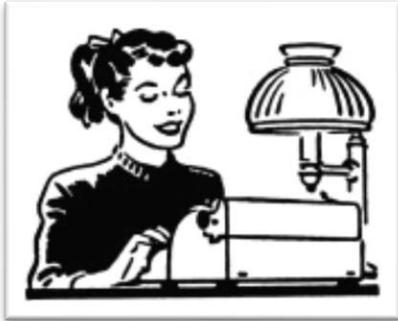




PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Hi Everyone!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2019!

This year marks a milestone for Newtown Quilters' Guild – our 30th birthday!!! We will officially celebrate our birthday at our June guild meeting, but let's celebrate and be proud of this accomplishment throughout 2019!

2019, also, brings our Quilt Show which will be held October 12th and 13th, with set up October 11th." This is our time to shine – our work and pride in our guild will be on display for our peers and the general public. I am pleased to tell you that the Masons have approved our request to use the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall for our show venue, once again. The Hall is in a well-travelled area, has great parking, and is easily accessible for everyone. Nancy Steigerwalt, Kim Moll, and Dee Stark are the 2019 Quilt Show Chairs, and you will be hearing from them soon. The saying, "It takes a village," certainly fits the production of our biennial show. All hands on deck will make the show successful and a great experience. I know that you will answer the call for volunteers, as you did for our 2017 show.

We have a good line-up of speakers and workshops for 2019, with more guild meeting programs and workshops to be added as we transition to our new Vice President and her assistant. Be sure to periodically check our website for that information. Sarah Bond will be speaking at our January meeting. Sarah's command of design and color takes her quilts, using mainly traditional blocks, to another level. We will, also, have a workshop where Sarah will teach her "New York Beauty" class. Her Beauties are really beauties! Some of our workshops may be sold out, but if you are interested in one that is, check to see if you can be put on the waiting list or if another workshop will be scheduled. Our workshops provide a great opportunity for guild members to socialize and to get to know each other.

Another Block of the Month program will be offered for 2019, as well as a personal challenge to finish one of your UFO's that has been lounging in your sewing room, gathering promises of "one day, I'll get back to you." Pat Clayton will be chairing both. I think you will agree that our 2018 BOM was fun and the resulting quilts were stunning. So, join Pat for another exploration into the world of blocks and UFO's.

Our beautiful Raffle Quilt is getting ready to go on tour. Now, it's time for all of you to help with ticket sales. Volunteers will be needed to staff venues to sell tickets. As well, think about events in your community where raffle tickets could be sold, such as carnivals, craft fairs, etc. A great deal of work goes into our raffle quilts, so let's get out there and sell tickets! Contact Pat Clayton to let her know about potential venues.

As we begin the guild's 2019-2020 term, please welcome our Executive Board members and Committee Chairs.

Executive Board

President: Regina Apuzzo
Vice President: Christy Stephenson
Assisting Christy: Nancy Steigerwalt
Treasurer: Donna Martinez
Recording Secretary: Nancy Yurgevich
Corresponding Secretary: Rosanne Friehs

Committee Chairs

Hospitality: Sallie Lloyd, Elaine LaPrete
Website: Lisa Coccetti
Facebook: Nancy Lacey
Private Group Member Facebook Page: Joan Shipp
Newsletter: Doreen Aiello
Membership: Eve Vallorani, Teresa Wescott
Philanthropy: Camille Amadio, Kara Engelman

2019 Raffle Quilt: Pat Clayton
2019 Block of the Month and Personal UFO Challenge: Pat Clayton
2019 Newtown Market Day: Nancy Steigerwalt

Before I go, I would like to remind everyone to make sure that you don't leave anything behind when you leave the meeting. Currently, we have a covered glass baking dish and a pink go bottle residing in Lost & Found. See Rosanne Friehs if either belongs to you. I would, also, like to remind you to silence your devices during our meeting, especially when we have a speaker. We've become so attached to them; I'm guilty of such attachment, too. We can live without them, though, as I found out when I forgot to bring my phone when leaving for the December meeting. As I was riding to the Center, I actually thought about going back to get it, but I didn't because I was running late, as usual. You know what, I didn't miss it at all! I very much just enjoyed being with you and listening to Lorie's presentation.

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

Regards,
Regina



Inclement Weather Policy

When Mother Nature misbehaves and throws a monkey wrench into our meetings, cancellations may happen. Please stay tuned to your email on guild meeting days when the weather looks threatening. You will receive such notification by email. Those without email will receive a phone call. When a workshop has to be cancelled, the attendees will be notified by phone and/or email. Let's keep our fingers crossed for 2019!

NEXT GUILD MEETING – DECEMBER 18, 2018

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2018 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. Guests are welcome for a \$5.00 charge.

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

January 15th – Sarah Bond will be with us for a trunk show at guild and then a workshop Saturday January 19th 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., NY Beauty, at Lower Makefield Community Center (bring brown bag lunch!) \$45 guild members \$50 guests. For this special guest, the guild guest fee will be \$10.

February 19th– Philanthropy night at Guild – we will have more details coming later.

March 16th Saturday Workshop by the funny and talented Pat Clayton! She will be teaching her very own pattern – “I’ll take them All!” ruler bag workshop 10-4 at LMCC \$40 payable to guild. Pattern required.

March 19th Rachel Derstine from Rachel Derstine Designs will lecture on “My Quilting Journey – Boundaries and Beyond”

**For the Barbara Yates Beasley Workshop in September of 2019 we will put out the sign-up sheet in January. The class is a two-day class. She accepts 12 people in her two-day class, so space is limited. You must provide a check when signing up – no exceptions. So, bring your checkbooks to be able to secure your spot.

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: *Eve Vallorani and Teresa Wescott*

52 members and 4 guests were present at December's meeting. Fifty-one members have renewed their memberships to date.

******It's time to renew your membership! If you have not done so, please let us know a.s.a.p. if you are going to continue with us.

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

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS: *Rosanne Friehs*

A get-well card was sent to Nancy Lacey. A thank you card was sent to Janellea Macbeth for her "Scrapstastic" guild presentation and workshop, and a note of congratulations was sent to Doreen Aiello for becoming a first time Grandmother.

PHILANTHROPY: *Camille Amadio and Kara Engelman*

Supplies are need for the Homefront organization, which teaches residents sewing. For more information on this organization, visit <https://www.homefrontnj.org>

NEWSLETTER: *Doreen Aiello*

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

HOSPITALITY: *SALLIE LLOYD and ELAINE LA PRETE*

Since we do have a special speaker, the snacks will be available after the speaker to allow all members time to socialize and have an opportunity to sample all the items brought to Guild.

Beverages will be provided by the Guild and will be available throughout the meeting. If you have a special beverage choice please let us know and we 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

The Board Members are responsible for providing this month's treats.

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MINUTES OF THE NEWTOWN QUILTER'S GUILD, DECEMBER 18, 2018 – DIANA LESLIE
(NANCY YURGEVICH WILL BE CONTINUING WITH THIS NEXT MONTH.)

The meeting was called to order by President Regina Apuzzo at 7 p.m. Melissa Curewitz, Philanthropy chair, announced that stockings that were made and to be donated to the Homefront organization in Trenton would

need to be filled by members with small toiletries and gifts at the break time during our meeting. Approximately 60 stockings were made by members to be donated. Toiletries and small gifts were donated by the Sandy Run Girl Scout troop, led by guild member Lynn Ploughman.

Lorie Leonardi, guild member, presented the program, entitled her "Dog and Pony Show", which included many of her art pieces and small quilts.

Regina announced that the 2019 Quilt Show would be chaired by Nancy Steigerwalt, Kim Moll and Dee Stark.

Regina also thanked outgoing board members and introduced the new board members for 2019-2020. This will be the guild's 30th anniversary year, with some special events to be planned for the year.

Linda Martin-Mills, Vice-President, reminded the guild of upcoming workshops early in the new year. There will be a New York Beauty workshop with Sarah Bond on Saturday, January 19 from 10-4, a workshop with Betsy Smyth on February 19, and a bag workshop with Pat Clayton on March 16.

Eve Vallorani, Membership chair, announced that there were 52 members and 4 guests present. Fifty-one members have renewed their memberships, and the remaining members were reminded to submit their dues this month.

The Treasurers Trivia prize was won by Barbara McClintock, name tag prize by Jane Nadig, and Quilty prize by Anne Guinn.

Melissa Curewitz spoke more about the Homefront organization and their activities, which include teaching sewing to residents of the facility, and stated that they could use donations of supplies for the residents.

Pat Clayton, Block of the Month chairperson, asked members to show their quilt tops at a very special Show and Tell. Members included Pat Clayton, Rosemary Dwyer, Marlene Beeco, Lorie Leonardi, Leona Law, Cathy Stevens, Nancy Yurgovich, Cindi Rosenberger, Pat Morrison, Carol Molengraft, Doreen Aiello, Rosanne Friehs, with Carol Molengraft winning the raffle prize among participants.

Pat also announced the Block of the Month would continue in 2019. She also announced that she would sponsor a UFO challenge, encouraging members to finish a UFO by June 2019.

Show and tell participants included Nancy Lacey, Rosemary Dwyer, Paula Patti, Lorie Leonardi, Betty Miller, Linda Martin-Mills, and Pat Clayton.

The meeting ended at 9:40 p.m.

RAFFLE QUILT - PAT CLAYTON

Please come with ideas for venues where we can sell the tickets. Help the Guild surpass all other fund-raising. We can only do it with your help.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – PAT CLAYTON

I changed my mind for the log cabin block of the month as Pennington Quiltworks is doing that and I do not want to disturb their program or do the same idea. With that being said, I found another idea and we will start in January. Stay tuned!

I FINISHED IT PROJECT ... - PAT CLAYTON

At the last meeting, I asked if you would be willing to commit to grabbing one of your very old UFP (unfinished projects) that you have from years ago that is still stashed away and commit to finishing it. If so, for the next meeting, take a picture of it and bring that to the guild. We will have personal contracts for you to sign that you will finally finish this by our July meeting...July 16th. (Rail Fence) We will have a grand show and tell.

That is all folks!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

“Fabulous Fashion: From Dior’s New Look to Now”

Philadelphia Museum of Art

Runs through March 3, 2019

For information: <https://www.philamuseum.org/exhibitions/873.html>

Calico Cutter Guild has a \$10 guest fee and have many national speakers. Check out their website for upcoming classes which they are extending out to other guilds. This is a way for smaller groups of us to take advantage of these classes that our guild may or may not be able to afford. This guild is in West Chester area. We can carpool.

AN FYI: We were given information at our December meeting, that JoAnn’s is looking for a Quilting Instructor at JoAnn Fairless Hills, 320 Commerce Blvd. Contact info: 215-946-3035 or s2092@joann.com. Ask for Sandy, Education Coordinator. This job may or may not have been filled.

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.*