



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

As I write these words, it's almost JULY!!...HOW did it get to be JULY, already!!!??? Minutes and days seem to drag by when kids are out of school (at least that's how it feels to me), but the months just fly by! My grandkids seemed to age so much after just my last visit with them two weeks ago! And just about two weeks ago, I traveled back to my hometown of St. Louis to attend my 50th high-school reunion (yep, now you all know how old I am!) and wondered just how 50 years went by SO FAST!!! How did some of those people manage to look and act the same as those dorky friends I used to know?

OK, so I don't know where this is going...maybe to the same place in my mind that seems boggled by the fact that this guild is now over 26 years old, and so many of my quilting friendships are getting older too, most of them for the better. I feel grateful for the role so many of you have played in my life during the years I have been in the guild, even as some older friends have moved on and newer members have replaced them. I hope this guild gives all of you the feeling of being nurtured and welcomed that I have felt over many of these years.

Just to keep this relevant, keep working on those small quilts and baskets for the show, as well as the quilts we want to see hanging in the show...Time is flying and it's almost JULY!

*Diana Leslie*

**GUILD MEETING – July 21 at 7:30 pm – Sarah Bond.**

I hope that everyone enjoyed the presentation by Pam Weeks. The workshop went well on Wednesday and the feedback from Pam was that we have a wonderful and friendly guild. That's nice to hear.

This month we will have Sarah Bond who will give us an overview of her quilting experiences with the Modern Quilt Guild and the Mt. Airy Art Garage. The same day as guild, we will have another fabulous MYSTERY workshop featuring our very own Diana Leslie. We have had some cancellations so there is still room and time for you to prepare your supplies for what will surely be a great time! \$25 includes lunch. The workshop will be held at Addisville Reformed Church from 10-4.

Our Capital Health Quilt Exhibit Committee is asked to email their availability for a site visit to Linda Martin-Mills. We will look at the space and discuss the direction we want to take with our submissions. We will meet at Capital. Please email me at [LMartin-Mills@capitalhealth.org](mailto:LMartin-Mills@capitalhealth.org).

August will bring Linda Lum DeBono for a trunk show. She designs for Henry Glass, Aurifil and is a Martingale author. There will be a sale of her items so bring your spending monies.

**HOSPITALITY:**

The following members will be providing the snacks for the July meeting: Isabel Best, Kelly Cantwell, Andrea Csogi, Sue Demberg, Crys Harm, Terri Jones, Jackie Kaizar, Kim Moll, Bonnie Piestrak, Pam Sugrue.

*Thank you, Janet Cohen*

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Please remember to keep us informed of any changes to the membership list (address, phone number, e-mail address).  
*Susan Schmalzried and Kathy Dettore*

**SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:**

If you know of someone who needs a message of thanks, get-well, condolences or congratulations, please send me an email or give me a call.

*Joan Shipp*

**PHILANTHROPY:**

Sallie will be sewing at Quilts for Kids on Tuesday, July 14 if anyone would like to join her. Quilts for Kids is open from 10:00 until 3:00 so you can plan on coming for the day or for a few hours.

*Sallie Lloyd and Elaine LaPrete*

**NEWSLETTER and WEBSITE:**

Articles for the newsletter are due by July 26. Please e-mail them to me at [nqgltr@yahoo.com](mailto:nqgltr@yahoo.com).

*Nancy Lacey*

**Minutes of the Newtown Quilters' Guild Meeting on June 16, 2015**

At tonight's meeting, **Pam Weeks** who will present her lecture, "Jane Stickle Revealed" or as she referred to them, The Dear Jane Quilts.

The next meeting will be Sarah Bond from the Modern Quilt Guild and she will be talking about her quilts. It will be held on Tuesday, July 21, at 7:30pm at The Birches, at 70 Durham Road, Newtown, PA 18940. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge.

**President** (Diana Leslie):

At 8:53pm Diana began the meeting following the presentation of Pam Weeks. She reminded all of the Mystery Quilt Workshop that will be held in Richboro at Addisville Church. If you have not signed up yet, please do so.

Turn in Quilt Show Chances.

**Vice President** (Linda Martin-Mills)

Linda was absent but Diana reported for her. Talks continue about displaying quilts at Capital Health.

**Membership** (Kathy Dettore and Susan Schmalzried): 58 members and 13 guests in attendance.

**2015 Raffle Quilt** - Continue to sell and turn in your chances.

**Hospitality** (Janet Cohen)

Strawberry short cake was wonderful to celebrate Newtown Quilters' Guild birthday. Happy Birthday Guild.

**Corresponding Secretary** (Joan Shipp)

Thank you note to Grace Katz on her inspirational presentation in May entitled "Why I Quilt." A get well card was sent to Jane Maida, one of our new members, who broke her hip.

**Treasurer** (Pam Sugrue):

Beginning Balance as of May 1, 2014 = 15,609.44

Ending Balance as of May 31, 2015 = 15,679.34

The complete Treasurer's report is posted on the website.

**Newsletter/Website/Facebook** (Nancy Lacey):

Work continues. Make sure you visit Website and any feedback to Nancy.

**Philanthropy** (Sallie Lloyd and Elaine LaPrete):

Sallie thanked Diana and Pam for the batting and thread that they donated. Philanthropy "overdrew" on their budget in order to complete quilts that were needed. 60 quilts were donated. Thank you to all those who helped. Philanthropy will meet in July at Quilts for Kids. Laurie Leonardi donated the Saturday Sampler to Project Linus.

Donna Laing asking for donations for Project Linus that gives quilts to children who lost a parent. Looking for 50x70 or larger.

**2015 Block of the Month** (Claire McConnell)

The winner of the BOM blocks was Sallie Lloyd. See the guild website for information concerning the block for next month.

### **2015 Quilt Show (Sallie Lloyd)**

Thank you to those who have signed up to volunteer ... Nancy Steigerwalt for decorations; Judy Rillings for Publicity and Dale Moelter as the Vendor Chairperson.

Anyone making a small quilt please let us know.

Also need to know if you are donating or making a basket for the show.  
Consignment Shop asking that you bring products in so they have an idea of how to present.

**Library** (Christa Froehlich) Still working but not accepting any more donations at this time.

**New Business** No new business at this time other than the Quilt Show.

**Name Tag Winner:** Rosemary Dwyer

**Quilty Prize Winner:** Eve Vallorani

### **Show & Tell:**

Nancy Lacey, Cindi Rosenberger, Pat Morrison, Betty Hancock, Regina Apuzzo, Carol Molengraft, Sue Smith, Eve Vallorani, Lorie Leonardi, Judy Rilling.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29pm by Diana.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Rouse on June 23, 2015

## **2015 BLOCK OF THE MONTH**



July's block is Sand and Surf. Directions for the Block of the Month are on our website:  
<http://newtownquiltersguild.org>

## **2015 Raffle Quilt**

Our 2015 raffle quilt is beautiful with hand appliquéd calendar blocks alternating with pineapple blocks; we received many positive comments when we sold raffle tickets at Pennington Quiltworks. We plan to sell at The Round Bobbin and also Quilt Odyssey in July as well as [Newtown Market Day on Oct. 3](#), [Yardley Harvest Day on Sept. 19](#), and other local shows in the coming months. We have a small but dedicated committee working hard to sell tickets, but would welcome any guild member who would be available to help out even on one occasion. Please contact Peg Bauman if you would be willing to help out.

*Peg Bauman*

## **2015 QUILT SHOW**

### **Aunt Sukie (Sue Demberg and Linda Martin-Mills)**

Please remember to bring any items for Aunt Sukie for Sue Demberg or Linda Martin-Mills. We would like to start early cataloging items and presenting them attractively. Thanks.

## Small Quilts & Gift Baskets Committee (Rosemary Dwyer and Regina Apuzzo)

The Small Quilts and Gift Baskets are very popular with our quilt show visitors. Members donate these items, tickets are sold, and lucky winners take home great stuff. Member participation has always been very good, and we are hoping that will continue for our 2015 show. Here's how you can help.

**For the gift baskets:** Grab a few quilting buddies and put together a basket, or you, alone, can fill one. Any food included in your basket must be non-perishable. Many of the baskets have a theme; such as, sewing notions, fabrics, gift cards to restaurants, tea, coffee, chocolate, etc. Use your imagination and creativity! Be sure to give your basket a name. We ask that its value be at least \$25.00. Please wrap your basket in clear cello wrap, only, and bring it to either the September guild meeting or to the show venue on the night of set-up—not before, please. What we do need in advance, though, is a list of all of the items in your basket, the name of your basket, and the name(s) of the donor(s). This will give us the needed time to make tags for each one. Beginning in June, look for the sign-up sheet, near the membership desk, when you come to our meetings.

**For the small quilts:** Now is the time to get started. Small quilts, table runners, placemats and napkins (for at least a service for four), pillows, and wool work (such as candle mats and penny rugs) are accepted. Your small quilt should be no larger than 30" x 30". We have limited space in which to display these items, so smaller is better. Items, such as mug rugs, are not placed with the small quilts. Those items can be included in a basket, along with other things; they can be sold at consignment; or they can be donated to Aunt Sukey. To give you inspiration, here are some ideas for your small quilt. You can choose to make something celebrating a season or holiday; we have had beautiful red work and blue work quilts; appliqué quilts either by hand or machine; a quilt featuring machine embroidery; and paper-pieced quilts, just to name a few. Be sure to check out the many books in our guild library for more inspiration. As soon as you have finished your project, please give it to either of us. Please do not wait until set-up night, as we need to photograph each item.

We're hoping to have another great turnout for Small Quilts and Gift Baskets. So, get started on your projects. If you have any questions, please let us know.

## Consignment Corner (Peg Bauman and Lorie Leonardi)

Get serious and weed out that good quilting stuff you've been keeping, even though you don't need it any more. Sell it and get some dough to spend on more stuff. Or just to free up more space in your house.

Consignment provides the opportunity for Newtown Quilters' Guild members (or individuals on the waiting list) to sell their sewing related items. Examples include books, patterns, notions, sewing machines, fabric, crafts, blocks, kits, and completed or uncompleted quilts. Complete guidelines for preparing items for consignment are on the website. Bring your items to the show on Friday evening during Quilt Show setup. At the end of the show, unsold items will be returned to members. By the next Guild meeting, participants will receive a check for 80 percent of the money earned; the guild will keep 20 percent. Contact Peg or Lorie if you plan to have a large number of items for consignment.

## Quilt Show Café (Betty Miller)

The quilt show will be here before you know it. In preparation for the café this year, I would like to make a few changes. Membership can make donations to defray the cost of the purchases for the Café. Instead of donating food, water, etc., I am asking for cash donations. Every dollar helps ... \$5.00 here and there add up. Gift cards for grocery stores should come only from Giant this year. In order to make shopping more efficient and supplies uniform.

We would like individual home made desserts, i.e., cupcakes, muffins, breads, brownies, cookies, etc., rather than whole cakes.

We will be posting a volunteer board at the July meeting. We would like 3-4 volunteers for every 2 hour shift.

More information will follow as we get closer to the show. Please feel free to contact me with any questions @267-431-5254 or email me at [51bjmkm@gmail.com](mailto:51bjmkm@gmail.com).

Betty Miller, Café Chairperson

## JURY DUTY by Jackie Kaizar

What a surprise it was to open a plain, brown envelope and find a summons for jury duty at the Federal level! What?! Me?! Why me?! After the initial shock, I read the summons carefully to be sure they hadn't made a dreadful mistake, and discovered that I was requested to fulfill my civic duty and appear at the U.S. District Court Building at 6<sup>th</sup> and Market in Philadelphia. Now keep in mind that I hadn't done the whole 'taking the train into Philly' thing since the 70s, that's the 1970s. The Reading Terminal where the train used to deposit us is now a fruit stand and the current train now has a station in a shopping mall, of all places! It is just so wrong. But I decided that it would be quite an adventure and since I had always worked in the law field, I might actually enjoy the process. So, Monday morning I got up bright and early (ugh) and headed to the Woodbourne train station. I caught the train without incident and was soon rocking to the rhythm of the tracks. I got off the train at the Jefferson station and followed the stampede up the escalators to daylight on Market Street. Town has changed since the 1970s, of course, but there are so many things that are the same. People rushing off to work, pigeons pecking on the sidewalks, store windows with interesting displays, Billie Penn still standing on top of City Hall, although now he is totally surrounded by very tall buildings. Years ago, he was the tallest and buildings were not allowed to go higher! But progress was very evident and downtown Philly is still a very exciting place indeed. I loved working in town and now to my surprise, I was enjoying this adventure so far. So I hoofed it down to 6<sup>th</sup> Street and entered the courthouse. The look on everyone's face was somber and you could see the seriousness across their brows. This was not going to be a day in the park. And so we lined up to go through security. The agents checked IDs and summonses, looked into bags, checked laptops and pushed items through the scanners. And all was going so very well, until I saw a large red sign pasted to the scanner. "ATTENTION: NO KNIVES, RAZORS, BOX CUTTERS, GUNS OR KNITTING NEEDLES ALLOWED IN THIS BUILDING. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN IMPRISONMENT". It also went on to say to not even try it and that if you had one of these dangerous weapons, just turn around right now and leave the building.

So I am standing there with my knitting in my bag because, after all, what the heck am I going to do all day while waiting to be called for jury duty! Last time I had jury duty, I brought along a queen-sized quilt to work on!!! Quilting needles and all!!! So I decided to take my chances and certain incarceration and approach the very large, mean-looking FBI agent with my weapons of choice. So I said to him, "I am carrying a set of knitting needles in my knitting bag, sir". And he looked at me with those mean eyes, and the other agents covertly inched closer as backup. And I said "They are #15 plastic circular needles and I am always allowed to carry them onto airplanes", as I waved my grey hair and tried not to look too terroristic. So they took me aside and ordered me to remove my weapons for inspection. Now, by this time in the trip, the bottom of my tote looked like a dog's breakfast, with wallet, train tickets, train schedule, water bottle, lip gloss, Tic Tacs, tissues (in case I started crying during the trial), car keys, a crossword puzzle book, my offending needles and 2 skeins of yarn that had unraveled and looked like spaghetti wrapped around everything in the bag. So it all came out in one giant blue tangle, with the needles poking menacingly out the top. The agents carefully inspected their points for sharpness, their width for strength and were somewhat confused by the fact that they were hooked together because I am knitting in the round. And they asked "Maam, do you have anything else you need to show us"? I wasn't sure if Tic Tacs were on the list, but I said "No, not even my sewing scissors". So they ordered me to put the mess back in my bag, take off my shoes and come forward for a personal scanning.

Now, please understand that I am very thankful to these dedicated agents because their job is to keep us all safe. They were doing their job and doing it well. But the humor of the situation made them even smirk. And so, I passed even though my shoes have buckles, and I happily commenced my journey up to the Juror's Lounge for coffee and snacks. Of course, that was just the beginning of the day and I did get quite a bit of knitting done while waiting to be assigned to a case and get herded into the courtroom. To make a long story somewhat shorter, I was rejected for service, possibly because I was considered an agitator, and to be honest, I was glad I wasn't chosen. The case would have taken 3-4 weeks! I'm not sure if I would have passed muster everyday for a month with those mean agents eyeing my suspiciously. I now was a known knitter. And as I sat there in the courtroom looking at the 10 lawyers on the defense, 5 on the prosecution, not to mention the 70 boxes of discovery lining the walls, I realized that this was going to be a very long ordeal and I knew that they wouldn't look too kindly on me pulling out my knitting during all the testimony! At the end of the day, I hoped back onto the train to head home, glad that my civil service was done and I felt like a good citizen (and incredibly lucky that it only took one day and I didn't have to do any time in the state pen).

## Looking Ahead:

**July 23-26, 2015:** Quilt Odyssey, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. Click here for information: [Quilt Odyssey](#)