

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

This long winter continues. I generally like the change of seasons and use winter as my time to bundle up and sew. It is my most productive time ... Usually. This winter is just going on too long.

Last month's speaker, our own Valerie Egar was so wonderful. Now anyone who knows me will tell you that I despise 30s and 40s fabrics but this lecture really peaked my interest. Valerie had so much show and tell to share. There really was something for everyone, even a hater like me! I may challenge myself to make something from this era.

This past Tuesday, I met with the Activities Director of the Birches of Newtown. I secured the agreement for us to meet there starting in June. Lorraine is very excited to have us be a part of their community. They are just now taking tenants in so are unsure how many will be interested in quilting. Thursdays will be their trip days and they would love for Tuesdays to be their quilt club day once or twice a month. I know that there are many of us that love to teach and share our craft. Think of a simple, basic block that you could share with a brand new quilter. Let the board know how you can contribute to making this partnership work.

Only a few more months until we are off to Paducah! If you have not paid your trip off, you are overdue and need to get to Boscov's immediately. We are looking for donations to use as door prizes on the bus. Please see me for donations.

Looking forward to seeing you all in March! *Linda Martin-Mills*



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Guild Meeting – Tuesday, March 18, 2014 @ 7:15pm, Lutheran Church of God's Love, Newtown

Get ready for "Strip Poker". Start cutting 2 1/2" strips for a night of poker!

All players need to come with 15 assorted 2 1/2" width of fabric strips. A limited number of 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"

Saturday, May 17, 2014 – Mondo Bag Workshop with Karen Thompson, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Learn how to make this awesome oversized carryall using a collection of 2 1/2" squares and a kit provided by Karen. \$25 includes price of the kit. Bring a bag lunch. This workshop will be held at the Headley Townhouse Clubhouse which is located next to Church of God's Love. Class is limited to 15 and everyone needs to register and prepay by March 30. Call or email Betsy Smyth to sign up.

May 20, 2014 - Guild Meeting

Joyce Hughes, award winning quilter who specializes in thread painting, will present "My Journey into Quilting".

June 17, 2014 – Guild Meeting

Birthday Celebration

July 15, 2014 – Mystery Quilt Workshop by Diana Leslie from 10:00 a.m. to 4: 00 p.m.

July 15, 2014 – Guild Meeting (yet to be determined)

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. 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 – Workshop with Victoria. Workshop details are under construction.

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 following members are responsible for bringing treats for the March 2014 meeting. The members of the sewing group Town & Country; Janet Cohen, Christa Froelich, Evelyn Moosher, Francine Oswald, Susan Smith, along with 6 additional guild members; Susan Broeze, Kathleen Coyle, Elaine La Prete, Kathy McEachern, Denise Rouse, Joan Shipp.

Thank you, Kelly Cantwell

MEMBERSHIP:

You should have received a 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:

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 March 22, 2014. You can either e-mail them (nqgltr@yahoo.com) or give them to me at the meeting. *Nancy Lacey*

PHILANTHROPY

Philanthropy will be at Linda Smith's home on Monday, March 3 from 6 until 9 pm. Please bring sewing machine and anything needed to sew. If you have any blocks or quilts out, please bring them to the February Guild meeting. RSVP if you are coming to Generator53@hotmail.com.



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Minutes of the Newtown Quilters' Guild Meeting on February 18, 2014

Tonight's program, presented by our own Valerie Egar, will be "She Did the Best She Could."

President (Linda Martin Mills):

Linda opened the meeting with a discussion of our new location at "The Birches" in Newtown. She said that we have a two year agreement with The Birches, and that she will be meeting with the Activities Director this coming Tuesday. They would like us to do a philanthropy workshop about every two months in which the residents can participate.

She reminded us that final payments are due to Boscov's for the trip to Paducah by February 21st. There are still openings, and if you would like to go you can contact Carol Menschner at Boscov's Travel Agency. Linda will be having a "Paducah Mixer" at her home on Thursday evening, March 13th at 7:30 so that we can meet members of other guilds who will also be going on the trip. There will be door prizes and games on the bus, so if anyone has any donations for the prizes or ideas, please contact Linda.

She also mentioned that there will be people in the guild who are giving up their guild jobs. She encouraged members to be open to the idea of co-chairing different positions within the guild. Co-chairing works well so that not all of the responsibilities of the position fall on one member. It is also good if one of the chairs cannot make a particular meeting.

Vice President (Betsy Smyth):

Betsy explained the Quilty Prize for our guests and new members.

She also informed the members of future meeting presentations.

March – We will have our "Quilters Strip Poker" party. We will need to bring 15 strips, measuring 2 ½ " by the width of the fabric. She will need a dealer at each table, and there will be a prize for the winning dealer. Let her know if you would like to be the dealer for your table.

April – Gretchen Gibbons will be returning. She will do a workshop with woolens. The cost is \$35 and that includes the kit and lunch. There are 7 spaces left.

May – Our speaker will be Joyce Hughes. She is known for her Thread Painting techniques. We will need to decide if we want a workshop, as the purchase of threads is a consideration.

May 17th – Karen Thompson will be conducting a "Mondo Bag" class from 9:00 to 3:00 at the clubhouse at the Headley. Nancy Steigerwalt lives in the community and is working on getting the clubhouse.

June – This will be the first meeting at our new location. It is our birthday month. The Directors at The Birches will discuss the ground rules. One of the rules will be that we cannot arrive before 7:00 as the Chef is still using the meeting room up until then.

July – Diana Leslie will do her "Mystery" workshop. This will take place at the Addisville location.

August – Nancy Bills will do a presentation on piecing and machine applique. Nancy displays her work at Hershey. She will do a Pineapple Workshop at Addisville on August 20th. She uses simple rulers which can be purchased at Joann's.

September – Victoria Finley Wolf will be doing a presentation using modern quilting techniques. She has authored a book, Fifteen Minutes of Play, and the book will be required for the workshop. There is a 20 person limit.

October – This will be our dinner.

November – Betsy needs a speaker, so if anyone has any suggestions, please contact her.

December – This will be our holiday party.

2104 Challenge (Andrea Csogi):

This year's theme will be a Four Seasons Challenge. Andrea set forth the rules for the challenge as follows:

1. You can pick one to four seasons – it is not necessary to do all four if you do not want to.
2. She will be giving out forms for information about each piece. Give credit as to where you got the pattern/design.

3. Put your name on the back.
4. Do not do any holiday themes.
5. You may use any quilting style, any technique, and any type of fabric.
6. The piece can be no larger than 48" X 48".

The challenge projects will be due at the October meeting.

Membership (Dawn Berger, Marlene Beeco):

50 members and 6 guests were in attendance. Our six guests were: Silvia Hellman, Barbara Harkness, Sue Denver, Judy Rilling, Eve Vallorani, and Louise Danko.

We also have two new members, Sue Hurlly and Kathy Jones. (Some of us know Kathy as former owner of The Quilting Circle in Bensalem.)

2014 Raffle Quilt: (Betty Miller):

Betty was not able to be at this meeting, so Pat Clayton gave out the remaining paper-piecing blocks to members to complete for the quilt. All blocks are due back by next month's meeting. The sooner we get the blocks back, the sooner we can get the quilt put together so that we can start putting it out to the public for chances.

Hospitality (Kelly Cantwell):

Thanks to the Bag Ladies and all who provided tonight's treats. The Town & Country group and others will be responsible for next month's treats. Kelly will email you to remind you.

Corresponding Secretary (Doreen Aiello)

- Condolences were sent to Lorie Leonardi and her husband for her mother-in-law's passing.
- A thank-you note was sent to Ann Hermes who did a presentation on historic little pieces and pillowcases at our January meeting.
- A thank-you note was sent to Ellen Conoscenti for her great workshop on February 1st on software.

Treasurer (Pam Sugrue):

Income/Expense by Category - January 2014
1/1/2014 through 1/31/2014

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2014 = 16,416.49

TOTAL INCOME	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	363.89

Ending Balance as of January 31, 2014 = 16,052.60

January 2014 Income/Expense by Category
1/1/2014 through 1/31/2014

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2014 = 16,416.49

INCOME	
TOTAL INCOME	0.00

EXPENSES	
Quilty Prize Supplies	19.49
Public Storage	96.46
Vice President (Speaker)	175.00
Vice President (Workshop Lunch)	72.94

TOTAL EXPENSES	363.89
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Newsletter/Website/Facebook (Nancy Lacey):

Please have items to Nancy by this Saturday.

Philanthropy (Linda Smith):

The next meeting will be on March 3rd at Linda's home. Please contact her if you are planning on attending.

Linda unveiled the beautiful blue and white quilt for the Lutheran Church of God's Love raffle. Even though we are changing location, we will still be donating this quilt for this year's raffle.

Linda Smith has given notice to Linda Martin-Mills that she will be stepping down as Philanthropy Chair. Elaine LaPrete has offered to be a co-chair.

2014 Block of the Month (Christa Froelich):

The winner of the BOM blocks was Carol Molengraft. We had 22 lovely blocks this month. See the guild website for information concerning the block for next month.

Name Tag Winner: Diana Leslie

Quilty Prize Winner: Sharon Decker

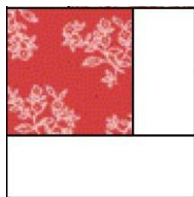
Show & Tell:

We had 14 members present their projects this month. They are: Elaine LaPrete, Cathy Stevens, Ann Guinn, Nancy Lacey, Barbara Harkness, Kim Moll, Marsha Watro, Karen Thompson, Pat Clayton, Sue Denver, Angela Topley, Joan Shipp, Eve Vallorani, Christa Froehlich. Thank you for sharing!

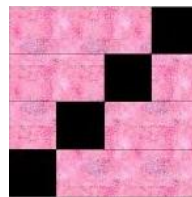
Respectfully submitted by Doreen Aiello (subbing for Lorie Leonardi) on February 20, 2014.

2013 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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



March – Chunky Steps



April – Corner to Corner

2014 Quilt Challenge – 4 Seasons

1. Make a wallhanging that represents 1, 2, 3 or all 4 seasons
2. Do not use holidays as your theme.
3. You may use any quilting style. Example: Traditional, Reproduction, Modern, Art, etc.
4. Any technique is acceptable. Example: Applique, paper-piecing, patchwork, embroidery, etc.
5. Design does not have to be original BUT, please give credit where credit is due. This may be done on the entry form provided.
6. Size may be no larger than 48" x 48". Example: 48" x 48", 36" x 48", 24" x 36", 12" x 36", 9" x 12", etc.

Looking Ahead

Saturday, April 5, 2014 to Sunday, April 13, 2014 - HISTORIC QUILT DISPLAY - Common Threads: Quilting Traditions in Hunterdon County, NJ. Open to the Public. Route 12 County Complex, Building #1, Assembly Space, 314 Route 12, Flemington, NJ - 10am to 4pm. For more information, click here: [Common Threads: Quilting Traditions in Hunterdon County, NJ.](#)

Saturday, April 5 & Sunday, April 6, 2014 – County Line Quilters Present, “Making Traditions Old and New.” Buckingham Friends School, 5684 York Road, Lahaska, PA 18931. Here is a link to their website for more information: <http://countylinequilters.org/pages/quilt-show>.

Quilt Camp 2014: Wed, April 23 to Sunday April 27 (weekend only is also possible) at Blue Lake, a retreat center owned by Burkholders' Fabrics, Denver, PA; the cost is \$40 per night for participants. The retreat center has a large sewing room, a large dining room with kitchen, and 14 bedrooms (with 23 beds.) 9 bedrooms are on the 2nd floor, 5 bedrooms are on the ground floor (available by steps or by walking outside down a sloped driveway) and one handicapped room is on the main floor. The lower floor also has a game room with 2 large sectional sofas (which could be used for sleeping.) Previous attendees have first choice, there is a sign-up list and I will be starting a waiting list shortly. Payment may be made in January or February (if this is a problem, please contact Peg Bauman at the meetings or email her.



Quilts of Valor Block Drive

The organizers of the MQX Quilt Festival have put out a call for quilt blocks for Quilts of Valor. If you are interested in participating, click on this link for more information: <http://www.mqxshow.com/MQX/East/Classes/QOVBlockDrive/index.cfm>

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