will be making some changes. If you have any comments or problems, please let us know. We are open to your opinions.

Membership (Dawn Berger, Marlene Beeco): 66 members and 4 guests in attendance. The nametag winner was Elaine LaPrete.

Treasurer (Kim Moll)

The beginning balance is \$ 8,100.92.

April's expenses:

- Membership \$ 25.63
 - Corresponding \$41.41
 - Internet \$109.01
 - March set up \$ 20.00
- Total expenses \$196.05

Ending Balance \$ 7,904.87

Upcoming major expenses:

- Quilt show
- Speakers
- Summer rent

2011 Raffle Quilt (Linda Smith):

- Thank you to all who made blocks for the quilt. If you have not returned your blocks, mail them to Linda Smith or turn them in at the May guild meeting.
- Members who have not picked up their raffle tickets can do so at the next guild meeting.
- The guild is looking for different venues to display the raffle quilt and sell tickets. Please contact Linda Smith if you know of such an opportunity.

Newsletter (Nancy Lacey):

Advertisements: We will start encouraging advertisements in the newsletter. There will be two categories: personal and classified. Regina Apuzzo is working on this. Contact her if you know of any business that might want to advertise. Since we have a close personal relationship with our long-arm members, their ads will be free.

Philanthropy (Linda Martin Mills):

Linda showed some quilts that were made at the recent Philanthropy workshop.

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

Winner of the BOM blocks was Jane Boyer. Winner of the prize for the 21 Semper Fi philanthropy blocks was also Jane Boyer. See the guild website for information concerning the block for next month, which is an easy spool block in 30s fabrics. The Philanthropy donation will be 2½-inch strips (by width of fabric) in 30s prints.

Show & Tell: Elaine LaPrete, Linda Miller, Nancy Lacey, Carol McGowan, Evelyn Moosher, Angela Topley, Sue Bowles, Diana Leslie, Sue Smith, Rosemary Dwyer

Respectfully submitted by Lorie Leonardi on April 25, 2011

NGQ 2011 Budget (approved)

Est. Budget Income:

Membership	\$2500.00
Raffle Quilt	2500.00
Workshops	1000.00
Guest Fees	100.00
Book Sale	400.00
Quilt Camp	4000.00
Quilt Show	5000.00

Total	\$15,500.00

Est. Budget Expense:

Program (V. Pres.)	\$2500.00
Recording Secretary	50.00
Corresponding Secretary	200.00
Treasurer	0.00
Hospitality	75.00
Historian	50.00
BOM	50.00
Philanthropy	200.00
Newsletter/Web Site	130.00
Library	50.00
Insurance	400.00
Magnet Membership	15.00
Site Rentals/Public Storage	1850.00
Quilt Camp	4000.00
Raffle Quilt and License	500.00
Quilt Show	5000.00
Misc. Expense	430.00

Total	15,500.00

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

NEED A VACATION?

- Ocean City, NJ second floor, two bedroom, small family apartment for rent.
- 1 block from beach (no smoking and no pets)
- **10% donation to NQG.**

For more information please call:
Pat Clayton 215-704-1057 or
Janet Swayne 267-481-1622

Red and White Quilt Exhibit

Betsy Smyth, Peg Bauman, Betty Hancock, and myself, Paula Patti, hopped on the chartered passenger van on Tuesday, March 29 to see the Red and White Quilt exhibit at the Park Avenue Armory in New York City. We shared the van with 9 members of the Variable Star Quilters. On the way there we all got to know each other. The fun was just beginning.

The show was presented by the American Folk Art Museum. The quilts hung in midair like playing cards in large circles. More quilts were in showcases and there was a long row in the back of the exhibit. There was plenty of room for quilt lovers from all over to enjoy the show and take photographs. Even better, we bumped into Cathy Stevens from the Guild amongst the crowd.

The red and white quilt has been a classic quilt color scheme. The popularity of this color combination can be traced back to the colorfastness of Turkey red dye. Red dye came to Europe in the 1750's, but the dyed fabrics were costly. A synthetic version of the dye became available in 1868, thus enabling inexpensive production by American mills. As a result, there was an explosion of quilt patterns using the colorfast fabric. We all have several copies of the brochure from the show, and they contain more details for those who are interested.

I took 78 photographs of the quilt show, which you can see on this web page:
<http://www.glassblower.info/american-folk-art-museum-quilt-show.html>

There was also an opportunity for a number of us to see a second exhibit at the American Folk Art Museum at 45 West 53rd Street. We spent an hour there looking at more quilts on two different floors of the museum. I remember seeing a crazy quilt, a log cabin quilt, a Paula Nadelstern quilt and an old family quilt under glass.

Bras for a Cause – Helen is shown “modeling” Linda’s bra. We hope you are all thinking about what you can make for this worthwhile project.



Reminders for this month’s meeting:

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