



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: REGINA APUZZO



Hi Everyone,

Fall is officially here. I'm looking forward to Mother Nature's spectacular display of rich, warm colors.

Our guild is settling into the virtual world, along with most guilds and teachers. Your feedback on our Zoom meetings and workshops has been positive and encouraging. As we move forward, we plan to use this newly found opportunity to bring you special programs and workshops, in concert with our regular guild meetings.

At one of our recent special programs, we welcomed Meg Cox (<http://megcox.com/>) who gave us an informative and enjoyable presentation about the International Quilt Museum. Aurifil thread took center stage at our September guild meeting. Donna Morales-Oemig, Aurifilosopher, (extraordinaire, I might add) (<https://www.followthatthread.com/>) shared the story of Aurifil and its many threads and their applications. Earlier that day, Donna taught a workshop, giving us an opportunity to sew with a variety of their threads. Tammy Silvers (<https://www.tamarinis.com/>) will be our guest at another special program on September 29th. Tammy will present her "Seeing Double" lecture and will teach her "Pointed Comments" workshop earlier in the day. A personal note ~ Recently, I attended a workshop sponsored by Brandywine Valley Quilters. During the workshop, there was a conversation about how the workshop participants felt about attending virtual classes and meetings. Everyone preferred this new format for a variety of reasons, with some guilds planning to continue this option after in-person meetings resume.

Our 2020 Biennial Quilt Challenge quilts will be revealed at our October guild meeting. We'll be sure to post photos on our website. Our 2020 Row of the Month and Personal Stash Challenge quilts will be shown at our December guild meeting.

As we head into the last quarter of 2020, I cannot help but think that this year seems like it's been at least ten years long while somehow seeming to be flying by. Go figure! I thank you for your patience and support for our guild. We are still going strong, and we're looking forward to better days.

Before I go, I would like to take a moment to remember the 200,000+ people in the United States who lost their lives from COVID-19. In particular, I would like to remember Brian Derby. COVID-19 took Brian's life on September 14th. Brian worked for the Lower Makefield Township Parks & Recreation Department. When our guild moved its meetings to the LMT Community Center, Brian became a familiar and welcoming face at our meetings. He made sure we had everything we needed, offering to help in any way he could. Most especially, though, Brian made us feel welcome in our new home. On a personal note, it was my pleasure to work with him. Brian's obituary states that he will be remembered for his generous, kind-hearted nature and his willingness to lend a helping hand. Our guild was the recipient of his generosity and kindness, and we will dearly miss him. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to meet Brian and to work with him. His family, friends, and coworkers are in our thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace.

Enjoy the beauty of autumn and sew like no one is watching! I look forward to seeing you at our Zoom meetings.

Stay safe and healthy, my friends!

Regards,

Regina and the Executive Board

Christy Stephenson, Nancy Steigerwalt, Donna Martinez, Nancy Maren-Yurgevich,
Rosanne Friehs

NEXT GUILD MEETING:

Our in-person meetings have been cancelled until further notice, but we want to keep the newsletter going to keep in touch. Also, please try to join in our meetings using Zoom until we can meet again in person. Our next regular meeting is on Tuesday, October 20th.

VICE-PRESIDENT (PROGRAMS): CHRISTY STEPHENSON AND NANCY J. STEIGERWALT

We want to stay connected to you all! **Please read our program and lecture schedule listed below and join us via Zoom.**

Our Queen Bee, Nancy Steigerwalt will be setting up the evening and daytime Sewing Bees for those who signed up earlier this year during the month of August. The initial meetings of the Sewing Bees will be via Zoom. Several more people expressed an interest in joining a small group at the July meeting and contact will be made shortly. Some of the existing Sewing Bees have been meeting over Zoom since the pandemic began and all participants have grown to love meeting virtually. Those who have expressed an interest in joining a small group will be contacted during the first week of October to set up meetings. If you want to join a Sewing Bee but have not yet signed up, it is not too late. Send an e-mail to Nancy at fasnjs88@verizon.net.

September was, indeed., a busy month for programs and workshops, as promised. The virtual "Tour" of the International Quilt Museum with Meg Cox on September 8, 2020 was incredibly interesting. Now we all want to go to Nebraska to see the museum in person! (Road trip!) The Aurifil thread workshop with Donna Morales-Oenig on September 15, 2020 taught the participants about the fine points of thread use and applications. Her Aurifilosopher lecture told the Aurifil story with her illustration of that story with examples of her own work. On September 29, 2020, Tammy Silvers presented her "Guided Improv" workshop called "Pointed Comments" and, on that evening, a special lecture "Seeing Double" illustrating how the difference fabrics influencing the appearance of works done with the same pattern.

Upcoming Programs

Saturday October 17, 2020 1-4 PM Workshop with Lorie Leonardi

Our very own and very talented Lori Leonardi will teach "Getting to Know Ewe." See what beautiful embellishments you can do with variations of simple embroidery on wool applique'. Practice the stitches on a cute little lamb. The cost of the workshop will be \$10 payable to the guild. Lorie will be creating a kit to include fabric, pattern, needles and threads. The \$25 fee for the kit should be mailed directly to Lorie.



Tuesday October 20, 2020 7-9:30 PM Story Quilt Presentation

Mrs. Make-Believe, AKA Marsha Watro will share her popular Story Quilt presentation with us. This meeting is one you will not want to miss. Every quilt has a story and as quilters we cherish the both the quilts we make and the stories they tell.

October is the month our Curve Challenge quilts will be shared with the guild. Please send pictures of your Challenge Quilt and your Show and Tell quilts to Nancy Steigerwalt a day or two before the meeting (fasnjs88@verizon.net).

NOTICE: For the months of November and December, there are no workshops scheduled to allow members to complete their projects for the holidays without missing workshops in which they might be interested.

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 7-9:30 PM, Special Celebrity Guest Presentations

Our presentation for the November Guild regular meeting will feature surprise special celebrity guest speakers. So, join us to see who will be there.

November is the month in which the Mystery Quilt Workshop quilts will be presented to the Guild. Please send your photos of your Mystery Quilts and Show and Tell quilts to Nancy J. Steigerwalt at fasnjs88@verizon.net to be included in the slide presentation.

December 21, 2020 7-9:30 PM Regular Guild Meeting/Show and Tell

Our December meeting will be busy with so many quilts to be shown. The Row of the Month challenge, the UFO Challenge and regular Show and Tell quilts will be presented to the guild. Please send your photos of your quilts to Nancy J. Steigerwalt at fasnjs88@verizon.net prior to the meeting to be included in the slide presentation. Be sure to indicate in which category you wish to have your quilt shown.

The drawings for the 2019 Raffle Quilt, as well as the two raffle quilts will be held. Do not miss this meeting!

QUILT SHOW – 2021 – NANCY J. STEIGERWALT AND DEE STARK

Planning for the 2021 Quilt Show is underway. New ideas are being discussed, i.e., the Quilt Boutique and special displays. The boutique is being chaired by Pat Clayton and Betty Hancock and will feature handmade gift items made and donated by Guild members and offered for sale.

A contest for the name of the quilt show is being held with a prize for the winning idea. This name may become the name of our show for years to come, so let's have some imaginative ones. As we are not presently meeting in person and you will be unable to fill out a ballot, you can contact me with your ideas and the quilt committee will announce the winner. All ideas will be discussed via email and a winner announced in the newsletter.

P.S. (Don't forget to bring your fat quarters for the raffle whenever we have our next meeting!)

MEMBERSHIP: Pat Clayton and Lillian Mannon

Please let us know of any changes to your contact information (address, phone number, email). This is especially important now that we have on-going cancellations, rescheduling of speakers, and special group events via Zoom and other virtual programs in light of COVID-19.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS: *Rosanne Friehs*

During this corona crisis let us stay connected via the Facebook, email, or zooming. We will keep our guild healthy and strong and be back together soon. Keep quilting and stay safe and healthy!

I sent thank you cards to:

- Diana Leslie for leading and presenting the mystery quilt on-line
- Meg Cox for the virtual tour of the International Quilt Museum with behind the scenes peek at all special exhibits
- Leslie Levy, Director of the International Quilt Museum for the door prize and guild lectures and workshops that we were able to see on zoom
- Donna Morales Oemig for the workshop on Aurifil thread and the lecture at the September guild meeting on "Everything you ever wanted to know about Aurifil thread"
- Tammy Silvers for the "Guided Improv" teaching sharp points without rulers, making table runners and the lecture of "Seeing Double" with quilts of different colors, patterns, and values

- I sent get well wishes to Marsha Watro her healing recovery after knee surgery.

- I sent sympathy cards with condolences to:
 - Leona and Derek Law for the loss of Leona's stepson David
 - Paula Derby for the loss of her husband Brian Derby who helped us at the LMT Community Center

If you know of someone who needs a message of thanks, get-well wishes, condolences, or congratulations; please email Rosanne Friehs at rdfriehs@gmail.com or call me. When leaving an email, message, or text; please give full name and address of the person needing a card from the Guild. Thanks!

PHILANTHROPY: *Camille Amadio and Kara Engelman*

As you know, the need for donation quilts are always needed and appreciated. During Covid this is particularly important because people are so stressed. When you can, make a quilt for our Capitol Health Patriot program, camp Erin, or QFK. In addition, please let Camille or Kara know when you have made a quilt. Thanks, from Philanthropy, and stay safe and well.

Some of the organizations we support are:

Camp Erin, 50" X 70" or 60" X 80"

Quilts of Valor baby quilts, 36x36, or 60" X 80"

Quilts for kids, 38" X 40" – 46"

Wounded Warrior, 60" X 80"

Project Linus – check website
Patriot Program at Capital Health, 24" X 36"
Bucks County Homeless Shelters – Any size is suitable.

NQG CURVED PIECING CHALLENGE 2020 (Camille Amadio and Lorie Leonardi)

Well, dear members, this is it – time to present our Curved Piecing Challenge Quilts!!! There is still time to join in. There are many ways to do curved piecing. You can find it as part of traditional blocks and you can do it in an improv style. This topic gives you many possible avenues to explore.

The purpose of a guild challenge is to allow you the opportunity to stretch your boundaries. You might want to try a technique that you've never used before. You might use a technique or style that is not what you would normally do. In this challenge we are giving you a chance to grow in your quilting life. I have personally benefitted from the knowledge and experience I've obtained from the many challenges I've been a part of.

We hope that you are all working on your challenge quilts. Take advantage of the web sites we listed for inspiration.

Give yourself permission to relax. Not every quilt is a masterpiece. This is going to be a small quilt. It allows you to try something different and take the risk on something that might not be an heirloom. But it just might turn out to be spectacular.

Here are the rules:

The challenge is due at the [October](#) meeting.
Maximum size is 36x36 inches or the equivalent perimeter.
If you use someone else's pattern or design, credit them.

If someone else does the quilting, credit them.
You can enter up to 2 quilts.

Here are some links to inspire you.

Free piecing with Rob Appell. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJvnKfqopF0>

Cut without a ruler with Jean Wells. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQRRPMfagIk>

Improv curves with Rebecca Bryan.

<https://bryanhousequilts.com/2018/12/improv-curves-tutorial.html>

Pinterest Board for Quilt Blocks - Curves

<https://pin.it/fpffjmmggsh7lk>

Sew Kind of Wonderful

[https://sewkindofwonderful\(Whirlwind\).com/](https://sewkindofwonderful(Whirlwind).com/)

If you subscribe to thequiltshow.com, check out shows 204 and 2106. Or search for "curved" in the show list search box. Simply Quilts with Alex Anderson and guest Dale Fleming. How to Create Easy Circle Blocks <https://www.hgtv.com/videos/how-to-create-easy-circle-quilt-blocks-62279>

These are some traditional blocks that use curved piecing: clam shell, drunkard's path, spools, apple core, fans, NY beauty, curved log cabin, Cleopatra's fan, curved 4-patch, orange peel, melon patch, double wedding ring, pine burr and winding way.

Please be sure to send your finished pieces to Nancy Steigerwalt at least a few days before our meeting on October 20th.

NEWSLETTER: Doreen Aiello

Contributions for the newsletter are due by the second weekend after our Guild meeting. Our next virtual, regular meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20th. Submissions for the November newsletter will be due on November 1st.

HOSPITALITY: SALLIE LLOYD and ELAINE LA PRETE

Sallie and Elaine will keep us posted as to who will bring the goodies when we are able to meet in person.

ROW OF THE MONTH – PAT CLAYTON

Your lovely ROM Challenge quilts will be due in December. It will be a pleasure and an honor to see your completed masterpieces.

2020 PERSONAL STASH CHALLENGE – PAT CLAYTON

If you have not joined the stash challenge, it is not too late. No contract is needed. Make use of some of this lockdown time by pulling those stored and started (never finished) projects from shelves, drawers, bins, and bags. Do more than one since we have some extra time. Giant show and tell when we meet next! Let's try to get to 50 – we know we can do this!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please visit our guild's website: <http://www.newtownquiltersguild.org/quilt-shows--related-events.html> to view important notices.