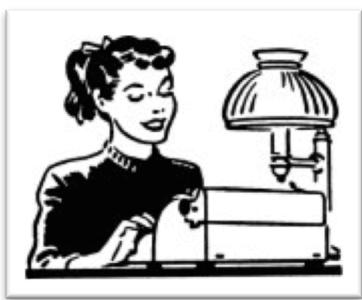




PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Hi Everyone!

Happy Valentine's Day! Let's hope Mother Nature isn't so fickle when our February meeting rolls around! It can be difficult to make the best decision about canceling a meeting when facing uncertain weather conditions. The Board members felt it best to err on the side of our members' safety in deciding to cancel our January meeting. We were looking forward to our Philanthropy program and, if you were packed and ready to go, we apologize for any inconvenience. Also, when inclement weather threatens, please be sure to check your email, the guild's Facebook page, or our website for meeting status, before you head out to the meeting. If you do not have email or access to the internet, you will receive a phone call, should the meeting be canceled. To keep our membership listing up to date, be sure that we have your correct contact information; if not, contact Membership.

We've been meeting at The Birches for some time now, so I'd like to take this opportunity to refresh everyone about arrival time for our meetings. When we moved to The Birches, we were asked to arrive around 7:00 p.m., to allow their staff enough time to clean up after the residents have dinner. With that in mind, please plan to arrive closer to 7:00, which gives us ample time to set up, sign in, and be ready to start at 7:30. We very much appreciate The Birches' generosity in allowing us to use their facility, and we would like to be good stewards of that generosity by not arriving too early.

We are looking forward to hosting RaNae Merrill, nationally known author and quilt designer, at our February meeting. (<https://ranaemerrillquilts.com/>) RaNae will be teaching her "Free Motion Mastery in a Month" workshop (we are running this workshop three times). Her evening lecture will be "Spiral Quilts." If you are interested in attending the workshop, please contact Linda Martin-Mills, ASAP. Be sure to check our website for a listing of our 2018 programs and workshops.

Our 2018 Block of the Month Program is underway. The first blocks are posted on our website, under the "Members" tab. Be sure to bring your blocks to the February meeting, so everyone can see them. Unlike previous BOM's, your quilt blocks will be sewn into a quilt that you can either keep for yourself, gift, or donate to Philanthropy. The important thing is to enjoy the BOM journey with your fellow guild members, chaired by Pat Clayton.

2018 brings our biennial Quilt Challenge. Like you, I am looking forward to the official presentation of the challenge theme from Pam Sugrue, Nancy Steigerwalt, and Linda Martin-Mills.

Since our January Philanthropy program was canceled, Melissa Curewitz and Linda Martin-Mills will have kits available at our February meeting. Philanthropy is a

cornerstone of our guild; and through the generosity of our members, we have been helping those in need since the guild was formed. Whether you make a quilt, sew Christmas stockings, make walker bags, or help in other ways, your participation provides comfort to those in need. To learn more, visit our website and click the "Philanthropy" tab.

Read on for Donna Laing's article, "Camp Erin," a bereavement camp, sponsored by the Moyer Foundation, for children grieving the loss of someone close. When the children arrive at camp, they are greeted by cheerful quilts, placed on their bunk beds. Each year, quilters make and donate those quilts; Newtown Quilters' Guild has donated many quilts to Camp Erin. Quilts are needed for the 2018 camp. Contact Donna Laing or Melissa Curewitz for more information. While a quilt cannot heal grief, it says that someone cares and understands.

Help Wanted: A volunteer is needed to assist Kim Moll with our library. Please let me know if you can help.

Since we are beginning a new year, this might be a good time for everyone, especially our newer members, to check out our website, under the "Members">>"New Members" tab where you will find information, FAQS if you will, about the guild. We have a very informative website, so be sure to visit often!

Well, that's a wrap! I look forward to seeing you at our February guild meeting. In the meantime, sew like no one is watching!

Regards,
Regina

NEXT GUILD MEETING – February 20, 2018 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 7:30 pm at The Birches, 70 Durham Road, Newtown, PA 18940. Guests are welcome for a \$5.00 charge.

PROGRAMS: Linda Martin-Mills

February - February is the month of love and we love RaNae Merrill and a talk about Spiral quilts. We will have 3 workshops for 30 day free motion mastery on 2/18, 19 and 20. There is still a little room if you would like to join in or bring a friend!

We are hosting 3 separate workshops - one that will appeal to the working girls on Sunday and Monday evening 630-930 2/18 and 2/19., one 2/19 Monday daytime 9-4 and one on Tuesday 9-4 all at Quilts for Kids. Please remember that QFK also sells wonderful batiks and print fabrics for a deeply discounted price to offset costs so bring cash or your check book (they do not take credit cards). The workshop is Free Motion Mastery and you can be a master in 30 days after taking this class. The workshop is \$55 payable by check to NQG and the kit fee is payable to the teacher the day of class. If you would like to join, reach out to Linda at gsguru32 or 215.208.2747.

2018 Upcoming programs –Janneke Van der Ree will be joining us in March and Fulton Design will be coming in April with a talk about "Design in the Digital Age". In May Jeannie Campbell will talk about how to use "New Techniques from Old Magazines". June is our annual garage sale and birthday celebration with strawberry shortcake!

Capital Health has invited us to show our quilts again this year. I will be curator of this show. I'm looking for a few good women/men to help with hanging and taking down the show (no heavy lifting on this one). We are hoping to have the theme Compassion, Caring and Kindness and have all of you register quilts that you have made for friends/family who were ill, bereavement quilts (like a Camp Erin quilt) Quilts for Kids, Operation Baby Blanket, Patriot program at CH, LINUS, placemats for meals on Wheels, holiday stockings for the Red Cross shelter etc. There will be a registration/interest sheet for you to use to let the CH Show Committee know you are interested in hanging this type of work. Many thanks!

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Donna Martinez*

January 31, 2018

Beginning Balance	23,499.74
Total Income	0.00
Total Expense	<u>127.20</u>
Ending Balance	23,372.54

Income/Expense by Category

Income (meeting cancelled)	
Total Income	0.00
Expenses	
Storage Rental	<u>127.20</u>
Total Expense	127.20
Ending Balance as of January 31, 2018	23,372.54

TREASURER'S TRIVIA

New Year's Resolution—Make one of your New Year's resolutions to help support the Guild! Make some time this year to volunteer to sell raffle tickets, work on the 2019 Raffle quilt, complete philanthropy projects, teach a guild workshop, etc. *Be an active member of the guild!* It takes more than your annual dues (\$45.00 per year which breaks down to \$3.75 per meeting) to pay for running the guild. Remember the guild will only be a good as you make it!

The answer to the trivia question is in bold type.

Donna Martinez email AHMDMM@verizon.net

MEMBERSHIP: *Eve Vallorani and Teresa Wescott*

There are still some membership spots available if you or someone you know is interested in joining the Guild. Please let us know of any changes to your information (address, phone number, email).

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS: *Joan Shipp*

A thank you note was sent to Leona Law for their wonderful presentation at our December meeting and also sent a sympathy card on the passing of her mother. A sympathy card was also sent to Betty Miller on the passing of her sister.

From November: A get well card was sent to Francine Oswald and a condolence card was sent to Andrea Csogi on the loss of her husband, Roger. Thank you cards were sent to Worshipful Master Dave Waselesky and Janet. They were also sent for the quilt show to regina Apuzzo, Marion Baranosky, Melissa Curewitz, Janet Cohen, Sue Demberg, Rosemary Dwyer, Kara Engleman, Roseanne Friehs, Christa Froelich, Jackie Kazar, Elaine LaPrete, Caroline Lee, Lorie Leonardi, Diana Leslie, Sallie Lloyd, Donna Martinez, Linda Martin Mills, Betty Miller, Jane Nadig, Nancy Steigerwalt, Eve Valorani, Marsha Watro and to the followings vendors: Marianne Brodio, Sheryl DeLorenzo, Jane Kiney and Jame Maida, Sally Lloyd, RaNea Merrill, Ashlie Reed and David Reiner.

If you know of someone who needs a message of thanks, get-well, condolences or congratulations, please text me at 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: *Doreen Aiello*

Contributions for the newsletter are due one week after our guild meetings, or the Tuesday after Guild. Please e-mail them to me at mrsCstitch@aol.com. Please feel free to call me at 215-779-0836 (cell) or 215-396-9098 (home).

HOSPITALITY: *Rosanne Friehs*

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 need to choose a month that would work with schedules, small groups, or sewing circles. The Hospitality book is available for your choice at the meeting. If you do not choose a month then I will assign you a month. I will post the names of the members that are on the Hospitality Table for the upcoming month and send out emails so that we have a good variety of snacks and goodies, plus decorations for the table as well.
- 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. If we do not have a speaker, the snacks may be available throughout the meeting.
- **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.

February Snacks and Theme is “Welcome 2018”

The members responsible for snacks are the NQG board members plus other members who signed up for February are as follows:

Regina Apuzzo, Linda Martin-Mills, Donna Martinez, Diana Leslie, Joan Shipp, Jane Maida, Eve Vallorani, Betsy Smith, Kim Moll, Barbara McClintock, and Judi Reiss

THANKS for participating in the Hospitality table! Please email me at rdfriehs@gmail.com or call at home # [215-493-6427](tel: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.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: *Pat Clayton*

BLOCK OF THE MONTH JANUARY 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 2018

Amount of fabric: I was hoping when I introduced this opportunity that we would be able to pull from our stash but I also realize now that there are some participants in the guild that work only project to project. I understand that some are purchasing fabric to be a part of this endeavor. I cannot tell you the exact amount because everyone will be making different blocks and finishing their quilts in different ways. For your BLOCKS ONLY, I would suggest a nice fat quarter bundle or no more than 1/2 yard of about 6 to 8 coordinating fabrics or theme. I cannot do better than this and the completion of our quilts with sashing, borders etc. is totally up to you. I look forward to working with you through the year. If you have questions, my email is plc3274@gmail.com.

INSTRUCTIONS: This quilt belongs to you at the end of the year...the decision on what to do with it is yours: ...keep it, give it to a loved one as a gift, or donate it to a charity through philanthropy or one of the many other groups. So here we go....

1. Pick a colorway from your stash: fifties, red and black, Christmas, fall, batiks, patriotic, scrappy...the sky is the limit.
2. Each month, there will be 3 (12 inch)blocks chosen from the BOM chairperson from Quilters Cache (www.quilterscache.com). There will be a couple of applique and paper piecing but most will be traditional piecing so all can participate.
 - a. log onto www.quilterscache.com
 - b. scroll down to "where do you want to go today?"
 - c. on the drop down screen, click on **QUILT BLOCKS GALORE-FREE QUILT PATTERNS**
 - d. on the right side under **BLOCKS BY SIZE**, click on **12"**
 - e. all blocks are listed in alphabetical order. Locate the three different blocks for that month and their accompanying instructions.
3. Choose two of the three blocks for the month and **MAKE THEM!**
4. Each month's blocks will be released at the guild meeting. They will also be posted in the newsletter and on the guild website under the MEMBERS.

5. We will be making 2 (12 inch) blocks each month but you may make all 3. Two must be from the distributed selections each month. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS!** We will have a mini stand and show at each guild meeting. Keep up with your blocks or you will get too far behind.
6. We will make blocks from January through September for a total of nine months or at least 18 blocks
7. September through December you will arrange your blocks into a quilt framework of your choosing.
8. In December, we will show all completed quilts at a show and tell. The quilts need to be finished but not quilted.

JANUARY'S BLOCKS

1. CROSSROADS 2
2. DOUBLE X 3
3. FLAGS AND SHIPS

RAFFLE QUILT 2019: Pat Clayton

We chose the pattern and we will be attempting to modify a small portion of it. Permission has been granted by the designer to use her pattern. We are very excited to get started. Our committee consists of Pat Clayton (chair), Doreen Aiello, Kim Moll, Betty Miller, Kara Engleman , Teresa Wescott, Eve Vallorani, and Cristy Stephenson. Thanks to all who agreed to serve.

"A QUILT IS MORE THAN FABRIC"

Camp Erin

Written by Donna Laing
(pictured below with her quilt, "**Reconstruction**")



Every person grieves differently, as does every child. Childhood grief is quite common. One in 5 children loses a loved one before age 18. Grief is hard, as many of us know firsthand. Grief is especially hard on kids.

Knowing how to talk with and guide a child who has experienced the death of someone close to them can be challenging. It is understandable for adults to want to protect children from difficult experiences and pain. But grief, left unspoken and unaddressed, can cause youth to feel isolated and alone, within their family and from other children. Children who are grieving are at greater risk than their peers for depression, suicide, poverty, and substance abuse.

Each year since 2007, grieving children have attended Camp Erin in our area. Jamie Moyer, the former Philadelphia Phillies pitcher from Souderton, sponsors the camps through his Moyer Foundation.

Camp Erin is offered here and in every Major League Baseball city across the U.S. and Canada. The Moyer Foundation partners with local hospices and bereavement organizations to help bring hope and healing to thousands of grieving children and teens each year.

Our Philly area Camp Erin is staffed with volunteers and professionals from Penn Wissahickon Hospice, and every child attends for free. If you know a child who has suffered the loss of a family member, please let their parent or guardian know about the healing and comfort that Camp Erin can provide. Enrollment for this year's camp starts soon. You can learn more about the Philadelphia Camp Erin at:

<https://moyerfoundation.org/camps-programs/camp-erin/>

The Penn professionals and trained volunteers at Camp Erin are skilled at helping children process grief in healthy ways. At Camp Erin, grieving kids will

- Tell their story in a safe environment
- Meet friends facing similar circumstances
- Learn they are not alone
- Build a tool-box of coping skills
- Honor and memorialize loved ones
- Have fun!

The Philadelphia Camp Erin has been held at several different camps, in Warrington, Horsham, and Ottsville. Children and teens, ages 6-17, attend a weekend camp that combines fun camp activities with grief education and emotional support. Led by grief professionals, Camp Erin activities provide unique opportunities for kids to increase levels of hope, enhance self-esteem, and especially to learn that they are not alone.

Every year, the 100 children at Philadelphia Camp Erin receive beautiful new quilts made with love. When assigned to their cabin (by age and gender), each child then chooses their bed by the quilt that's on it. They pick a quilt they really like! That quilt is theirs to sleep under at camp and then to keep after the weekend is over. It's a great memory of the warmth and comfort of Camp Erin. Project Linus Philadelphia coordinates this effort. You may know how much effort it takes to make a quilt. Well, multiply that effort by 100! Dozens of quilters make these quilts. Quite often, one quilt can be worked on by several quilters: one pieces, another quilts, and another binds it. Many from the Newtown Quilters' Guild are busy now making quilts that will be needed in spring 2018. Some of the guild's members have even delivered the quilts to camp in previous years.

I am a quilt maker who is passionate about my craft. I enjoy both traditional and modern quilting and have an abiding interest in the study of antique quilts and the women who made them. I have been quilting for over 45 years and have made hundreds of quilts. I am the owner of North Star Quality Quilting, a professional longarm quilting service in Bucks County.

Some of my work has been purchased by dealers and private collectors. One piece, "Reconstruction," was awarded first prize in a national quilt competition sponsored by P&B Textiles and "Quilter's Newsletter" magazine, and was exhibited at the Allentown Art Museum. My quilting for designers, Kaffe Fassett and Liza Prior Lucy, has appeared in their books and, also, in "Quilt Mania," "Quilt Life," and "Quilt" magazines.

I was coordinator for Philadelphia Project Linus for several years, and I currently coordinate the annual quilt drive for Philadelphia Camp Erin.



A Tower of Quilts!



Quilts on Bunk Beds!



Cheerful Quilts!



Waiting for the Children!

LOOKING AHEAD:

April 14 & 15, 2017 – “Path Around the Garden” presented by County Line Quilters. St. Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall, 1410 Almshouse Road, Jamison, PA 18929. For directions: www.saint-cyril.com
Times: 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Admission: \$7.00. For more information go to: countylinequilters.org

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.