

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Today as I was driving down I-95 toward Philadelphia, there it was ... a bright hot pink electronic billboard proclaiming "THINK SPRING". And wouldn't it be nice if just thinking about spring actually made life bloom? Actually, I think we quilters have that power. On those very cold snowy days, hopefully there are some of us who can barricade ourselves in our little quilter's caves and make spring bloom from our fabric stashes. For me, just sitting and fondling my fabric and planning the next quilt would be a nice view into springtime ... it will come!

I was really unhappy that we had to cancel our February meeting because of the weather; it's one of the few evenings out for me and I look forward to seeing so many of my friends from the guild. Even if I can't speak to everybody personally, it's still nice to see happy and healthy faces of many friends and see the quilts that we're all working on. So on to the next get-together and looking forward to our speaker who will aim to inspire all of us as we're preparing our quilts for the show. But, as I say that, do keep your ear to the weather forecast in case the bad weather repeats itself; as we did in February, we will announce any changes on the website or by email with as much advance notice as possible.

On a business note, please take some time to look over our proposed budget that is published in this newsletter, so that we may vote on it at the meeting. Pam Sugrue has put a lot of time and energy pulling it all together for us and we thank her for that.

Hope to see you all in March!

Diana Leslie

GUILD MEETING – March 17, 2015 at 7:30 pm at our new location, The Birches, Newtown, PA.

Helle-May Cheney will visit and give an inspirational lecture, "Don't be Afraid to Show That Quilt." In advance of the lecture, check out her website <http://www.hellemaydesigns.com>.

Since we were snowed out in February, we invite everyone to bring your red and white quilts for show and tell this month (along with all other show and tell!).

WHAT'S COMING UP IN 2015!

April 21, 2015: We will be hosting Ann Holt, who will take us back to Civil War times with the Lancaster Diamond Sampler quilt lecture and a workshop on orphan blocks. Sign up for members first and then we will open it to guests. Please see the VP table at the guild meeting to sign up. Payment for this workshop is required by the March meeting.

Coming soon: Grace Katz and Pam Weeks ... more to follow.

HOSPITALITY:

The following members are responsible for Hospitality at March's Guild meeting: Doreen Aiello, Patricia Clayton, Ellen Conoscenti, Kathy Dettore, Roseanne Friehs, Gloria Kaufhold, Sarah Kaufhold, Betty Miller, Jane Nadig and Beverly Sce.

There will be a sign-up list at the Guild meeting. In order to help with scheduling hospitality for the year, please make sure to indicate any months that you are not able to bring snacks and any sub-group(s) that you belong to.

Thank you, Janet Cohen

MEMBERSHIP:

Everyone should have received a copy of the membership list. We are working to make sure all information is correct. Please your information and let us know if there are any changes/corrections.

Susan Schmalzried and Kathy Dettore

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:

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.

Joan Shipp

PHILANTHROPY:

The Newtown Quilters Guild Philanthropy Committee will hold their next meetings on Tuesday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Quilts for Kids, 494 Lincoln Hwy, Fairless Hills, PA

NEWSLETTER and WEBSITE:

Articles are due by March 22, 2015. Please e-mail them to me at nqgltr@yahoo.com.

Nancy Lacey

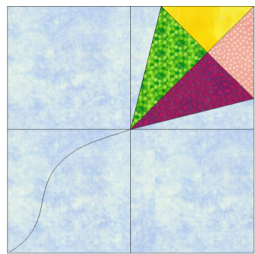
2015 QUILT SHOW:

Our Quilt Show is less than eight months away and we are hoping that every guild member will be involved in some meaningful way in helping to make this show a great success! It's time to start your engines and think about what you'd like to contribute to this year's show. I hope you are all making a beautiful quilt that you will enter in the show to share your creativity and sewing skills with everyone. Please also think about filling a special basket, or making a sweet miniature quilt, to enter in the Baskets and Small Quilts raffle. Perhaps you have some quilting notions, books, patterns, or unfinished kits that you would like to donate to the Aunt Sukey table. We need each guild member's help in serving on one of the many committees, such as Aunt Sukey, Consignment, Decorations, Vendors, The Cafe, Publicity, Quilt Registration, Brochures, and Quilt Set-Up. There will be a sign-up poster at the next guild meeting where you can let us know in what area you are most interesting in making a contribution of your time and assistance. You may also contact either of the show co-chairmen (Sallie Lloyd - sallie.lloyd@gmail.com - phone: [215-493-2442](tel:215-493-2442), or Melissa Curewitz - BIRCHMOM@LIVE.COM - [267-566-3223](tel:267-566-3223)) to ask questions about what's involved in serving on various committees or to volunteer your help.

One of the first things that we need to do is to decide on a name for the show. Some of the names that have been suggested so far include: **Quilted Artistry, Welcome to our Quilty World, Welcome to our Wonderful World of Quilts, Quilters' Showcase, Quilted Creations, Adventures in Quilting, Color Play in Quilts, A Colorful Array of Quilts, Quilting Journeys, and Quilted Inspirations.** What do you think would made an appropriate name for our Quilt Show? Perhaps a good title might have something to do with our featured raffle quilt, a pineapple design. Please make your suggestions at our next guild meeting, and we will take a vote. All of your ideas are welcome. Let's work together to make this the best Quilt Show ever!

2013 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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



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Projected 2015 Budget rvsd 2-21-15

INCOME	2014	2015
Advertiser	275	125
Membership (\$25 per member)	2,500	2,500
Raffle Tickets Required (\$20 per member)	2,000	2,000
Quilty Prize	600	600
Raffle Quilt	1,400	1500
Guest Fees	300	300
Quilt Show	2,500	2,500
TOTAL	9,575	9,525
Revenue Neutral		
*Workshops	1,600	3,300
*Quilt Camp	2,500	0

EXPENSES	2014	Actual Spent 2014	2015
Block of the Month	40	0	40
Corresponding Secretary	100	30.99	100
Equipment	0	494.98	0
Hospitality	200	39.90	200
Insurance	495	504.00	510
Library	100	36.05	100
License Magnet		25.00	25
License Raffle	100	125.00	125
Membership	50	45.00	50
Philanthropy	400	299.28	600
President	180	101.74	180
Raffle Quilt	550	984.67	800
Rental	1,720	1,509.46	1300
Vice President	4,000	3,118.60	4,000
Web Site	120	12.95	120
Treasurer	0	0	0
Historian	0	0	0
Newsletter	0	0	0
Quilty Prize	150	203.85	200
Background Check	0	0	20
TOTAL	8,205	7,531.47	8,370
Revenue Neutral			
*Workshops	3,000	2,700	3,000
*Quilt Camp	2,500	140	0

* Revenue Neutral

Note: Estimated Quilt Show income \$5000 divided over two year period

Looking Ahead:

March 5-8, 2015: The Quilt Fest of New Jersey XI, Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ. For more information, go to: <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=30>

March 11-14, 2015: AQS QuiltWeek™, Lancaster County Convention Center, 25 South Queen Street, Lancaster, PA. For more information, go to: <http://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster/>

Friday, April 3, 2015: Marie Bostwick, author of the Cobbled Court series, will be at Quilts for Kids in Fairless Hills for a book signing. Her new, stand-alone book, is titled, "The Second Sister." There will also be two Quilts for Kids workshops that day (10:00 am – 2:00 pm and 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm). Come by to meet Marie and purchase her new book, to sit and sew, or both. Call 215-295-5484 for more information.

Wednesday, April 22 to Sunday, April 26: Quilt Camp 2015 – (weekend only is also possible) - A great opportunity to make new friends, reconnect with quilting buddies, and work on UFO's. It is held at Blue Lake, a retreat center owned by Burkholder's Fabrics, Denver, PA; the cost is \$40 per night for participants. The retreat center has a very large sewing room, large dining room with kitchen, and 16 bedrooms (with 23 beds.) 9 bedrooms are on the 2nd floor. Seven bedrooms are on the ground floor; two of these rooms are brand new singles. One handicapped room is on the main floor. We still have a few rooms available. There will be a signup for meals coming to everyone shortly. You can email or call Peg Bauman if you are interested. Since the February meeting was cancelled, please let Peg know if you will be paying in March, or be a mailing a check.