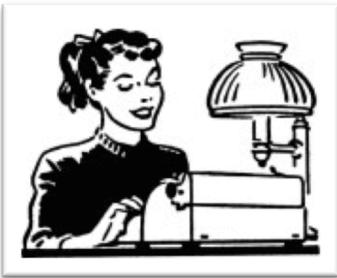


## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Hi Everyone!

The reviews are in!!! Quilt Odyssey visitors gave ★★★★★ to *Windblown Flowers*, our stunning 2017 raffle quilt! Our quilt received many compliments, with comments, such as: "It's beautiful!" "Is that hand appliqué?" "Look at the quilting!" Without a doubt, it was well worth taking our raffle quilt to QO. We thank Missy Molino for the opportunity to sell tickets, while showcasing our guild, during her show. We met many quilters from Pennsylvania and other states, and we enjoyed the camaraderie of being with guilds who

were, also, selling tickets for their raffle quilts. Having our quilt at QO gave us a great opportunity to promote our upcoming quilt show. We handed out many show postcards. "Thank You!" Sallie Lloyd, Cathy Stevens, Barb McClintock, Barb Gonze, Peg Bauman, Linda Martin-Mills, and Diana Leslie. Without you, this would not have been possible! A special "Thank You!" goes to Bruce Lloyd who accompanied Sallie to Hershey and who joined us at our table, becoming an honorary guild member for those two days! I want to thank everyone whose talented hands worked on *Windblown Flowers*. You should be very proud. Be sure to check out the photos, posted to our guild's Facebook page.

The *Windblown Flowers* tour continues. We will be selling tickets at the following venues:

- September 23, 2017 – The Round Bobbin, from 10:00 to 5:00
- October 7, 2017 – Newtown Market Day, from 10:00 to 4:00

We're hoping to sell tickets at Lower Makefield's Community Pride Day in early September. I'll get back to you with more information, so stay tuned.

How can you help? Volunteer!!! Our raffle quilt and quilt show are the guild's primary fundraisers, and your help is needed. If you are a new, or relatively new guild member, this is a great first-step for you to participate in your guild. Everyone has to be all in to keep our guild successful, both new and long-time members.

I'm going to use that word, "participation," again. Yours is crucial to a successful quilt show. One of the benefits of your guild membership is the opportunity to have one or more of your quilts hung in our show. One of your membership responsibilities is to participate in the show by volunteering your time. Here are some ways to do that. Volunteers will be needed to help with show set-up and take-down, as well as during the show. You'll see a sign-up sheet at the next two meetings. Donations of small quilts and gift baskets are still needed for this popular raffle. Contribute fabric and other items to Aunt Sukie. You can help with donations to the café. Read on to find out all of the details. If you have any questions, talk with either Linda Martin-Mills or Melissa Curewitz, show co-chairs. If this is your first quilt show as a guild member, volunteering is a great opportunity for you to spend time with your fellow guild members. The show days are enjoyable, and I'm sure that you will make some new friends. Don't forget to bring in one or more batik fat quarters for our guild basket. Please give them to me.

I have booked the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall (same place as our quilt show) for our member dinner on October 17, 2017. Doors will be open at 6:00 p.m., so we can start early. We will have our full dinner, with appetizers, entrees, and deserts. Rosanne will be circulating a sign-up sheet, so let her know what you want to bring. On that night, we will be drawing the winner of our 2017 raffle quilt. Our member dinners are always enjoyable, so I hope to see all of you there. It's potluck on steroids, so don't eat for a few days prior!

Well, that's a wrap! Before I go, I just want to say how much I enjoyed our July "game night" meeting, especially when each person was asked: "Whose stash would you want?" You had to be there! I look forward to seeing you at our August meeting and "Sew for the Show." Read on to find out more.

In the meantime, sew like no one is watching!

Regards,  
Regina

**NEXT GUILD MEETING – August 15, 2017**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 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*

**August** – at the meeting we will be “sewing for the show” – there will be kits to start/work on/finish to boost the sales at Aunt Sukie, demos for things that are important for the show, and lots of quilt show information to share. Please note that initially, we thought we had secured a pizza parlor to provide pizza but the ownership has changed and this is NOT possible so eat dinner PRIOR to the meeting. We would like 6- 8 sewing machines at the meeting, 2-3 people to demo redwork stitches, 2 people to demo a hanging sleeve for quilts that will hang at the show, 2-3 people to demo labels (we would love to see different methods). PS. Anyone who schleps their sewing machine into the meeting will get a ticket for a drawing for a prize!

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** *submitted by Donna Martinez*  
**July 31, 2017**

Beginning Balance	10,064.03
Total Income	922.00
Total Expense	1,557.34
Ending Balance	9,428.69

**Income/Expense by Category**

Income	
Membership- Guest	45.00
Quilty Prize	22.00
Workshop (Calle and Mystery)	805.00
Quilt Show/vender	50.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>922.00</b>

Expenses	
Hospitality (Oct dinner)	250.00
Quilt Show (location rental)	500.00
Quilt Show (advertising)	175.00
Workshops	100.00
Storage Rental	127.20
Vice President	
July program	69.14
Speaker deposit	250.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,557.34</b>

**Ending Balance as of June 30, 9,428.69**

**TREASURER’S TRIVIA**

My topic this month is contributions. What as a guild member do you contribute? A lot of us think that our contribution to the guild is our annual dues payment of \$45.00, but as you can see by the size of our annual budget that does not begin to cover the financial cost of running the guild, presenting programs and promoting quilting in our community. However there is one thing that is more important to the guild than money. Can you be hearing right? Your Treasurer is saying something is more important than money? What can it be? The answer is TIME. It takes time from all of members to make the goodies and treats you are all required to bring in once a year for our meetings. It takes time to make an extra small quilt for philanthropy. It takes time to sell raffle tickets. It takes time to work on small quilts and raffle baskets for the upcoming Quilt Show. And yes it takes time to step up and volunteer to do the variety of jobs it takes to

run the guild. So even if you don't have a lot of money, ask yourself how much time can you contribute to guild activities? A little time goes a long way!

Donna Martinez email AHMDMM@verizon.net

**HOSPITALITY:** *Rosanne Friebs*

We would like to take time to welcome everyone to Guild meetings. The new hospitality guidelines regarding snacks, beverages, and guild member responsibilities are:

- 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. If you have a special beverage choice please let me know and I will make it available. 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.

**August 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. THANKS for participating in the Hospitality table!

The members responsible for snacks for August are as follows:

Here is the snack list so far:

**Theme is "Fun in the Sun or Beach"**

MEMBER	SNACK/GOODY	DECORATION
Rosemary Dwyer	Fresh Fruit Bowl	
Barbara McClintock	Boxed Saltwater Taffy from the shore, Soda	
Betty Miller	Fresh Fruit	Beach Table Runner
Sue Miller		
Dale Moelter	Soft Pretzels with Dips	
Carol Molengraft		
Kim Moll	Brownies	
Ingrida Morkeviciene		
Patricia Morrison	Snack to be determined	
Carolyn Newsom	Sliced Watermelon	

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

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

**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.

**NEWSLETTER:** *Christa Froehlich*

Contributions for the July newsletter are due by the end of the month. 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 - A Stitch in Time**

*Linda Martin-Mills and Melissa Curewitz*

We will host a quilt show meeting at 7pm at Melissa's house on 8/10. All chairpeople and committee members are welcome. Please RSVP to Melissa or Linda, and if you are unable to attend, please send a representative as we are 10 weeks away and need a rep at the table to report on your areas. Thanks.

We hope that everyone is using the dog days of August to finish their small quilts and baskets! This is essential to the financial health of the show. This is an area of pure profit so please EVERYONE needs to rally behind this effort. Please also think about contributing a gift card to a grocery for the café or a monetary gift so that it can be used at SAMS or COSTCO, as this will offset the cost of the café and turn this area into one of profit.

To make the quilt show a success, EVERYONE needs to look through their contact list on their phones, facebook, instagram etc and invite people to our show. We need to increase the foot traffic into the show in order to be successful. I have personally asked the Arts and Healing Committee at Capital Health to invite anyone who has attended any and all of our art shows. This is a list of over 1200 people. If everyone thinks outside the box on this event and gets a poster up or a postcard placed in a high traffic area then we will succeed in making this a show for all time! A Stitch in Time!

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

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!

Think about that extra stuff that has been clogging up your sewing areas. If you donate it, you'll have room to buy more stuff! 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. If you are donating fabric, please pin a note to it with the yardage, so we don't have to measure it. Thanks!

Elaine has made room in her garage and is ready to take your donations at guild meetings. To make it easier to price, please safety pin a small paper with the yardage on all fabric pieces.

### **Small Quilts & Gift Baskets Committee (Rosemary Dwyer and Regina Apuzzo)**

Hi Everyone!

Now is the time for you to be making your Small Quilt for our Raffle. As soon as you have finished, please bring it to our guild meeting. 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 Sukie. 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.

For the gift baskets: Grab a few quilting buddies and put together a basket, or you, alone, can fill one. Any food included in your basket must be shelf stable/nonperishable. Your basket can have a theme; such as, sewing notions, fabrics, gift cards to restaurants, tea, coffee, chocolate, etc. Use your imagination and creativity! Be sure to give your basket a name. We ask that its value be at least \$25.00. Please wrap your basket in **clear** cello wrap, only. Baskets are due either at the September guild meeting, or they can be brought to the show venue on set-up night (preferable). Please don't bring them in sooner than September. Since we have a new venue for our 2017 show, it is quite possible that we will have more visitors from the general public. So, it would be great to have baskets that would interest non-quilters.

Now is the time to start planning your basket. Beginning in July, we will have a sign-up sheet, as we need to know ahead of time, the donor(s), basket name, and basket contents, so tags can be made.

Small Quilts and Gift Baskets are very popular with our quilt show visitors. 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. This is a very important fundraising activity for our show, with 100% of the proceeds going to the guild. We need everyone to participate to make this a success. So, finish up your quilts and work on your baskets.. If you have any questions, please contact Regina at [puzzmav@verizon.net](mailto:puzzmav@verizon.net). or Rosemary at [rosemarykdwyer@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarykdwyer@gmail.com).

Regards,

Rosemary and Regina

## **MINUTES OF THE NEWTOWN QUILTERS GUILD MEETING ON JULY 18, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Regina Apuzzo.

Initial discussion involved the quilt show.

Regina requested commitments for small quilts and baskets auction. She doesn't want to wait too long for contributions from members.

Nancy Steigerwalt has quilt show postcards with pictures of the raffle quilt for members to take and hand out. She will have posters that we can put up when we get closer to the show.

Marsha Watro has her volunteer sign-up board ready for members to view and to use for signing up.

Regina announced that we have secured the Masonic Hall in Yardley for our traditional October 17 potluck dinner meeting at 6 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be available at the August meeting.

Linda Martin-Mills, vice-president, noted that she has secured programs for most of our 2017 and 2018 guild meetings. August 2017 will be a "sew for the show" meeting, followed by quilt registration in September. October will be our dinner meeting, complete with drawing the winning ticket for our raffle quilt. In November, our guest speaker will be Carol Heppe, from the Kutztown fair. December will be our holiday guild meeting.

Meetings for 2018 will include a philanthropy sewing evening in January, speaker ReNae Merrill in February who will speak on free motion machine quilting (complete with a workshop the same day), local artist Jan Vanderee in March, Fulton Designs for an April meeting on digital age quilting, Jeannie Campbell as a speaker in May, and our guild birthday celebration and game night in June.

Judi Reiss announced that Lower Makefield will hold a "Pride Day" celebration on September 3 at the Lower Makefield Library.

Joan Shipp, corresponding secretary, reported that she sent a get well card to Betty Miller, and a thank you to our recent speaker, Lisa Calle. She also noted that Elaine LaPrete's father is ill and asked for prayers for him and his family.

Donna Martinez, treasurer, brought up the notion of disposing of our quilt frames because of the expense of storing them. it was mentioned that perhaps the ArtWorks studio in Trenton might be able to utilize them.

The treasurer's gift was won by Joan Shipp.

Rosanne Friehs , hospitality, thanked those members who had provided refreshments for the evening.

Gretchen Faras announced that 32 members were present, including one new member. Gretchen was the winner of the name tag prize.

The quilty prize was won by Joan Shipp.

Sallie Lloyd indicated that Barbara McClintock had finished some bindings for philanthropy quilts, and strips from the game night "strip game" were donated to Philanthropy for quilts.

Our 2017 Raffle quilt was scheduled to be exhibited at Quilt Odyssey on July 21/22 for ticket sales, as well as at the Round Bobbin quilt shop on September 23, at Yardley Harvest Day, and at Newtown Market Day on October 7 (Nancy Steigerwalt is chairperson for Market Day).

Our program for the evening consisted of games and prizes, including a stash game, strips game and wheel of fortune quilt words puzzle.

Show and tell: Nancy Lacey, Linda Martin-Mills, Marsha Watro, Peg Bauman, Judi Reiss, Rosemary Dwyer, Joan Shipp, Regina Apuzzo, and Diana Leslie (with many quilt parts from our mystery quilt workshop earlier in the day).

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

*Submitted by Diana Leslie, recording secretary*

### **A new quilting novel from a new author!**

My name is Jennifer Skinnell, a quilter from Herndon, VA. I have also recently published my first novel, *One Sweet Development*, on Amazon. As a self-published author, I also have to do my own marketing.

*One Sweet Development* is the first in my Hope Springs Romance Series about a group of women of all different ages who live in the small town of Hope Springs. It is a "clean and wholesome" contemporary romance! The ladies of the Advice Quilting Bee meet every Thursday night at Rosie's Quilting Emporium to hand-quilt a quilt they have pieced for a deserving cause. While sitting around the quilting frame, the older ladies give advice about love, relationships and life to the younger members. *One Sweet Development* centers around Chandler, the town baker, and her budding relationship with Rosie's grandson, Peter, who is a real estate developer.

*One Sweet Development* is now available on Amazon.com in eBook (\$2.99) or paperback (\$7.99). If you go to my author page at [www.amazon.com/author/jenniferskinnell](http://www.amazon.com/author/jenniferskinnell) you will find the link to purchase. You can also visit my website <http://www.jenniferskinnellquilting.wordpress.com/> and click on the book cover on the right side of the homepage

### **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.**