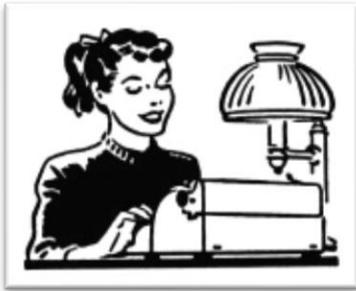




PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: REGINA APUZZO



Hi Everyone,

As 2019 draws to a close, Newtown Quilters' Guild will turn the page on a wonderful and momentous chapter in its history. The guild celebrated a milestone in 2019 - its 30th birthday! Our June birthday meeting brought together old and new, memories and the promise of tomorrow, along with a commemorative quilt with blocks made and signed by members. Our beautiful Quilt Show took place in October and received rave reviews from visitors. 2019 featured programs and speakers, both nationally known and our very own members, offering a window into the many diverse areas of quilt making. Our workshops provided opportunities to learn new skills while socializing with fellow members. Our 2019 raffle quilt wowed and will soon be in the hands of its lucky winner. Through your generosity, the guild provided quilts, holiday stockings, and birthday buddies to our neighbors in need. Non-perishable food items were collected at our Quilt Show and donated to an organization which helps to feed the hungry. Partnering with the community, the guild worked with Friends Home and Village to make a quilt to raise funds for their improvement projects; we donated fabric to a Girl Scout Silver Award candidate; and we partnered with local first responders by providing Crayon Quilts for children in crisis. We participated in Newtown Market Day and donated a raffle basket for Lower Makefield Township's Community Pride Day.

What made 2019 great was you, our members. Through your continued support and participation, our guild will remain strong and successful, enabling us to continue to provide a welcoming place where quilters can share their love of the art, and, as well, enabling us to continue our community partnerships. The promise of tomorrow is in our hands. I'm looking forward to 2020!

We have a great calendar planned for next year; so, stay tuned for information about our speakers, programs, workshops, the Biennial Quilt Challenge, and more. We enjoyed hosting Julia Graves at our November guild meeting. The Gemstone Bling workshop was fun. Julia is not only a talented quilter, but she is a great teacher. Her ability to break down a complex pattern into easy-to-do segments convinced

workshop students that making those gem blocks is very doable. We had a great time in her class.

Membership renewals have begun. The deadline is the close of our December guild meeting, per our By-Laws. If you are unable to renew your dues by the deadline, please contact me ASAP. Interest in our guild is high, and we have a waiting list of quilters who are eager to become members. Dues are \$45.00; and as a member benefit, you will receive four books of raffle quilt tickets in 2020. You may keep those tickets or sell them. Dues are payable by check ("Newtown Quilters' Guild") or in cash. The Membership Committee is responsible for collecting dues. Please do not give or mail them to the Treasurer.

When you renew, you will be asked to verify your contact information and to make any needed changes. It's important for you to do so. We need to have an accurate membership list, so that we can communicate guild news and reach you in the event of meeting cancellations due to inclement weather.

The winning ticket for our 2019 raffle quilt will be drawn at our December guild meeting. The winner of the "Workers' Quilt" will be drawn that evening, as well. 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 17, 2019

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm at The Lower Makefield Township Community Center, 1550 Oxford Valley Road, Yardley, PA 19067. You may arrive as early as 6:30. This is a members-only meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT (PROGRAMS): *CHRISTY STEPHENSON AND NANCY J. STEIGERWALT*



Upcoming Programs

Tuesday December 17, 2019 7 PM- 9:30 PM "300 Years of American Quilts"

Dana Balsamo is a nationally recognized quilt historian and quilt appraiser. Dana's lectures are dynamic, and she will be sharing many of her antique quilts with us. Join us to learn about the history of quilting!

Tuesday January 21, 2020 10 AM- 4 PM Wool Work with Gretchen Gibbons

Gretchen Gibbons is known for her beautiful wool work. Check out her website to see her beautiful patterns- www.gretchengibbons.com. Gretchen will be teaching us her techniques using her Cottage Garden pattern. The kit for the Cottage Garden will be available for \$5.00 (pay directly to Gretchen).

Tuesday January 21, 2020 7 PM- 9:30 PM "Wool Work- My Quilting Journey presentation by Gretchen Gibbons

Gretchen Gibbons will be sharing her quilts and her quilting journey with our guild. Gretchen was the owner of The Round Bobbin for many years and is well known for her wool work expertise.

Saturday February 15, 2020 Fabric Painting Workshop- Leona Law

For those of you who attended last year's Member Demo night you may remember Leona Law dazzled us with her fabric painting work. Leona has graciously agreed to teach workshop participants how to paint their own fabric.

Tuesday February 18, 2020 Member Demo Night

Member Demo Night is back by popular demand. Members have agreed to share fabric cutting techniques, quilt design, applique', quilting in sections, necktie necklaces and adding realistic features to our quilts. It is bound to be a fun and informative night for everyone.

Tuesday March 17, 2020 Happy Villages Workshop with Karen Eckmeier

Karen Eckmeier is a nationally known, award-winning quilter, pattern designer and author of several books. Her website is www.quilted-lizard.com. Check out her student gallery to see what others who have taken one of her workshops have created. Karen's workshop will teach us the topstitching and fabric collage techniques she uses in her Happy (Snowball) Villages quilts.

Tuesday March 17, 2020 "My Edges are Showing" presentation by Karen Eckmeier

Karen Eckmeier will be presenting an array of her quilts from hand applique to her current straight-stitch applique' series. Karen's presentations will definitely give us ideas on where to find inspiration and how to deal with "those scary edges" encountered along the way.

Tuesday April 21, 2020 Basic Thread painting on Daisy Panel with Joyce Hughes

Joyce Hughes is the author of "Creating Art Quilts with Panels." In this workshop she will be teaching thread painting and embellishing techniques to create our own colorful art from fabric panels. Joyce's website is www.joycehughesoriginals.com We will be working with a daisy panel which can be purchased directly from Joyce.

Tuesday April 21, 2020 My Journey Into Quilting presentation by Joyce Hughes

Joyce Hughes will be sharing her quilting journey and provide a trunk show of her work. Joyce is an award-winning, self-taught quilter and fiber artist. Her expertise is in free motion quilting and thread painting,

Saturday April 25, 2020 Philanthropy Sewing Day with Kara Engleman and Camille Amadio

Come to the Community Center for a day of fun creating items for philanthropy.

Quilting Groups Start-up Invitation

Are you interested in joining a monthly quilting group with other members of our quilt guild? Many members have mentioned they would love to be part of a small group of quilt enthusiasts to get to know other members and their work. Nancy Steigerwalt is spearheading an effort to start several new groups, and she would like to get the groups organized for 2020. If you are interested in a daytime or evening group, please sign up at the Programs table. Nancy will put together groups based on where they live and the time of day that they prefer meeting.

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: *Gretchen Faras and Teresa Wescott*

Dues MUST be paid by the December meeting, checks for \$45 made out to Newtown Quilt Guild. Kindly fill out your checks before you come to the sign-in desk, as this would be very helpful! Please let us know of any changes to your information (address, phone number, email).

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS: *Rosanne Friehs*

A thank you note was given to Julia Graves for leading the M.J. Kinman Gemstone workshop and for presenting her lecture; telling us about her personal quilting journey and trunk show at the November Guild meeting.

If you know of someone who needs a message of thanks, get-well, condolences, or congratulations; please email Rosanne Friehs at rdfriehs@gmail.com or call me. When leaving an email, message or text; please give full name and address of the person needing a card from the Guild. Thanks!

PHILANTHROPY: *Camille Amadio and Kara Engelman*

We wish to thank all members who made a Christmas Stocking for Homefront and to all those who so diligently contributed the toiletries, and toys throughout the year. As per Homefront's request we will be delivering the stockings the week after Thanksgiving. We will begin collecting toiletries for next year in January. Homefront has also made a request for receiving blankets. We can discuss this at the December meeting.

NEWSLETTER: *Doreen Aiello*

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

HOSPITALITY: *SALLIE LLOYD and ELAINE LA PRETE*

Our December hospitality table is bound to be a holly jolly one, with snacks provided by Lisa Coccetti, Gretchen Faras, Leigh Clark, Linda Martin Mills, Pat Erhard, Rosanne Friehs, Betty Hancock, Lorie Leonardi, Donna Martinez, Jane Nadig, and Christy Stephenson. Many thanks to all who volunteered to bring treats for our holiday celebration!

MINUTES OF THE NEWTOWN QUILTER'S GUILD, NOVEMBER 19, 2019 - *Nancy Maren Yurgevich*

The Meeting was called to order by Regina Apuzzo, President of the Guild, and she welcomed everyone. She announced that during the break we will be filling the Christmas stockings made by the membership with donated supplies for "Home Front". She asked all members who have not already done so to pay membership dues. Dues are payable by 12/31/19 for the 2020 year. Dues can also be mailed to the new membership co-chair, Lillian Mannon.

Nancy Steigerwalt introduced the speaker for the evening, Julia Graves.

Break and Social Time. Stockings filled as noted above.

Steigerwalt announced the Quilt Show winners. 3rd place was Camille Amadio, 2nd place was Leona Law, 1st place was Christy Stephenson. Steigerwalt thanked Marsha Watro who made the ribbons.

Corresponding Secretary – Rosanne Friehs sent thank you notes to Leona Law for the October sharing dinner decorations and to Julia Graves (tonight's speaker). Friehs also thanked all those who chaired the various committees for the Quilt Show. They are: Regina Apuzzo, Linda Arye, Marianne Brodlo, Pat Clayton, Rosemary Dwyer, Gretchen Gibbons, Betty Hancock, Jackie Kaizar, Nancy Lacey, Elaine LaPrete, Diana Leslie, Sallie Lloyd, Donna Martinez, Dee Stark, Nancy Steigerwalt and Marsha Watro.

Philanthropy – Camille Amadio thanked all those who made Holiday Stockings and brought them to the meeting.

Newsletter – Doreen Aiello asked that all newsletter articles be to her by December 1

Hospitality – Sallie Lloyd thanked all those who brought items for tonight's meeting and urged members to sign up for the December meeting.

Programs and Activities – Christy Stephenson talked about upcoming programs and workshops for the first quarter of 2020. A complete list of finalized events will be available at our December meeting. Stephenson thanked the program committee for their input.

Membership – Lillian Mannon and Pat Clayton will be the new membership co-chairs for 2020. Tonight, there were 7 guests present and 57 members.

Block of the Month – Clayton noted that the Block of the Month project for 2019 finishes next month and all quilt tops should be completed and brought to the December meeting. Clayton also reminded members that the winner of the raffle quilt will be drawn at the December meeting. Clayton asked everyone who was involved in the Raffle Quilt project in any way to stand up and acknowledged that it takes all of us to make a successful project.

Prizes:

Name tag prize, Treasurer's Trivia, and Quilty Prize winners were drawn.

Show & Tell – Linda Martin-Mills, Marsha Watro, Sue Bozarth-Smith, Bill Brown, Francine Oswald, Pat Morrison, Lorie Leonardi, Carol Molengraft, Sallie Lloyd, Crys Harm, Rosemary Dwyer, Elaine LaPrete, Nancy Maren-Yurgevich. Crayon Quilts Show and Tell: Betsy Smyth, Pat Clayton

Meeting Adjourned

RAFFLE QUILT 2019 - PAT CLAYTON

2019 is coming to a close and so is our very successful year with Flutter and Flowers....our raffle quilt. If you have not already done so, all members must return their raffle tickets if they would like to be eligible to win the quilt. Both the quilt and the worker's quilt will be chanced off at our December meeting. To all of you who participated in the making or promotion of the quilt or additional sales throughout 2019, Newtown Guild thanks you. It has been a great success for our guild!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – PAT CLAYTON

All finished BOM 2019 quilt tops/quilts will be shown at our December guild meeting. All members who finish their quilt tops will be eligible for a drawing. The entire guild looks forward to the show and tell.

2020 QUILT CHALLENGE – PAT CLAYTON

There will be a new and exciting quilt challenge for 2020. It will be a quilt challenge with two options...you choose one of them. It will be discussed at the January 2020 meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please visit our guild's website: <http://www.newtownquiltersguild.org/quilt-shows--related-events.html> to view upcoming area events and quilt shows.

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.*