



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

It was so impressive to see Eve Vallorani's presentation at our February meeting. The progression of her quilting journey after just a few years in this discipline was truly inspiring to me, and I am so thankful that this guild has so many talented ladies and gentlemen that are so giving and sharing of their experiences. I just wish there were so many more hours in each day so that I could play with more of the ideas that our guild members exhibit in our monthly show and tell.

And now's the time to plan and execute your own quilt for our newest guild challenge so we can all share in your talents also. You may not think that you have a body of work like Eve that you can present to the guild as a speaker, but we would certainly like to see each and every member show us a little side of their quilting journey by participating in the challenge. Pay attention to the newsletter for the guidelines.

Diana Leslie

GUILD MEETING – Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30 pm, The Birches, Newtown, PA

Our speaker for the evening will be Terry Kramzar who will speak about her quilting inspiration, "Inspired by Adventures." Earlier in the day (from 10-4), we will host a workshop, "Quilting in Layers," an innovative process with making a pieced background and appliqué on top. It is quilted as you go! There are still spots available and we are open to guests. \$40 includes a catered lunch. This workshop will be held at Addisville church in Richboro. Please contact me at gsguru32@aol.com if you would like to join us. You can check out the supply list and more information on our website: <http://www.newtownquiltersguild.org/workshop-supply-list.html>.

Coming up:

April 19, 2016: Suzi Parron will do a presentation on barn quilts. It is sure to be a lovely presentation.

May 17, 2016: In May, we will host fiber artist, Linda Poole, who doodles, sketches, and stitches on fabric and then sews! Earlier in the day there will be a workshop from 10-4. There are still openings for this workshop – guests are welcome. The cost is \$40 and includes a catered lunch. Take a look at Linda's website: <http://www.lindampoole.com>

June, 2016: In June we will be hosting the fabulous Pat Sloan who is a nationally known quilt artist. More information to follow on the lecture and workshop.

We open our workshops to guests from the community or other guilds so reach out if you read this and are interested!

HOSPITALITY:

The following members are responsible for hospitality at the March meeting: Susan Broeze, Janet Cohen, Kathleen Coyle, Christa Froelich, Elaine La Prete, Evelyn Moosher, Francine Oswald, Denise Rouse, Joan Shipp and Susan Smith
Thank you, Janet Cohen

MEMBERSHIP:

Please let us know of any changes to your information (address, phone number, email).
Susan Schmalzried and Dale Moelter

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:

No report available at this time.

NEWSLETTER and WEBSITE:

Articles for the newsletter are due by March 20, 2016. Please e-mail them to me at nqgltr@yahoo.com.

Nancy Lacey

2016 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

There was no drawing in February. Please bring your February blocks to the March meeting. Directions for the block can be found on our website: <http://www.newtownquiltersguild.org/block-of-the-month.html>

Minutes of the Newtown Quilters' Guild Meeting on February 16, 2016

At tonight's meeting our guest speaker was one of our own guild members, Eve Vallorani. WOW! What a great presentation. She took us through the baby steps that she took in her learning process, from her beginning quilts to her amazing works of art. Her quilts were amazing and such an inspiration. She ended her presentation with encouraging us to find a niche of your own.

The next meeting's speaker will be Terry Kramzar discussing art quilting and the use of nature in her quilts. The meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:30pm at the Birches, at 70 Durham Road, Newtown, PA, 18940. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge.

President (Diana Leslie):

Diana directed the meeting with her usual flair. She ended Eve's presentation with "don't apologize for your style, do what you do ... Great!"

Vice President (Linda Martin-Mills):

Discussed the cancellation of Lisa O'Neil's workshop due to the weather and what our possible options are since Lisa will not be scheduling any further workshops for 2016 due to new endeavors in her own life. The quilt show at Capital Health is still a big hit with people continue to enjoy the show. Linda reviewed the upcoming plans for meetings and workshops. See the newsletter for further information.

Membership (Susan Schmalzried):

50 members and 3 guests were in attendance.

2016 Raffle Quilt:

All the quilt kits have been distributed, all kits are due back at the March Quilt Guild meeting.

Hospitality (Janet Cohen):

Thank you for all your contributions. It was a beautiful layout and everything was delicious. (Janet will not be available at the March meeting, Volunteers were obtained to fill-in for her. Thank you.)

Corresponding Secretary (Joan Shipp):

- A get well card was sent to Donna Laing
- A get well card was sent to Ellen Conoscenti

Treasurer (Pam Sugrue):

The budget was presented, then put to a vote. 1st by Pam Sugrue, 2nd by Marsha Watro and passed by majority vote.

Income/Expense by Category –January 2016
1/1/2016 through 1/31/2016

Beginning Balance as of January1, 2016 =	16,033.26
TOTAL INCOME	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	130.35
Ending Balance as of January31, 2016 =	15,902.91

The full report is available on our website: <http://www.newtownquiltersguild.org/treasurers-reports.html>

Newsletter/Website/Facebook (Nancy Lacey):

Philanthropy (Sallie Lloyd and Elaine LaPrete):

Many great fabric donations received, some even from non-guild members who read our newsletter. Thank you to all.

2016 Block of the Month (Claire McConnell):

There was no block of the month for February so please bring your February blocks of the month to the March meeting. Please see the guild website for information on construction of the March block.

Library (Christa Froehlich): We have many fantastic books; please check us out.

New Business:

- Quilt camp is coming up.
- July we will have a block exchange, bring five, exchange five (more information to follow).
- 2016 is quilt challenge year. "Circles" are this year's theme. There will be no size restriction or voting. Please everyone start thinking and participate. Quilts will be displayed at our October meeting. Challenge yourself and most important enjoy the process.

Name Tag Winner: Peg Bauman

Quilty Prize Winner: Kathy Mador

Show & Tell: Judi Reiss, Pat Morrison, Susan Schmalzried, Nancy Lacey, Pat Clayton, Christy Stephenson, Sue Demberg, Christa Froehlich, Peg Bauman, Raelaine Swanner

Respectfully submitted by Joan C Shipp on February 17, 2016

2016 Quilt Challenge – “Circles”

Just a bit of history for our new members: The guild's quilt challenge takes place in the off year of our biennial quilt show. A theme is set for the challenge, and members make quilts interpreting the theme. The quilts are displayed at our October meeting. In previous challenges, members voted for their favorite quilt. First, second, and third place ribbons were awarded.

This year's theme will challenge you to make a quilt interpreting the circle. Your interpretation can be realistic or abstract. You may dare to step out of your comfort zone to produce a quilt that will get you to try a new technique or pattern, or you may want to design your own quilt. Whatever you choose to make, we want you to enjoy the creative process.

Your quilt can feature appliqué, pieced blocks, paint, thread work, or a combination of these techniques.

Look for our e-mail to follow this newsletter. We will provide you with detailed information about the challenge. For now, start thinking about ideas for your quilt. We hope that everyone will participate in this fun challenge.

Regards,

Regina Apuzzo, Lorie Leonardi, Kim Moll



Quilt Exhibit at Capital Health

Don't forget to check out our quilt exhibit at Capital Health. The quilts are on display until the end of March. In the meantime, you might want to read this great review of the exhibit from *The Times of Trenton*: http://www.nj.com/times-entertainment/index.ssf/2016/02/fine_arts_must-see_exhibit_in_10.html

Looking Ahead

April 16 & 17, 2016: Berry Basket Quilt Show. Kirby's Mill Elementary School, 151 Hartford Road, Medford NJ 08055. For more information, go to: http://www.berrybasketquilters.com/2016_QUILT_SHOW.html

Quilt Camp 2016: Wednesday, April 20 to Sunday, April 24 (weekend only is also possible)

This is 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 Burkholders' 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). Nine bedrooms are on the 2nd floor and 7 bedrooms are on the ground floor; two of these rooms are brand new singles without windows. One handicapped room is on the main floor. You can email or call Peg Bauman if you are interested. Payment may be made in January or February. Please email or speak with Peg if this is a problem.

Saturday, May 21, 2016: Quilt Turning with AQS certified appraiser Dana Balsamo on May 21 @ 11:00. For more information, go to: <http://hunterdonhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/quilt-turning-flyer.jpg>

May 20 & 21, 2016: Celebration of Quilts 2016 presented by York Quilters' Guild, College of Pennsylvania, Grumbacher Sport & Fitness Center, 889 South Richland Ave., York, PA 17403. Their show welcomes their guild members as well as those outside the guild to enter their quilts. For anyone wishing to enter a quilt, registration must be received by April 24, 2016 for acceptance into the 2016 show. To register your quilt for the 2016 Celebration of Quilts, please follow instructions at: www.celebrationofquilts.com.