

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy Spring to All!

The Guild has been a traveling! A large group of ladies went to Quilt Camp and another group of 30 went to the AQS 30th Anniversary Show in Paducah, Kentucky. The groups kept in touch through texts and Facebook and by all accounts, everyone had a blast! We are already planning a trip to the AQS show in Houston 2015! It was so inspiring to see all the new patterns, fabrics, and techniques that are out there. We are truly blessed with great quilt shops in our area but it is wonderful to stretch ourselves. I roomed with Betsy Smyth in Paducah and she claims that she never bought so much acrylic in her life and I can honestly say I think I came home with so much wool I could have been accused of having a sheep in my suitcase! We truly transformed each other's buying patterns. I am also going to learn punch needle!!! I am very excited about this.

Another very inspiring and lovely transformation took place in Kentucky. We were 30 strong; some from area guilds, some from NQG and others tag along friends of guild members. But by the end of the first travel day, we were melded into one. Folks who didn't know anyone, sat around a talked about the common theme ... quilting! One conversation led to another, and led to a lot of laughter. Our bus driver, Tom, told me that we had one of the "happiest groups he has ever traveled with!" Quilters are a generous bunch ... generous with their talents, knowledge and also with their kindnesses. I hear over and over (and know firsthand) that those kindnesses really get you through dark times. We have a lot to be thankful for and I am thankful for each of you.

Linda Martin-Mills

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Guild Meeting - Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:15 pm, Lutheran Church of God's Love, Newtown

Joyce Hughes, award winning quilter and fiber artist will present "My Journey into Quilting". Visit Joyce's website joycehughesoriginals.com to get a preview of what a wonderful presentation we are going to have!

What's Coming Up

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. Sign up by April 30...kits are being ordered
Call or email Betsy Smyth to sign up.

June 17, 2014 – Guild Meeting: Birthday Celebration. This is our first meeting at our new home...The Birches in Newtown. Meeting will now start at 7:30 and setup begins no earlier than 7pm.

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. 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 – Workshop with Victoria. Cost is \$40 (\$50 non members) and includes lunch. Location to be announced. Space is limited and Signups have begun.

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 people are responsible for bringing treats for the May 2014 meeting. The members of the sewing group Bright Hopes; Nancy Steigerwalt, Peg Bauman, Barbara Gonze, Ellen Manson, Jane Matty, Carol Molengraft, Judi Reiss, Linda Smith, Deb Weckenman along with four guild members, Jackie Kaizar, Joan Kline, Sallie Lloyd, Cathy Stevens.
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 congratulatory note was sent to Diana Leslie on the birth of her new grandson.

A thank-you note was sent to Mark Lipinski for his gift of 307 books to the Guild.

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 May 25, 2014. You can either e-mail them (nqgltr@yahoo.com) or give them to me at the meeting.
Nancy Lacey

PHILANTHROPY:

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

Minutes of the Newtown Quilters' Guild Meeting on April 15, 2014

Tonight's program, presented by noted long-arm quilter Barbara Pershing, was "Listen to your Quilt."

The next meeting will be presented by Joyce Hughes. She is known for her Thread Painting techniques. It will be held on Tuesday, May 20, at 7:15pm at Gods' Love Church. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge. It will be our last meeting at this location. Starting in June, we will meet at The Birches, 70 Durham Road, Newtown.

President (Linda Martin Mills):

The Paducah trip is next week. Think about where you would like to travel with the guild next year, and let Linda know. Boscov's Travel is willing to set up any trip we would like to take.

Betsy Smyth, Lorie Leonardi and Linda recently attend MAQGNNet, a convention of guilds from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. They saw demonstrations by lecturers and talked to members of other guilds to get ideas for our guild. They got some good ideas for the future.

We are looking for officers for next year. Please let Linda know if you are interested in a leadership position, specifically President, Vice President or Recording Secretary.

Thanks to Betsy Smyth for doing a great job in lining up speakers and workshops.

Vice President (Betsy Smyth):

Gretchen Gibbons did a wool appliqué workshop, with 20 participants. A good time was had by all.

May meeting – Our speaker will be Joyce Hughes. She is known for her Thread Painting techniques.

May 17 – Karen Thompson will be conducting a “Mondo Bag” class from 9:00 to 3:00 at the clubhouse at the Headley. Nancy Steigerwalt, who lives in the community, is getting the clubhouse.

June meeting – 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 – Diana Leslie will do her “Mystery” workshop at the Addisville church.

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

August meeting – 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.

August 20 – Nancy Bills will do a Pineapple Workshop at Addisville. She uses simple rulers, which can be purchased at JoAnn Fabrics.

September meeting – Victoria Finley Wolf will be doing a presentation and a workshop 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. Victoria was recently featured on The Quilt Show.

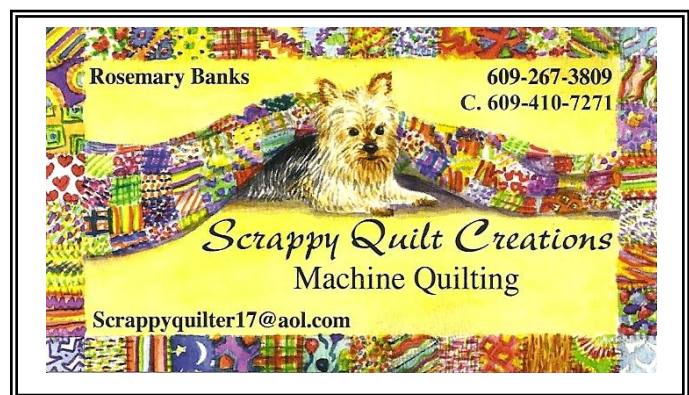
October meeting – Annual dinner. The Birches will provide the meal. We will provide appetizers and deserts.

November meeting – Jacquelynne Steves will do a presentation. She has “The Art of Home” website.

December meeting – Annual Holiday Party



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Membership (Dawn Berger, Marlene Beeco): 59 members and 10 guests in attendance.

2014 Raffle Quilt: (Betty Miller)

All the blocks are sewn. The top will be done by the end of the week. Betty is looking for a volunteer to quilt it.

Raffle tickets are available for members to pick up at the meetings.

We need volunteers to help sell the tickets at various locations. Let Betty know if you have any ideas for locations where tickets can be sold.

Hospitality (Kelly Cantwell):

Thanks to Group Therapy and Sew and Sews for providing the refreshments tonight.

Corresponding Secretary (Doreen Aiello)

A congratulatory note was sent to Diana Leslie on the birth of her new grandson.

A thank-you note was sent to Mark Lipinski for his gift of 307 books to the Guild.

Treasurer (Pam Sugrue):

Treasurer's Report for April 2014 Meeting

Income/Expense by Category - March 2014
3/1/2014 through 3/31/2014

Beginning Balance as of March 1, 2014 = 19,260.61

TOTAL INCOME	410.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	297.24
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Ending Balance as of March 31, 2014 = 19,373.37

March 2014 Income/Expense by Category
3/1/2014 through 3/31/2014

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INCOME

Membership	
Guest Fees	30.00
Quilty Prize	65.00
Misc Income (Strip Poker Strips)	55.00
Workshops	260.00
TOTAL INCOME	410.00

EXPENSES

Quilty Prize Supplies	11.86
Public Storage	96.46
Vice President (Speaker)	100.00
Vice President (Strip Poker Prizes)	88.92
TOTAL EXPENSES	297.24

Ending Balance as of March 31, 2014 = 19,373.37

Newsletter/Website/Facebook (Nancy Lacey):

Submit your articles as soon as possible.



Philanthropy (Sallie Lloyd and Elaine LaPrete):

We had a workshop with 7 people in attendance. There are kits available for you to sew and return. There was interest in evening and Saturday workshops.

The next workshop is April 30 at Sallie's house.

Operation Baby Blanket: 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.

2014 Block of the Month (Christa Froelich)

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

Quilt Camp (Peg Bauman)

Quilt camp in Lancaster is next week, with 24 people signed up.

Name Tag Winner: Regina Apuzzo

Quilty Prize Winner: Kathy Dettore

Show & Tell:

Linda Smith, quilt; Cathy Stevens, quilt made from Block of the Month blocks and another made with the same block pattern; Peg Bauman, "Dino" baby quilt; Carol McGowan, Camp Erin quilt; Beverly Sce, Saturday Sampler quilt; Kelly Campbell, Grandma's quilt; Deb Weckenman, baby clothes quilt, stained glass quilt; Eve Vallorani, Sun Quilt; Jane Nadig; and Lorie Leonardi, Trellis quilt, Pink quilt for Camp Erin

Respectfully submitted by Lorie Leonardi on April 20, 2014.

2013 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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



May - Celebration

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.

In Memoriam:

One of our Guild members, Carolyn Spadaccino, passed away on April 21. In addition to quilting, Carolyn also enjoyed gardening, attending her prayer group, exercising at the YMCA, and especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. Our thoughts go out to her family.



For Sale: Janome 4120QDC Sewing Machine

The 4120 is a computerized machine that comes with a lot of really nice features including 120 built in decorative and utility stitches, needle threader, and automatic thread cutter. It also comes with 8 presser feet, a hard cover and a large extension table. It only weighs 14 lbs and is just the right size to take to quilt camp. The 4120 is a new machine for Janome so it is hard to find prices on-line but it seems to list around \$1,000. I would like to sell it for \$600, but that is negotiable.

Call Christa Froehlich for more information: 215-943-0550 or 215-431-5735

Looking Ahead

The Hopewell Valley Quilters present the Pennington Day Quilt Show on Saturday, May 17, 2014, from 10am until 4pm. It will be held in the Toll Gate Grammar School Cafeteria, 275 South Main Street, Pennington, NJ. This is a really nice small show with about 150 quilts in addition to special exhibits of baby quilts, table runners and antique quilts made from tobacco felts. There are no quilt vendors, but food is available on the street, as this is part of the Pennington Day street fair. Parking is a challenge, like Market Day, but it is well worth the effort to visit. Contact Lorie Leonardi with questions.

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