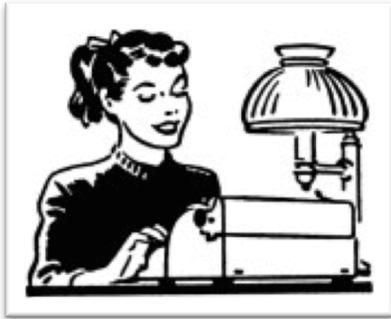




PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Hi Everyone!

Are you in full quilt-making mode, now that the holidays are fast approaching? Not much time remains to get everything done – no pressure, right! As well, not much time remains before we close the book on our guild's 29th year. 2019 will mark an important milestone for Newtown Quilters' Guild – 30 years! An exciting year has been planned, so I'm looking forward to celebrating this historic year with all of you. Stay tuned. . . .

We enjoyed having Janellea Macbeth at our November meeting. Her scrap fabric organization method is something I admire, as I am not an organized person when it comes to my fabric stash. When she showed us that rather small container of organized scraps and said that a queen-sized quilt could be made from those scraps and fabric from her "annex," I was blown away. I would never have thought about doing that. From the photos on Facebook, it looks like everyone enjoyed her workshop. Be sure to bring your quilts to Show & Tell. We wrap up our year with our holiday meeting when Lorie Leonardi will present a trunk show of her quilting journey. I'm very much looking forward to that.

As we close out this term, I would like to thank the members of our Executive Board: Linda Martin-Mills, Donna Martinez, Diana Leslie, and Joan Shipp. Their dedication and service to our guild is much appreciated. The work of our Executive Board provides guidance for our guild and keeps everything on track. I, also, thank our committee chairs for their yeoman's work. Without them, we would not have Hospitality (Rosanne Friehs, Jane Nadig), a Website and Facebook page (Nancy Lacey), a private group Facebook page and Show & Tell photos (Joan Shipp), Block of the Month (Pat Clayton), Membership (Eve Vallorani, Teresa Wescott), 2017 Quilt Show (Linda Martin-Mills, Melissa Curewitz), 2018 Quilt Challenge (Nancy Steigerwalt, Pam Sugrue, Linda Martin-Mills), Market Day participation (Nancy Steigerwalt), Philanthropy (Melissa Curewitz), Newsletter (Doreen Aiello), Nominating Committee for the 2019-2020 Executive Board (Peg Bauman, Mary Kay Stoloski, Nancy Steigerwalt), Raffle Quilts (Sallie Lloyd-2017, Donna Martinez-2018, Pat Clayton-2019). While we no longer have a library, I would like to thank Kim Moll and Lisa Coccetti, for their help in selling our books. Last, but not least, "Thank you!" to all of you who participated in our guild, no matter how. Our guild is only as good as we make it, and I think you will agree that our guild is pretty darn good!

I am happy to report that three members have volunteered to co-chair our 2019 Quilt Show: Nancy Steigerwalt, Kim Moll, and Dee Stark. Dee is a brand new member to whom we extend a warm welcome and our thanks for jumping in. We look forward to working with her, Nancy, and Kim. Producing our show is an all-hands-on-deck process. Let's repeat the success of our last show and start work on our 2019 show. Stay tuned for more information and how you can help.

One Committee position remains open: 2020 Raffle Quilt. Please contact me if you are interested.

Don't forget, it's time to renew your guild membership. Our Bylaws require that dues need to be paid no later than our December guild meeting. Annual dues are \$45.00. We accept either cash or check, payable to "Newtown Quilters' Guild." Please give your dues to our Membership Chairs, Eve Vallorani and Teresa Wescott. When you renew, please make sure that we have your up-to-date contact information.

One more thing: we are entering that part of the year when Mother Nature likes to throw a monkey wrench into our guild meetings. She hit us twice in 2018. I'm hoping that she misses for 2019, but just in case her aim is spot on, please stay tuned to your email on guild meeting days when weather looks threatening. You will be notified by email should a meeting be cancelled. Those who do not have email will receive a phone call.

Well, that's a wrap! I look forward to seeing you at our December guild meeting.

In the meantime, sew like no one is watching!

Happy Holidays!

Regards,

Regina



NEXT GUILD MEETING – DECEMBER 18, 2018

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 7:00pm at The Lower Makefield Township Community Center, 1550 Oxford Valley Road, Yardley, PA 19067. You may arrive as early as 6:30. Guests are welcome for a \$5.00 charge.

PROGRAMS: *Linda Martin-Mills*

December 18th – Lorie Leonardi will present her "Dog and Pony Show" We are so lucky to have such a talent in our guild. This is sure to be a fun talk!

For December, instead of giving gifts, we will be collecting art supplies for the Healing Hands Mobile Art program. Colored pencils, gel pens, crayons, children and adults coloring books, word finds, puzzle books and decorative scissors along with clay, play dough, yarn, crochet hooks or plastic looms would be great!

January 15th – Sarah Bond will be with us for a trunk show at guild and then a workshop Saturday January 19th 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., NY Beauty, at Lower Makefield Community Center (bring brown bag lunch!) \$45 guild members \$50 guests. For this special guest, the guild guest fee will be \$10.

February 19th– Philanthropy night at Guild – we will have more details coming later.

March 16th Saturday Workshop by the funny and talented Pat Clayton! She will be teaching her very own pattern – "I'll take them All!" ruler bag workshop 10-4 at LMCC \$40 payable to guild. Pattern required.

March 19th Rachel Derstine from Rachel Derstine Designs will lecture on "My Quilting Journey – Boundaries and Beyond"

**For the Barbara Yates Beasley Workshop in September of 2019 we will put out the sign-up sheet in January. The class is a two-day class. She accepts 12 people in her two-day class, so space is limited. You must provide a check when signing up – no exceptions. So, bring your checkbooks to be able to secure your spot.

TREASURER'S TRIVIA – *Donna Martinez*

Every month in the Guild Newsletter I will be hiding a quilt block name such as Pinwheel in the body of the newsletter. The quilt block name will be enclosed in parenthesis—example (Pinwheel). Pinwheel is not the answer!

The quilt block name will not be a part of the original content of the topic written about, so it will look out of place. You need to read the newsletter to win!

MEMBERSHIP: *Eve Vallorani and Teresa Wescott*

It's time to renew your membership! Please remember that dues are due at the **December meeting. We hope that you will all renew your memberships.

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

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS: *Joan Shipp*

A get-well card was sent to Andrea Csogi. A thank you note was sent to Mary Annunziato for her wonderful "Wooly Pines" workshop.

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.

PHILANTHROPY: *Melissa Curewitz*

Please consider making a Christmas stocking or 2 so they can be filled with toiletries and donated. Here is a link to a simple pattern.

<https://www.diaryofaquilter.com/2012/11/christmas-stockings-tutorial.html>

Bring your stockings to the December guild meeting.

NEWSLETTER: *Doreen Aiello*

Contributions for the newsletter are due on the Tuesday after our Guild meeting. Please e-mail them to me at mrsCstitch@aol.com.

HOSPITALITY: *Rosanne Friehs*

"Celebrate the Holidays"

This meeting is special as it is our last meeting of the year. Let us celebrate as a Guild in holiday spirit! Lorie Leonardi is our special speaker which should add to the festivities.

Since we do have a special speaker, the snacks will be available after the speaker to allow all members time to socialize and have an opportunity to sample all 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.

For December's meeting I have a tablecloth, a table runner and one centerpiece, but if someone has an extra decoration or table topper it would be greatly appreciated! We want the tables to look festive for the evening! Again, all help is greatly appreciated!

We have some volunteers signed up for December and I also assigned a few extra members who had not signed up for a particular month. I hope this works out okay. THANKS for participating in the Hospitality table! Please email me at rdfriehs@gmail.com or call at home # 215-493-6427 for any questions. 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.

Members assigned to bring a sweet or savory treat are as follows:

Melissa Curewitz, Denise Cyhan, Rosanne Friehs, Anne Guinn, Elaine LaPrete, Linda Martin Mills, Donna Martinez, Jane Nadig, Nancy Steigerwalt and Nancy Yurgevich

MINUTES OF THE NEWTOWN QUILTERS' GUILD MEETING, NOVEMBER 20, 2018 – *Diana Leslie*

The meeting was called to order by President Regina Apuzzo at 7 p.m.

Early announcements were made which included the following: it was announced that two new guests were present and were introduced. Pat Devonshire, winner of the 2018 raffle quilt, was present and was photographed with the raffle quilt.

Membership dues are now being accepted and should be paid by the December meeting.

Linda Martin-Mills was accepting sign-ups for future workshops.

Free thread was available at the meeting, courtesy of Linda Smith, and library books were still available for

purchase.

Our speaker, Janellea Macbeth, presented a program detailing her quilting journey and ideas for using our stashes of scraps. She is also presenting a workshop on Wednesday.

Peg Bauman presented the slate of officers for election for 2019-2020. They included President, Regina Apuzzo; Vice-President, Christy Stephenson with assistance of Nancy Steigerwalt; Treasurer, Donna Martinez; Corresponding Secretary, Roseanne Friehs; Recording Secretary, Nancy Marin Yurgovich. A motion was made by Peg to accept the slate and seconded by Pat Clayton. The slate as presented was accepted by vote of the membership. (Nine Patch)

There are still openings for committee heads for the 2020 Raffle Quilt chair and for our 2019 Quilt Show chairpersons.

Vice-President Linda Martin-Mills announced upcoming speakers and workshops which are detailed in her section of this newsletter.

Membership announced that 52 members and 2 guests were present. The name tag drawing was won by Roseanne Friehs.

Donna Martinez' Treasurer's trivia prize was won by Christy Stephenson.

Philanthropy chair Melissa Curewitz showed examples of Christmas stockings that she is soliciting from members and to be returned at the December meeting. These will be filled with toiletries by the Girl Scouts group and distributed for Christmas.

Roseanne Friehs asked for more volunteers for refreshments in December.

Pat Clayton reminded members that finished Block-of-the-Month quilts are due to be shown at the December meeting. Quilts do not have to be finished, but the tops do have to be assembled in whatever form the participant chooses, whether it be full tops, wall hangings, etc. Prizes will be awarded.

Newsletter submissions are due by the end of November to Doreen Aiello.

Discussion was held about having the raffle quilt winning ticket drawn in November or December, in order to give more time for selling tickets at fall events.

Show and tell participants included the following: Nancy Steigerwalt, Judi Reiss, Nancy Yurgovich, Rosemary Dwyer, Rosemary Torelli, Linda Martin-Mills.

The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.

RAFFLE QUILT - PAT CLAYTON

The 2019 Raffle Quilt is expected to be completed by our December Guild Meeting. Please think about possible venues for ticket sales. Thank you.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – PAT CLAYTON

BOM Quilts will be displayed at the **December** Meeting. Anyone who completed the top of their quilt (does not need to be quilted) will be entered in a drawing for a prize. Please work on completing your quilt tops so we can have a stellar show and tell. Thanks to all who participated.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Calico Cutter Guild has a \$10 guest fee and have many national speakers. Check out their website for upcoming classes which they are extending out to other guilds. This is a way for smaller groups of us to take advantage of these classes that our guild may or may not be able to afford. This guild is in West Chester area. We can carpool.

Meeting Etiquette

- *Please silence your devices or place them on vibrate, especially during the speaker's lecture.*
- *If you do any hand sewing during the meeting, please make sure there are no pins, threads, etc. on your chair and the floor.*
- *If you bring something for the "free-for-the-taking" table, please make sure to take it home if no one wants it.*
- *Unless otherwise noted, refreshments will be available after the program/lecture. Beverages are available upon your arrival.*
- *The Lower Makefield Township Community Center is a great meeting space for our guild, and being good custodians of their property is much appreciated.*