

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Hi Everyone!

We are just days away from “A Stitch in Time”! I hope that you are getting excited about presenting our guild’s signature event. So much hard work has and continues to go into making our show successful. Every contribution is valued and needed. I’m looking forward to being part of this, and I’m sure that you are, too! So, break a leg, everyone - please, though, just figuratively, being careful on the ladders! P.S. If you haven’t signed up to volunteer, please consider doing so – we need you!

Our 2017 raffle quilt continues its tour. We had a successful day at The Round Bobbin, and we thank Susan Sasser, proprietor, for giving us the opportunity to sell tickets at her shop. Next up is Newtown Market Day and then, our quilt show. It’s been a fun tour with this stunning quilt. “Windblown Flowers” has received many compliments along the way, and it will be bittersweet to say “goodbye” when the winning ticket is drawn. If you haven’t picked up the raffle tickets, included with your membership dues, time is running out to do so. I’ll have them at Market Day, the quilt show, and the dinner meeting.

Speaking of dinner, our Annual Sharing Dinner will be held at the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall, just a couple of days following our show and at the same venue. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Please bring either an appetizer, entrée, or dessert to share. Of course, bring your appetite, too! You’ll need it to sample the many culinary delights cooked up by our guild members.

I know that most of you are not thinking about your 2018 membership dues, but I would like to mention that your dues are payable no later than the December guild meeting. You can make your payment as early as our October meeting. Please pay your dues on time, as not doing so, such as waiting until January, makes it difficult for the guild to smoothly transition into the New Year. Other parts of the guild cannot function with incorrect or incomplete member information and this does not serve our members well. Dues are \$45.00 and include \$20.00 of raffle quilt tickets - a great price for all that you receive as a guild member. Dues can be paid in cash or by personal check, payable to “Newtown Quilters’ Guild”. Please give your payment to Membership, either Gretchen Faras or Eve Vallorani.

Please check out new information available on our website under the “Members” tab, “New Members” sub-tab. There, you will find two documents. In particular, the document, “New Member Information”, is what I would call the answers to FAQs about the guild. While the information is targeted to new/newer members, it is a refresher to those who’ve been with the guild for a while. When you join an organization, it can be a little daunting. You hear about things during meetings and are asked to participate, but you really don’t know what is involved. Member participation is key to our guild’s success. Also, it is important for everyone to enjoy their membership in the guild. I’m hoping this information will be helpful.

Well, that’s a wrap! I look forward to seeing you at “A Stitch in Time” and at our Annual Sharing Dinner. In the meantime, sew like no one is watching!

Regards,
Regina

NEXT GUILD MEETING – October 17, 2017

Annual Sharing Feast - 6:00 pm, Masonic Hall at Heacock and Edgewood Rd, Yardley (Quilt Show venue)

More information listed under Hospitality. We will also have show and tell and will be drawing the winner of the raffle quilt.

PROGRAMS: *Linda Martin-Mills*

October brings us the 2017 quilt show, A Stitch in Time. RaNae Merrill will be vending at our show and will be taking sign ups for a wait list for her workshop at our guild, February 20 from 9-4. The workshop fee payable to guild is \$55. You MUST buy the book (which she will have and sign at the show for \$33). The materials fee for the complete kit is \$79, however, there are a variety of ways to make that a lower cost. Call me for a breakdown like we discussed at guild meeting last month. To secure your space for the workshop, please send me \$55 payable to NQG. Thanks.

November Guild Meeting – Carol Heppe from the Kutztown Fair will be speaking about “A Winning Quilt”. I know that I am curious about what makes a judge pick a quilt to ribbon. Many of our members are award winners already but some of us are hesitant to enter a show. Let’s learn how to go about it!

December Guild Meeting – A brand new member but an accomplished quilter and artist, Leona Law will speak about her journey. We will have our holiday celebration and social after. We will have a notions gift swap. If you want to participate, simply bring a notion (just a few dollars in value) and wrap it beautifully or not attractively and you will be issued a number to draw a gift. This is always good for a lot of laughs!

January Guild Meeting – Philanthropy night. We will have kits for you to sew, iron, quilt or bind. We are asking each person to bring any white on white fabric that we will use as background to some great precuts!!! Everyone will leave with some new patterns and websites to use themselves for free!

2018 Upcoming programs – National speaker and quilter, **RaNae Merrill** will be coming in February. There will be a sign up for her workshop – “Free Motion Mastery workshop. **Janneke Van Der Ree** will be joining us in March and Fulton Design will be coming in April with a talk about “Design in the Digital Age”. In May **Jeannie Campbell** will talk about how to use “New Techniques from Old Magazines”. June is our annual garage sale and birthday celebration with strawberry shortcake!

TREASURER’S REPORT: *submitted by Donna Martinez***Treasurer’s Report submitted by Donna Martinez****September 16, 2017**

Beginning Balance	9,620.90
Total Income	346.00
Total Expense	<u>669.20</u>
Ending Balance	9,297.70

Income/Expense by Category

Income

Membership- Guest	15.00
Quilty Prize	42.00
Raffle Quilt Sales	159.00
Quilt Show/vender	<u>130.00</u>
Total Income	346.00

Expenses

Raffle Quilt license	125.00
Guild insurance	417.00
Storage Rental	<u>127.20</u>
Total Expense	669.20

Ending Balance as of September 31, 2017 **9,297.70**

NQG BUDGET 2017 YTD 9/30/2017

INCOME	APPROVED BUDGET	RECEIPT YTD	RESIDUAL
Membership (\$25.00 per member)	2,000.00	2,125.00	-125.00
Raffle tickets required \$20.00 per member)	1,600.00	1,700.00	-100.00
Quilty Prize	500.00	375.00	125.00
Raffle Ticket Sales	1,000.00	770.00	230.00
Guest Fees	175.00	85.00	90.00
Quilt Show	8,000.00	412.00	7,588.00
Workshops	2,500.00	1,530.60	969.40
Total	15,775.00	6,997.60	8,777.40

EXPENSES

	APPROVED BUDGET	SPENT YTD	RESIDUAL
Block of the Month	0.00	0.00	0.00
Corresponding Secretary	50.00	0.00	50.00
Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hospitality	130.00	250.00	- 120.00
Insurance	500.00	338.00	162.00
Library	100.00	0.00	100.00
License Raffle	135.00	125.00	135.00
Membership	50.00	0.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Philanthropy	500.00	50.00	450.00
President	180.00	0.00	180.00
Raffle Quilt & Tickets	800.00	640.22	159.78
Rental (Storage Unit)	1455.00	960.36	494.64
Vice President/Program	4000.00	1,909.23	2,171.77
Web Site	140.00	310.80	-170.80
Treasurer	25.00	0.00	25.00
Quilty Prize	200.00	87.49	112.51
Quilt Show	4800.00	1,185.00	3,615.00
Workshops	2500.00	1,806.18	693.82
Total	15,565.00	7,662.28	8,108.72

TREASURER'S TRIVIA

*This is a story about four people named
Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.
 There was an important job to be done and
 Everybody was asked to do it.
 Everybody was sure Somebody would do it.
 Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.
 Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job
 Everybody thought Anybody could do it,
 but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.
 It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody
 when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.*

The answer to this month's question is in bold type.
 Donna Martinez email AHMDMM@verizon.net

MEMBERSHIP: *Eve Vallorani and Gretchen Faras*

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 newsletter are due by the end of the month. 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.

HOSPITALITY: *Rosanne Friehs*

ANNUAL SHARING FEAST

WHEN: October 17th

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: Masonic Hall at Heacock and Edgewood Rd, Yardley (Quilt Show venue)

Bring: appetizer, or entrée or dessert PLUS a place setting of dishes/silverware

Members bringing appetizers are: Eve Vallorani, Carol Molengraft, Cindi Rosenberger, Joan C Shipp, Lorie Leonardi, Betsy Smyth, Betty Hancock, Carol Berlinger, Dawn Berger, Marlene Beeco, Rosemary Torelli, Judith Lapato, Camille Amadio, Jane Kiney, Patricia Morrison, and Linda Martin-Mills.

Members bringing entrees are: Rosanne Friehs, Sallie Lloyd, Mary Kay Stoloski, Marsha Watro, Debbie Eickhoff, Bonnie Piestrak, Donna Martinez, Marion Baranosky, Cathy Stevens, Nancy Steigerwalt, Pat Devonshire, and Barb Gonze.

Members bringing desserts are: Jane Nadig, Diana Leslie, Kara Engleman, Melissa Curewitz, Ingrida Morkeviciene, Teresa Wescott, Peg Bauman, Barb Patton, Marianne Patton, Gretchen Faras, Caroline Lee, Susan Schmalzried, Jane Matty, and Rosemary Dwyer.

If you did not sign up at the guild meeting and would like to join the fun, pick your favorite food to bring and share the fun night with your Guild members. Any questions please email me at rdfriehs@gmail.com.

PHILANTHROPY - *Melissa Curewitz*

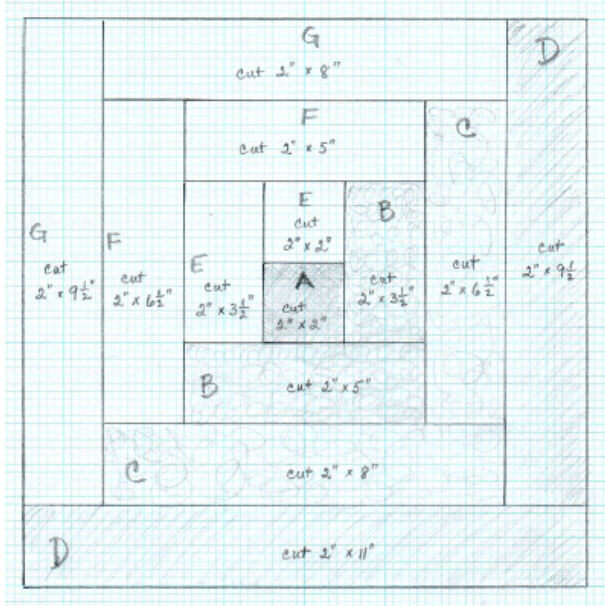
We are still collecting log cabin blocks for Central Jersey Modern Quilters guild to make 4 quilts for the families of the young man whose lives were cut short.

I have received questions about what is meant by "low volume" fabrics, low volume refers to neutral colors. Also with regard to the size and how to cut the fabric, there are instructions below - thank you Sallie!!

So please consider reaching into your stash and donating a block or two for these families. Please bring your finished blocks to our next guild meeting and I will arrange delivery to the person organizing.

Melissa Curewitz - birchmom@live.com

Log Cabin Block - 11" square unfinished



- Fabric A (darkest blue) - cut one square 2" x 2"
- Fabric B (medium dark) - cut one rectangle 2" x 3-1/2"
- Fabric B (medium dark) - cut one rectangle 2" x 5"
- Fabric C (medium blue) - cut one rectangle 2" x 6-1/2"
- Fabric C (medium blue) - cut one rectangle 2" x 8"
- Fabric D (medium light) - cut one rectangle 2" x 9-1/2"
- Fabric D (medium light) - cut one rectangle 2" x 11"
- Fabric E (white) - cut one square 2" x 2"
- Fabric E (white) - cut one rectangle 2" x 3-1/2"
- Fabric F (cream) - cut one rectangle 2" x 5"
- Fabric F (cream) - cut one rectangle 2" x 6-1/2"
- Fabric G (light beige) - cut one rectangle 2" x 8"
- Fabric G (light beige) - cut one rectangle 2" x 9-1/2"

Fabrics A, B, C, and D should all be blues or blues and greens. Fabrics E, F, and G should all be light colored neutrals that contrast well with the darker A, B, C, and D fabrics.

QUILT SHOW - A Stitch in Time
Linda Martin-Mills and Melissa Curewitz

Linda and Melissa want to thank everyone for the support and hard work in making this quilt show a success. We will ask each committee chair to compile their notes for their committee so that we can pass on the information to the next quilt show committee.

We ask that EVERY member post a shout out on their Facebook page everyday, if possible, send a blast email to your contact list, and make phone calls to fellow quilters in other guilds to make certain that we get great turnout. To make this show a success financially, we need high attendance. Thanks in advance.

Café: *Christa Froehlich, Betty Miller, Caroline Lee* **Calling all bakers!**

Don't forget to bring your individually wrapped baked goods to the show for sale at the cafe. You can bring them to set-up on Friday or Saturday. We would also be very happy to receive donations of bottled water or canned sodas.

Thank you very much, Christa Froehlich, Betty Miller and Caroline Lee

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

Many thanks for all the generous donations we received from guild members and friends. You all have truly reached deep into those famous stashes. This year Aunt Sukie's attic promises to have treasures and projects you never expected for all. Make sure you bring cash and shop often. Because of our smaller space, new items will be added continually during the show. We look forward to seeing everyone at the show. This year promises to be a real doozy!

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

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this raffle. Please bring your basket to set-up night. Make sure it is wrapped in clear cellophane. See you at the show.

Decorating Committee (Eve Vallorani)

Thank you to all who have volunteered to lend us items to decorate the show. Please bring them to Friday night's set-up. If you didn't write down an item on our list but have something that you have lent us in previous years and could lend us again this year, please bring it/them along. We want to have the quilts looking their best and they are always enhanced by some attractive seasonal or homey looking props, flowers and furniture pieces.

MINUTES OF THE NEWTOWN QUILTERS GUILD MEETING ON AUGUST 15, 2017

The Newtown Quilters' Guild meeting of September 19, 2017 was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

President Regina Apuzzo reminded the members of sign-up charts for the quilt show to staff various activities at the show. Marsha Watro is handling the staffing.

Regina also asked for help selling raffle tickets at the Round Bobbin Quilt Shop in Ambler on Saturday, September 23 and at Newtown Market Day on Saturday, October 7.

There is also a sign-up sheet for our potluck dinner in October, to be held at the Masonic Hall in Yardley.

Linda Martin-Mills showed some items that had been made the previous month for sale at the quilt show.

Linda also announced that Ranae Merrill, a well-known author, will be vending at our quilt show, signing her newest book, and that she will be doing a lecture for the guild in February, 2018, as well as a workshop on machine quilting on the same day as our meeting.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of registration and photography of quilts entered in our forthcoming show.

The secretary admits that show and tell was not recorded at this meeting due to her duties with registering the quilts.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by Diana Leslie, recording secretary

REMINDER: HOW YOU CAN HELP BUILD OUR SHOW

- The Ladder Brigade: Able-bodied members and their significant others (husbands, lovers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, the man on the street [just kidding]) bring a ladder or stepstool for hanging and unhangng (I know that's not a real word but... it fits) the quilts for Set-up on Friday and Take-down on Sunday
- Worker Bees: On Friday, carry the quilts to their assigned frame and then on Sunday carry the quilts to Processing with Diana Leslie
- Quality Control People: Volunteers will be needed both Friday and Sunday to keep the quilts up off the floor while the quilts are being hung and unhung

Please consider helping with these important tasks and put your name on the Show Volunteer Board. I guarantee that you will have fun building our show! If you have any questions, please call me at [215-860-0946](tel:215-860-0946) or email jacqkzar@hotmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD:

Friday and Saturday, October 13 and 14: KEYSTONE QUILTERS presents Quilt Show 2017 "Quilter's Garden". NEW LOCATION: Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA 18073. Admission \$7.00, age 12 and under are free. NACQJ Judged Quilt Show, Free Demos, Door Prizes, Boutique/Recycle Room, Chinese Auction, Keystone Café and Vendor Mall. www.keystonequilters.org or call 610-282-0651

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.