**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Happy 2014 to All!!!

Our guild has seen an increase in attendance at meetings, in guests and participation in special events. That is all wonderful news. We have enjoyed our most successful quilt show to date. Now you know I am looking for the next quilt show chair ... anyone got the bug to lead a group of talented quilters to another quilt show victory??? At the January meeting talk to Kristen or myself to hear all the inside scoop on the highs and the lows (there are always a few glitches). Our guild has seen each small group embrace visitors to put on a goodie table like never before! We will cast our vote this month for the golden spoon award. We have enjoyed a great line up of speakers and programs. Our "Lunch and Learns" and "Quilty" prizes have netted us great earnings that have bolstered our bank accounts. Now Betsy gets to spend it on bringing more great programming to us!!! We are investigating a national speaker to share with another sister guild ... any ideas who it should be??? We will have exciting news to share shortly about some important changes at guild, so stay tuned. And get out to meetings, that's where all the action is!

I would be remiss if I didn't speak about the camaraderie that guild provides to each and every member. This is truly the richness of guild. Some of us have had health issues, job woes, financial burdens and marital break ups. This is life. But life at guild means a card in the mail, a wall-hanging or lap quilt especially for you, or a hug and a prayer from a fellow member at a meeting. This guild is rich in talent but also in the compassion and kindness, as well as the generosity, of each of the members. Philanthropy news could fill an entire meeting's agenda. What a wonderful legacy. So please continue your good works and reflect on the things on the "other side of the needle" that make Newtown Quilters' Guild the place to be in 2014.

Linda Martin-Mills



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Guild Meeting - Tuesday, January 21 @ 7:15pm, Lutheran Church of God's Love, Newtown

Ann Hermes will present "Pennsylvania Patchwork and Tiny Treasures". Ann collects and uses vintage and antique fabrics to make small quilts. She has been published in numerous magazines including *American Patchwork and Quilting* and *Fons and Porter's Love of Quilting*. Visit her website annhermesquilts.com and her blog Notes from the Quilt Lab.

****Since our holiday meeting was cancelled due to snow, we will have the gift exchange at our January meeting****

What's Coming Up:

January 18, 2014, Saturday 10am-3pm Lunch N Learn

Christa Froelich will teach a wonderful miniature double wedding ring which she assures us is fun and easy. Cost is \$20 (members), \$30 (non-members) including lunch.

Sign up by calling or emailing Betsy Smyth. Space is limited to 18.

****The class is currently full but sign up for the waiting list ... there are often last minute cancellations.***

Saturday, February 1, 2014

Ellen Conoscenti will teach an introductory software class for those who have embroidery capable sewing machines. Digitizing will be covered with the goal of completing a beautiful quilt label. Space is limited to 15. Cost is \$20 (members), \$30 (non-members). Lunch is included.

February 18, 2014 - Guild Meeting

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. Some 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".

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 board will be bringing the refreshments for the January meeting.

Thank you, *Kelly Cantwell*

MEMBERSHIP:

Please let me know there are any changes to your membership. 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 January 25, 2014. You can either e-mail them (nqgltr@yahoo.com) or give them to me at the meeting. *Nancy Lacey*

PHILANTHROPY

Philanthropy will be meeting on Monday, January 13 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at my home. Please bring your sewing machine and other supplies needed to sew. Please e-mail Linda Smith at generator53@hotmail.com if you are planning to attend.

Minutes of the Newtown Quilters' Guild Meeting on Dec. 17, 2013

Tonight's meeting was canceled due to bad weather.

The next meeting will be "Pennsylvania Patchwork and Tiny Treasures" by Ann Hermes. It will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:15pm at Gods' Love Church. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge.

Corresponding Secretary (Doreen Aiello)

A thank you note was sent to Eleanor Levie for her Quilt Project Runway presentation and fashion show at our last meeting.

Treasurer (Pam Sugrue):

Treasurer's Report for December 2013 Meeting

Income/Expense by Category - November 2013
11/1/2013 through 11/30/2013

Beginning Balance as of November 1, 2013 = 19,593.27

TOTAL INCOME 1,534.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 2,889.32

Ending Balance as of November 30, 2013 = 18,237.95

November 2013 Income/Expense by Category
11/1/2013 through 11/30/2013

Beginning Balance as of November 1, 2013 = 19,593.27

INCOME
Membership 1,280.00
Quilty Prize 43.00
Raffle Quilt sales 71.00
Workshops 140.00

TOTAL INCOME 1,534.00

EXPENSES
Quilt Show Expenses
Aunt Sukie 14.88
Bldg. Rental 50.00
Food/Café 44.10
Consignment 1,054.40
Misc 199.61
Pins 377.00
Tables & Chairs 435.66
Quilt Show Baskets 30.74
Quilt Show Food 150.00
Quilt Show Supplies 12.99
Raffle Quilt 145.41
Rental 96.46
Vice President 278.07

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Respectfully submitted by Lorie Leonardi on 12/20/13.

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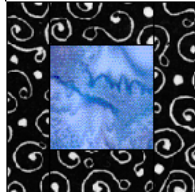


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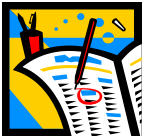
Directions for the Block of the Month are on our website: <http://newtownquiltersguild.org/bom.shtml>



January - Black & White & Wow



February – Raggedy Hearts



ADVERTISING NEWS

We welcome three returning advertisers to our 2014 monthly newsletters.

- Burkholder Fabrics, Denver, PA - www.burkfabric.com. Burkholder Fabrics would like you to know that their winter shop hours are: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Note that their website address has changed.
- Krazy-4K-Krafts Quality Woodworking, Langhorne, PA – Wayne Kaufhold, Proprietor - www.Krazy-4K-Krafts.com
- Byrne Sewing Connection, Doylestown, PA – Debbie Byrne, Proprietor - www.byrnesewing.com. Byrne Sewing sends their best wishes for a successful year.

We, also, welcome a new advertiser, Rosemary Banks, Scrappy Quilt Creations Machine Quilting. Rosemary looks forward to working with our members; so, just give her a call (she does not have a website). You'll find her business card in this newsletter.

We appreciate their support for our guild. Be sure to patronize our advertisers and don't forget to mention their ads. Advertising revenue supports our website.

Free advertising is available to guild members. So, if you would like to advertise in our newsletter, please let me know.

Regards, Regina Apuzzo

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