



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

It was great to see so many members and guests last month again ... almost standing room only! I hope you all enjoyed our speaker, Ann Holte, and her Lancaster Diamond quilt and its history. I am always in awe of quilters who can focus so precisely on a particular style of quilt or quilting that just grabs them and takes over their life. Unfortunately, I seem to be one of those who likes "nice, bright, shiny things" and I can get easily waylaid by that new pattern or set of fabrics or that fabulous quilt at show-and-tell. Guess I just like the diversity of it all. We quilters have SO many choices in our "hobby" and the quilting world is never dull and boring and even overwhelming at times. There always seems to be something new and enticing calling to us, even if you or I consider ourselves "traditional" versus "modern" quilters. I can always find something to appreciate in any quilt, even if it's not my "style". And that's why we try to have such diversity in our speakers and workshops, so that we can appeal to all of our quilters.

Please keep reading the Quilt Show news in the newsletter so you can keep up with all the happenings. Unfortunately, we have limited time at the guild meetings to go into every detail of the show specifics, so the newsletter can keep you informed on the committees and all the current needs. Sallie Lloyd and Melissa Curewitz have been doing a tremendous job in trying to pull it all together, and we'll keep reminding you that we need all of you to make this a stellar show. See you in May!

Diana Leslie

GUILD MEETING – May 19, 2015 at 7:30 pm at our new location, The Birches, Newtown, PA.

This month we have Grace Katz coming to present a lecture, "Why I Quilt - Connecting the Quilter with the Quilt". She talks about inspirations and what motivates a quilter. It is sure to be a great talk.

WHAT'S COMING UP!

Pam Weeks is coming in June. She is a nationally known speaker. Her talk is a power point presentation on Jane Stickle revisited, the Dear Jane Quilts. Her workshop is on Wednesday, June 17. The workshop will be Civil War Quilts. We have room for 25 students and have 9 signed up. Ladies, you asked for civil war and we got it for you! \$40 includes lunch and snacks.

July's presentation will be Sarah Bond. She spoke at County Line Quilters on her quilt journey and was very inspirational. We will have Diana's Mystery workshop on the day of guild at Addisville Church in Richboro. The sign up for this will be at the next meeting. It fills up every year. \$40 includes lunch and snacks.

We are looking for anyone who has a screen for projection to share or even to sell. Many speakers request this item be available. Also we will be reconfiguring the room at the Birches to better serve the large crowds we are attracting. When you come in you will have chairs set up with tables in the back of the room. If you have trouble hearing, please sit up front. If you arrive late, please look for an open chair and if there is none, just help yourself to a dining room chair and join in. Please recognize that the VP and committee are very busy getting the speaker set up and workshops signed up and cannot stop to get you a seat. Thanks in advance for your help.

HOSPITALITY:

The following members are responsible for Hospitality at May's Guild meeting: Peg Bauman, Barbara Gonze, Jackie Kaizar, Joan Kline, Sallie Lloyd, Jane Matty, Carol Molengraft, Judi Reiss, Linda Smith, Nancy Steigerwalt, Cathy D. Stevens, and Deb Weckenman.

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:

Please remember to keep us informed of any changes to the membership list (address, phone number, e-mail address).
Susan Schmalzried and Kathy Dettore

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:

Many thanks to all who contributed their time and talent to making so many nice crib-sized quilts this month! We were able to turn over six wonderful quilts to Quilts for Kids. I also took four twin-size quilts to Donna Laing for use at Camp Erin. Due to the fact that Donna has been recovering from knee replacement surgery, she has not been able to quilt as many quilts as she would have liked to and has needed help to get all 100 quilts needed for the camp done. Donna still needs five more quilt tops quilted for Camp Erin, and they need to be done by Mother's Day, May 10 (camp opens the following Friday). Our philanthropy committee is working hard to make sure all these quilts are done in time! More batting is needed in order to make these large quilts, and any donations to Philanthropy of large scraps of batting would be greatly appreciated. If anyone with a long-arm machine would be interested in helping Donna quilt more of the quilt tops, please contact her at (215) 674-2827, or email: LinusDonna@aol.com.

NEWSLETTER and WEBSITE:

Articles are due by May 24, 2015. Please e-mail them to me at nqgltr@yahoo.com.

Nancy Lacey

Minutes of the Newtown Quilters' Guild Meeting on April 21, 2015

At tonight's meeting, Ann Parsons Holte told the story/history behind *The Lancaster Diamond Sampler Quilt*.

The next meeting will be **May 19, 2015** - Grace Katz from Blue Bell, PA will present a lecture titled "Why I Quilt; Connecting the Quilter with the Quilt" at 7:30pm at The Birches, 70 Durham Road, Newtown, PA 18940. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge.

President (Diana Leslie)

Meeting was called to order following Ann's presentation by Diana @ 9:08 pm. Reminded everyone that Raffle tickets were available and please pick them up. Can get more if you sell yours.

Remember to read the Newsletter!! It has all the upcoming events in print.

Vice President (Linda Martin-Mills)

Linda stated that she has been having trouble filling the workshops. At the next meeting there will be color copies of what is available. Please sign up for interest. If there are any that Linda has scheduled and no one checks off that they are interested, she will cancel. So please read and give your feedback next month.

Sign up will be available at next month's meeting for the Mystery Workshop.

Thank you for all the art supplies that were donated; they were given to Capitol Health.

There will be a workshop June 17th with Pam Weeks. See the Newsletter.

Membership (Kathy Dettore and Susan Schmalzried): 58 members and 10 guests in attendance.

2015 Raffle Quilt Tickets are available; please pick them up.

Hospitality (Janet Cohen)

Thanked everyone for their help this evening. See Newsletter for those assigned next month. Janet will not be at next meeting, family wedding, so Kathy Stevens will be coordinating for her.

Corresponding Secretary (Joan Shipp)

Two thank you notes were sent: one was sent to Helle-May Cheney for the wonderful presentation in March on showing her quilts and the other went to Evan Leslie for the wonderful pictures he did of the raffle quilt that can be seen on the website.

Treasurer (Pam Sugrue): Treasurer's Report for April 2015 Meeting

Beginning Balance as of March 1, 2015 = 17,733.24
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2015 = 17,156.56

A complete copy of the Treasurer's Report can be viewed on the website: [Treasurer's Report](#)

Newsletter/Website/Facebook (Nancy Lacey): Pennington Quilt Show will be held in May. Remember to read Newsletter and Like us on Facebook.

Philanthropy (Sallie Lloyd and Elaine LaPrete): Sallie thanked those who helped put some kits together and reminded everyone that there were more to be done. Quilts are going to Quilt for Kids and Camp Erin.

2015 Block of the Month (Claire McConnell)

The drawing of the block of the month was postponed until May. See the guild website for information concerning the block for next month.

2015 Quilt Show (Sallie Lloyd) Reminder that show is in October. Please make a contribution to display in show. Included in donations are things for sale so clean out your closets and donate new items that you have not used that can be sold and proceeds will be for the Guild. Remember that help is being sought to volunteer for the show; please sign up to help. Still need some chairpeople for publicity, vendors and decorations. See Betty Miller to sign up to help in the café at the show.

Library (Christa Froehlich)

There are still some books out there that were being "taken care of" while library was being revamped. Please remember to return them to the library.

New Business No new business at this time; emphasis is on the Quilt Show.

Name Tag Winner: Betty Miller

Quilty Prize Winner: Susan Schmalzried

Show & Tell:

Ellen Conoscenti, Lorie Leonardi, Jane Kiney, Kathy Lynch, Sue Smith, Judi Reiss, Sue Hurley, Cathy Stevens, Rosanne Friehs, Eve Vallorani, Raelaine Swanner, Karen Roberts and Pat Morrison.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:51pm

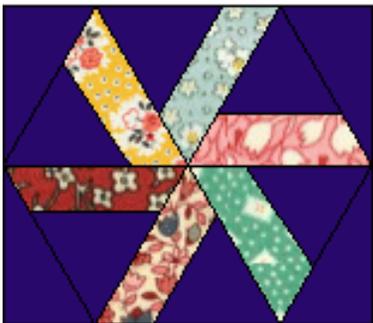
Respectfully submitted by Denise Rouse on April 27, 2015

2015 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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

We will be drawing the winners for both the April and May blocks this month.

May – Whirling Hexagon



2015 QUILT SHOW

Thank you to all those who signed up to serve on various committees at our 2015 quilt show, Quilted Journeys. There are many excellent volunteers for the Cafe, Aunt Sukey, Consignment, and Baskets and Small Quilts, and it is great to know of your enthusiasm for helping out! Volunteers are still needed to serve as chairmen for the following committees for the quilt show:

- A Vendors chairman to solicit crafters, quilt shops, and artisans who would be interested in renting space at our quilt show. Three of the vendors who participated in our 2013 Quilt Show have already responded positively to our invitation to join us again, but we need to make phone calls, and send letters of invitation to pursue other possible participants. If you feel that you could help with this, please contact Sallie Lloyd at (215) 493-2442 or email sallie.lloyd@gmail.com.
- A Publicity chairman who will help to spread the good news about our quilt show!
- A Decorations chairman who can help Betty Hancock with making our quilt show a welcoming, charming, interesting, and educational place to visit! Betty has some great ideas, but needs help, and you will have a fun time working with her!

Sallie Lloyd and Melissa Curewitz

Small Quilts & Gift Baskets Committee (Rosemary Dwyer and Regina Apuzzo)

The Small Quilts and Gift Baskets are very popular with our quilt show visitors. Members donate these items, tickets are sold, and lucky winners take home great stuff. Member participation has always been very good, and we are hoping that will continue for our 2015 show. Here's how you can help.

For the gift baskets: Grab a few quilting buddies and put together a basket, or you, alone, can fill one. Any food included in your basket must be non-perishable. Many of the baskets have a theme; such as, sewing notions, fabrics, gift cards to restaurants, tea, coffee, chocolate, etc. Use your imagination and creativity! Be sure to give your basket a name. We ask that its value be at least \$25.00. Please wrap your basket in **clear** cello wrap, only, and bring it to either the September guild meeting or to the show venue on the night of set-up—not before, please. What we do need in advance, though, is a list of all of the items in your basket, the name of your basket, and the name(s) of the donor(s). This will give us the needed time to make tags for each one. Beginning in June, look for the sign-up sheet, near the membership desk, when you come to our meetings.

For the small quilts: Now is the time to get started. Small quilts, table runners, placemats and napkins (for at least a service for four), pillows, and wool work (such as candle mats and penny rugs) are accepted. Your small quilt should be no larger than 30" x 30". We have limited space in which to display these items, so smaller is better. Items, such as mug rugs, are not placed with the small quilts. Those items can be included in a basket, along with other things; they can be sold at consignment; 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 do not wait until set-up night, as we need to photograph each item.

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.

Regards, Rosemary and Regina

Consignment Corner (Peg Bauman and Lorie Leonardi)

Consignment provides the opportunity for Newtown Quilters' Guild members (or individuals on the waiting list) to sell their sewing related items. Examples include books, patterns, notions, sewing machines, fabric, crafts, blocks, kits, handmade items and completed or uncompleted quilts. Complete guidelines for preparing items for consignment will be placed on the website in August. Bring your items to the show on Friday evening during Quilt Show setup. At the end of the show, unsold items will be returned to members. By the next Guild meeting, participants will receive a check for 80 percent of the money earned; the guild will keep 20 percent.

Quilt Show Café (Betty Miller)

The quilt show will be here before you know it. In preparation for the café this year, I would like to make a few changes.

Membership can make donations to defray the cost of the purchases for the Café. Instead of donating food, water, etc., I am asking for cash donations. Every dollar helps ... \$5.00 here and there add up. Gift cards for grocery stores should come only from Giant this year. In order to make shopping more efficient and supplies uniform.

We would like individual home made desserts, i.e., cupcakes, muffins, breads, brownies, cookies, etc., rather than whole cakes.

We will be posting a volunteer board at the July meeting. We would like 3-4 volunteers for every 2 hour shift.

More information will follow as we get closer to the show. Please feel free to contact me with any questions @267-431-5254 or email me at 51bjmkm@gmail.com.

Thanks so much,
Betty Miller, Café Chairperson

Looking Ahead:

Saturday, May 16, 2015: Pennington Day Quilt Show, 10 am to 4 pm. The show will be held in the Toll Gate Grammar School cafeteria. There will be several special exhibits including the Hopewell Valley Quilters' challenge quilts inspired by the theme of "Upcycle." A special display of quilts using vintage linens may inspire viewers to take out those old doilies and napkins they have inherited and another display will show quilts using hand dyed and hand painted fabrics.

Admission to the quilt show is only \$1.00. Proceeds will benefit Pennington Day. For more information about the show, contact quilt show Chairperson Nancy Breland either by e-mail (nbreland@tcnj.edu) or by phone (609) 737 – 2527. For more information about Pennington Day, go to the website: <http://www.penningtonday.com/>