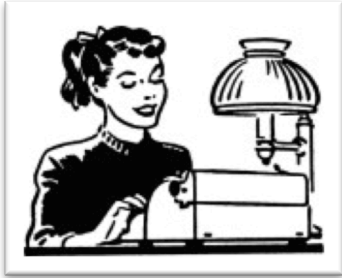


## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Hi Everyone!

“What does a guild do?” I was asked that question by two women who joined me, as I was making my way from The Birches’ parking lot to our June meeting. It was their first visit to our guild, to any guild for that matter. Their friends told them that they should join a guild, so they decided to make ours their first stop. I felt really good about that; so, as we headed toward the entrance, I tried to answer their question. I had so much I wanted to say, but I realized that I had only a very short time in which to do so—from

philanthropy, to our raffle quilt, to our meetings and workshops, to our quilt show, and last, but not least, to having an opportunity to be part of a unique community of quilters whose diverse interests are joined together by a shared love of their art. While I’m sure that I didn’t cover everything, I do hope that those women enjoyed our meeting and will return. “What does a guild do?”—a very good question, indeed!

Summertime and the livin’ is easy! Great weather, vacations to the beach or the mountains, gardening, local fruit and veggies, and working on your quilt for our upcoming show! Yep, that’s right! While October may not be on your mind right now, it will be here before you know it. So, get to work on finishing your quilt and read on about what’s ahead for our show planning. Your participation is crucial to a successful show, and there are many ways for you to help. As I mentioned in last month’s newsletter, we’re thinking about having a Guild Basket, filled with batik fat quarters, for the Small Quilts & Gift Baskets Raffle. Go through your stash and donate one or more fat quarters for the basket. You can bring them to a meeting and give them to me.

We have some volunteers to sell raffle quilt tickets at Quilt Odyssey at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA. The dates are July 21 and 22. If you are planning to attend the show or if you are taking classes, please consider volunteering to sell tickets. Whatever amount of time you can give will be helpful. Please let me know.

We will be selling raffle quilt tickets at The Round Bobbin on September 23 from 10:00 until 5:00. That date is the Round Bobbin’s Preview Party for their upcoming fall and winter classes. This is a great opportunity for our guild. While the preview is held at another venue, we will be setting up at the shop, where party goers just might be stopping by to do a little shopping. We need a few volunteers. Please let Sallie Lloyd know if you can help. A big “Thank You!” goes out to Susan Sasser, proprietor of The Round Bobbin, for supporting our guild.

Speaking of raffle quilt tickets, some of you have not yet picked up your tickets from Marion Baranosky. Don’t miss out on an opportunity to win our beautiful quilt. Tickets that haven’t been picked up by the October meeting, when the winner will be drawn, will be discarded. The guild will not fill out tickets for no-shows.

It’s not too soon to start thinking about volunteering to help man our booth at Newtown Market Day, October 7, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Nancy Steigerwalt is chairing our participation in this event. We’ll be taking sign-ups, beginning next month.

Before I go, I just want to say “Thank You!” to everyone who brought cake, strawberries, and whipped cream for our birthday celebration. I especially want to thank Rosanne and Jane for doing a great job with Hospitality. Please be sure to participate by bringing snacks when it is your turn and by helping with clean up. We’re seeing the result of their efforts and your participation.

Well, that’s a wrap! I look forward to seeing you at our July meeting. Linda has planned a fun evening, “Game Night.” Read on to find out more. You have asked for meetings where you can just relax and socialize. We are listening and are planning to provide a balance of guests and time for socialization for 2018.

In the meantime, sew like no one is watching!

Regards,  
Regina

**NEXT GUILD MEETING – July 18, 2017**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 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*

**July 18 - Annual Mystery Workshop with Diana Leslie** from 10 to 4 at Addisville Church in Richboro, PA. Bring your lunch and a beverage. Cost is \$25. Diana will send our directions for pre-sewing homework prior to the class. This is always a real crowd pleaser! We still have room so if you are interested in joining us, call Linda at [215.208.2747](tel:215.208.2747). Or contact Diana for directions.

**July 18 - Meeting** is fun and games night. Come with any length 2.5 inch strips to swap in a game. We will have a trivia game as well.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** *submitted by Donna Martinez*

**June 29, 2017**

Beginning Balance	10,920.41
Total Income	770.00
Total Expense	1,626.38
Ending Balance	10,064.03

**Income/Expense by Category**

Income	
Membership- Guest	20.00
Quilty Prize	70.00
Workshop (Calle)	650.00
Raffle Quilt	30.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>770.00</u>

Expenses	
Website	96.00
Workshops	950.00
Storage Rental	117.66
Vice President	
Speaker	462.72
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>1,626.38</u>

**Ending Balance as of May 30, 2017**                      **10,064.03**

**NQG BUDGET 2017 YTD 6/30/2017**

INCOME	APPROVED BUDGET	RECEIPT YTD	RESIDUAL
<b>Membership</b> (\$25.00 per member)	2,000.00	2,125.00	2,125.00
<b>Raffle tickets required</b>	1,600.00	1,700.00	1,700.00

\$20.00 per member)			
<b>Quilty Prize</b>	500.00	269.00	231.00
<b>Raffle Ticket Sales</b>	1,000.00	126.00	874.00
<b>Guest Fees</b>	175.00	55.00	120.00
<b>Quilt Show</b>	8,000.00	232.00	7,768.00
<b>Workshops</b>	2,500.00	725.60	1,774.40
<b>Total</b>	15,775.00	5,232.60	14,592.40

**EXPENSES**

	APPROVED BUDGET	SPENT YTD	RESIDUAL
<b>Block of the Month</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	50.00	0.00	50.00
<b>Equipment</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Hospitality</b>	130.00	0.00	130.00
<b>Insurance</b>	500.00	-79.00	579.00
<b>Library</b>	100.00	0.00	100.00
<b>License Raffle</b>	135.00	0.00	135.00
<b>Membership</b>	50.00	0.00	50.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Philanthropy</b>	500.00	50.00	450.00
<b>President</b>	180.00	0.00	180.00
<b>Raffle Quilt &amp; Tickets</b>	800.00	530.63	269.37
<b>Rental (Storage Unit)</b>	1455.00	705.96	749.04
<b>Vice President/Program</b>	4000.00	1,590.09	2,490.91
<b>Web Site</b>	140.00	310.80	-170.80
<b>Treasurer</b>	25.00	0.00	25.00
<b>Quilty Prize</b>	200.00	87.49	112.51
<b>Quilt Show</b>	4800.00	650.00	4,150.00
<b>Workshops</b>	2500.00	1,706.18	793.82
<b>Total</b>	15,565.00	5551.52	10,093.85

**TREASURER'S TRIVIA**

At the June meeting, I reported that we had received notice from Public Storage that our rental fee for our storage unit will be increasing to \$127.20 per month which will make the annual cost of the storage unit \$1,526.40. I was asked "What's in the storage unit ?" by one of our members. And Diana Leslie very nicely reported that it contains: the wooden quilt show frames, signs for the quilt show, drapes for the quilt show pole and drape, misc. workshop tools, the wooden quilt display hanger, and some old guild records and picture albums. A majority of the space is used by the old Quilt Show wooden frames, we did not use them in the last two shows and will not be using them in our upcoming show. So as of June 30, 2017 we will have spent \$6,353.64 to store frames we have not used. The answer to this month's Trivia question is IDEAS. What do you think we should/can do about this situation?

Donna Martinez email AHMDMM@verizon.net

## HOSPITALITY: *Rosanne Friehs*



We would like to take time to welcome everyone to Guild meetings. If you were not at recent meetings 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. Please recommend a beverage if you have a favorite and I will purchase it. 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 a beverage or water.

**July Snack assignments:** These members are responsible for snacks and decorations:

**Janet Cohen, Adelaide Crompton, Rosemary Dwyer, Nancy Lacey, Lorie Leonardi, Sallie Lloyd, Rosemarie Lyall, Kathy Mador, Jane Maida and Jane Matty.**

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. Also think about the theme for "red, white and blue" for July. Check your sewing room for inspiration from a table runner, table topper or a centerpiece. Please email me at [rdfriehs@gmail.com](mailto:rdfriehs@gmail.com) with your snack choice and any decoration that you would like to bring. In that way, we can coordinate the snacks and table decorations. THANKS!!!

**MEMBERSHIP:** *Eve Vallorani and Gretchen Faras*

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

## **SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:** *Joan Shipp*

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.

## **NEWSLETTER:** *Christa Froehlich*

Contributions for the July newsletter are due by the end of the month. Please e-mail them to me at [christafroehlich.qb@gmail.com](mailto:christafroehlich.qb@gmail.com). If you have any questions, you can call me at 215-431-5735 or 215-943-0550.

## **QUILT SHOW**

*Linda Martin-Mills and Melissa Curewitz*

### **Quilt Show - A Stitch in Time**

All of the chair people will be reaching out to members to ask for assistance and contributions for items. Please consider how important this show is to the well being and financial health of this guild. We want to provide great programs and can do so with the funds from a successful show. Remember that the show is everyone's responsibility. And thanks for always contributing! For those new members we want to explain that everyone who is a member of the guild is entitled to hang quilts in the show. Dependent upon space, everyone gets their first choice hung. You may request to hang others as well. If you participated in workshops or challenges those will get displayed.

The quilt show is titled "A Stitch in Time" and will be held on October 14 and 15<sup>th</sup> 9-5 each day. Set up is on Friday evening and we have such fun making our show so special. We will meet at the Masonic Hall of Yardley after 5pm on Friday (eat dinner at home or bring a brown bag dinner) and we will work until we are done. We need many hands to make the work go fast. This is a great place for new members to come and get "dirty" and really learn the inner workings of hanging the show.

Saturday, the doors will open at 9. Café will serve breakfast goodies and coffee and tea. Throughout the day we will have nibbles, hors d'oeuvre type snacks and beverages. The café folks would like us to contribute grocery cards to offset the costs of the goodies and we will be asking you all to bake as well.

At the show we will have small quilts and basket raffles – we ask you to donate a basket or small quilt (or both) and we will raffle them off.

Aunt Sukie's Attic sale is where we take all the things that the members have donated from their studios and stashes and mark them very reasonably. This is pure profit for the guild – so please look over your sewing room and clean out that fabric that has been laying around and you really don't want anymore. One woman's trash is another's treasure!

Tickets to the show are \$8 and there is a \$1 discount on the postcards and flyers that we will be handing out. This year we need to have every member bring out their friends and family and make this show a real success. Foot traffic is the key to us being successful.

On Sunday we gather again to break down the show which takes hours to put up and about an hour to take down!

We really need every member, new or old to help this year in contributing where they can and make this show a success. Thanks.

### **Aunt Sukie's Attic:** *Elaine LaPrete, Sue Demberg, Lorie Leonardi*

Aunt Sukie's Attic is 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!

Think about that extra stuff that has been clogging up your sewing areas. If you donate it, you'll have room to buy more

stuff! This year, due to limited space, we aren't able to have magazines, old books and fabric that is not 100% cotton. Please donate good items. If you are donating fabric, please pin a note to it with the yardage, so we don't have to measure it. Thanks!

Elaine has made room in her garage and is ready to take your donations at guild meetings. To make it easier to price, please safety pin a small paper with the yardage on all fabric pieces.

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

Hi Everyone!

Now is the time for you to be making your Small Quilt for our Raffle. As soon as you have finished, please bring it to our guild meeting. Here's how you can participate.

Small quilts, table runners, placemats and napkins (for at least a service for four), pillows, tote bags, and wool work (such as candle mats and penny rugs) are accepted. Your small quilt cannot be larger than 30" x 30". We will have limited space in which to display these items, so smaller is better. We will not be able to accept quilts larger than the max size noted. Mug rugs will not be placed with the small quilts. They can be included in a basket, along with other items, or they can be donated to Aunt Sukie. 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.

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 shelf stable/nonperishable. Your basket can 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. Baskets are due either at the September guild meeting, or they can be brought to the show venue on set-up night (preferable). Please don't bring them in sooner than September. Since we have a new venue for our 2017 show, it is quite possible that we will have more visitors from the general public. So, it would be great to have baskets that would interest non-quilters. Now is the time to start planning your basket. Beginning in July, we will have a sign-up sheet, as we need to know ahead of time, the donor(s), basket name, and basket contents, so tags can be made.

Small Quilts and Gift Baskets are very popular with our quilt show visitors. For our newer members, just a little info about this part of the show: members donate these items, tickets are sold, and lucky winners take home great stuff. Member participation has always been very good, and we are optimistic that will continue for our 2017 show. This is a very important fundraising activity for our show, with 100% of the proceeds going to the guild. We need everyone to participate to make this a success. So, finish up your quilts and work on your baskets.. If you have any questions, please contact Regina at [puzzmav@verizon.net](mailto:puzzmav@verizon.net). or Rosemary at [rosemarykdwyer@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarykdwyer@gmail.com).

Regards,

Rosemary and Regina

## New feature at our guild meeting: Question of the month/ June meeting:

What is your favorite quilt batting and why?

Results as follows:

Hobbs Heirloom 100% wool-1

Hobbs wool batting-11 (lovely loft, shows of quilting designs, doesn't shrink when washed, light and fluffy but warm, I use this for show quilts)

Hobbs 80/20-1 (soft & puffy, light weight but warm)

Hobbs-11

Hobbs Tuscany wool(hand quilting)

Hobbs 20%wool/80%cotton-11

Hobbs Tuscany silk -1

Quilter's dream-12 (like for twins & larger/ is a little stretchy/ is nice for larger quilts-so soft & drapes nicely/ 2 people said I like it for hand quilting/

Quilter's dream 70/30-3 (quilts up a little fuller to showcase the quilting)

Quilter's dream cotton select-7 (2 people said they preferred this for hand quilting/nice & soft, quilts easily, gives a nice amount of "pouf"/ I use this for philanthropy quilts and customer quilts)

Quilter's dream cotton request-2 (hand quilting)

Quilter's dream wool-1 (for long arm/ prefer for long arm machine quilting)

Warm & Natural- 17 (not too bulky for machine quilting, would not use for hand quilting/ like for crib or throw size quilts/ find it easier to pin quilts together/ can quilt up to 10 inches apart, nice weight/ 2 people said I like it for machine quilting/ like for thickness and 10" apart)

Warm & White- 3 ( can quilt up to 10 inches apart, nice weight/

Fairfield nature-fil-1

Mountain mist-1

Whatever is on sale-1

## **MINUTES OF THE NEWTOWN QUILTERS GUILD MEETING ON JUNE 20, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Our speaker for the evening was Lisa Calle, who led an afternoon workshop for guild members earlier in the day. Lisa spoke about her journey as a quilter, from a beginning quilter to a longarm quilter and finally to a quilter who quilts primarily show quilts and teaches her techniques for quilting and planning quilting designs.

The guild then enjoyed strawberry shortcake as for our traditional birthday meeting dessert.

It was announced that we will be able to sell tickets for our raffle quilt at the Round Bobbin Quilt Shop in Hatboro on Saturday, September 23. We will also be selling tickets at Quilt Odyssey in Hershey on Friday, July 21, and Saturday, July 22. Volunteers are needed to sit at the table and sell tickets for both of these venues. If you will be going to the Hershey show on either Friday or Saturday, please consider volunteering some time while you are there.

If you haven't picked up your raffle tickets, please see Marion Baranosky at the meeting.

Donna Laing reported that the Camp Erin gathering was held on the weekend of June 9, and the camp was outfitted with 106 quilts, many of them from the guild.

Joan Shipp, corresponding secretary, sent get-well cards to Barbara McClintock, and Rosemary Torelli.

Present this evening were 45 members and 6 guests.

Name tag prize was won by Kim Moll, Treasurer trivia prize went to Pat Morrison, and quilty prize was won by Joan Shipp.

Treasurer Donna Martinez reported that our storage unit price has increased, and that the guild should consider whether to keep the quilt frames that are stored there or find a cheaper alternative for storing them.

Donna is also asking for return of blocks for the 2018 raffle quilt if you have your blocks finished, as she would like to assemble the quilt over the summer.

Linda Martin-Mills announced that there is still room for anyone wanting to join in the mystery quilt workshop, to be held at Addisville church on our meeting date, Tuesday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$25. There is some preliminary cutting/sewing to be done prior to the workshop, but we welcome anyone wishing to join us for a day of fun and sewing with friends. Call Diana Leslie or Linda Martin-Mills if you want to join in.

Diana Leslie noted that soon you will hear about preregistration of quilts for the quilt show in October. Plan ahead and choose which of your quilts you would like to see hanging in our show. This is not a "jurying" process, but we ask you to prioritize your quilts as we will have limited space for hanging quilts.

Regina reminded us to work on small quilts and baskets for the auction of these items. If you have finished quilts ready to turn in, bring them to the guild meetings to give to Regina or Rosemary Dwyer.

Marsha Watro will soon have a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work at the show.

Show and tell: (some of these included samples from the workshop with Lisa Calle)

Marsha Watro, Linda Martin-Mills, Joan Shipp, Debbie Eickhoff, Betsy Smyth, Cindi Rosenberger, Mary Kay Stoloski, Bonnie Piestrak, Kara Engleman, Rosemary Dwyer, Rosanne Friehs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

*Submitted by Diana Leslie, recording secretary*

### **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.**