

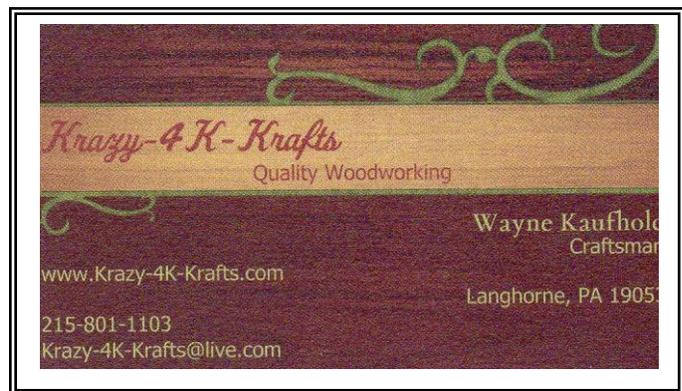
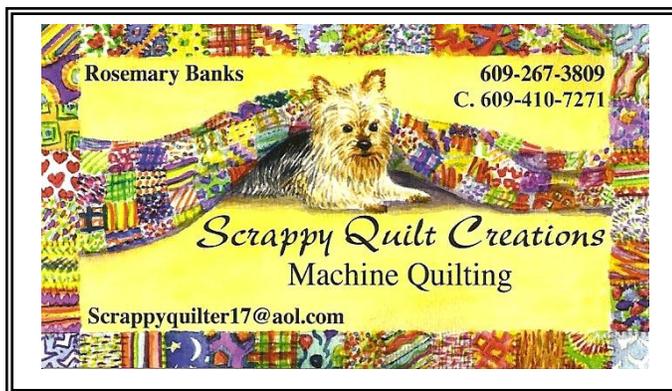


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

WOW! I don't know about anyone else but I came home from our guild meeting and wanted to quit my job and just go thread paint! Joyce Hughes was an incredible speaker, had great show and tell and was very generous with her artistry. How lucky we are to have her in our local community. How many vote for a workshop??? ME! ME! ME!

I want to apologize for the length of the meeting but there were so many important things that needed to be shared. I should have known that it was going to run long because our board meeting did as well. I cannot stress enough how important it is for every member to think about how they can contribute. The guild is only as good as its collective members and their contributions. Please spend some time thinking about how you can give back to an organization that gives you so much pleasure. Thanks.

Linda Martin-Mills



Guild Meeting - Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 7:30 pm at our new location, The Birches, Newtown, PA. This will be our birthday celebration with wonderful strawberry shortcake. Since we will not be having a speaker this month, there will be a lot of time for Show and Tell!

What's Coming Up:

July 15, 2014 – Mystery Quilt Workshop by Diana Leslie from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This all day, always fun workshop will be held at Addisville Reformed Church in Richboro. The cost is \$25 (\$35 for non members) and includes lunch. Sign ups have begun and space is limited so call or email Betsy if you want to sign up.

July 15, 2014 – Candace Perry from the Schwenkfelder Museum will present a wonderful trunk show featuring quilts from their collection. Her program "Star, Rainbows and Rolling Stones" features quilts from the Pennsylvania German Quilting Traditions.

*Please note that the guild meeting is held at The Birches in Newtown....meeting will start at 7:30pm.

August 19, 2014 – Guild Meeting: Nancy Bills, quilter, designer and teacher will present a trunk show featuring quilts made using her technique called "Perfect Strips."

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 – Pineapple workshop with Nancy Bills. This workshop will be held at Addisville Reformed Church in Richboro from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The cost is \$40 (\$50 for non members) and includes lunch. Check out her website: <http://nancybills.com>.

September 16, 2014 – Guild Meeting: Victoria Findlay Wolfe of Bumble Beans, Inc. and author of several books, including “15 Minutes of Play,” will present a trunk show. Visit her website www.bumblebeansinc.com.

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 –15 Minutes of Play Workshop with Victoria from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The cost is \$40 (\$50 non members) and includes lunch. The location is tentatively arranged for Addisville Reformed Church. Space is limited and Signups have begun.

October 21, 2014 - Annual Members' dinner. The Birches will be preparing dinner for us this year, We will have a choice of 2 entrees. Guild members will bring appetizers and desserts. More information to follow.

November 18, 2014 - Jacquelynne Steves, The Noble Wife, will visit. She is a pattern and fabric designer and will talk about her design process. There will be a trunk show as well as items for sale. Visit her website at jacquelynnesteves.com.

December 16, 2014 – Holiday Party

It is very important if you are signing up for a workshop that you secure your spot by paying with either a check or cash when you sign up. Diana Leslie will be helping Betsy by manning the workshop table at the guild meetings.

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:

This month the guild is treating us to Strawberry Shortcake to celebrate our 'birthday'.
Thank you, Kelly Cantwell

MEMBERSHIP:

You should have received an updated copy of the 2014 membership list by e-mail. Please let me know there are any changes to your information. Thank you, *Dawn E Berger*

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:

- A thank you was sent to Barbara Persing for her presentation at last month's meeting on "Listen to your Quilts".
- Condolences were sent to Mary Kay Stoloski for the death of her father and to the family of Carolyn Spadacino.
- Get well wishes were sent to Sheila Wright, Susan Schmalzried, and Anne Guinn.
- A thank you was sent to Carol Menschner, Boscov's Travel Agency, for her assistance in putting the Paducah trip together.

If anyone knows of someone who needs a message of thanks, get-well, condolences or congratulations please send me an email or give me a call. Thanks! *Doreen Aiello*

PHILANTHROPY:

At the Guild meeting, Lorie Leonardi received a total of eight afghans and quilts that had been finished for Philanthropy. I had an additional four crib sized quilts that I had finished on the long arm but unfortunately never had a chance to show them. Maybe next meeting. I also collected an amazing assortment of wonderful fabrics donated to Philanthropy at the meeting, including some much needed solid colored fabrics -- many thanks for these lovely contributions! I'm looking forward to making some beautiful quilts with them.

I would like to ask that anyone interested in doing some Philanthropy work please let me know what is a good meeting time for them. So far, I have been holding meetings at my house during the middle of the day (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) on Wednesdays, because that is what is most convenient for not interfering with my husband's sleeping schedule -- he goes to bed at 7:30 p.m -- so it is difficult to hold meetings in the evenings at my house. Several people have expressed an interest in evening meetings, or meetings on weekends. I am hoping that as soon as we have access to the Birches, we can plan to hold some Philanthropy meetings there in the lovely, spacious craft room that they have on the second floor. What I need to know is: When would people be available to meet there? What time suits their greatest convenience? Once I know that, I can approach the Birches management and arrange for our use of their beautiful space for Philanthropy projects. Perhaps we could even get some of the Birches residents involved in our work, too, and teach them how to quilt, which would be great fun.

The date of the next meeting will be announced at the Guild meeting and/or by e-mail notification.
Sally Lloyd

NEWSLETTER:

Articles are due by June 22, 2014. You can either e-mail them (nqgltr@yahoo.com) or give them to me at the meeting.
Nancy Lacey

Minutes of the Newtown Quilters' Guild Meeting on May 20, 2014

Tonight's program was presented by Joyce Hughes. She is known for her thread painting techniques. She gave a moving presentation of her spectacular quilts.

This was our last meeting at God's Love Church.

The next meeting will be our annual Birthday Celebration. It will be held on Tuesday, June 17, at **7:30pm at The Birches, at 70 Durham Road, Newtown, PA 18940**. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge. **Please note the change in time. We will not have access to the building before 7:00.**

President (Linda Martin Mills):

Quilt Camp was a resounding success this year, as was the trip to the Paducah Quilt Show. Over 50 percent of our members were represented in these trips. That shows incredible involvement.

We had a very lively board meeting last week where many things were discussed. Linda sought legal council of Carolyn Newsom, one of our members. It has been decided that for trips/activities it will be the responsibility of the person organizing the trip or their designee to handle the finances and monies will no longer go through the Guild accounts.

We also have decided to not have a formal first aid kit but rather have an the organizers of any trip be responsible for an informal and limited supply of items like band aids or first aid creams.

We will be setting up a separate account for the designation of the quilt show. The average costs for a show will be deposited into this account and all bills will be paid out of this account.

The board has approved the following items for purchase/expenditure:

- A canopy for Market Day
- A speaker system (however, The Birches may purchase a system. We will wait to see what they do)
- An increase to the Philanthropy budget
- A donation to any youth organization that helps us with the Quilt Show.
- A re-design of the website.

The position of vice president involves too much work for one person. Many guilds have two people in the position. But for us to do that involves changing the bylaws, which takes many months. We are asking for a volunteer for Vice President and the present board would support and emphasize the in-coming VP to have a committee/cabinet to assist with a variety of duties.

Three people volunteered for the Nominating Committee: Sallie Lloyd, Nancy Steigerwalt and Leanne Gillen.

There was a discussion about increasing the number of members in the guild. We will investigate having emeritus members – people who are away for half of the year – who could have reduced dues. That would allow more people to join as full members. We might have to change the bylaws to do this.

Vice President (Betsy Smyth)

The position of vice president is an exciting job. You get to work with some great quilters. Betsy has started scheduling into next year to give the next person a grace period when starting out.

Going forward, when you sign up for a workshop, you should write a check to the guild at that time or put cash in an envelope with your name and the workshop name on it. Diana Leslie will be assisting with the workshop signups during the meetings.

June 17 meeting at the Birches – This will be the first meeting at our new location. It is our birthday month. We cannot enter the facility before 7:00, so the meetings will start at 7:30.

July 15 workshop at the Addisville church – Diana Leslie will do her “Mystery” workshop.

July meeting – Candice Perry, curator of collections for the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center, will talk about Pennsylvania German quilt traditions.

August 19 meeting at the Birches – Nancy Bills will do a presentation called “Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. A lot of Things I’ve Learned about Along the Way.” Nancy displays her work at Hershey.

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2104 Challenge (Andrea Csogi)

The subject of the challenge is “Seasons.” It is due at the October meeting.

Membership (Dawn Berger, Marlene Beeco): 64 members and 8 guests in attendance.

2014 Raffle Quilt: (Betty Miller)

Doreen Aiello presented the finished quilt top. It is blue and white and in a modern style.

2015, 2016 Raffle Quilts

We are looking into working on two raffle quilts simultaneously, one immediately and one in 3 months. Since the drawing is in October, it would be good to have the next one done for the fall. That would enable us to take advantage of many of the fall festivals, where we can possibly sell tickets. One way to produce a quilt quickly is for a small group to produce the blocks and another one to put them together. Contact Linda if your small group is interested in being involved. We will need two chairpersons or two small groups to chair these two raffle quilt projects for 2015 and 2016.

Hospitality (Kelly Cantwell)

Kelly is now letting people know two months in advance that they are responsible for refreshments.

Next month, we will have our Strawberry Shortcake for our Birthday celebration. We need 2-4 people to help out by serving at the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary (Doreen Aiello)

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Treasurer (Pam Sugrue):

Income/Expense by Category - April 2014
4/1/2014 through 4/30/2014

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TOTAL EXPENSES 1,356.17

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INCOME

Membership
Guest Fees 45.00
Quilty Prize 25.05
Stained Glass Profits 11.00
Workshops 350.00

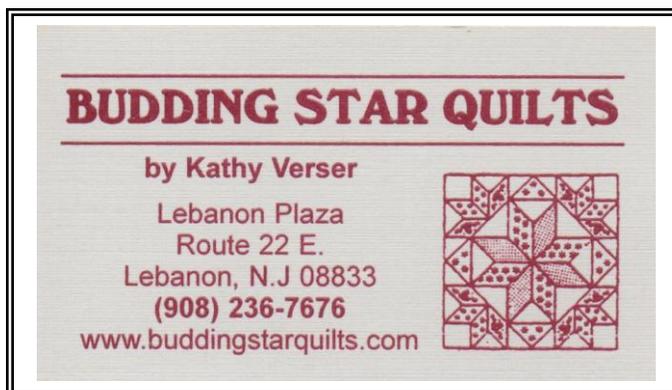
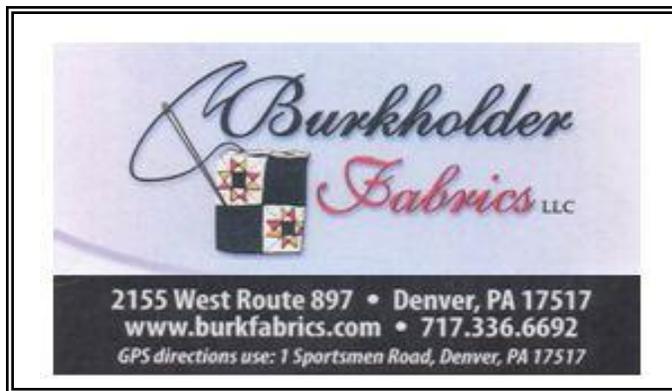
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EXPENSES

Misc (Mileage to Magnet Mtg) 47.00
Philanthropy 60.78
Raffle Quilt Tickets 290.00
Public Storage 96.46
Vice President (Speaker) 406.65
Vice President (Workshop) 358.00
VP (Workshop Lunch) 97.28

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Newsletter/Website/Facebook (Nancy Lacey):

Articles are due as soon as possible.

Philanthropy (Sallie Lloyd and Elaine LaPrete):

The next Philanthropy meeting will be Wednesday, May 28, from 10 to 2 at Sallie's house.

Sallie is hoping that more people will participate in Philanthropy if it were held at a better time for them. So she is asking for everyone's input as to what would suit them best for a meeting time. Then she will approach The Birches and see what we can work out for meeting times. Please let Sallie know by email what times work best for you.

2014 Block of the Month (Christa Froelich)

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

Quilt Show 2015 (Sallie Lloyd)

Jackie Kaizar is retiring from doing the quilt show layout. We need someone to take over that duty. Jackie is willing to train the person or persons who take over this role.

The Board is investigating piping and drape for our quilt show rather than our usual quilt frames Linda has submitted our layout for an estimate to one company so far.

Name Tag Winner: Betsy Smith

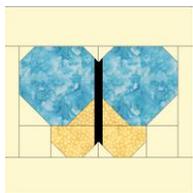
Quilty Prize Winner: Sue Demberg

Show & Tell: There was no Show & Tell because of the length of the business meeting.

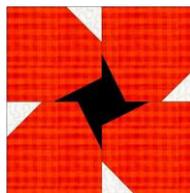
Respectfully submitted by Lorie Leonardi on May 25, 2014.

2013 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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



June - Butterfly



July - Poppies

2014 Quilt Challenge – 4 Seasons

We hope that you are working on, or at least thinking about the quilt challenge. The completed challenge quilts are due at the October meeting. You can refer to the rules posted in the May newsletter.

Operation Baby Blanket: Thanks to all of you who donated baby blankets! This project provides homemade blankets (quilted, knit or crocheted) to babies who are born when a parent is deployed in the New Jersey National Guard. The Guard is anticipating a large deployment in the autumn, so there is a need for more blankets. You can make your own blanket or sew one of the Philanthropy kits. They can be any color, not just red, white and blue, and should be an appropriate size for a baby. A good size is 38 by 45 like the Quilts for Kids quilts.



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