

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

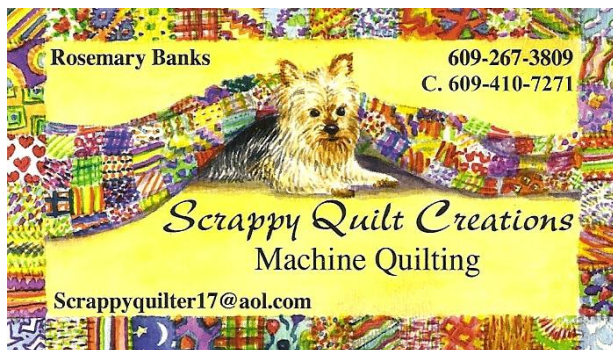
Happy Spring to All! I looked out over the membership last Tuesday and saw a mixture of folks laughing and getting to know each other a little bit differently. In my family, we have family game night and the Martins are a bunch of competitors. It is usually a death match, to the mat we pin each other. We often need to remind ourselves that this is a GAME, something that should be FUN!!! The Mills family has the perfect blend of competitive behaviors tempered with kind hearts. At our meeting, with a very few exceptions, I heard camaraderie and kindness, sharing strips and forgiveness over someone cutting a short strip. Please give the board feedback if you enjoyed the evening. There are other games out there that might be fun to try.

I also would like to invite feedback about planning the next travel trip for the guild. We have 32 going to Paducah and it is going to be a blast. If you are going, get ready to have fun. Please remember that everyone is responsible for themselves and their own good time and that Boscov's is organizing this trip for us. If you are not making this trip, please give us feedback as to where you would like to go, what time of year, dates to avoid, costs, etc., so that we can pick a trip opportunity to satisfy the majority of the members. Also let us know if we need to wait awhile to set up the next trip. We cannot make decisions in a vacuum and need your guidance. Thanks in advance.

This week is the MaQnet meeting where we get to meet with other guilds and exchange ideas. Stay tuned for new things coming your way. We hope that you are enjoying everything that we are planning. I think that Betsy has done (and is doing) a fabulous job with our speakers and workshops. I don't remember a time when we have been more active! There is definitely something for everyone. Even a 30's and 40's hater like me can be convinced! Valerie Egar turned me to the dark side and while I am in Paducah I am shopping 30's and 40's for a pattern I fell in love with! Another convert!!!

Looking forward to seeing you all in April! Enjoy the longer days and the better temps!

Linda Martin-Mills



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Guild Meeting - Tuesday, April 15, 2014 @ 7:15pm, Lutheran Church of God's Love, Newtown

Barbara Pershing, quilt designer, long-arm quilter, teacher and author will present her program. "Listen to Your Quilt" which is also the title of her recent book. Come for an inspiring and informative presentation about how to chose what to quilt on your quilt.

What's Coming Up:

Saturday, April 12, 2014: Gretchen Gibbons workshop from 10 am - 3 pm.

Gretchen will teach us her beautiful wool appliqué techniques while we make a small wall hanging or pincushion. The cost is \$35 and includes the kit and lunch.

Space is limited to 20. To sign up, call or email Betsy Smyth.

Saturday, May 17, 2014 – Mondo Bag Workshop with Karen Thompson, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Learn how to make this awesome oversized carryall using a collection of 2 1/2" squares and a kit provided by Karen. \$25 includes price of the kit. Bring a bag lunch. This workshop will be held at the Headley Townhouse Clubhouse which is located next to Church of God's Love. Class is limited to 15 and everyone needs to register and prepay by March 30. Call or email Betsy Smyth to sign up.

May 20, 2014 - Guild Meeting: Joyce Hughes, award winning quilter who specializes in thread painting, will present "My Journey into Quilting".

June 17, 2014 – Guild Meeting: Birthday Celebration

July 15, 2014 – Mystery Quilt Workshop by Diana Leslie from 10:00 a.m. to 4: 00 p.m. This all day, always fun workshop will be held at Addisville Reformed Church in Richboro. The cost is \$25 (\$35 for non members) and includes lunch. Sign ups have begun and space is limited so call or email Betsy if you want to sign up.

July 15, 2014 – Guild Meeting (yet to be determined)

August 19, 2014 – Guild Meeting: Nancy Bills, quilter, designer and teacher will present a trunk show featuring quilts made using her technique called "Perfect Strips."

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 – Pineapple workshop with Nancy Bills. Check out her website: <http://nancybills.com>.

September 16, 2014 – Guild Meeting: Victoria Findlay Wolfe of Bumble Beans, Inc. and author of several books, including "15 Minutes of Play," will present a trunk show. Visit her website www.bumblebeansinc.com.

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 – Workshop with Victoria. Workshop details are under construction.

To sign up for workshops, more information about upcoming events or suggestions for future programs or workshops please contact Betsy Smyth at betsyasmyth@gmail.com or call 215-321-0906

HOSPITALITY:

The following members are responsible for bringing treats for the April 2014 meeting. The members of the sewing groups Group Therapy and Sew n Sews; Rosemary Dwyer, Anne Guinn, Betty Hancock, Donna Laing, Caroline Lee, Diana Leslie, Linda Martin Mills, Betsy Smyth, May Kay Stoloski, Barbara Wyatt.

Thank you, Kelly Cantwell

MEMBERSHIP:

You should have received an updated copy of the 2014 membership list by e-mail. Please let me know there are any changes to your information. Thank you, *Dawn E Berger*

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:

A thank you note was sent to Valerie Egar for her presentation last month on Quilts of the 1930's and 40's, "She Did Her Best".

If anyone knows of someone who needs words of comfort or condolences, get-well wishes, or a congratulatory note please call or email me. *Doreen Aiello*

NEWSLETTER:

Articles are due by March 22, 2014. You can either e-mail them (nqgltr@yahoo.com) or give them to me at the meeting. *Nancy Lacey*

PHILANTHROPY

The first Philanthropy meeting chaired by Sallie Lloyd and Elaine LaPrete was held on Wednesday, March 26. Thank you to the following attendees: Carol Molengraft, Lorie Leonardi, Peg, Bauman, Eileen Kelty and Pam Sugrue. It was a very productive day. We completed several quilt tops, and the quilting of several quilts! Everyone here had some clever ideas to contribute, both about fast and easy patterns to make, and about how to do the quilting on a home sewing machine using stencils, with WOW results!

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 30 at the home of Sallie Lloyd. We hope you can join us for another fun, productive day. *Sallie Lloyd and Elaine LaPrete*



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Minutes of the Newtown Quilters' Guild Meeting on March 18 2014

Tonight's program was the "Quilters Strip Poker" party. Each participant came with 15 strips of fabric. We played a card game, using the strips as poker chips. The grand prizewinner was Kim Moll.

The next meeting will be a talk about her journey with long arm quilting presented by noted long-armer Barbara Pershing. It will be held on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:15pm at Gods' Love Church. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge.

President (Linda Martin Mills):

We signed an agreement with The Birches for holding our meetings there, starting in June. The meetings will start at 7:30, because we cannot enter the place before 7:00.

Linda talked with a representative of God's Love Church. They were thrilled with the raffle quilt we gave them. We will have an opportunity to buy tickets for it. Linda gave suggestions about how they could fix up the meeting room to make it more attractive to rentals.

We need volunteers for a nominating committee for officers for next year's election.

Vice President (Betsy Smyth)

April 12 – Gretchen Gibbons will be returning. She will do a workshop with woolens. The cost is \$35 and that includes the kit and lunch. It will be held in the modular classroom behind God's Love Church from 10 to 3.

May – Our speaker will be Joyce Hughes. She is known for her Thread Painting techniques.

May 17th – Karen Thompson will be conducting a "Mondo Bag" class from 9:00 to 3:00 at the clubhouse at the Headley. Nancy Steigerwalt lives in the community and is getting the clubhouse.

June – This will be the first meeting at our new location. It is our birthday month.

July – Diana Leslie will do her "Mystery" workshop at the Addisville church.

August – Nancy Bills will do a presentation on piecing and machine applique. Nancy displays her work at Hershey. She will do a Pineapple Workshop at Addisville on August 20th. She uses simple rulers, which can be purchased at Joann's.

September – Victoria Finley Wolf will be doing a presentation using modern quilting techniques. She has authored a book, Fifteen Minutes of Play, and the book will be required for the workshop. There is a 20 person limit. Victoria was recently featured on The Quilt Show.

Membership (Dawn Berger, Marlene Beeco): 59 members and 9 guests in attendance.

2014 Raffle Quilt: (Betty Miller)

All the blocks except four have been returned, so they will start piecing the quilt together.

Corresponding Secretary (Doreen Aiello)

A thank you note was sent to Valerie Egar for her presentation on quilts from the 1930s and 1940s, "She did the best she could."

Treasurer (Pam Sugrue):

Treasurer's Report for March 2014 Meeting

Income/Expense by Category - February 2014
2/1/2014 through 2/28/2014

Beginning Balance as of February 1, 2014 = 16,052.60

TOTAL INCOME	4,180.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	971.99
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Ending Balance as of February 28, 2014 = 19,260.61

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February 2014 Income/Expense by Category
2/1/2014 through 2/28/2014

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INCOME	
Advertiser	125.00
Membership	
Dues	3,285.00
Guest Fees	40.00
Total Membership	3,325.00
Quilt Camp	140.00
Quilty Prize	100.00
Workshops	490.00
TOTAL INCOME	4,180.00

EXPENSES	
Library	25.55
Licenses Magnet	25.00
Membership Name Tag Prize	71.03
Philanthropy	238.50
Quilt Show Expenses	145.94
Quilty Prize Supplies	24.99
Raffle Quilt	35.80
Public Storage	96.46
Vice President (Speaker)	295.77
Web Site Domain Subscrip	12.95

TOTAL EXPENSES	971.99
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Philanthropy (Sallie Lloyd and Elaine LaPrete):

The next workshop will be Wednesday, March 26, at Sallie's house, from 10 to 2. She has a longarm machine that people are welcome to use to quilt philanthropy quilts, or people can sew kits.

2014 Block of the Month (Christa Froelich)

The winner of the BOM blocks was Elaine LaPrete. See the guild website for information concerning the block for next month.

2015 Quilt Show (Sallie Lloyd)

Think about what you would like to do for next year's quilt show. Tell Sallie if you want to be a committee chair.

Name Tag Winner: Carol McGowan

Quilty Prize Winner: Lorie Leonardi

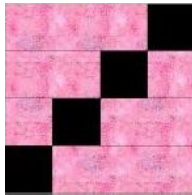
Show & Tell:

Sue Smith, Beverly Sce, Carol McGowan, Barbara Harkness, Betty Miller, Doreen Aiello, Ingrid Morkeviciene

Respectfully submitted by Lorie Leonardi on March 22, 2014

2013 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Directions for the Block of the Month are on our website: <http://newtownquiltersguild.org/bom.shtml>



April – Corner to Corner



May - Celebration

2014 Quilt Challenge – 4 Seasons

1. Make a wallhanging that represents 1, 2, 3 or all 4 seasons
2. Do not use holidays as your theme.
3. You may use any quilting style. Example: Traditional, Reproduction, Modern, Art, etc.
4. Any technique is acceptable. Example: Applique, paper-piecing, patchwork, embroidery, etc.
5. Design does not have to be original BUT, please give credit where credit is due. This may be done on the entry form provided.
6. Size may be no larger than 48" x 48". Example: 48" x 48", 36" x 48", 24" x 36", 12" x 36", 9" x 12", etc.



Thank you to all members who have pieced, quilted, and/or bound all the beautiful quilts for Camp Erin. If you are currently working on a quilt, Donna Laing needs them by May 1. If you have HBO, make sure you check out the documentary on Camp Erin that will be airing on April 14.

“A Garden of Quilts”

Last year I offered a pictorial website from the AQS Paducah Quilt Show. By now many of the guild members have taken a look. I hope it was a good advertisement for the upcoming trip. I had a great time, and you may come close. This year I am featuring a different quilt show website.

“A Garden of Quilts” quilt Show was recently featured at WheatonArts (formerly known as Wheaton Village) in Millville, New Jersey. It is a biennial show presented by the Garden Patch Quilters (NQA Chapter 541). Wheaton Village is where my husband first tried his hand at glassblowing. He has been at Bucks County Community College ever since perfecting his glass art skills. It was a chance for both of us to enjoy our artistic endeavors. This year I put one of my quilts in the show. I was happy with my quilt, but I was pleased with the competition. One of the quilts featured 11 panels of the Ocean City Boardwalk, and it is truly memorable. There was an entire section devoted to South Jersey Crazy quilting. This type of quilting features hand embroidery stitches, and that is what I did for fun as a kid. There were a variety of quilts to admire. There were several devoted to the Boy Scouts. Several were hand appliqued, and a few were paper pieced. There was one large quilt composed of many blocks that reminded me of the Civil War.

Vendors surrounded the show. A folded star hot pad template could be used over and over again. I also added to my extensive quilt book collection. As a courtesy, I have pictures of the vendor aisles, but did not get any closer. When I took pictures this time, I photographed the quilter's name first. Then I took a shot of the entire quilt, followed by quilt details. That way you know who made the quilt. You can find the quilt photos on this web page:

<http://www.glassblower.info/Wheaton-Arts-Quilt-Show-2014/>

You can get a good look at what was at the show. But nothing compares to seeing the show in person. And in two years, I just may get to see the show again.

Paula Patti

For Sale: Janome 4120QDC and Janome Universal Sewing Table ... nearly brand new!



I bought my dream machine, a Janome 8900, at the Lancaster show and as part of the package deal I also got a Janome 4120 and a sewing machine table. The salesman convinced me I needed the extra machine and the table, but now that I am home and my head has stopped spinning, I realize I don't. So they are for sale. The 4120 is a new machine for Janome so it is hard to find prices on-line but it seems to list around \$1,000. I would like to sell it for \$600, but that is negotiable. I've seen the table listed for \$600. I am asking \$200.

The 4120 is a computerized machine that comes with a lot of really nice features including 120 built in decorative and utility stitches, needle threader, and automatic thread cutter. It also comes with 8 presser feet, a hard cover and a large extension table. It only weighs 14 lbs and is just the right size to take to quilt camp.

The table has an opening that will accommodate one of the new longer arm machines and it comes with two inserts that will fit various Janome machines. You would have to order a custom insert for any other machine or the 4120. It also has one drawer and a shelf.

Call Christa Froehlich for more information: 215-943-0550 or 215-431-5735

Looking Ahead

Saturday, April 5, 2014 to Sunday, April 13, 2014 - HISTORIC QUILT DISPLAY - Common Threads: Quilting Traditions in Hunterdon County, NJ. Open to the Public. Route 12 County Complex, Building #1, Assembly Space, 314 Route 12, Flemington, NJ - 10am to 4pm. For more information, click here: [Common Threads: Quilting Traditions in Hunterdon County, NJ](http://www.commonthreadsquilting.com/quilting-traditions-in-hunterdon-county-nj).

Saturday, April 5 & Sunday, April 6, 2014 – County Line Quilters Present, “Making Traditions Old and New.” Buckingham Friends School, 5684 York Road, Lahaska, PA 18931. Here is a link to their website for more information: <http://countylinequilters.org/pages/quilt-show>.

Quilt Camp 2014: Wed, April 23 to Sunday April 27 (weekend only is also possible) at Blue Lake, a retreat center owned by Burkholders' Fabrics, Denver, PA; the cost is \$40 per night for participants. The retreat center has a large sewing room, a large dining room with kitchen, and 14 bedrooms (with 23 beds.) 9 bedrooms are on the 2nd floor, 5 bedrooms are on the ground floor (available by steps or by walking outside down a sloped driveway) and one handicapped room is on the main floor. The lower floor also has a game room with 2 large sectional sofas (which could be used for sleeping.) Previous attendees have first choice, there is a sign-up list and I will be starting a waiting list shortly. Payment may be made in January or February (if this is a problem, please contact Peg Bauman at the meetings or email her.



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