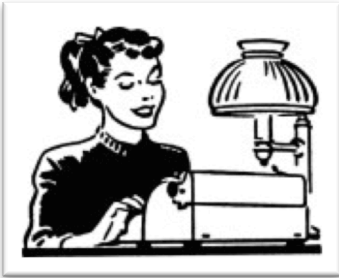


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Hi Everyone,

I just stepped outdoors to pick up the mail. Wow! What a beautiful day! Mother Nature is wrapping us in her warmth, as February winds down. By the time you read my letter, I hope she hasn't followed up with a March blizzard—Ugh!

It was good to see everyone at our February meeting. I enjoyed hearing about Linda's very moving quilting journey. Isn't it funny how each of us has travelled a different road, yet all of us have reached the same destination.

We will be welcoming Cheryl Lynch in March. Be sure to check her website, <http://www.cheryllynchquilts.com/> where you can see her work. I'm hoping that we will be able to run our scheduled workshop with Cheryl, as it looks like a lot of fun.

Speaking of our workshops, please visit our website to see what we've planned for this year. A lot of work goes into scheduling them. We often need a minimum number of attendees; otherwise, we have to cancel. How many times has a speaker given a lecture at our meeting, only to have people realize what could have been enjoyed at a now-cancelled workshop. By then, it's too late. As I've mentioned previously, our workshops are great opportunities to learn something new—perhaps, something outside of your box. My philosophy: ditch your box! You get to spend the day with your fellow guild members, you get a very good deal on the workshop price, and you just may find your next favorite technique . . . just saying.

I am in the process of signing a contract to reserve a space at "Quilt Odyssey", to sell tickets for our raffle quilt. The show dates are July 20-23, 2017 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey, PA. I'm keeping my fingers crossed, as spaces are given on a first-come, first-served basis. "Quilt Odyssey" is a great venue, having a lot of foot traffic, as well as providing an excellent opportunity to showcase our guild. I'll get back to you, once I hear from Quilt Odyssey.

Your suggestions/ideas are also needed for other venues where our quilt can be taken this year. Our raffle quilt is an important source of revenue for our guild; so, I hope that you will volunteer to sell tickets.

We still need one or more volunteers to help with publicity for our upcoming quilt show. Publicity is an integral part of the show. We have a new venue, and we need to let people know about it.

I extend a warm welcome to our new members. Our guild offers many opportunities for you to participate in its activities, from supporting our philanthropic work, volunteering to work on a committee, attending workshops, selling raffle quilt tickets, and more. Doing so is a great way to meet new friends and to learn about the guild. To our not-so-new members, each of us was a new member at one time, so we know how it feels to step into something unfamiliar, perhaps knowing only a few people, if that. So, let's extend our hospitality by inviting newer members to join us at our tables during the meetings. We have a great guild, and we want everyone to feel like they are part of it.

Before I go, a bit of housekeeping—literally—please return your tables and chairs to their original locations before you leave the meeting. While my mind tells me that I am forever 37 years old, my body does not engage in such delusion. My furniture-moving days have long passed.

Well, that's a wrap! I look forward to seeing you at our March meeting. In the meantime, sew like no one is watching!

Regards,
Regina

NEXT GUILD MEETING – March 21, 2017

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 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*

March We have secured Cheryl Lynch for both a lecture and workshop. Her lecture will be "Turn Travel Into Treasures" and the workshop will be a mini mosaic project from 10am to 4pm. Cost is \$40 and includes Pizza lunch/beverage. The workshop still has space available and we are opening it to other guilds and friends. If you are interested call Linda. Cheryl is a quilter, designer, author and teacher from Broomall, PA. She has a new technique that produces amazing mosaic quilts that you are all sure to love. Check out her blog at www.CherylLynchQuilts.blogspot.com.

April will be Lisa White, Rebel of Dippin Dyes. The lecture will be "This Started Out White?" The workshop will be from 10 to 4 on Tuesday, April 18th and costs \$25 to guild and \$30 for supply kit to teacher. You will also need white on white fabric to dye and it needs to be washed prior to class. Dippy Dyes workshop only has 5 people signed up so far, so again there is lots of room for outsiders. Let your friends know.

May is garage sale night. More to follow

May 20 from 10-4: We will be offering a 2nd mystery workshop by Diana Leslie. This one is \$25 and pack your own lunch.

June is birthday month with Lisa Calle. Divide and Design lecture and workshop, June 20th - 10 to 4. Location TBA.

These workshops are a lot of bang for the buck! Take advantage of these great teachers coming your way!

HOSPITALITY: *Rosanne Fries*

We would like to take time to welcome everyone to Guild meetings. If you were not at the January or February 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. 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 soda or water.

March Snacks: 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. The members responsible for snacks for March are as follows: **Doreen Aiello, Janet Cohen, Adelaide Crompton, Melissa Curewitz, Dawn D'Agostino, Louise Danto, Pat Devonshire, Debbie Eickhoff, Rosanne Friebs and Betsy Smyth.**

PHILANTHROPY: *Melissa Curewitz*

Newtown Quilters' Guild members have a variety of talents outside of quilting. As I have been researching organizations that need handmade donations I have discovered there are several places needing knitted or crocheted scarves. This year Regina challenged the guild to complete one quilt for the various organizations we support. I would like to add to that challenge and ask for each member to participate in one of the following other philanthropy opportunities:

Knitting for Victory

- 4 Simple Steps. Only one rule: please use neutral color yarns
1. Pick a pattern or create your own
 2. Start knitting or crocheting
 3. Include care and wash instructions
 4. Bring to guild

Fill a Hat Project – Pay it forward in the Community

Knit or buy a hat and fill it with lightweight non-perishable items such as granola bars, tuna fish packets, water, a gift card, and a new trash bag. Then as you are driving around, hand them out

Birthday Bash Bundles

Take a 9x13 cake pan and add cake mix, a can of frosting, cups, plates, napkins, candles and maybe even a gift card. Put the lid on the bundle along with a bow and bring to guild to be donated to the food pantry

Quilts for Kids

Quilt size needed: approximately 38" – 40" x 45" – 46". You will find more information on their FAQs page

Project Linus

See their website, under FAQs, for what is needed by this organization.

Patriot Program at Capital Health

Quilts, featuring patriotic motifs or red and blue fabrics, with a size range of 24" to 36" x 24" to 36"

Camp Erin

The ages are from 6 to 18 years, both boys and girls. For children, up to about age 11, the minimum size is 50" x 70". The older children need larger quilts, 60" x 80". While there is usually a good donation of quilts, suitable for girls, there is a real need for boys' quilts. Making non gender-specific quilts will work for both girls and boys. The quilts need to be completed by May 1.

Bucks County Homeless Shelters

Any size quilt is suitable for donation to the shelters.

Wounded Warrior Project

60" x 80" quilt size, with patriotic-themed fabrics

Quilts of Valor

60" x 80" quilt size, with patriotic-themed fabrics.

For more information [click here](#)

Philanthropy Group Sew Events

Sunday March 19th – 1:00PM

Friday April 7th – 7:00PM

RSVP – birchmom@live.com

Sallie Lloyd reports that she brought six boxes of philanthropy fabric to Melissa Curewitz's house. The philanthropy committee can always use new donations of fabrics, so be sure to look through your stash and see if you can find some interesting 100% cottons to donate for philanthropy quilt-making. We especially need navy blue solids and other solid colors or marbles, as well as prints appropriate for boys for Camp Erin quilts.

Sallie also reports that Paula Patti came over to her house to watch and help while Sallie quilted out a dinosaur crib quilt which Paula had pieced together from one of Laurie's kits. Paula brought her computer expert husband with her, and they had a fun time! Now the little quilt is finished and looking very cute, and is ready to donate to Quilts for Kids.

2018 Raffle Quilt: *Donna Martinez*

There will be kits with directions available at the next meeting

MEMBERSHIP: *Eve Vallorani and Gretchen Faras*

Welcome to three new members: MariAnne Patton, Camille Amadio, and Denise Cynan!
And welcome back to two returning members: Barb Patton and Andrea Csogi!

- As usual, 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 April newsletter are due by Saturday, **April 1, 2017**. Please e-mail them to me at 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

We have secured the entire space at the Masonic Hall in Yardley for the weekend of October 13, 14, 15.
The 13th will be set-up. The 14th and 15th from 9-5 will have lots of opportunities to work at your favorite spot!

See Marsha Watro to volunteer!!!

We are collecting for Aunt Sukie so get started collecting all your fabric and notion cast-offs. Remember that this is a huge money maker for the show and ultimately for the guild. When you get together with your small groups please consider putting together a great basket for the raffle. Also start getting your donation of a small quilts ready for the raffle! Thanks for all of your support.

We would like to ask for a publicity chairperson. We need to advertise this show and get flyers around. We can all help but it is best to have someone in charge to make certain that all bases are covered.

Thanks so much.

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

Let's go up to the attic and see what we can find. Look!! There's quilting fabric, notions, tools and recent books. Wow, an old sewing machine!!! Look at all these needle work supplies: knitting needles and crochet hooks. Over here, there are UFO's. I wonder what else we are going to find.

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!

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.

Start thinking about that extra stuff that has been clogging up your sewing areas. If you donate that stuff, you'll have room to buy more stuff! Yay!!

Elaine has made room in her garage and is ready to take your stuff. You can start bringing it to her at guild meetings

Small Quilts & Gift Baskets: *Rosemary Dwyer and Regina Apuzzo*

Hi Everyone! Small Quilts and Gift Baskets are very popular with our quilt show visitors. We have a new venue for this year's show, and we're hoping that more people will be visiting and purchasing chances to win these great prizes. 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.

While October may not be right around the corner, you can get started now on your small quilt. 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 Sukey. 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. As soon as you have finished your project, please give it to either of us. Please don't wait until set-up night, as each item needs to be photographed.

Stay tuned for information about the gift baskets. We'll talk about them as we get a little closer to the show. We're hoping to have another great turnout for Small Quilts and Gift Baskets. So, get started on your projects. If you have any questions, please let us know.

2017 Raffle Quilt: *Sallie Lloyd*

The raffle quilt is in the process of being pieced together.

“The 2017 raffle quilt tickets have arrived! Raffle quilt tickets are included with your membership dues. The tickets will be available for you to pick up, starting with the March guild meeting. Marion Baranosky will have your tickets, so be sure to see her at the meeting.”

MINUTES OF THE NEWTOWN QUILTERS GUILD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Tonight's Program: Lauren Otis of Artworks in Trenton NJ (<http://artworkstrenton.org>) spoke about the programs they sponsor and invited us all to participate in the Art All Night event they have the third weekend in June. It sounded like a great opportunity for us to share our quilt art with a larger audience and to be a part of something really exciting going on in the local art world. Check out the website above to learn more about Artworks and go to (<http://www.aantrenton.org>) for more information about the Art All Night event.

We were also treated to a very special and enjoyable presentation and trunk show by Linda Martin-Mills!

The 2017 budget was voted on and approved by the membership.

President Regina Apuzzo: 2017 membership cards are now available

Vice President Linda Martin-Mills: Linda had some copies available of interesting blogs she has discovered on the web.

2017 and 2018 Workshops: we must have payment in order to hold your spot on the sign up list

Treasurer's Report for March 2017 Meeting:

The treasurer's report will be in the April newsletter

Quilt Show Co-chairs Linda Martin-Mills and Melissa Curewitz:

We still need a publicity chair for the show and we will all need to help spread the word and distribute flyers and postcards in our own neighborhoods.

Quilt show Committees:

Café – Christa Froehlich, Caroline Lee and Betty Miller
Vendors – Nancy Steigerwalt
Raffle Quilt – Sally Lloyd
Quilt Registration and Layout – Diana Leslie
Decorations – Eve Valorani and Christie
Show Ribbons – Janet Cohen
Small Quilts and Baskets – Regina Apuzzo and Rosemary Dwyer
Publicity – **YOU?**

Philanthropy - Melissa Curewitz and Nancy Steigerwalt:

6 quilts were completed for Quilts For Kids. We still have 24 kits available.
9 NICU blankets were completed and donated to Capitol Health.
Melissa mentioned several other charities that we could contribute to.

Library – Betsy Smyth and Kim Moll: The library has not been getting a lot of use. It may not be brought out every month

Hospitality – The refreshments were lovely! Thank you to everyone who brought something in and to Sue Demberg and Donna Martinez for arranging it all. Rosanne Fries and Jane Nadig will be coordinating Hospitality in the future.

Website – Nancy Lacey: The website has been updated to show upcoming programs.

2017 Raffle Quilt - Sallie Lloyd: Sallie showed all the beautiful appliqué blocks that were turned in for the raffle quilt and thanked all the members who worked on them. All the blocks have been completed and the quilt will be finished soon. We may be able to sell tickets for our quilt at Quilt Odyssey in Hershey. Please try to find other places to hang the quilt and sell tickets.

2018 Raffle Quilt - Donna Martinez: Donna is working on the directions for the block and will have them available soon.

Membership - Eve Vallorani and Gretchen Faras: 44 members were present as well as 2 new members and 4 guests.

Quilt Camp 2017 – Peg Bauman: If you have any questions about quilt camp, please call Peg Bauman

Nametag prize was won by Rosanne Fries

Quilty Prize was won by one of our guests

Show and Tell:

Sue Bowles
Linda Smith
Mary Kay Stoloski
Jackie Kaizar
Nancy Lacey
Marsha Watro
Ellen Conoscenti
Jane Nadig

Respectfully submitted by Christa Froehlich 3/4/17

LOOKING AHEAD:

Quilt Camp 2017: Wed, April 19 to Sunday April 23 (weekend only is also possible) at Blue Lake, a retreat center owned by Burkholders' Fabrics, Denver, PA. The cost is \$40 per night for lodging... plus an additional \$5.00 cleaning fee charge (per person—not per night) 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, but people on the waiting list have always gotten in. You can email Peg Bauman or see her at the January meeting. Payment may be made in January or February (if this is a problem, please contact Peg at the meetings or email her.) Blue Lake is upgrading their sewage system, they expect it will be completed in early January. I won't accept any money before the January meeting when I know things are going well up there, but people may sign up with me by email sooner.

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.