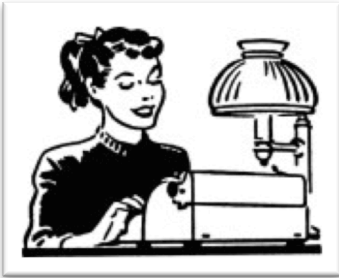


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year! Best wishes for a year filled with good health, happiness, and lots of time for quilt making.

I look forward to serving as President of our guild, and I, especially, look forward to working with all of you. We welcome a new slate of officers and committee chairs, some returning from last term. They keep the wheels rolling, and we truly appreciate their help. Their names can be found on our website.

2017 will be an exciting and busy year. Taking center stage is our Quilt Show in October. In case you haven't heard, we have a new show venue! Woot! Woot! Its very well-travelled location should attract more visitors. Stay tuned for information from our Quilt Show Co-Chairs, Melissa Curewitz and Linda Martin-Mills. Volunteers will be needed to help with show preparations and more. It really does take a village to put on a quilt show. So roll up your sleeves and be ready to help. Before I leave this topic, I want to thank Linda Martin-Mills for her tireless efforts in finding a new show venue. It wasn't easy to find a place large enough for the show, yet one that wouldn't break the bank. Mission accomplished! Thanks, Linda!

We have speakers and workshops planned for 2017, so be sure to check the schedule. Consider taking one or more of our workshops. What could be better than spending time, sewing and socializing with your fellow guild members. If you think that the workshop is not in line with your interests, step out of your comfort zone and try something new. You never know—you just may discover your favorite technique. Our workshop fees are a great deal. Keep in mind that if you were to take that same class at a quilt show or a quilt shop, the fee would be higher.

We still need to fill two committee chair positions. One is Philanthropy. One of our guild's missions is to reach out to those in need in our community. We do this by providing the love and warmth of a quilt. Your generosity has always been abundant. In order to continue our work, we need to have a Philanthropy Chair, with a small committee. The Chair "oversees all guild-sponsored philanthropic endeavors" (per the By-Laws). One thing I want to address with respect to the duties of the Chair: while some of the previous chairs and their committees have finished quilt tops, doing so is not a requirement of the job. I am asking that when you make a philanthropy quilt, especially a smaller quilt, please make the quilt from start to finish. If you need help with finishing a larger quilt, bring it to a guild meeting and we'll ask if someone can help. Keep in mind that you can use very simple quilting—give that walking foot a workout! I cannot overstate the importance of filling this position. We really do need someone to coordinate our philanthropic work. If you have questions about the job, let me know.

Someone has volunteered to serve as Hospitality Chair, but her schedule may prevent her from being available for every guild meeting. So, we need another volunteer to fill in. The Hospitality Chair oversees the assignment of members to bring snacks; purchases sundry items, like napkins, plastic ware, etc.; and makes sure that the snack area is tidied up after the meeting. I would suggest that when it is your turn to bring snacks, please help the chair in cleaning up the snack room. The hour is late and we're getting tired; so, if we all pitch in, we can get the clean-up done quickly and head home. Also, if you know that there is a particular month when you will not be available to bring snacks, please make sure that you notify the chair, so she can schedule you when you are available. When it is your turn and should something unexpected come up, please get in touch with the chair as soon as possible, so that other arrangements can be made to allow for sufficient snacks at the meeting.

Block of the Month has been tabled for 2017. There seems to be a lack of interest in the program, as shown by the few blocks turned in most months. If you have an idea for a future program, let me know. We've had popular programs, some featuring a theme, a particular background color, to name a few. A mystery quilt might be fun. Give it some thought.

Last, but not least, is our Raffle Quilt. It is my goal to have our raffle quilt completed in the year prior to its ticket sales. I feel that doing this will optimize our opportunities to bring in revenue, especially in non-quilt show years. So, we will be working on two raffle quilts, for this year only. Stay tuned for more information.

Well, that's a wrap! You're probably exhausted from reading all of this. I promise not to be so long winded in future letters, but I feel that it is important for you to know what will be happening in 2017 and that your help is needed to insure that we have a successful year. See you at our January meeting, barring any interference from Mother Nature. Until then, sew like no one is watching!

Regards,
Regina

NEXT GUILD MEETING – January 17, 2017

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:30pm at The Birches, 70 Durham Road, Newtown, PA 18940. Guests are welcome for a \$5.00 charge.

January 2017 – the January meeting will be devoted to hands-on projects that benefit Philanthropy. Lori Leonardi has put together a lot of kits that we will be working on. Some people can be sewing and others can be cutting or pressing. If you can bring a sewing machine, ironing board and iron, or cutting station, please email me at gsguru32@aol.com so I can plan. If you can't bring a sewing machine, there will be other things for you to do. We all need to do our part. There are so many needs.

February's program is stories from the heart. The speaker is a surprise. We invite you to bring a quilt that touched your heart or you touched someone else with that quilt to share at show and tell.

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. We need 15 students to make the workshop break even. Sign up in January! 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.

May is garage sale night. More to follow

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

Linda Martin-Mills

HOSPITALITY: Hello and Happy New Year to all. I will be doing Hospitality, with a little help from my friends. Traditionally, goodies in January are brought by the new board members, so ladies I am counting on you. I will bring drinks this month, and of course the paper products. Next month we will start over with the membership list. I will list specific members in next month's Newsletter. See you all on the 17th.

Sue Demberg

PHILANTHROPY:

We are still in need of someone to chair this committee

2017 RAFFLE QUILT:

Our guild's raffle quilt for 2017 is going to be gorgeous! It will include lots of piecing and some beautiful applique, as well as lovely digitized and free motion quilting designs. Both the pinwheel blocks and the floral applique blocks all swirl around in a clockwise direction, so that it gives the quilt an interesting feeling of motion. Thanks to all guild members who took a pinwheel or flying geese block home to sew together for the raffle quilt. I have received back 24 of the 64 blocks all

expertly finished, and am looking forward to receiving the remaining 40 blocks back at the next guild meeting. If you haven't finished working on your block yet, please get to work on it soon, so that you can bring it with you to the January meeting. There is a talented group of nine people working on the 9 applique blocks. We are hoping to have all the blocks sewn together into a completed queen sized quilt top, 98" x 110", by the middle of February. It will take about a week to quilt, and then we can begin taking photos of the quilt and selling raffle tickets. Perhaps, at the February guild meeting, when you see the quilt, you can help decide on an exciting name for it!

Sallie Lloyd

MEMBERSHIP:

Please let us know of any changes to your information (address, phone number, email).

Eve Vallorani and Gretchen Faras

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:

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.

Joan Shipp

NEWSLETTER:

Contributions for the January newsletter are due by Sunday, **January 29, 2017**. Please e-mail them to me at christafruehlich.qb@gmail.com. If you have any questions, you can call me at 215-431-5735 or 215-943-0550.

Christa Froehlich

MINUTES OF THE NEWTOWN QUILTERS GUILD MEETING ON DECEMBER 20, 2016

Tonight's meeting which began at 7:35 was an informal Christmas/Holiday Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 17, 2017** at 7:30pm at The Birches; 70 Durham Road, Newtown, PA 18940. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge.

President (Diana Leslie): introduced two former members that were visiting for the holidays.

Diana reminded everyone to be on the alert via your emails with the winter weather upon us that there might be a cancellation of the meeting.

Vice President (Linda Martin-Mills): will be looking at the planned space to determine the number of quilts that will be displayed due to the available square footage. We will have a kitchen available but limited types of foods will be available. Examples: soft pretzels, snacks, baked goods.

Marsha will be organizing the volunteers for that.

100 Favorite Things were given away tonight to celebrate the holidays. Some of the prizes were Washi tape, Mini-quilts, Ott Lite, thread rack, nesting containers, batting, ergonomic sea ripper. Self-threading needles and patterns.

Treasurer's Report for December 2016 Meeting (Pam Sugrue):

Income/Expense by Category – December 2016
12/1/2016 through 12/31/2016

Beginning Balance as of December 1, 2016 =	9,736.24
TOTAL INCOME	2,115.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	117.66
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2016 =	11,733.58

December 2016 Income/Expense by Category
12/1/2016 through 12/31/2016

Beginning Balance as of December 1, 2016 = 9,736.24

INCOME		
Membership Dues	1,980.00	
Quilty Prize	135.00	
TOTAL INCOME		2,115.00
EXPENSE		
Rental (Public Storage)	117.66	
TOTAL EXPENSES	117.66	

Ending Balance as of December 31, 2016 = 11,733.58

Corresponding Secretary (Joan Shipp):

Thank you note was sent to Michele Scott from The Peaceful Quilter for her presentation in November.
A get well card was sent to Dale Moelter.

Hospitality (Sue Demberg): Sue is asking for backup for this committee due to the possibility she may not be able to make every meeting.

Philanthropy: (Sallie Lloyd): Lori Leonardi put kits together; please take a kit and put it together.

Show & Tell:

Nancy Lacey
Marsha Watro
Sue Demberg
Linda Martin Mills
Rosemary Dwyer
Elissa Garfield

Respectfully submitted by Denise Rouse on January 4, 2017

LOOKING AHEAD:

Special Quilt and Needlework Show and Sale: January 2017

One of our members, Sallie Lloyd, has been invited to have a special showing of her quilts and counted cross stitch needlework during the entire month of January in the large conference room at the Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton, New Jersey 08542. Over 40 items will be on display and for sale, with prices ranging from \$15 to \$2800. Nassau Church's phone number is (609) 924-0103.

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.