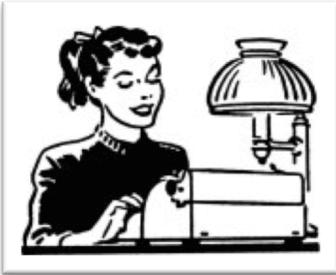




## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



*Hi Everyone,*

What project are you working on today? I'm working on my "mini mosaic" quilt, from our recent workshop with Cheryl Lynch. These fabric mosaic quilts can become addictive—a good thing, since I now have at least a billion 3/8" squares of fabric!

We had a great workshop with Cheryl. Not only were guild members enjoying this new technique, but several guests, from other quilters' guilds, joined in the fun. It was my pleasure to meet those ladies, and I hope that they enjoyed spending time with us.

In April, we will be welcoming Lisa White Weber, of Dippy Dyes. Her lecture is titled: "You Mean That Started Out White?" Lisa's website is: <http://www.dippydyes.com/store.php>. There, you will find a link to her blog, as well. We had hoped to have a workshop with Lisa, but as of this writing, its status is uncertain, as there aren't enough sign-ups. 😞 Be sure to check our website to see what is planned for 2017 meetings and workshops.

I have received confirmation that we will be able to sell tickets for our 2017 raffle quilt at "Quilt Odyssey". The show dates are July 20-23, 2017 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey, PA. I reserved Friday, July 21, and Saturday, July 22. The contract requires us to be at our table from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on both days. These are the times during which the show is open to the public. As I've mentioned previously, "Quilt Odyssey" is a great venue with a lot of foot traffic. It, also, provides an excellent opportunity to showcase our guild. If you plan to take classes, or if you plan a day-trip to see the show, would you please consider volunteering some of your time to sell raffle tickets. I will be putting together a schedule, as time draws near, so mark your calendar. Volunteers will also be needed to sell tickets at other venues this year. Our raffle quilt is an important fundraiser for our guild, and I'm counting on all of you for your support.

Please be sure to pick up instructions for making blocks for the 2018 Raffle Quilt. Donna Martinez will have them available at the April meeting. We are hoping that there will be enough member participation, so a "workers' quilt" can be made, as well. For our newer members, the "workers' quilt" is made from leftover raffle quilt blocks, so it is not a large quilt, but it is a nice memento of that year's quilt. Those who participate in making the raffle quilt have an opportunity to win the workers' quilt. I remember those quilts when I joined the guild and am happy to bring back that tradition.

Well, that's a wrap! I'm going back to working on my mini mosaic quilt. I look forward to seeing you at our April meeting. In the meantime, sew like no one is watching!

Regards,  
*Regina*

## **NEXT GUILD MEETING – April 18, 2017**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:30pm at The Birches, 70 Durham Road, Newtown, PA 18940. Guests are welcome for a \$5.00 charge.

## **PROGRAMS:** *Linda Martin-Mills*

**April:** The lecture will be Lisa Reber from Dippy Dyes. Due to a lack of participation I cannot run the workshop profitably so it is cancelled. Please think about the wonderful opportunities the guild provides with lower cost workshops. We need to get a good turnout to break even or to turn even the slightest profit. There are other costs like the building, food, and teacher that must be covered.

**May:** At the May 16th Meeting we will be hosting a garage sale at the Birches! Bring kits, fabric, notions, etc. that you would like to sell. The guild will realize 20% of your sale price so price it to sell!!!! What you do not sell, consider donating to Aunt Sukie! Remember one woman's trash is another's treasure!

**Saturday, May 20th:** We will be hosting a mystery workshop with Diana Leslie. This will be in addition to the annual Tuesday Mystery Workshop in July. This was by special request so we hope that everyone comes out for this fun day from 10-4. Location TBA. \$25 and all are welcome including guests. The sign up will be at April's meeting but you must present a check or cash to be locked into a spot.

**June:** Lisa Calle is coming to Newtown on June 20th to lecture at our meeting and to do a workshop from 10-4. Fee is \$40. You will be designing the quilting for a block. Please refer to the website for pictures. Again, sign up and check need to be in place to lock your spot!

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2017 MEETING:

submitted by *Donna Martinez*

### March 2017

Beginning Balance	12,296.94
Total Income	938.00
Total Expense	2,149.54
Ending Balance	11,085.40

### Income/Expense by Category

#### Income

Insurance Refund	79.00
Membership	200.00
Quilty Prize	59.00
Workshops	<u>600.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	938.00

#### Expenses

Quilt Show	650.00
Raffle Quilt Tickets	274.36
Storage Rental	117.66
Vice President	
Speaker	451.34
Workshops	<u>656.18</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	2,149.54

**Ending Balance as of March 31, 2017**      **11,085.40**

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2017 MEETING:

Submitted by *Pam Sugrue*

### Income/Expense by Category –February 2017

2/1/2017 through 2/28/2017

Beginning Balance as of February 1, 2017 =      12,544.40

TOTAL INCOME      197.00

TOTAL EXPENSES      444.46

Ending Balance as of February 28, 2017 =      12,296.94

Beginning Balance as of February 2, 2017 = 12,544.40

INCOME	
Membership Dues	135.00
Quilty Prize	62.00
TOTAL INCOME	
	197.00
EXPENSE	
Charity Donation (ArtWorks)	50.00
Quilty Prize Supplies	42.00
Raffle Quilt (Quilt Odyssey Fee)	20.00
Rental (Public Storage)	117.66
Web Site	214.80
TOTAL EXPENSES	
	444.46

Ending Balance as of February 28, 2017 = 12,296.94

### **HOSPITALITY:** *Rosanne Fries*

We would like to take time to welcome everyone to Guild meetings. If you were not at the January or February meetings we want to take a moment to review the new hospitality guidelines regarding snacks, beverages, and guild member responsibilities—

- All guild members are responsible for bringing snacks for one regular guild meeting
- Members will be assigned a month by alphabetical order ( if you are not attending the month you are assigned you can either switch with another member, have a friend bring in your snack, or let the Hospitality chairperson know at least one week in advance so that they can arrange a substitution).
- **Snacks will not be available until the designated Break Time** between the speaker and business meeting to allow all members time to socialize and have an opportunity to sample all of the items brought to guild.
- Beverages will be provided by the guild and will be available throughout the meeting. We would also like to GO GREEN by suggesting that members bring their own go cups which we will be happy to fill with either soda or water.

**April Snacks:** Snacks and goodies are an important part of your guild members' break time and everyone always appreciates your efforts in making the Guild Meeting more enjoyable. The members responsible for snacks for March are as follows:

**Camille Amadio, Andrea Csogi, Denise Cynan, Sue Demberg, Gretchen Faras, Christa Froehlich, Elissa Garfield, Barbara Gonze, Anne Guinn, and Betty Hancock.**

### **MEMBERSHIP:** *Eve Vallorani and Gretchen Faras*

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

**PHILANTHROPY:** *Melissa Curewitz*

**Charities We Supported Last Month:**

**Camp Erin**

The ages are from 6 to 18 years, both boys and girls. For children, up to about age 11, the minimum size is 50" x 70". The older children need larger quilts, 60" x 80". While there is usually a good donation of quilts, suitable for girls, there is a real need for boys' quilts. Making nongender-specific quilts will work for both girls and boys. The quilts need to be completed by May 1.

*To date we have collected 15 quilts for Camp Erin.*

**Quilts for Kids**

Quilt size needed: approximately 38"- 40" x 45"- 46". You will find more information on their FAQs page.

*To date we have collected 30 quilts for Quilts for Kids*

**Birthday Bash Bundles**

Take a 9x13 cake pan and add cake mix, a can of frosting, cups, plates, napkins, candles and maybe even a gift card. *Put the lid on the bundle along with a bow and bring to guild to be donated to the food pantry*

*To date we have collected 1 birthday bundle for the Morrisville Food Pantry*

**SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:** *Joan Shipp*

If you know of someone who needs a message of thanks, get-well, condolences or congratulations, please text me at [215-539-7426](tel:215-539-7426) (preferred method, I don't get to check my emails very often), or give me a call and leave a message.

*Cards sent in March 2107:*

- Lauren Otis from "Artworks" thank you card for his presentation at our February Guild Meeting
- Linda Martin-Mills - thank you card for being our Surprise Mystery speaker at our February Guild Meeting
- Anne Guinn - Thinking of you card
- Elaine LaPrete - card congratulating her on her first great-grandchild "It's a boy"

**NEWSLETTER:** *Christa Froehlich*

Contributions for the May newsletter are due by the last Saturday of the month, **April 29, 2017**. Please e-mail them to me at [christafroehlich.qb@gmail.com](mailto:christafroehlich.qb@gmail.com). If you have any questions, you can call me at 215-431-5735 or 215-943-0550.

**QUILT SHOW**

*Linda Martin-Mills and Melissa Curewitz*

**Quilt Show - A Stitch in Time**

We are moving ahead with all our plans. We have secured the entire Masonic Hall in Yardley 9-5 each day October 14 and 15th. Set up will be Friday Oct. 13th. We have been looking for a publicity chair or co-chairs for awhile and Betty Hancock has generously volunteered. Is there someone who would like to work with this fabulous lady? This is a wonderful opportunity for a new member to learn at an experienced member's knee! Betty is also the sweetest person ever! Let us know.

We have secured the pipe and drape for the show from Adams Rental in Hamilton. They have been very kind to work with us. The design for the pin has been selected and it is super cute. We don't want to meet you all to death, so we will limit the amount of meetings we have. That means you need to let Melissa and Linda know if you need something. Thanks in advance.

**Aunt Sukie's Attic:** *Elaine LaPrete, Sue Demberg, Lorie Leonardi*

Let's go up to the attic and see what we can find. Look!! There's quilting fabric, notions, tools and recent books. Wow, an old sewing machine!!! Look at all these needle work supplies: knitting needles and crochet hooks. Over here, there are UFO's. I wonder what else we are going to find.

Aunt Sukie's Attic is stocked with sewing-related items that are donated by members and friends. We sell the items at bargain prices, with the proceeds going to our guild. Everybody wins!

This year, due to limited space, we aren't able to have magazines, old books and fabric that is not 100% cotton. Please donate good items.

Start thinking about that extra stuff that has been clogging up your sewing areas. If you donate that stuff, you'll have room to buy more stuff! Yay!!

Elaine has made room in her garage and is ready to take your stuff. You can start bringing it to her at guild meetings

**Small Quilts & Gift Baskets:** *Rosemary Dwyer and Regina Apuzzo*

Hi Everyone! Small Quilts and Gift Baskets are very popular with our quilt show visitors. We have a new venue for this year's show, and we're hoping that more people will be visiting and purchasing chances to win these great prizes. For our newer members, just a little info about this part of the show: members donate these items, tickets are sold, and lucky winners take home great stuff. Member participation has always been very good, and we are optimistic that will continue for our 2017 show.

While October may not be right around the corner, you can get started now on your small quilt. Here's how you can participate.

Small quilts, table runners, placemats and napkins (for at least a service for four), pillows, tote bags, and wool work (such as candle mats and penny rugs) are accepted. Your small quilt cannot be larger than 30" x 30". We will have limited space in which to display these items, so smaller is better. We will not be able to accept quilts larger than the max size noted. Mug rugs will not be placed with the small quilts. They can be included in a basket, along with other items, or they can be donated to Aunt Sukey. To give you inspiration, here are some ideas for your small quilt. You can choose to make something celebrating a season or holiday; we have had beautiful red work and blue work quilts; appliqué quilts, either by hand or machine; a quilt featuring machine embroidery; and paper-pieced quilts—just to name a few. Be sure to check out the many books in our guild library for more inspiration. As soon as you have finished your project, please give it to either of us. Please don't wait until set-up night, as each item needs to be photographed.

Stay tuned for information about the gift baskets. We'll talk about them as we get a little closer to the show. We're hoping to have another great turnout for Small Quilts and Gift Baskets. So, get started on your projects. If you have any questions, please let us know.

**2017 Raffle Quilt:** *Sallie Lloyd*

*"The 2017 raffle quilt tickets have arrived! Raffle quilt tickets are included with your membership dues. The tickets will be available for you to pick up, starting with the March guild meeting. Marion Baranosky will have your tickets, so be sure to see her at the meeting."*

**MINUTES OF THE NEWTOWN QUILTERS GUILD MEETING ON MARCH 21, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Regina Apuzzo at 7:30 p.m.  
We had 43 members and 8 guests present.

Vice-President Linda Martin-Mills introduced our speaker, Cheryl Lynch, who spoke about her journey in quilting and writing, and where to get inspiration in everyday designs around us for designing our quilts. She led a workshop in mini-mosaic quilt

designing earlier in the day, and some of the results were displayed by the participants. Cheryl also announced that she would be teaching the mosaic quilt workshop again at Byrne's Sewing Connection on Tuesday, May 2, if anyone was interested in taking the workshop. Call Byrne's for more information.

Regina announced that membership cards were available to members at the membership sign-in table.

Regina also announced that since Christa Froehlich was the current newsletter editor, she was relinquishing the office of Recording Secretary due to time constraints. Regina then announced that Diana Leslie had volunteered to take the office, and asked for a motion to accept Diana as the secretary. The motion was made by Betsy Smyth, seconded by Barbara Wyatt, and the motion was approved by the membership.

It was announced that one of our members, Camille Amadio, has had a quilt accepted into the AQS show in Paducah.

Linda Martin-Mills announced that the April workshop, Dippy Dyes, may be in jeopardy due to a low sign-up. Call or see Linda if you wish more information or to sign up for the workshop.

A mystery quilt workshop is planned for Saturday, May 20, from 10 till 4. Place of workshop to be announced. Sign-ups are being taken now. This is especially offered for those who may not be able to attend on weekdays.

A workshop with Lisa Calle, longarm quilter and quilt author, is planned for Tuesday, June 20, which will focus on drawing your own quilting designs.

Linda Martin-Mills will be putting lists of interesting and/or relevant blog addresses and websites in the newsletter, for those who would like to peruse sites of other interesting quilters and teachers.

On Tuesday, July 18, Diana Leslie is hosting a second mystery workshop, more information to follow.

Treasurer's report by Pam Sugrue is reported elsewhere in the newsletter.

Christa Froehlich, newsletter editor, asked for information for the newsletter to be submitted to her by the first weekend in April.

Nancy Lacey, website editor, announced that on Sunday, April 9, author Marie Bostwick will be at Quilts for Kids headquarters in Fairless Hills for a quilting workshop and book signing. Sign-up in advance is required.

Sallie Lloyd, Raffle Quilt chair, announced that the raffle quilt for 2017 should be ready at the April meeting. Regina announced that our guild will be able to sell raffle tickets at Quilt Odyssey in Hershey in late July. We will need the help of members who may be attending the show to take an hour or so to sell tickets on Friday or Saturday of the show dates. Donna Martinez has packets for making blocks for our Raffle Quilt for 2018, currently in production. She asks that packets be returned to her no later than the May meeting.

The Quilt show committee, chaired by Linda Martin-Mills and Melissa Curewitz, is still in need of a Publicity Chairperson. This is vital to getting the word out to the community about our quilt show in the fall. The title of our show is "A Stitch in Time".

Philanthropy Chairperson, Melissa Curewitz, reminded us to keep working on quilts for Camp Erin, needed by early May, as well as our ongoing charity quilts for Quilts for Kids and others. Sizes for these quilts are listed in our website.

Roseanne Friehs, Hospitality Chairperson, thanked those who brought refreshments and reminded us to bring our own drink containers for use during the meetings.

Membership chair Gretchen Faras announced that we had 43 members present and 8 guests.

The name tag prize was won by Crys Harm.

Quilty prize was won by Linda Smith.

Show and tell presented by: workshop participants: Linda Martin-Mills, Jane Nadig, Betsy Smyth, Kim Moll, MaryKay Stoloski,

Additional show and tell: Sallie Lloyd, Elaine LaPrete, Betty Hancock, Kim Moll, Linda Martin-Mills, Crys Harm, Nancy Lacey, Bonnie Piestrak, Diana Leslie

*Submitted by Diana Leslie*

### *Meeting Etiquette*

- *Silence your devices or place them on vibrate, especially during the speaker's lecture.*
- *Help clean up the snack area when you bring snacks.*
- *Resist the urge to turn down the volume or turn off the TV in the residents' TV room.*
- *If you have moved tables together, return them to their original location before you leave the meeting. Make sure your table is clean.*
- *If you do any hand sewing during the meeting, make sure there are no pins, threads, etc. on the floor.*

*We are guests at The Birches and we need to be good custodians of their property.*