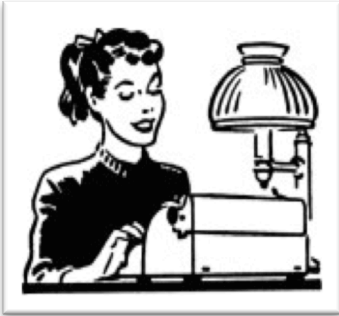


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Hi Everyone,

It was a dark, rainy night—dreary by all accounts. Who would venture out on such a night when staying home would be so comfortable. Why, the members of our guild, of course! We had a great turnout for our January meeting, as we kicked off our 2017 Philanthropy Program. The meeting room was buzzing with friendly conversation, sewing machines were humming, irons were pressing, and rotary cutters were cutting, whew! By the end of the meeting, quilt tops were in progress, and NICU pads were sewn, along with an early start on Christmas stockings. Great job!

I hope that you will meet my 2017 Philanthropy Challenge: “I challenge each member to commit to making one philanthropy quilt this year!” Please join your fellow guild members in participating in our guild’s philanthropic work, which is part of your membership responsibilities. You are welcome to make more than one quilt, as many of you do, but set a goal to make one by the end of the year. We have kits which will make it easy for you to get started. The kits will yield smaller quilts, so they are very doable.

We have a new Philanthropy Chair, Melissa Curewitz. Thanks, Melissa! I want to take this opportunity to thank Sallie Lloyd and Elaine LaPrete for their outstanding work in coordinating our philanthropic endeavors over the past two years. Because of their hard work and your generosity, our guild was able to touch many lives with the love and warmth of a quilt.

Our website now has a listing of organizations where we donate quilts. Select the “Philanthropy” tab and click on the PDF document. You’ll find links to those organizations’ websites and specs for the quilts needed.

We will be presenting our 2017 budget for approval at the February guild meeting. Prior to the meeting, you will receive an e-mail, with the proposed budget attached for your review.

We have made a change to when snacks will be available during our meetings. Beverages will be available when you arrive, and snacks will be available during the break. We want the break to be a dedicated time for socializing, and we want to be sure that there are enough snacks for everyone to enjoy. Our Hospitality Co-Chairs, Sue Demberg and Donna Martinez, will be assigning members to bring snacks throughout the year. If you know that you will not be available to attend a particular meeting or meetings, please let either of them know, as soon as possible.

Our 2017 Quilt Show preparations are ramping up. Chair positions are filling, but we still need a Publicity Chair. We will have a great show, but if no one knows about it, well Talk with either Linda Martin-Mills or Melissa Curewitz if you are interested. The sooner we fill that job, the better. The show may seem far down the road, but it will be here before you know it. Save the dates: Saturday, October 14, from 9:00 to 5:00 and Sunday, October 15, from 9:00 to 5:00, with set-up scheduled for Friday, October 13.

Our guild is currently welcoming new members. If you know someone who might be interested in joining a guild, please extend an invitation to one of our meetings. If you have any ideas about how we may attract new members, please let me know.

Well, that’s a wrap! I look forward to seeing you at our February meeting. A “mystery” speaker is scheduled. Hmm Until then, sew like no one is watching!

Regards,
Regina

PAST PRESIDENT – Diana Leslie:

My sincere thanks to any and all of the members who worked on my President's quilt. I am deeply touched and so grateful to all of you for this lovely gift. After the last meeting, I sat and read every little note that each of you wrote and I was quite moved that you all took the time to say such nice things to me. Please know that I will cherish this quilt from my friends. And I thank you also for all the cooperation and help that I received over the last two years as President. You have all been great to work with, and I look forward to many more years in the guild. – *Diana*

NEXT GUILD MEETING – February 21, 2017

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 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:

I want to thank everyone who listened and read their newsletter about the Philanthropy night at guild. It was wonderful to see so many projects getting started and many getting done at the meeting. We were able to secure a philanthropy chair person, Melissa Curewitz – I can tell you she is great to work with! Think about being her co-chair. We started you off with some great projects. For those who missed out – please read your newsletter for details about programs. This way you will be prepared to participate. The guild is only as strong as its members. Diana Leslie has offered to be my money collector at the meetings so look for her and follow the instructions below about signing up for workshops. - *Linda*

February 21 – We will have a wonderful visitor from the art world to speak to us about their organization and the support that they give artists. We have a wonderful opportunity to partner and support this organization. We believe that you will all be excited to hear about them. Additionally many of you have asked for members to speak about their artistry and show the evolution of their quilting. On this night we will have a speaker from within the guild give a talk about her journey. We will keep her identity secret and have a “reveal” the night of guild. Come and enjoy! Also think about suggesting a speaker for the guild meetings.

March 21 - www.cheryllynchquilts.com Look her up! Cheryl Lynch will be coming in March to our Guild! We will have a lecture/trunk show on “Turning Travel into Treasures” and a workshop earlier in the day, Tuesday March 21st from 10-4 on mosaic tile quilts. Supply list to follow. Please send your check to Linda Martin-Mills for \$40 (includes pizza and beverage)

April 18 - Dippydyes.com Take a look at the wonderful hand dyed fabric you can learn to make. When you need just that shade to complete a project! We will have Lisa Reber for a lecture in the evening and a workshop earlier in the day from 10-4. There will be a \$40 charge for the workshop payable to the guild, and a \$10 kit fee payable to the teacher at the workshop. Ready-to-dye fabric will be available for sale at the workshop for \$5.00/yard. If you are interested please send in your check to secure your space in the workshop.

May is garage sale night. More to follow

June is birthday month with Lisa Calle. Divide and Design lecture and workshop, June 20th - 10 to 4. Location TBA.

Note: We are asking that you pay by check or cash and place your payment in an envelope marked with your name, who you are paying for and what workshop you are signing up for. We will not consider your seat held until we have your money. We need to protect the guild from taking a loss on any workshop. Additionally, **we will open workshops up to other guilds one month after we have a sign up.** So you have until the February meeting to sign up for Mosaic workshop before I accept area quilters into our workshops. Thank you for your kindness in assisting us in keeping this process moving forward.

Linda Martin-Mills

*****Stop by our website to get more information and see project photos for our upcoming workshops.*****

HOSPITALITY:

We would like to take time to welcome everyone back to Guild meetings. If you were not at the January Meeting we want to take a moment to review the new Hospitality guidelines regarding snacks, beverages, and guild member responsibilities—

- 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. 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.

February Snacks:

Snacks and goodies are an important part of your guild members' time out and everyone always appreciates your efforts in making the Guild Meeting more enjoyable. The members responsible for snacks in February are:

Camille Amaido, Marion Baranosky, Peg Bauman, Marlene Becco, Susan Bowles, Susan Broeze, Kelly Cantwell, Patricia Clayton, Janet Cohen and Kathleen Coyle.

Sue Demberg and Donna Martinez

PHILANTHROPY:

I hope everyone enjoyed our January meeting, sewing for philanthropy. Thank you Linda for organizing and creating this meeting. Because of that night we were able to donate 9 NICU blankets, make Christmas stockings, and complete quilt tops for Quilts For Kids, to name a few. As I start my journey as the philanthropy chair, I will need everyone's help to ensure we continue to support the many charitable organizations within our community. Please let me know if you prefer group sewing events, take home projects or a combination.

Melissa Curewitz

2017 RAFFLE QUILT:

Our appliqué committee is working hard on completing their large swirling blocks for the raffle quilt, and I'm looking forward to having all the blocks brought in to the next guild meeting, so that we can all see how beautifully they are turning out. I know that three of the nine applique blocks are completed. I have started to put together the flying geese and pinwheel blocks, but am still missing a few. ***If anyone has a pinwheel block kit that is not yet completed, please bring it back to the next meeting in whatever form it is in!*** I am hoping that the raffle quilt will be finished before March, and that we will be able to start selling raffle tickets as soon as it is done. I am looking into the possibility of asking Mancuso Show Management for a table at the New Jersey Quilt Fest (March 2-5 in Somerset, NJ), for selling some raffle tickets.

Sallie Lloyd

MEMBERSHIP:

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

Eve Vallorani and Gretchen Faras

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:

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.

Joan Shipp

NEWSLETTER:

Contributions for the newsletter are due by the last Sunday of the month. Please e-mail them to me at christafruehlich.qb@gmail.com. If you have any questions, you can call me at 215-431-5735 or 215-943-0550.

Christa Froehlich

QUILT SHOW:

Aunt Sukie's Attic: (Elaine LaPrete, Sue Demberg, Lorie Leonardi)

Many of us have a relative who has an attic full of wonderful sewing stuff. Fabric, notions, tools, book -- they are all there. Our guild has our imaginary relative Aunt Sukie. Her "attic" is our flea market part of the quilt show.

The attic gets 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!

So your part in this is to go through your stashes, as Donna Martinez said," the ones you are hiding from your husband." And put your extra stuff aside until we are ready to collect it. That's all for now. More info to come.

MINUTES OF THE NEWTOWN QUILTERS GUILD MEETING ON JANUARY 17, 2017

Tonight's Program: tonight we all participated in working on projects for Philanthropy. Some people worked on Christmas stockings, NICU blankets, Kits that Lorie Leonardi put together.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 21, 2017** at 7:30pm at The Birches; 70 Durham Road, Newtown, PA 18940. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge.

President Regina Apuzzo: Regina encouraged people to check out our website for more information on philanthropy.

She also challenged all members to make at least one philanthropy quilt this year. Quilts should be made from start to finish because Philanthropy will no longer be quilting the quilts. Quilting can be done very simply with straight line quilting. If you still can't quilt the top you made, bring it in and we will see if we can find someone who is willing to quilt it.

Vice President Linda Martin-Mills requested that members look in their stashes for strips of Christmas fabrics and bring them in next month. They will be used for Philanthropy projects

Linda announced that **February** will be a surprise, secret speaker and that **March** will be Cheryl Lynch with a workshop and lecture – how to turn your pictures into quilts. **April** will be dippy dyes lecture and workshop on fabric dyeing

2017 and 2018 Workshops: we must have payment in order to hold your spot on the sign up list

Locations for workshops are still being worked on.

Treasurer's Report for February 2017 Meeting - Pam Sugrue:

Income/Expense by Category –January 2017
1/1/2017 through 1/31/2017

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2017 =	11,733.58
TOTAL INCOME	1,300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	489.18
Ending Balance as of January 31, 2017 =	12,544.40

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INCOME		
Membership Dues	1,300.00	
TOTAL INCOME		1,300.00
EXPENSE		
Quilty Prize Supplies	45.49	
Rental (Public Storage)	117.66	
VP (Dec Mtg & Quilty Prize Supplies)	326.03	
TOTAL EXPENSES	489.18	

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Quilt Show Co-chairs Linda Martin-Mills and Melissa Curewitz announced that the show will be held at the Masonic Hall at the corner of Heacock and Edgwood Roads. It is a good location that gets a lot of traffic. The Masons will allow us to advertise the show on their light board.

We still need a publicity chair for the show and we will all need to help spread the word and distribute flyers and postcards in our own neighborhoods.

Quilt show Committees:

Café – Christa Froehlich, Caroline Lee and Betty Miller
Vendors – Nancy Steigerwalt
Raffle Quilt – Sally Lloyd
Quilt Registration and Layout – Diana Leslie
Decorations – Eve Valorani and Christie
Show Ribbons – Janet Cohen
Treasurer – Rosemary Torelli
Small Quilts and Baskets – Regina Apuzzo and Rosemary Torelli
Publicity – **YOU?**

Philanthropy

The Guild has a new Philanthropy Chair! Thank you to **Melissa Curewitz** for volunteering for this position! We hope that all the members will do their part to help Melissa with this very important activity of our Guild..

Corresponding Secretary: Joan Shipp sent cards to the following people this month:

Cate Bolzano (Lorie Leonardi's sister) - who made 16 quilt tops for philanthropy
Jane Matty - husband ill - thoughts and prayers
Peg Bauman - thinking of you
Barbara McClintock- get well card recovering from surgery
Denise Rouse- sympathy card for the loss of her sister
Rosemary Torelli - thoughts and prayers
Jane Matty - Sympathy card for the loss of her husband

Hospitality - Sue Demberg and Donna Martinez: Sue and Donna will be making some changes this year. Drinks will still be available at the beginning of the meeting, but we will be waiting till break time to eat in the interests of making snack time a more social time so we can get to know each other better.

Sue asked members to try to remember to bring their own travel cup so that we don't have to send so many paper cups to the landfills each month.

If it is your night to bring a snack and you won't be able to make it to the meeting, please ask one of your friends to cover for you or let Sue and Donna know as soon as possible.

2017 Raffle Quilt - Sallie Lloyd: Sallie thanked Sue Demberg and Elaine LaPrete for their help with making the kits for the applique portion of the quilt

2018 Raffle Quilt - Donna Martinez: Donna announced that this quilt will be a Perkiomen Valley variation that we will make with our own scraps. Kits will be out by March and will need to be back by May. Every member should participate.

Membership - Eve Vallorani and Gretchen Faras:

44 members present, 3 guests.

As of tonight we have almost 80 members registered in the guild for this year. Please let your friends know that we are welcoming new members.

Quilt Camp 2017 – Peg Bauman: If you have any questions about quilt camp, please call Peg Bauman

Nametag prize was won by: Louise Danto

Quilty Prize was won by Linda Martin-Mills

Vice President, Linda Martin-Mills presented **Past President, Diana Leslie** with a beautiful red white and blue quilt made by all the guild members in gratitude for her two years of service leading our Guild.

Show and Tell:

Linda Martin Mills

Betty Miller

Lori Leonardi

Marsha Watro

Susan Marford

Ellen Conoscenti

Respectfully submitted by Christa Froehlich 1/18/17

LOOKING AHEAD:

Quilt Camp 2017: Wed, April 19 to Sunday April 23 (weekend only is also possible) at Blue Lake, a retreat center owned by Burkholders' Fabrics, Denver, PA. The cost is \$40 per night for lodging... plus an additional \$5.00 cleaning fee charge (per person—not per night) 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, but people on the waiting list have always gotten in. You can email Peg Bauman or see her at the January meeting. Payment may be made in January or February (if this is a problem, please contact Peg at the meetings or email her.) Blue Lake is upgrading their sewage system, they expect it will be completed in early January. I won't accept any money before the January meeting when I know things are going well up there, but people may sign up with me by email sooner. – *Peg Bauman*



Left behind at the January meeting: a keychain imprinted with the word, "Florida". Attached to the keychain were store customer bonus cards. I'll bring it to the February guild meeting. Be sure to check that you have all of your belongings before you leave the meeting. *Regina*

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.