

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Our second meeting in our new home went very well. The lighting was wonderful for looking at all those stitches in all those antique quilts, the cool temperature of the building was refreshing and we have figured out how to use the room so that everyone can hear. We are pressing forward with the new updated website (thanks to all for input and a special thanks to Matt Smyth) and we also will be looking for a small updated sound system. The canopy is purchased and available for anyone to use...perhaps for selling raffle tickets?

I want to take a moment and say that guild has been a haven for me...especially in recent months. The friendships, the comradery, the creative outlet has bolstered my spirit when I needed it the most. The kindness from my fellow quilters and supportive words have meant the world to me. And not just to me. I have watched over and over as we hold each other up, caring for each other in dark days and bright days. We truly have a wonderful group. Thank you. I am blessed, as we all are, to be part of NQG.

Linda Martin-Mills

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GUILD MEETING - Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 7:30 pm at our new location, The Birches, Newtown, PA.

This month Nancy Bills, quilt designer and teacher will present her program, "Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow... Things I've Learned Along the Way." Many of the quilts in the trunk show are made using her "perfect strips" technique.

*Please note the new time and new location. Guild members are welcome to arrive for the meeting after 7pm. We will be meeting in the dining room. There is ample parking all around the building. Enter through the main entrance. The address for The Birches is 70 Durham Road, Newtown, PA18940.

WHAT'S COMING UP:

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 – Pineapple workshop with Nancy Bills. This workshop will be held at Addisville Reformed Church in Richboro from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The cost is \$40 (\$50 for non members) and includes lunch. 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 – 15 Minutes of Play Workshop with Victoria from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The cost is \$40 (\$50 non members) and includes lunch. The location for this workshop is Addisville Reformed Church. Space is limited and signups have begun.

October 21, 2014 - Annual Members' dinner. The Birches will be preparing dinner for us this year. We will have a choice of 2 entrees. Guild members will bring appetizers and desserts. More information to follow.

November 18, 2014 - Jacquelynne Steves, The Noble Wife, will visit. She is a pattern and fabric designer and will talk about her design process. There will be a trunk show as well as items for sale. Visit her website at jacquelynnesteves.com.

December 16, 2014 – Holiday Party

It is very important if you are signing up for a workshop that you secure your spot by paying with either a check or cash when you sign up. Diana Leslie will be helping Betsy by manning the workshop table at the guild meetings.

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 people are responsible for bringing treats for the August 2014 meeting. The members of the sewing group Tuesdays with Mary; Eileen Kelty, Lorie Leonardi, Mary Mild, Angela Topley, Along with guild members Diane Carrington, Melissa Curewitz, Valerie Egar, Debbie Eickoff, Roz Flieshman, Debbie Heagy and Susan Hurley.

Thank you, Kelly Cantwell

MEMBERSHIP:

Please let me know there are any changes to your information for the Membership list.

Thank you, *Dawn E Berger*

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:

A thank you note was sent to Joyce Hughes for her presentation, "My Journey Into Quilting". If anyone knows of someone who needs a message of thanks, get-well, condolences or congratulations please send me an email or give me a call.

Thanks! Doreen Aiello

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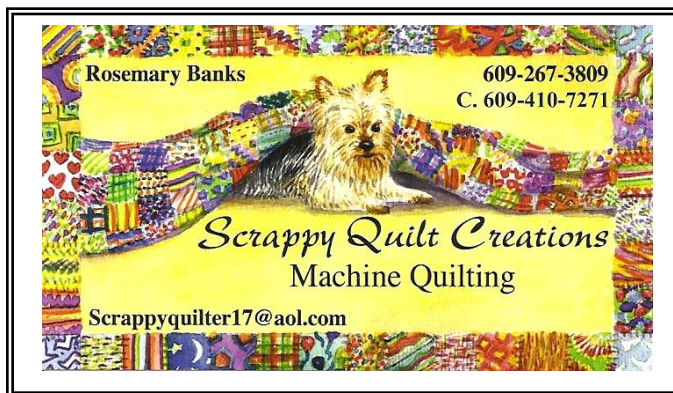
There is no Philanthropy meeting scheduled for August. The next Philanthropy meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9 at Quilts for Kids headquarters (494 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills, PA) from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Sallie Lloyd

NEWSLETTER:

Articles are due by August 23, 2014. You can either e-mail them (nqgltr@yahoo.com) or give them to me at the meeting.

Nancy Lacey



Minutes of the Newtown Quilters' Guild Meeting on July 15, 2014

At tonight's meeting, Candice Perry, curator of collections for the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center, talked about Pennsylvania German quilt traditions.

At the next meeting, Nancy Bills will do a presentation called "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. A lot of Things I've Learned about Along the Way." Nancy displays her work at Hershey. It will be held on Tuesday, August 19, at 7:30pm at The Birches, at 70 Durham Road, Newtown, PA 18940. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge. Note that we cannot enter the facility before 7:00.

President (Linda Martin-Mills):

Linda opened the meeting with a discussion of the Quilt Show. She announced that she got estimates for using Pipe and Drape. She showed the company Jackie Kazar's layout, and they were very impressed. They have been hanging County Line Quilters' shows for over 10 years, and Pennbury for 21 years. They use elegant, black draping. The estimate for the equipment rental, 5:00 delivery on Friday and a 5:00 pm. Sunday pick up would be \$1,792. A complete set up would cost \$2,340. Currently, we are paying \$2,400 to rent the storage facility for our racks, etc. We will not be getting rid of our racks, but will be holding on to them should Pipe and Drape become too expensive or should we decide that we just don't like it. We will be looking for a less costly storage facility. We will take a vote at our next meeting on whether or not to do Pipe and Drape so that our members have some time to think about it. We should keep in mind that we are an aging group, and the price is very reasonable, which makes it a "win/win" solution.

The second topic of discussion was our Website. Doreen Aiello's children gave lots of suggestions to improve the site. Betsy Smyth's son gave her an awesome, new website for her birthday as a special surprise. Nancy Lacey continues to do a great job in maintaining the website. Our new design should be more user-friendly, and we hope to have several members trained on it so that we can upload information easier and so that Nancy will not have to do it all.

We received two thank you notes, one from the New Jersey National Guard for Operation Baby Blanket (quilts done in baby colors), and the other from Capital Health Systems for our Patriot Program (crocheted and quilted) red, white and blue blankets.

Linda then announced that Sharon Decker gave us a most generous donation of 423 books, five boxes of fabric, and 7 bags of yarn, and that Roseanne Friehs is working on cataloguing our books for the library. Linda encouraged members to make good use of the Library.

Vice President (Betsy Smyth):

Diana Leslie ran her "Mystery" workshop today.

August 19th meeting at the Birches: Nancy Bills will do a presentation called "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. A lot of Things I've Learned about Along the Way." Nancy displays her work at Hershey. She specializes in easy Pineapple Block construction.

August 20 workshop at the Addisville church: Nancy Bills will do a Pineapple Workshop at Addisville. She uses simple rulers, which can be purchased at JoAnn Fabrics.

September 16th meeting at the Birches: Victoria Finley Wolf will be doing a presentation on using modern quilting techniques. She has authored a book, Fifteen Minutes of Play. Victoria was recently featured on The Quilt Show.

September 17th meeting at the Birches: Victoria Finley Wolf will be doing a workshop on using modern quilting techniques. Her book, Fifteen Minutes of Play, will be required for the workshop. There is a 20-person limit. Victoria was recently featured on The Quilt Show.

October 21st meeting at the Birches: Annual dinner. The Birches will provide the meal. We will provide appetizers and desserts. Our Quilt Challenge pieces are due at this meeting.

October 3rd – 5th: Courthouse Quilters will feature their Quilts in the Mill

November 18th meeting at the Birches: Jacquelynne Steves will do a presentation. She has "The Art of Home" website.

December 16 meeting at the Birches – Annual Holiday Party

2104 Challenge (Andrea Csogi):

So far Andrea has 13 sign-ups for the challenge. She has a sign-up sheet where you can enter your name and the season that you would like to do.

The Guidelines are as follows:

1. You can pick one to four seasons -it is not necessary to do all four if you do not want to.
2. She will be giving out forms for information about each piece. Give credit as to where you got the pattern/design.
3. Put your name on the back.
4. Do not do any holiday themes.
5. You may use any quilting style, any technique, and any type of fabric.
6. The pieces can be no larger than 48" on any side.

Membership (Dawn Berger, Marlene Beeco): 55 members and 6 guests were in attendance.

2014 Raffle Quilt: (Betty Miller):

Betty announced that she is taking the quilt to Olde City Quilt Shop this Saturday from 10:00 to 6:00 and asked for volunteers to take some shifts. They are having a retreat this weekend and expect to have more people passing through.

Next Saturday, 7/26, the quilt will go to Pennington Quilt Works. They are having a big sale, so we may be able to sell some chances there.

Other suggestions are The Grange Fair, Market Day and another activity in Middletown Township.

Hospitality (Kelly Cantwell):

Kelly thanked the members of the Guild who provided this month's refreshments. She sent out an email to those who volunteered for next month.

Corresponding Secretary (Doreen Aiello):

A thank you note was sent to Sharon Decker for her very generous donation of books, fabric and yarn to the Guild. We wish her the best with her move.

A note of condolences was sent to Nancy Lacey for the passing of her mother-in-law.

If you know of someone who needs a kind word, please phone or email me and I will be happy to send a note out.

Treasurer (Pam Sugrue):

Treasurer's Report for July 2014 Meeting

Income/Expense by Category – June 2014
6/1/2014 through 6/30/2014

Beginning Balance as of June 1, 2014 = 18,977.98

TOTAL INCOME	401.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	501.50

Ending Balance as of June 30, 2014 = 18,877.48

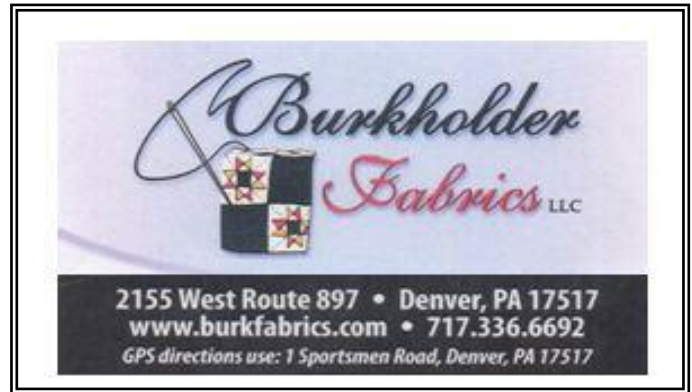


June 2014 Income/Expense by Category
6/1/2014 through 6/30/2014

Beginning Balance as of June 1, 2014 = 18,977.98

INCOME	
Quilty Prize	66.00
Workshops	335.00
TOTAL INCOME	401.00
EXPENSES	
Membership Name Tag	30.71
Quilt Prize Supplies	14.82
Raffle Quilt	48.14
Public Storage	103.88
Vice President (Workshop)	25.00
VP (June Program & Cake)	278.95
TOTAL EXPENSES	501.50

Ending Balance as of June 30, 2014 = 18,877.48



Newsletter/Website/Facebook (Nancy Lacey):

Nancy would like to have all entries for this month's newsletter by this weekend at the latest.

Philanthropy (Sallie Lloyd and Elaine LaPrete):

Sallie Lloyd thanked everyone for their fabric donations. She also announced that she could use some help from long-arm quilters to get some of the quilts for philanthropy finished. She asked for help in getting the binding done on two of the quilts, and did get 2 volunteers, Nancy Steigerwalt and Cathy Stevens. She also contacted Lorraine at The Birches to see if we can use their facility for evening Philanthropy sewing and they said that we were welcome to do so on either a Tuesday or Thursday evening from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Quilts for Kids and Quilts of Valor – they both need additional quilts. A good size to use would be approximately 50" X 70".

2014 Block of the Month (Christa Froelich):

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

Nominating Committee (Sallie Lloyd, Nancy Steigerwalt and Leanne Gillen):

Sallie Lloyd shared that they will be dividing the calling list into thirds. Think about what you would like to work on for the Guild. We would encourage everyone to participate in performing the various duties in the Guild.

Market Day 2014 (Nancy Steigerwalt):

Market Day will take place on Saturday, October 4th, with Sunday, October 5th being the rain date. Nancy will bring back the big quilting frame if she can get enough volunteers to demonstrate hand quilting.

She will also need volunteers in general to sign up for one to two hours or so.

Library (Roseanne Friehs):

She is working hard to get all of the new books from Mark Lipinski and Sharon Decker catalogued. She encourages everyone to visit the Library and take advantage of the books that we have on hand.

New Business:

Dawn Berger put out a postcard for Random Acts of Kindness for a couple who lost a 14-month old son and asked whoever could help to take a card.

Name Tag Winner: Sue Schmalzried

Quilty Prize Winner: Angela Topley

Show & Tell: Thanks to all who shared their special works of art with us at this meeting: Debbie Eickhoff, Betty Hancock, Linda Smith, Nancy Steigerwalt, Andrea Csogi, Rosemary Dwyer, Peg Bauman, Linda Martin Mills, Deb Weckenman, Nancy Lacey, Susan Schmalzried, Pat Clayton, and Sue Hurley.

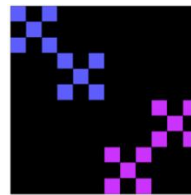
Respectfully submitted by Doreen Aiello on July 18, 2014

2013 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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



August - Fireworks



September – Double Crossed

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.



Operation Baby Blanket:

Thanks to all of you who donated baby blankets! This project provides homemade blankets (quilted, knit or crocheted) to babies who are born when a parent is deployed in the New Jersey National Guard. The Guard is anticipating a large deployment in the autumn, so there is a need for more blankets. You can make your own blanket or sew one of the Philanthropy kits. They can be any color, not just red, white and blue, and should be an appropriate size for a baby. A good size is 38 by 45 like the Quilts for Kids quilts.



JoAnn Witherow, the owner of the shop Make It Sew, is in need of a helper at the shop. Some knowledge of garment sewing is a plus, but she is willing to work with anyone with a basic knowledge of sewing. I loved my job there and learned a lot from watching JoAnn teach and listening to her. I usually worked a few hours on Saturdays - whenever she had multiple people in class at the same time. She seems to be getting busier and busier. I told her I would try to find someone to replace me. Here is her information at her website: <http://www.justmakeitsew.com/Articles.asp?ID=244>
Sharon Decker



Hello from Winston-Salem, NC. We are finally getting settled in our new home and wanted everyone to have my new contact information.

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I miss everyone in the guild. If anyone is traveling south, you are welcome to visit. I'll take you out for some barbecue or grits and fried okra!

Looking Ahead:

Friday & Saturday, September 12 & 13: Berks Quilters Guild present "Quilts from the Heart of Berks." Leesport Farmers Market, Leesport, PA (GPS address: 312 Gernant's Church Road, Leesport, PA 19533). Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information: <http://www.pa-vendors.com/events/berks-county/leesport-pa-berks-quilters-guild-quilt-show/>

Thursday – Sunday, September 18-21, 2014: Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza XXI. For more information, go to: [Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XXI](#)

Friday - Sunday, September 19-20, 2014 – Quilters Take Manhattan. The main event is held on Saturday but there are additional events on Friday and Sunday. Former Guild member, Eleanore Levie, won an honorable mention for a quilt that will be hanging at The City Quilter. For more information, go to: [Quilters Take Manhattan](#)

Friday - Sunday, October 3-5, 2014 – Courthouse Quilters present "Quilts in the Mill." For more information and a \$1.00 off coupon, go to: [Quilts in the Mill](#)

Saturday, October 11, 2014 - Newtown Market Day, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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