

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Wasn't it great to see everyone on Thursday? Months have gone by and I know I missed guild. We had a wonderful speaker, Ann Hermes, who spoke about Pennsylvania quilts which was very interesting, a great dessert table provided by the board, lots of great discussion, beautiful show and tell (some people were very busy during these last few months) and the holiday exchange. We welcomed our newest members and hope that they feel the warmth and camaraderie of the guild. We also hope that they volunteer to help with events and join some committees. They may be throwbacks from guild previously or brand new members but they bring fresh ideas to us. I am excited to get to know each of them.

Linda Smith has announced that she will be giving up Philanthropy in the next 2 months. As someone who did it, personally I can tell you it is a wonderful way to meet new people, learn new but easy blocks and border techniques and the group turns out fabulous quilts! Consider chairing this very important committee for the guild...no experience is needed, just enthusiasm. Many hands make the work go quickly! Call me if you might be thinking about volunteering.

Well, it will be a short few weeks until we meet again. We have another great meeting planned. And remember to get ready for STRIP POKER in March. You need to cut 15 strips WOF to play, or purchase a pack at the meeting. See you all soon.

Linda Martin-Mills

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Guild Meeting – Tuesday, February 18, 2014 @ 7:15pm, Lutheran Church of God's Love, Newtown

Our own Valerie Egar will present "She Did the Best She Could" a presentation of rural quilt tops from the 30's and 40's. If you have a 30's or 40's quilt be sure to bring it for everyone to enjoy.

March 18, 2014 - Guild Meeting

Get ready for "Strip Poker". Start cutting 2 1/2" strips for a night of poker!

All players need to come with 15 assorted strips. A limited number of packets will be available for purchase for \$5 the night of guild.

Saturday, April 12, 2014: Gretchen Gibbons workshop from 10 am - 3 pm.

Gretchen will teach us her beautiful wool appliqué techniques while we make a small wall hanging or pincushion. The cost is \$35 and includes the kit and lunch.

Space is limited to 20. To sign up, call or email Betsy Smyth.

April 15, 2014 - Guild Meeting

Barbara Pershing, quilt designer, long-arm quilter, teacher and author will present "Listen to Your Quilt"

May 20, 2014 - Guild Meeting

Joyce Hughes, award winning quilter who specializes in thread painting, will present "My Journey into Quilting".

June 17, 2014 – Guild Meeting
Birthday Celebration

July 15, 2014 – Mystery Quilt Workshop by Diana Leslie from 10:00 a.m. to 4: 00 p.m.

July 15, 2014 – Guild Meeting (yet to be determined)

August 19, 2014 – Guild Meeting
Nancy Bills, quilter, designer and teacher will present a trunk show featuring quilts made using her technique called "Perfect Strips."

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 – Pineapple workshop with Nancy Bills. 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 – Workshop with Victoria. Workshop details are under construction.

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 members are responsible for bringing treats for the February 2014 meeting. The members of the sewing group Bag Ladies Doreen Aiello, Patricia Clayton, Kathy Dettore and Betty Miller, along with 7 additional guild members; Ellen Conoscenti, Rosanne Friehs, Gloria Kaufhold, Sarah Kaufhold, Jane Nadig, and Beverly Sce.
Thank you, Kelly Cantwell

MEMBERSHIP:

You should have received a copy of the 2014 membership list by e-mail. Please let me know there are any changes to your information. Thank you, *Dawn E Berger*

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:

If anyone knows of someone who needs words of comfort or condolences, get-well wishes, or a congratulatory note please call or email me. *Doreen Aiello*

NEWSLETTER:

Articles are due by February 22, 2014. You can either e-mail them (nqgltr@yahoo.com) or give them to me at the meeting. *Nancy Lacey*

PHILANTHROPY

Philanthropy will be at Linda Smith's home on Monday, February 10 and Monday, March 3 from 6 until 9 pm. Please bring sewing machine and anything needed to sew. If you have any blocks or quilts out, please bring them to the February Guild meeting. RSVP if you are coming to Generator53@hotmail.com.



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Minutes of the Newtown Quilters' Guild Meeting on January 30, 2014

The guild meeting of January 21 was postponed because of inclement weather. At this meeting, we did our Holiday Gift Exchange, postponed from the cancelled December meeting.

The next meeting, presented by our own Valerie Egar, will be "She Did the Best She Could." It will be held on Tuesday, February 18, at 7:15pm at Gods' Love Church. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge.

President (Linda Martin Mills):

Linda opened the meeting. She announced that Hospitality sign-up sheets were available and encouraged all members present to sign up. She also mentioned a "Strip Party" in the month of March.

Linda also had red, white and blue apple core block kits to complete as a philanthropy project for the military corps. All blocks were taken by different members of the guild.

After Betsy Smyth spoke, Linda introduced Ann Hermes, who was able to do her presentation this month. Ann is a collector, a quilter, an author, and studies antique textiles. She did a presentation on her collection of pillowcases dating from the 1830's on.

Vice President (Betsy Smyth):

Betsy took the floor after Linda. She presented the agenda through the next few months.

Ellen Conoscenti will present a workshop (including lunch) this coming Saturday, February 1st, on machine embroidery software. The cost is \$20.

In February Valerie Egar will do a presentation on the 1930's and 1940's quilt tops.

March – We will play "Strip Poker". Each member should bring fifteen 2 ½ inch strips.

April – Gretchen Gibbons will be returning to do a wool/embroidery presentation. She has a new book coming out. She will also do a workshop which will include lunch.

May – Joyce Hughes will come in to talk to us about Thread Painting. She will also do a workshop.

June – we will have our Guild Anniversary meeting.

July – Diana Leslie will do her Mystery workshop at Addisville.

August – Nancy Bills will do a trunk show, and will also do a workshop on "Scrappy Pineapple" blocks.

September – Vitoria Finley Wolf will be our speaker. She is part of the modern quilting movement and has a new book, "Fifteen Minutes of Play". She will also do a workshop.

2104 Challenge (Andrea Csogi) – no news

Membership (Dawn Berger, Marlene Beeco): 53 members and 3 guests were in attendance.

There are three new members: Karen Thompson, Kathy Coyle and Laura Jean Prestage.

2014 Raffle Quilt: (Betty Miller)

Betty presented the two sample paper-pieced blocks for this year's raffle quilt. This year's quilt will be done in blues and white. She then encouraged members to sign up to take some blocks home. Blocks will be due back by the February meeting.

Hospitality (Kelly Cantwell)

Kelly announced that the sign-up sheets for this year's hospitality were ready and encouraged members to sign up with their groups. She also had pictures of all of last year's hospitality tables and asked members to vote on the group that they thought did the best job. Golden Spoon awards were then given out.

Corresponding Secretary (Doreen Aiello)

A thank-you note went out to Eleanor Levie for her November presentation, "Project Runway". A get-well note was sent to Nancy Lacey for her surgery over the holidays. A get-well note was also sent to Andrea Csogi who was in the hospital. Condolences went out to Christa Froelich whose Mom passed away. A thank-you note also went out to Christa for the nice job that she did at the Lunch 'N Learn workshop on Mini Wedding Ring Quilts.

We just learned that Lorie Leonardi's mother-in-law passed away peacefully this afternoon, so we will be sending our condolences to her and her family.

Treasurer (Pam Sugrue):

Income/Expense by Category – December 2013
12/1/2013 through 12/31/2013

Beginning balance as of December 1, 2013 – 18,237.95.

TOTAL INCOME	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	596.46

Ending balance as of December 31, 2013 – 17,641.49

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INCOME	
TOTAL INCOME	0.00
EXPENSES	
Rental (God's Love)	500.00
Public Storage	96.46
TOTAL EXPENSES	596.46

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Newsletter/Website/Facebook (Nancy Lacey):

Nancy would like all entries by this weekend, preferably Saturday.

Philanthropy (Linda Smith):

Philanthropy will be at Linda Smith's house on Monday, February 3 and Monday, March 3 from 6 till 9 pm. We will be doing "Disappearing Pinwheel" quilt blocks. Please bring sewing machine and anything needed to sew.. If you have any blocks or quilts out please bring them to February's Guild meeting. Please RSVP if you are coming to Generator53@hotmail.com.

2014 Block of the Month (Christa Froelich)

The winner of the BOM blocks was Ann Guinn for the month of December and Elaine La Prete for the month of January. See the guild website for information concerning the block for next month.

Name Tag Winner: Pam Sugrue

Quilty Prize Winner: Doreen Aiello

Show & Tell:

Thank you to all who shared their most recent works of art with the group: Mary Kay Stoloski, Marsha Watro, Sally Lloyd, Betty Miller, and Nancy Lacey.

Respectfully submitted by Lorie Leonardi on 2/2/14.



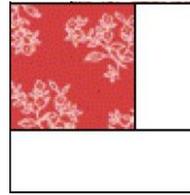
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2013 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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



February – Raggedy Hearts



March – Chunky Steps



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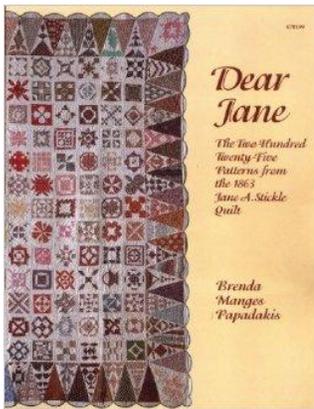
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Regards, Regina Apuzzo

Calling All Dear Janes!



During the "Show and Tell" at the January meeting, I spoke about the possibility of starting a "Dear Jane" group. For those of you not familiar with the Dear Jane Quilt, here is a bit of information.

Jane A. Stickle, born on April 8, 1817 in Vermont is the creator of the legendary Dear Jane Quilt. She made the quilt during the Civil War and completed it in 1863. The quilt is a sampler made of 169 square 5" blocks with each block a different pattern. The quilt also has border triangles and a scalloped border. The original quilt can be found at the Bennington Museum in Vermont.

For years, there has been interest around the world related to the Dear Jane Quilt. There are many blogs on the web that give lots of interesting information, and pictures of hundreds of Dear Jane quilts made by quilters. Some quilts use repro fabrics, others don't.

In 1996, Brenda Papadakis published a book called, "Dear Jane: The Two Hundred Twenty Five Patterns from the 1863 Jane A. Stickle Quilt." The book is available on Amazon.

Some quilters purchase pre-cut fabric kits with directions as a Dear Jane Block of the month while others may choose to use the book as a guide or purchase the CD of patterns and instructions.

The "Dear Jane" group being proposed will not be a workshop group but more of a group that will get together to discuss their Dear Jane quilt no matter what stage- from very beginning to well on the road to completion, fabric selection, perhaps sew a block or two and help each other to make our own Dear Jane masterpiece.

Another member, Leanne Gillen is a Dear Jane fan and may also be reaching out to interested members. While the details are not finalized, we're at the stage of generating interest among members and working on the details. We're planning to meet at a member's home in Yardley. If you think you may be interested in joining the "Dear Jane" group or just have some questions, please feel free to email me at beverlysce@comcast.net or call me on my cell phone at 609-306-6672. Thanks, Bev Sce

Looking Ahead

Saturday, April 5, 2014 to Sunday, April 13, 2014 - HISTORIC QUILT DISPLAY - Common Threads: Quilting Traditions in Hunterdon County, NJ. Open to the Public. Route 12 County Complex, Building #1, Assembly Space, 314 Route 12, Flemington, NJ - 10am to 4pm. For more information, click here: [Common Threads: Quilting Traditions in Hunterdon County, NJ.](#)

Quilt Camp 2014: Wed, April 23 to Sunday April 27 (weekend only is also possible) at Blue Lake, a retreat center owned by Burkholders' Fabrics, Denver, PA; the cost is \$40 per night for participants. The retreat center has a large sewing room, a large dining room with kitchen, and 14 bedrooms (with 23 beds.) 9 bedrooms are on the 2nd floor, 5 bedrooms are on the ground floor (available by steps or by walking outside down a sloped driveway) and one handicapped room is on the main floor. The lower floor also has a game room with 2 large sectional sofas (which could be used for sleeping.) Previous attendees have first choice, there is a sign-up list and I will be starting a waiting list shortly. Payment may be made in January or February (if this is a problem, please contact Peg Bauman at the meetings or email her.



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