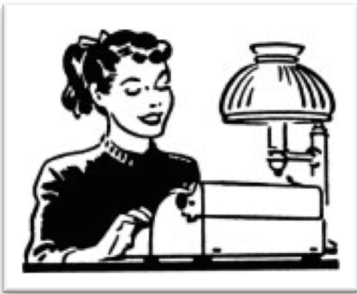




PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Hi Everyone!

Well, it looks like spring is finally making its debut! I had my doubts. It was great to see everyone after a two-month meeting absence, and I hope that you enjoyed our first meeting in our new location. As I've mentioned, organizing the space is a work in progress, so I ask for your patience.

We will be welcoming Jeannie Campbell to our May guild meeting. (<http://www.quiltcontrary.com/about.html>). Her lecture, "New Techniques from Old Magazines," will feature a trunk show of new quilts, using various techniques which she has been saving from her quilt magazines over the years, pushing you to try new things. So, before you de-stash your magazine stash, you may want to wait until Jeannie's lecture.

Honoring one of our guild's favorite traditions, we will be celebrating our birthday at the June meeting. Strawberry shortcake will be served. (Be sure to see Rosanne Friehs to sign up to bring shortcake, strawberries, or whipped cream.) Another highlight of the evening will be our annual garage sale. So, now is the time for all good quilters to go stash diving for items to sell and to make room for the stuff you will buy! If you would like a table for your items, please contact Linda Martin-Mills, as soon as possible.

Be sure to check our website for our 2018 program and workshop listing.

Upcoming Workshops - Linda Martin-Mills has scheduled workshops for you to enjoy. Our workshops provide a great opportunity to spend time working on a project, learning something new, and socializing with your fellow guild members. Sign-ups are being taken for the following two workshops:

Diana Leslie's annual "Mystery Quilt Workshop" will be held on July 17th (same day as our guild meeting). Work through the clues to make your quilt. The workshop fee is \$30.00 for members.

"Wooly Pine Tree" is planned for September 18th (also, the same day as our guild meeting). This workshop does not involve sewing. You will have an opportunity to see the trees in person at our May meeting. The fee is \$30.00 for members. There is a kit fit, based on the size of the tree that you want to make – more info to come. Linda mentioned that should there be a lot of interest in this workshop, we may be able to schedule additional workshops.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention our workshop policy, especially for our newer members. Guild members have first access to our workshops, on a first-come, first-served basis. Guests are welcome to attend our workshops, should openings be available, for a guest workshop fee to be determined for each workshop. Payment of the workshop fee is required to reserve your place. Placing your name on a preliminary sign-up sheet does not reserve your seat. Our cancellation policy requires 30 days' notice, prior to the workshop date, for a full refund. After 30 days, there can be a refund if you find someone to fill your spot. Just like quilt shops and other businesses offering classes, the guild needs to make a financial commitment to secure the teacher and the space. If you would like to sign up for either the "Mystery Quilt Workshop" or the "Wooly Pine Tree Workshop," please bring payment to our May guild meeting. You may pay by cash or check, payable to "Newtown Quilters' Guild." Some workshops require kit fees; they are generally payable directly to the teacher.

2018 Raffle Quilt and Member Raffle Tickets – Our 2018 Raffle Quilt is expected to make its appearance at our May meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing it! Your membership dues include raffle tickets, and the tickets will be available at our May meeting, as well. Be sure to pick them up from Marion Baranosky and Donna Martinez. You may keep or sell your tickets. Also, you are encouraged to sell additional raffle tickets for this important guild fundraiser. The 2018 Raffle Quilt will soon be on tour, so if you have any suggestions about where we might sell tickets, please contact Donna Martinez. Does your community hold an event where we might be able to sell tickets? Your suggestions are needed.

2019 Raffle Quilt – One of our guild traditions is the participation of members in making our yearly raffle quilt. Many hands work on the quilt which is a reflection of our guild. At our May meeting, Pat Clayton will be handing out blocks for you to sew.

Capital Health Exhibit – Linda Martin-Mills is coordinating our guild's exhibit, "Kindness, Compassion and Artistry – The Hallmarks of Newtown Quilters' Guild." The exhibit will run from May 28 to August 20, 2018. Linda has extended an invitation to all of you to attend a reception, planned for May 31st, at 6:00 p.m. The exhibit will provide an opportunity for our guild and its members to showcase our philanthropic work and the kindness of others who make thoughtful and caring quilts to comfort us.

"A Quilt is More Than Fabric" – Read on for Lorie Leonardi's article about Quilts for Kids, a philanthropic organization which donates quilts to comfort children. Our members have generously donated many quilts to QFK.

Well, that's a wrap! Read on for more information about guild happenings. I look forward to seeing you at our May guild meeting, at our new location, the Lower Makefield Township Community Center.

In the meantime, sew like no one is watching!

Regards,

Regina

NEXT GUILD MEETING – May 15, 2018

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00pm at The Lower Makefield Township Community Center, 1550 Oxford Valley Road, Yardley, PA 19067. You may arrive as early as 6:30. Guests are welcome for a \$5.00 charge.

PROGRAMS: *Linda Martin-Mills***Upcoming goodies that you might be interested in:**

At Byrne's Sewing in Chalfont May 2 1-4 \$59 (\$30 for Byrnes Bees) class with Beth Helfter "Give it a Scrap Slap!" or go to her lecture on May 1 and 2 for \$25 or free if you are a bee.

Paducah Fall AQS show 9/12-15 and Virginia Beach AQS show 10/3-6!!!!

Calico Cutter Guild has a \$10 guest fee and have many national speakers. Check out their website for upcoming classes which they are extending out to other guilds. This is a way for smaller groups of us to take advantage of these classes that our guild may or may not be able to afford. This guild is in West Chester area. We can carpool!

In May Jeannie Campbell will talk about how to quilt contrary and use "New Techniques from Old Magazines". June is our annual garage sale and birthday celebration with strawberry shortcake!

Capital Health has invited us to show our quilts again this year. I will be curator of this show. I'm looking for a few good women/men to help with hanging and taking down the show (no heavy lifting on this one) We are hoping to have the theme Compassion, Caring and Kindness and have all of you register quilts that you have made for friends/family who were ill, bereavement quilts (like a Camp Erin quilt) Quilts for Kids, Operation Baby Blanket, Patriot program at CH, LINUS, placemats for meals on Wheels, holiday stockings for the Red Cross shelter, etc. There will be a registration/interest sheet for you to use to let the CH Show Committee know you are interested in hanging this type of work. MAY 31ST is the reception at Capital Health which starts at 6pm. Come out and enjoy some light refreshments and music. Many thanks!

TREASURER'S REPORT - *Donna Martinez***April 25, 2018**

Beginning Balance	20,170.25
Total Income	105.00
Total Expense	<u>1,548.89</u>
Ending Balance	19,726.36

Income/Expense by Category

Income

Membership Dues	90.00
Guest Fees	<u>15.00</u>
Total Income	105.00

Expenses

2019 Raffle Quilt	176.74
Quilty Prize	25.95
Rental- Annual Meeting venue	900.00
Vice President/Program	319.00
Storage Rental	<u>127.20</u>
Total Expense	1,548.89

Ending Balance as of April 25, 2018 **19,726.36**

TREASURER'S TRIVIA – Donna Martinez

During the February meeting the guild members present voted to accept our 2018 Budget. One of the line items listed under income was additional income from raffle ticket sales for \$1000.00. With our current membership of 85 members how many additional tickets would each member have to sell to reach our goal? Can you help us reach our goal?

The answer to the trivia question is 12 tickets.

Please come to the Raffle ticket table to get your ticket for the correct answer at the May meeting to win the Batik Fat Quartet Prize.

Donna Martinez email AHMDMM@verizon.net

“Summer Baskets” Raffle Quilt 2018 – Donna Martinez

It is finally done! Looks beautiful! And the tickets that are part of your membership dues will be available for pick up at the May Meeting. **Let the selling begin!** If you have ideas or places you want to sell tickets please let me know—remember the raffle quilt will only be as successful as **YOU Make It.**

Donna Martinez email AHMDMM@verizon.net

2018 Worker's Quilt

IT'S BACK! Another Tradition Returns to the Newtown Quilters' Guild-- **“The Worker's Quilt.”** What is a Worker's quilt? How can I win it? A worker's quilt is traditionally made up of blocks not used in the raffle quilt. It can be won by making a block or blocks for the raffle quilt, quilting the raffle quilt, finishing the raffle quilt and *for those of you that did not contribute to the making of the raffle quilt—you can be entered by selling additional tickets for the raffle quilt this year.* **Each additional book you sell (above the ones you get as part of the membership package) will put one ticket in the drawing for the Worker's Quilt this year!**

Donna Martinez email AHMDMM@verizon.net

Help Wanted! I need someone to make labels for both the 2018 Raffle Quilt and the Worker's Quilt. Please contact me if you can help.

Donna Martinez email AHMDMM@verizon.net

MEMBERSHIP: Eve Vallorani and Teresa Wescott

A newly revised membership list was sent to all guild members. 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.

PHILANTHROPY: Melissa Curewitz

We collected 38 walker bags for the birches. If you still would like to donate a bag, please bring it to the May meeting.

Thank you to everyone who offered to take a quilt top or two of the kids quilts.

NEWSLETTER: *Doreen Aiello*

Contributions for the newsletter are due on the Tuesday after our Guild meeting. Please e-mail them to me at mrsCstitch@aol.com.

HOSPITALITY: *Rosanne Friehs***Theme: "May Flowers"**

We would like to take time to welcome everyone to Guild meetings. The new hospitality guidelines regarding snacks, beverages, and guild member responsibilities are:

- All guild members are responsible for bringing snacks for one regular guild meeting.
- Members need to choose a month that would work with schedules, small groups, or sewing circles. The Hospitality book is available for your choice at the meeting. If you do not choose a month then I will assign you a month. I will post the names of the members that are on the Hospitality Table for the upcoming month and send out emails so that we have a good variety of snacks and goodies, plus decorations for the table as well.
- 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. If we do not have a speaker, the snacks may be available throughout the meeting.
- **Beverages will be provided by the Guild** and will be available throughout the meeting. If you have a special beverage choice please let me know and I will make it available. 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.

May Snacks /Theme is "May Flowers"

The members who had signed up for May snacks are as follows: **Nancy Lacey, Susan Schmalzried, Lorie Leonardi, Joan Kline, Nancy Klikus, May Kay Stoloski, Kathy Mador, and Lisa Coccetti**

THANKS for participating in the Hospitality table! Please email me at rdfriehs@gmail.com or call at home # [215-493-6427](tel:215-493-6427) for any questions. 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.

MINUTES OF THE NEWTOWN QUILTERS' GUILD MEETING, APRIL 17, 2018 – *Diana Leslie*

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Regina Apuzzo at our new meeting facility, the Lower Makefield Township Community Center.

Speakers for the evening were Jan and Gary Fulton, who spoke on "Quiltmaking in the Digital Age". Their talk touched on many aspects of using computers, cameras, and other digital effects in the making of artistic and abstract quilts.

Regina announced that the online voting by members for moving to our new meeting venue was 53 yes votes and one no vote.

Linda Martin-Mills detailed the remaining meetings for the remainder of the year and the workshops that will be open to members. She is taking sign-ups for workshops for the remainder of this year, our mystery quilt workshop in July, "Wooly Pines" workshop in September (a crafts workshop), and a workshop titled "Scraptastic" slated for November. She is also looking for a member (or members) who would be willing to work with her now for starting to set up speakers for 2019, with a view to teaching them the Vice-President's job for the future. (Linda's term as Vice-President will end in December).

Linda also detailed the preparations for our guild's Capital Health exhibit of philanthropy projects, to be exhibited from May 31 through August 20 at the Capital Health facility in Hopewell, NJ. Volunteers are welcome to help set up and hang the exhibit. Please see or call Linda to volunteer your help. Reception date is Thursday May 31 at 6 p.m., and all are invited to attend the reception.

Kara Engelman announced that her husband is still making custom seam rippers/stilettos in many different colors. Please see Kara for further information.

The Calico Cutters quilt guild in Paoli is having their quilt show in May 2019.

Deadline for items for the newsletter is Tuesday, April 24. Items are to be submitted to Doreen Aiello, newsletter editor.

Roseanne Friehs, Hospitality chairperson, thanked those who provided refreshments, and asked for members to volunteer for future months to provide refreshments. In May, she will have sign-ups for members to provide strawberries, shortcake and whipped cream for our June birthday month refreshments.

Melissa Curewitz, Philanthropy chairperson, accepted many donations of walker bags to be given to the Birches facility, in thanks for their hospitality in providing our previous venue for meetings. It was announced that we are still seeking donations of quilts for Camp Erin (quilts needed by June 1), and she has quilt tops for both Camp Erin and Quilts for Kids that need to be finished (quilted and/or bound). Specific sizes for Camp Erin and Quilts for Kids quilts are found on the guild website. Melissa also has planned a Philanthropy workshop at her home on Sunday, April 22. Please contact her if you plan to attend.

Doreen Aiello showed the next 3 blocks for the May Block of the Month project.

Nancy Steigerwalt reminded us of the challenge quilt project, due in October. Instructions are on the website, with maximum quilt size being 36 x 36 and incorporating a medallion as a design element.

Membership reported 50 members present at the meeting, with 3 guests present. The name tag drawing was won by Cathy Stevens, and the Quilty Prize was won by Anne Guinn.

Blocks of the Month were shown by the following members: Cathy Stevens, Carol Molengraft, Kim Moll, Doreen Aiello, Pat Morrison, Betty Miller, Lorie Leonardi, Leona Law, Sara Ewing, Linda Martin-Mills, Marsha Watro, Barbara Gonze.

Quilts for show-n-tell were shown by Kathy Mador, Jane Kiney, Mary Kay Stoloski, Kara Engelman. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – PAT CLAYTON

April blocks of the month can be found on Quilter's Cache. They are Amish Dahlia (applique), Pennsylvania, and Snowball Nine Patch. Have fun with them and please post them on Newtown Quilter's Guild-Members Sharing With Members!

RAFFLE QUILT - PAT CLAYTON

2019 Raffle Quilt: Come one...come all! Blocks for the 2019 Raffle Quilt will be distributed at the May meeting.

"A QUILT IS MORE THAN FABRIC"

Quilts for Kids, Inc.

Written by Lorie Leonardi



"My 7-month-old daughter, Jane, was recently hospitalized for 11 days," writes a thankful mother. "She was very sensitive and emotional and would not sleep unless I was holding her. A volunteer gave me a beautiful green and yellow quilt, and we laid it down in the crib. When Jane fell asleep, I put her on the quilt and she actually stayed asleep! No crying! Thank you, so much, for the generous gift of the quilt. It gave Jane the comfort that she needed during a tough time. We are home now, and she still loves sleeping with it."

This is one of many "miracles" brought about by the quilts provided by Quilts for Kids. QFK is a nonprofit organization dedicated to brightening the lives of children in need. These are children who suffer from life-threatening illnesses, abuse, poverty and natural disasters. "We like to feel like we can do something to help these children while they are going through a difficult time in their life. Comforting them with a handmade patchwork quilt, made by a volunteer who cares, is what we are all about," says Founder Linda Arye. Linda and QFK are grateful to Newtown Quilters' Guild for the kindness and generosity they have shown the charity. With the help of the guild and volunteer quilters throughout the USA and Canada, they distribute quilts to children's hospitals and shelters across North America. In addition, some of the quilts have been gifted throughout the world in times of crisis, including those affected by earthquakes, hurricanes, and war. Since its founding in 2000, the organization has donated quilts and other items to hundreds of thousands of children.

While QFK provides free quilt kits, they ask the quilter to make one or more of their own, so the charity can double the amount of children receiving quilts. The volunteer network encompasses corporate programs, quilting groups, and individual quilters. Quilts for Kids, Inc. has now spread to over 100 chapters throughout North America. Among the volunteers are members of the Newtown Quilters' Guild in Pennsylvania, which has donated many quilts to Quilts for Kids, over the years.

You can be involved by making a donation, sewing a quilt, starting a corporate volunteer program, or organizing a school or community project, or donating any brightly colored or pastel and juvenile fabric you aren't using. Find the latest news, photos and information at www.quiltsforkids.org. 215-295-5484.

About the writer: Although Lorie had been sewing all her life, discovering quilting in 2000 made it all new again. She loves all the possibilities of expression that quilting offers. Lorie makes small art quilts to hang on the wall and bed quilts for various philanthropic organizations, including Quilts for Kids. Living in Ewing, N.J., she is a member of both the Newtown Quilters' Guild and the Hopewell Valley Quilters.



Recipients of quilts, donated by Quilts for Kids, made with love by quilters.

Upcoming Event: Regina Apuzzo

"BUCKS COUNTY QUILT SHOW" – July 1 through September 3, 2018

<http://www.visitbuckscounty.com/events/annual/bucks-county-quilt-show/>

Following is information I received from the Bucks County Visitor Center. Their representative called to express interest in having our guild members participate in the show. I know that some of you have had your quilts exhibited in previous years. This might be an opportunity for those who haven't to dip your toes into the water, so to speak. During the show, the Theatre Gallery will feature a special exhibit of the work of our very own Eve Vallorani. *"Congratulations, Eve!"*

From their rep: "Quilts, wall hangings, and, new this year, we are having a shadow box, called the 'Scrap Yard' . . . meaning things that can be made with small or scrap pieces of fabric. So, if the members have anything they've made with 'scraps' . . . bring it on."

The show will feature a raffle quilt, with proceeds donated to Alpha Bravo Canine, an organization which provides trained service dogs to veterans suffering from debilitating medical and psychological problems as a result of their active combat duty.

Here are the details:

Location: Bucks County Visitor Center, 3207 Street Road, Bensalem, PA 19020 (in front of Parx Casino) – Handicap accessible building

Show Dates & Time: July 1 through September 3, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, seven days a week

Admission: Free

Contact: Gloria Shaffer – 215-639-0300, ext. 238

Quilt Pre-Registration: Now through June 1, 2018. Complete a separate registration form for each quilt, wall hanging, or individual item. Following is a link to pre-register on line:

<http://www.visitbuckscounty.com/events/annual/bucks-county-quilt-show/registration/>

Quilt Drop-Off: Sunday, June 3rd through Sunday, June 24th

Non-juried Show: Viewers' Choice Ribbons awarded for First, Second, Third Place

Meeting Etiquette

- **Please silence your devices or place them on vibrate, especially during the speaker's lecture.**
- **If you do any hand sewing during the meeting, please make sure there are no pins, threads, etc. on your chair and the floor.**
- **If you bring something for the "free-for-the-taking" table, please make sure to take it home if no one wants it.**
- **Unless otherwise noted, refreshments will be available after the program/lecture. Beverages are available upon your arrival.**
- **The Lower Makefield Township Community Center is a great meeting space for our guild, and being good custodians of their property is much appreciated.**