



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

I so enjoyed our guild presentation in March by Terry Kramzar. Her adventures in her artist-in-residence programs in the national park system were very inspiring and gave all of us a glimpse into how our quilting arts can impact the larger world of non-quilters and give them a look into what we do. And, I can only imagine the beauty she saw while hiking the Appalachian trail; it was so beautiful to see the wonderful floral quilts that she produced from that experience. Pictures can never replace the beauty that one experiences in person, but her three-dimensional quilts gave us such a unique view of the important features that she saw in the landscapes that she portrayed. Let's hope we can hear from her again in the future!

It's almost the beginning of April, and time to think of Camp Erin campers this year. If you haven't done so yet and if your schedule permits, please join your fellow guild members in supporting Camp Erin by making a quilt to donate. For those who don't know about it, Camp Erin is a local camp experience for bereaved children who have lost a family member. The children receive counseling and are able to experience the fellowship of other campers who are going through similar experiences as theirs, as well as having a camping weekend of fun and activities that "typical" kids get to have. For many years, Newtown Quilters Guild members have gifted quilts for the campers' beds, to brighten their stay and make the weekend a little special. A very big thank you to those of you who have already donated a quilt!

We still need quilts for the camp which is in May, and we are asking for your help ... maybe you can't make one yourself, but you could team up with a friend to provide a quilt. Or maybe you would be willing to bind a quilt that is pieced and quilted already. The campers range from 6 to 18, boys and girls, so of course we can use quilts to fit any kids ... little kids quilts should be approximately 50 x 70, and twin size (70 x 80) for the bigger kids and teenagers. Fabrics do not have to be "kid" fabrics; think of fabrics and color combinations that your kids and grandkids would love to have. We always especially need quilts for the bigger boys too, and unisex quilts are always welcome! You can bring quilts to the April guild meeting or arrange with Sallie Lloyd, our philanthropy chair, to drop them off to her ([sallie.lloyd@gmail.com](mailto:sallie.lloyd@gmail.com)), or to Donna Laing ([LinusDonna@aol.com](mailto:LinusDonna@aol.com)), our Camp Erin contact. If you have any further questions, they can be directed to these two members also.

*Diana Leslie*

## **GUILD MEETING – Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 pm, The Birches, Newtown, PA**

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On May 17, we will have Linda Poole provide a lecture on art quilting and painting on fabric and earlier in the day (from 10:00 – 4:00), we will have a workshop on Paint, Doodle, Stitch! Check out her website for more detail: <http://www.lindampoole.com>. We still have room in her workshop which is \$40 for the day and includes a catered lunch. There is an additional \$35 kit fee. This kit eliminates you having to buy supplies that you may not continue to use but we think you will use them all up again and again. This looks like great fun! You do not need to be a member to participate. Call Linda at 215-750-6786 to sign up.

In June, we will be hosting Pat Sloan, a nationally recognized speaker. She will lecture at our June Meeting which will be held a week early due to scheduling issues at our meeting space. So Tuesday, June 14, meet Pat Sloan. We welcome all visitors for \$5. On Wednesday June 15, we will hold a workshop at Addisville Church in Richboro from 10:00 – 4:00 with Pat on making an interesting background for your applique quilts. Betsy and Linda went to see Pat at Keystone Quilters two years ago and she is such a fun lady. You are sure to learn something new and have a blast doing so! We already have a wait list for her workshop but I am still taking names.

I want to thank all the ladies who participated in the Capital Health Quilt Show - it was a raging success. Each day there are small groups that gather and really immerse themselves in your artistry. It is an eclectic mix of techniques and themes. The show hangs until 3/31. There was a wonderful article in the Trenton Times that made you feel like you were looking at the show when reading it. It is wonderful to have our artistry represented and appreciated by so many. You will never know how many people you inspired to try quilting. If we are invited to show there again, I would encourage every member to hang a small quilt.

**HOSPITALITY:**

The following members are responsible for hospitality at the April meeting: Janet Cohen, Evelyn Moosher, Kelly Cantwell, Andrea Csogi, Sue Demberg, Crys Harm, Terri Jones, Jackie Kaizar, Kim Moll, Bonnie Piestrak

I want to say Thank You to all of you who came to the rescue for March's Hospitality! I heard you did a great job!

*Thank you, Janet Cohen*

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Please let us know of any changes to your information (address, phone number, email).

*Susan Schmalzried and Dale Moelter*

**SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:**

If you know of someone who needs a message of thanks, get-well, condolences or congratulations, please send me an email or give me a call.

*Joan Shipp*

**PHILANTHROPY:**

Elaine and I have been working hard to finish some quilt tops that were donated to philanthropy from various guild members for Camp Erin. Quilts for Camp Erin need to be approximately a twin bed size, or about 60 inches wide by 80 inches long. However, many of the quilt tops that we received were almost but not quite large enough, so our first task was to see if we could enlarge them by adding borders. Fortunately, we have a nice stash of philanthropy fabrics to choose from for this purpose. One very pretty quilt top in soft pinks and sage green, made by Caroline Lee, was 40" x 78", which was long enough but not wide enough, so we added a 10" white-on-white floral piece of fabric to each side of the quilt, then found a pink rosebud fabric that was large enough to use for the backing, and a piece of beautiful mauve fabric to use for the binding on the edges of the quilt. We quilted out the pattern called "Grandma's Roses" on the center part of the quilt, then "Vines and Leaves" on the white side borders. When it was finished, the quilt turned out to be especially lovely, a treasure, and I know it will make some little girl very happy to have it.

Similar additions have been made to almost every quilt top that comes into our hands. We are very grateful for the wonderful stash of fabrics that has been donated to the philanthropy committee. Be assured that we are making good use of it all! Your wonderful donations of fabrics are helping us to finish those quilt tops to an appropriate size, and give them flair!

Today I quilted on the longarm and finished binding a quilt top that Elaine had made from "tumbler" blocks in blue, red, and yellow, measuring 60" x 90", and it will be wonderful for a tall boy at Camp Erin. The backing that was used for this quilt was a donation of 5 yards of navy blue Stonehenge fabric, just the perfect coloring for this boy's quilt -- it gave the quilt the WOW factor! Many thanks to the person who donated that fabric! Please keep those fabric and quilt top donations coming -- they are greatly appreciated, and have helped to make many, many beautiful quilts. Special thanks to all those who have helped in the effort to make quilts for Camp Erin. I am thrilled to say that I now have a pile of 20 quilts ready to turn over to Donna Laing, who is in charge of collecting quilts for Camp Erin. Donna has been going through some knee replacement surgery, and is in the process of recovering, but we hope to see her at the next guild meeting. It will be a delight to show her all that the guild has accomplished in response to her request for quilts for Camp Erin!  
Sallie

**NEWSLETTER:**

Christa Froehlich will be taking as editor of the newsletter beginning next month. Articles for the newsletter are due by April 24, 2016. Please e-mail them to Christa at [ChristaFroehlich.qb@gmail.com](mailto:ChristaFroehlich.qb@gmail.com)

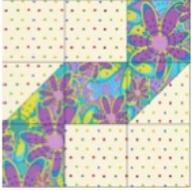
*Nancy Lacey*

**WEBSITE:**

Although I will no longer be editing the newsletter, I will be continuing as webmaster (for now???)

*Nancy Lacey*

## 2016 BLOCK OF THE MONTH



Directions for the block can be found on our website: <http://www.newtownquiltersguild.org/block-of-the-month.html>

## Minutes of the Newtown Quilters' Guild Meeting on February 15, 2016

Our meeting started at 7:38 PM with the announcement from our President, Diana Leslie that the guild purchased a new sound/speaker system, under the recommendation from Karen Lloyd, an expert in the field. She is Sallie Lloyd's daughter. It will be used for the first time at our April quilt meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:30pm at the Birches, at 70 Durham Road, Newtown, PA, 18940. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 fee.

Linda Martin-Mills, our guild Vice President introduced our wonderful speaker for the meeting, Terry Kramzar. She also offered a workshop earlier that day. What a terrific presentation. "Inspired by Adventure". She spoke of her "bucket list" and how her adventure filled life is reflected in her work. She combines two things she loves, hiking and quilting into beautiful, award winning works of art. She shared with use many, many of her quilts. Wow, what a great speaker. (Linda, you picked another great speaker.)

Reminder: June guild meeting will be 1 week early on June 14, 2016 with Pat Sloan. She will give a workshop on Wednesday June 15. The workshop is presently filled but let Linda know if you wish to be added to the wait list.

Membership (Kathy Dettore and Susan Schmalzried):  
49 members and 0 guests in attendance.

The 2016 Raffle Quilt is coming together nicely and they will ask for help as needed.

Hospitality (Janet Cohen):

Janet was unable to be at our March meeting as well as many of the members that were on the list for this month, but as usual, many members stepped up and brought in quite a feast. Thank you to Sue Demberg for covering hospitality this month, great job.

Corresponding Secretary (Joan Shipp):

A thank you card was send to Eve Vallorani for her wonderful presentation at our guild meeting last month.

Treasurer (Pam Sugrue):

Income/Expense by Category –February 2016  
2/1/2016 through 2/29/2016

Beginning Balance as of February1, 2016 = 15,902.91

TOTAL INCOME	1,305.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	780.76
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Ending Balance as of February 29, 2016 = 16,427.15

The full report is available on our website: <http://www.newtownquiltersguild.org/treasurers-reports.html>

Newsletter/Website/Facebook (Nancy Lacey):

Philanthropy (Sallie Lloyd and Elaine LaPrete):

Philanthropy has been very busy making lots of quilts for Camp Erin and Quilts for Kids. Donations of finished quilt tops are greatly appreciated. What a great team.

## 2016 Block of the Month (Claire McConnell):

The winner of the BOM was Elaine LaPrete. See guild website for information concerning the block for next month.  
Library (Christa Froehlich):

We have many great books in our library, please check this out.

### New Business:

- Challenge Quilt is coming up in October, think CIRCLES and please participate. An email was sent out with the details.
- Quilt Camp is full, please turn in your money as soon as possible.
- Things to think about:  
2017 Quilt show vs Quilt Exhibition, what are your thoughts? Should our location change? Where to? "Put on your thinking caps" and share some ideas.

Name Tag Winner: Carol Molengraft

Quilty Prize Winner: Jane Matty

Show & Tell: Marsha Watro, Nancy Lacey, Paula Patti, Carol Molengraft, Eve Vallorani, Pat Morrison, Betsy Smyth, Doreen Aiello, Linda Mills, Patricia Clayton.

Our meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM

Respectfully submitted by Joan C Shipp on March 20, 2016

## 2016 Quilt Challenge – “Circles”

Just a bit of history for our new members: The guild's quilt challenge takes place in the off year of our biennial quilt show. A theme is set for the challenge, and members make quilts interpreting the theme. The quilts are displayed at our October meeting. In previous challenges, members voted for their favorite quilt. First, second, and third place ribbons were awarded.

This year's theme will challenge you to make a quilt interpreting the circle. Your interpretation can be realistic or abstract. You may dare to step out of your comfort zone to produce a quilt that will get you to try a new technique or pattern, or you may want to design your own quilt. Whatever you choose to make, we want you to enjoy the creative process.

Your quilt can feature appliqué, pieced blocks, paint, thread work, or a combination of these techniques.

Look for our e-mail to follow this newsletter. We will provide you with detailed information about the challenge. For now, start thinking about ideas for your quilt. We hope that everyone will participate in this fun challenge.

Regards,

Regina Apuzzo, Lorie Leonardi, Kim Moll

## Looking Ahead

**April 16 & 17, 2016: Berry Basket Quilt Show.** Kirby's Mill Elementary School, 151 Hartford Road, Medford NJ 08055. For more information, go to: [http://www.berrybasketquilters.com/2016\\_QUILT\\_SHOW.html](http://www.berrybasketquilters.com/2016_QUILT_SHOW.html)

**Quilt Camp 2016:** Wednesday, April 20 to Sunday, April 24 (weekend only is also possible)

This is a great opportunity to make new friends, reconnect with quilting buddies, and work on UFO's. It is held 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 very large sewing room, large dining room with kitchen, and 16 bedrooms (with 23 beds). Nine bedrooms are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and 7 bedrooms are on the ground floor; two of these rooms are brand new singles without windows. One handicapped room is on the main floor. You can email or call Peg Bauman if you are interested. Payment may be made in January or February. Please email or speak with Peg if this is a problem.

**Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, 2016:** "A World of Quilts XXXVII" presented by Northern Star Quilters' Guild, O'Neill Center, 43 Lake Ave. Extension, Danbury, CT 06811. Guest Lecturer: Linda M. Poole, Invitational Quilt Display by Judy B. Dales. For more information, go to: <http://www.northernstarquilters.com>.

**Saturday, May 21, 2016:** Quilt Turning with AQS certified appraiser Dana Balsamo on May 21 @ 11:00. For more information, go to: <http://hunterdonhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/quilt-turning-flyer.jpg>

**May 20 & 21, 2016:** Celebration of Quilts 2016 presented by York Quilters' Guild, College of Pennsylvania, Grumbacher Sport & Fitness Center, 889 South Richland Ave., York, PA 17403. Their show welcomes their guild members as well as those outside the guild to enter their quilts. For anyone wishing to enter a quilt, registration must be received by April 24, 2016 for acceptance into the 2016 show. To register your quilt for the 2016 Celebration of Quilts, please follow instructions at: [www.celebrationofquilts.com](http://www.celebrationofquilts.com).

## *Advice from a Singer Sewing Machine Manual from 1949*

*Prepare yourself mentally for sewing.*

*Think about what you are going to do. Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference dominates. Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds unmade.*

*When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so that your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on. If you are constantly fearful that a visitor might drop in or your husband will come home, and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing.*