



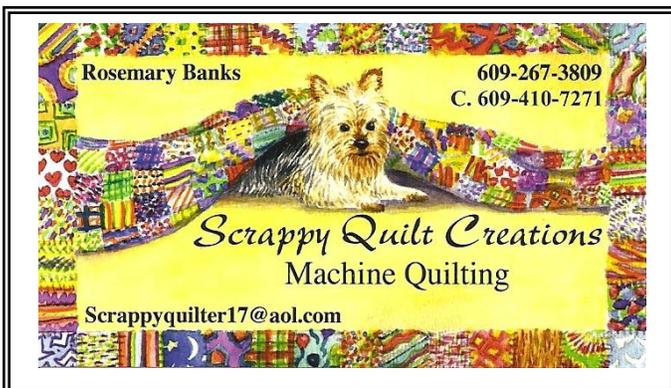
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy Labor Day to All!

It's hard to believe that the summer is coming to a close. The quilt shops are all showing wonderful fall projects and the winter holidays are just around the corner! Remember to get your seasons challenge together for the October meeting. It is sure to be a quilt show in itself. Kelly will be posting sign-ups for hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Can we all write up the recipe for what we are bringing? I know that we have tried to do a cookbook before but this might be an easy jump-start to making that project really happen.

I have told you on a few occasions that this year is my "stretch" year. I am learning new things and doing projects like needle punch and wool applique that I never had the interest in getting into. Wool is a whole new stash to build! Last night, Betsy taught me how to loom knit hats and scarves. Watch out, now I will be hoarding yarn!!! Speaking of Betsy Smyth ... without this presidency I would not have spent as much time with Betsy. She has always been a friend, a fellow quilter and Group Therapy member, but through us working together on the board, we have really gotten to know each other so well. You all know that I greatly admire her and think she is a "rock star VP". Think about the valued friendships that can blossom through working together in a leadership role. When the nominating gals come calling, think about how you can best serve an organization that brings so much to each of us and our community.

Linda Martin-Mills



GUILD MEETING - Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 7:30 pm at our new location, The Birches, Newtown, PA.

This month Victoria Findlay Wolfe of Bumble Beans, Inc. and author of several books, including "15 Minutes of Play," will present a trunk show. She is a nationally known teacher and lecturer who has appeared on The Quilt Show, Pat Sloan's radio show and has been published in many quilting magazines. Her modern take on traditional quilts won her a best of show at QuiltCon ... the first national Modern Quilt Guild convention. Visit her website www.bumblebeansinc.com.

*Please note the new time and new location. Guild members are welcome to arrive for the meeting after 7pm. We will be meeting in the dining room. There is ample parking all around the building. Enter through the main entrance. The address for The Birches is 70 Durham Road, Newtown, PA 18940.

WHAT'S COMING UP:

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 –15 Minutes of Play Workshop with Victoria Findlay Wolfe from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Gather lots of scraps, some background fabric, templates and your imagination for a day of playing with scraps and creating one of a kind fabric. The cost is \$40 (\$50 non members) and includes lunch. The location for this workshop is Addisville Reformed Church. Space is limited. If you are interested, call Betsy to sign up and get the supply list.

October 21, 2014 - Annual Members' Dinner. Members will bring appetizers and desserts this year ... we are going to forgo the main course. Kelly Cantwell will have sign-up sheets at the September meeting.

November 18, 2014 - Jacquelynne Steves, *The Noble Wife*, will visit. She is a pattern and fabric designer and will talk about her design process. There will be a trunk show as well as items for sale. Visit her website at jacquelynnesteves.com. Jacquelynne writes a wonderful on-line free magazine full of free patterns, recipes and interesting ideas for your home.

December 16, 2014 – Holiday Party and gift exchange

What's coming up in 2015!

January 20, 2015: Lisa O'Neil, author of "Sliver Quilts," will present a trunk show and lecture on her unique design and construction process. We are also planning a 6 hour workshop on the same day as the meeting which will be a Pillow Workshop.

February 17, 2015: Meeting is "under construction"

March 17, 2015: Helle-May Cheney of Flemington, NJ will present a trunk show, "Don't be Afraid to Show That Quilt".

April 21, 2015: Ann Holte, author and quilt maker, will present the lecture "Friends and Family, The Lancaster Diamond Sampler Quilt." A workshop will be held on the same day titled "Orphan Blocks."

May 19, 2015: Grace Katz from Blue Bell, PA will present a lecture titled "Why I Quilt; Connecting the Quilter with the Quilt."

June 16, 2015: Pam Weeks of Durham, NH will present her lecture "Jane Stickle Revisited" with a workshop the following day titled "Civil War Potholder Quilts."

It is very important if you are signing up for a workshop that you secure your spot by paying with either a check or cash when you sign up. Diana Leslie will be helping Betsy by manning the workshop table at the guild meetings.

To sign up for workshops, more information about upcoming events or suggestions for future programs or workshops, please contact Betsy Smyth at betsyasmyth@gmail.com or call 215-321-0906

HOSPITALITY:

The following people are responsible for bringing treats for the September 2014 meeting: The members of the sewing group Rotary Cut-ups; Regina Apuzzo, Marion Baranosky, Susan Bowles, Kathleen Jones, Donna Martinez, Barbara McClintock, Sunya Perl, along with three guild members, Leslie Bell, Dolores Ingram, Maggie Robinson.

Thank you, Kelly Cantwell

MEMBERSHIP:

Please let me know there are any changes to your information for the Membership list.

Thank you, *Dawn E Berger*

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:

Thank you notes were sent to the following:

- Candace Perry from the Schwenkfelder Museum for her presentation on German textiles
- Diana Leslie for her "Mystery Quilt" workshop
- Linda Smith for picking up the donation of books from Mark Lipinski

If anyone knows of someone who needs a message of thanks, get-well, condolences or congratulations, please send me an email or give me a call. Thanks! *Doreen Aiello*

PHILANTHROPY:

There are two Philanthropy meetings scheduled for September: The first will be on Tuesday, September 9 at Quilts for Kids headquarters (494 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills, PA) from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Quilts for Kids will provide the kits. Please RSVP to Nancy Lacey (nancy.lacey@quiltsforkids.org) so they have an idea of how many people to expect.

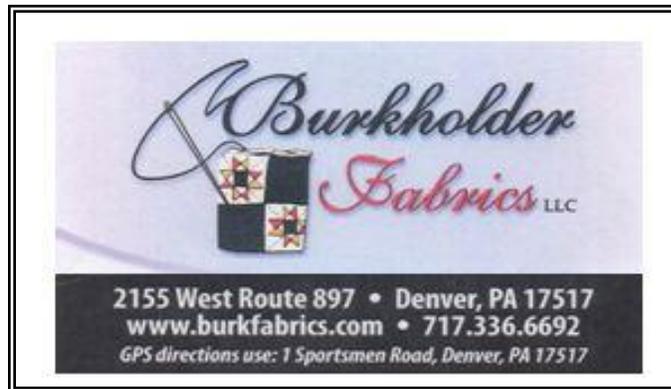
For those of you who have expressed an interest in meeting in the evening, Lorraine Myers has arranged for our Philanthropy group to meet at the Birches in their second floor craft room on Thursday evening, September 11 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Elaine LaPrete and I will have kits for everyone to work on. If anyone is interesting in coming, please send me an email at sallie.loyd@gmail.com, or call me on the phone at (215) 493-2442, so that I can make the appropriate preparations.

For both workshops, please bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies.

Sallie Lloyd

NEWSLETTER:

Articles are due by September 21, 2014. You can either e-mail them (nqgltr@yahoo.com) or give them to me at the meeting. *Nancy Lacey*



Minutes of the Newtown Quilters' Guild Meeting on August 19, 2014

Tonight's program, presented by Nancy Bills, was called "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. A lot of Things I've about Learned Along the Way."

At the next meeting, Victoria Finley Wolf will be doing a presentation and trunk show on modern quilting techniques. She has authored a book, Fifteen Minutes of Play. Victoria was recently featured on The Quilt Show. It will be held on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:30pm at The Birches, at 70 Durham Road, Newtown, PA 18940. Guests are welcome at a \$5.00 charge.

President (Linda Martin-Mills):

Linda asked for volunteers to join her, Nancy Lacey and Betsy Smyth on an ad hoc committee to redesign our website. Marsha Watro, Kathy Dettore and Mary Kay Stoloski volunteered.

Voted and approved unanimously: To hire a company to pipe and drape the 2015 NQG Quilt Show for one year.

We need a movie-type screen for next month's meeting. There were several volunteers.

Vice President (Betsy Smyth)

September 17 workshop at the Addisville from 9 to 3: Victoria Finley Wolf will be doing a workshop on using modern quilting techniques. Her book, Fifteen Minutes of Play, will be required for the workshop. There is a 20-person limit. Victoria was recently featured on The Quilt Show.

October 21 meeting at the Birches: Annual dinner. We will provide appetizers and desserts. Our Quilt Challenge pieces are due at this meeting.

November 18 meeting at the Birches: Jacquelynne Steves will do a presentation. She has "The Art of Home" website.

December 16 meeting at the Birches – Annual Holiday Party and gift exchange

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2104 Challenge (Andrea Csogi)

More than 20 people have signed up so far. See Andrea to sign up to join the fun.

You must identify yourself on the back of the quilt. It doesn't have to be a sewn label.

Membership (Dawn Berger, Marlene Beeco): 66 members and 9 guests in attendance.

2014 Raffle Quilt: (Betty Miller)

Tickets were sold at Olde City Quilts and Pennington Quilt Works. Pat Clayton is taking the quilt to Rehobeth. It also will be at Market Day.

There was discussion about whether to sell tickets at the Oaks Quilt Show in September.

We might be able to take the quilt to the Birches' Concert Series.

More volunteers are needed to sell tickets at these different venues. Contact Betty.

Denise Somers graciously made the label for the quilt.

Corresponding Secretary (Doreen Aiello)

A thank you was sent to Candace Perry from the Schwenkfelder Museum for her presentation on German textiles; a thank you was sent to Diana Leslie for her "Mystery Quilt" workshop; a thank you was sent to Linda Smith for picking up the donation of books from Mark Lipinski.

Treasurer (Pam Sugrue):

Treasurer's Report for August 2014 Meeting

Income/Expense by Category – July 2014
7/1/2014 through 7/31/2014

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2014 = 18,877.48

TOTAL INCOME	356.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	1,480.92
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Ending Balance as of July 31, 2014 = 17,752.56

July 2014 Income/Expense by Category
7/1/2014 through 7/31/2014

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2014 = 17,752.56

INCOME	
Membership (Guest Fees)	40.00
Quilty Prize	76.00
Workshops	240.00
TOTAL INCOME	356.00
EXPENSES	
Corresponding Secretary (cards)	30.99
Library	10.50
Quilt Prize Supplies	23.67
Raffle Quilt	495.73
Rental	
Monthly Mtg	300.00
Public Storage	103.88
Vice President	
Workshop	100.00
Speaker	191.45
VP Workshop Lunch	119.70
Workshop Refund	105.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,480.92

Ending Balance as of July 31, 2014 = 17,752.56

Philanthropy (Sallie Lloyd and Elaine LaPrete):

Thank you to everyone who made Lorie's kits. Twenty are finished.

Please donate your leftover fabrics to Philanthropy. They are running low on fabric.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the Quilts for Kids headquarters on Lincoln Highway from 10 to 3.

They are trying to arrange Thursday evening workshops at the Birches.

2014 Block of the Month (Christa Froelich)

The winner of the BOM blocks was Mary Kay Stoloski. See the guild website for information concerning the block for next month.

Nominating Committee (Sallie Lloyd, Nancy Steigerwalt and Leanne Gillen)

The committee will be calling everyone in the guild to discuss how they can participate in keeping the guild running.

Market Day, Oct. 11, 2014 (Nancy Steigerwalt)

Nancy sent around a clipboard for volunteers for Market Day. It is a fun event, so why not come and volunteer an hour or two to run the booth and sell raffle tickets.

Library (Roseanne Friehs)

The new books from Mark Lipinski and Sharon Decker are being cataloged. It is a big job.

Name Tag Winner: Barbara McClintock

Quilty Prize Winner: Betty Hancock

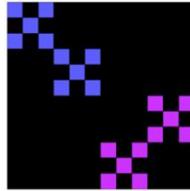
Show & Tell:

Donna Laing, Evelyn Moosher, Sue Smith, Eve Vallorani, Jackie Kaizar, Kim Moll, Barb Gonze, Silvia Hellman, Nancy Lacey

Respectfully submitted by Lorie Leonardi on August 23, 2014.

2013 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

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



September – Double Crossed

2014 Quilt Challenge – 4 Seasons

1. Make a wall hanging that represents 1, 2, 3 or all 4 seasons
2. Do not use holidays as your theme.
3. You may use any quilting style. Example: Traditional, Reproduction, Modern, Art, etc.
4. Any technique is acceptable. Example: Applique, paper-piecing, patchwork, embroidery, etc.
5. Design does not have to be original BUT please give credit where credit is due. This may be done on the entry form provided.
6. Size may be no larger than 48" x 48". Example: 48" x 48", 36" x 48", 24" x 36", 12" x 36", 9" x 12", etc.
7. All pieces must be completely finished and quilted.
8. Please attach a label to the back of your quilt with your name on it.



The challenge quilts are due at the October meeting. They will be displayed in the lounge.

2014 Raffle Quilt Tickets

Some people have not picked up their raffle tickets yet. If you haven't, please see Betty Miller or Kathy Dettore at the September meeting.

Operation Baby Blanket:

At the August meeting, I was presented with many, many blankets and afghans. Your generosity is amazing. Thank you all!! I will be collecting blankets through September. At that time, I will coordinate with my Guard contact to see how many more are needed. – Lorie Leonardi

This project provides homemade blankets (quilted, knit or crocheted) to babies who are born when a parent is deployed in the New Jersey National Guard. The Guard is anticipating a large deployment in the autumn, so there is a need for more blankets. You can make your own blanket or sew one of the Philanthropy kits. They can be any color, not just red, white and blue, and should be an appropriate size for a baby. A good size is 38 by 45 like the Quilts for Kids quilts.

Looking Ahead:

Thursday – Sunday, September 18-21, 2014: Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza XXI. For more information, go to: [Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XXI](#)

Friday - Sunday, September 19-20, 2014 – Quilters Take Manhattan. The main event is held on Saturday but there are additional events on Friday and Sunday. Former Guild member, Eleanor Levie, won an honorable mention for a quilt that will be hanging at The City Quilter. For more information, go to: [Quilters Take Manhattan](#)

Friday - Sunday, October 3-5, 2014 – Courthouse Quilters present "Quilts in the Mill." For more information and a \$1.00 off coupon, go to: [Quilts in the Mill](#)

Saturday, October 11, 2014 - Newtown Market Day, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

I LOVE POLYESTER – REALLY!**A Sad Story by Jackie Kaizar**

A few months ago, probably at one of our last meetings at the Church of God's Love, one of our members donated a pile of fabric to the guild. The early birds of the membership swamped the table and scored the best yardage for their own stashes. I'm sure that many pieces will appear in upcoming Show and Tells as scrap quilts. Just one fat quarter can spark a memory or inspire a masterpiece. Some may even become part of a baby quilt for a little one to cuddle and love for years to come. Perhaps a few blocks will grace a bride's wedding quilt, which will still be cherished on the couple's 20th anniversary. What a legacy a few scraps of fabric can bestow. But we know that already.

By the time I sauntered over to the table, it was really picked over, with only a few sad pieces of yardage left over. I felt like I was looking at the leftovers at a yard sale. You know, the things that no one will buy, even for a few cents, and are eventually put out in the trash pile for pickup the next day. It was a very sad table indeed. But then I saw a brown polka

dot piece of polyester looking the most dismal of all. Of course, the quilters of the group (which is everybody in the guild) turned their noses up at that polyester fabric, and I can understand this completely. Let's face it, polyester is a petroleum by-product. What self-respecting quilter would use it in one of their beautiful quilted creations? Today's quilts are cotton, inside and out. Besides, did you ever try to quilt on polyester? Not easy, I can tell you, and I have personal experience, sorry to say. But being a lover of all things polka dot (you didn't know that about me, did you?) I saw possibilities. I thought to myself, "Self, this just might make the perfect dress". Thus began my Pygmalion Project. And so I grabbed that sorry piece of fabric and brought it home for further inspection and contemplation. It was 2½ yards long and in perfect condition. Well, that being said, can anything damage polyester, except maybe a match? I searched through my sewing patterns and found an easy princess lined number with cap sleeves that I knew I could whip up on my serger.

Now here is an aside about my serger. Many years ago, I bought an old serger from someone at our quilt show. It was one of those heavy, kick butt, all metal machines that will probably last at least an additional 50 years. I made all kinds of great things with it and mended garments that belonged to friends and family. Then one day, I came across a newer (20 years old) fancy schmancy serger and bestowed old Nellie to my daughter Tracey, who has two little boys who are always wearing out their pants and she is left with the inevitable endless pile of mending to do.

And so, I sewed in the zipper and serged the rest, easily finishing my new dress in a few hours. The thrifty side of me loves the fact that the dress only cost as much as a zipper. I feel like I saved the landfill from another piece of polyester through my recycling. And besides, I really like it, although I don't want to wear it next to my girlfriend's pet Dalmatian, Marcy. We would look like twins!

I suppose that the moral of the story is that one woman's trash is another's treasure, even if it is polyester.



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