



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Hi Everyone!

It's September, already! Summer seems to have flown by. Maybe, that's because I'm getting old and the passage of time just keeps speeding up! Ugh! Whatever the reason, it won't be long before our quilt show is here, and that's always a busy time for our guild. Preparations are now in full swing: labels are being sewn onto quilts, gift baskets are being filled, small quilts are ready to raffle, and Aunt Sukie is preparing her treasures. There's so much to do, yet, it always gets done.

The show is our guild's signature event, and everyone is working very hard to ensure its success. It's our time to shine and to show our pride in this wonderful guild. Your quilts are the reason for our show; they represent the beauty of the art and craft of quilt making. I'm hoping that every member will participate by having at least one quilt in the show.

Be sure to volunteer to help. We really do need you. Marsha Watro will have a volunteer sign-up board, at our September guild meeting. Help is needed to set up and take down the show, to welcome visitors, to sell raffle quilt tickets, to white glove, and to work at the café, small quilts, and Aunt Sukie. There are 90 guild members, so covering all of this should be a breeze if everyone pitches in.

Please consider donating one or more batik fat quarters for our guild raffle basket. It's starting to fill up. "Thank you!" to those who have contributed. Please give your fat quarters to me at the September meeting.

Next on the *Windblown Flowers* tour:

- September 23, 2017 - The Round Bobbin, from 10:00 to 5:00
- October 7, 2017 - Newtown Market Day, from 10:00 to 4:00

Help is needed for both venues. Sign-up sheets will be at the September meeting.

Our Annual Sharing Dinner ("Thank you!" Rosanne, for the new name) will be held at the Lower Bucks Masonic Hall (same place as our quilt show), on October 17, 2017. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., so we can start early. We will have our full dinner, with appetizers, entrees, and desserts. Rosanne will be circulating a sign-up sheet, so let her know what you want to bring. On that night, we will draw the winner of our 2017 raffle quilt. While that will be exciting, it will be bittersweet to let it go! Our member dinner is one of our guild's traditions. It's always a great night, and I hope to see everyone there.

Well, that's a wrap! I look forward to seeing you at our September meeting when we will take one step closer to the show by photographing your quilts. It will be a busy night, I'm sure. Read on to find out more.

In the meantime, sew like no one is watching!

Regards,
Regina

NEXT GUILD MEETING – September 19, 2017

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:30pm at The Birches, 70 Durham Road, Newtown, PA 18940. Guests are welcome for a \$5.00 charge.

BRING YOUR QUILTS TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED (and your completed registration forms)

Thank you to all who preregistered quilts for our quilt show in October. We have filled our available capacity, so if you have not yet sent in your information, please know that we are not accepting any further entries.

We need you to bring your preregistered quilts to the guild meeting on September 19 so that they can be finally registered and photographed, so that we can fully plan our layout of the show. If you do not remember which quilts you preregistered, please feel free to contact Diana Leslie at dianleslie729@verizon.net or [215-943-9708](tel:215-943-9708) and I will be happy to remind you.

Before the guild meeting, you will need to download and print our registration form, **ONE FORM FOR EACH QUILT ENTERED**, which you will find on the Newtown Quilters' Guild website, www.newtownquiltersguild.org. On the website, go to the tab titled "Members" and click on it, and then to "Quilt Show Information". If you can't access the site or find the form, I will have copies available on the night of the meeting. DO NOT email this form to Diana...please fill out the hard copy and bring it with your quilt on the meeting night. This form will give us your "quilt story" for our identification cards for the quilts.

Your quilt does not need to be completely finished for our photography night. You will be taking your quilt home with you, and you will deliver it in person to the Masonic Hall on the night of set-up, October 13, time yet to be determined. If you cannot bring your quilt to the meeting night, please find a friend who can bring it, OR call Diana and we will try to make other arrangements. DO NOT send me your own photos of your quilt(s) via email or Facebook; it is easier for us to use our photos in the same format and location. Obviously your quilts will need to be completed (and with a sleeve as necessary) by the night that we set up the show.

If there are any questions that I have not addressed, please feel free to contact me via email or phone (as noted above). We are looking forward to a very smooth registration process and a beautiful quilt show.

Diana Leslie

PROGRAMS: *Linda Martin-Mills*

September Guild Meeting – Photography of your quilts for the show, show and tell and dessert and social. If you have not signed up for working at the show, now will be your opportunity.

October Guild Meeting – Annual Dinner Meeting at the Mason Hall at 6pm. Tradition is that each person brings a place setting of dishes and silverware, and decorations for the tables. Every member is asked to sign up to bring a covered dish item as well. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with your fellow quilters and get to know new members. We will also be pulling the ticket for the raffle quilt.

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!

2018 Upcoming programs – We will host our Philanthropy night in January and 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*

August 31, 2017

Beginning Balance	9,428.69
Total Income	542.00
Total Expense	<u>271.79</u>
Ending Balance	9,698.90

Income/Expense by Category

Income

Membership- Guest	15.00
Quilty Prize	42.00
Raffle Quilt Sales	<u>485.00</u>
Total Income	542.00

Expenses

Raffle Quilt (advertising)	109.59
Quilt Show	35.00
Storage Rental	<u>127.20</u>
Total Expense	271.79

Ending Balance as of August 31, 2017 **9,698.90**

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*

“GOING TO THE QUILT SHOW”

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 will be assigned a month by alphabetical order (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.

Since we will be having all our quilts for Quilt Show at this meeting PLEASE be extra careful with your snacks and beverages.

September Snacks: 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. 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.

The members responsible for snacks for September are as follows:

Here is the snack list so far:

MEMBER	SNACK / GOODY / DECORATION	Theme is “Going to the Quilt Show”
Dale Moelter		
Lorie Leonardi-----	Fresh fruit	
Francine Oswald	is unable to attend	
Paula Patti		
Barb Patton -----	Cheese Cake dip with things to dip	
Marianne Patton-----	Savory dip with things to dip-3 Table runners	
Sunya Perl	is unable to attend	
Bonnie Piestrak -----	Cake or cupcakes	
Judi Reiss	is unable to attend	
Cindi Rosenberger----	Cookies	
Denise Rouse		

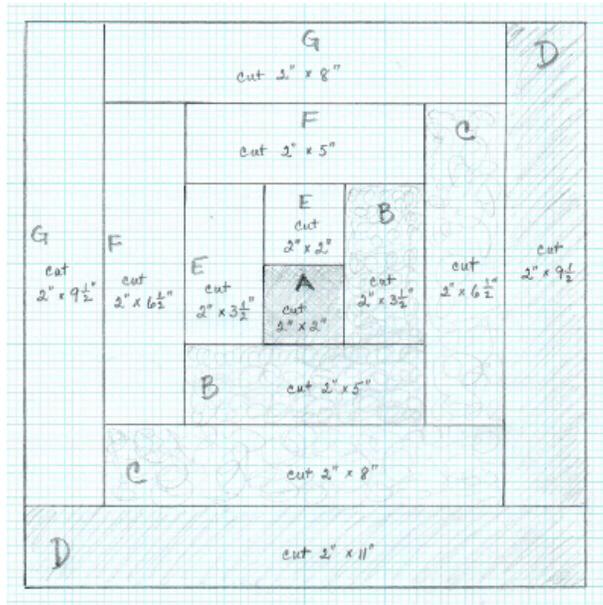
PHILANTHROPY - *Melissa Curewitz*

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 around 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

Melissa and Linda would like to thank each of every member who has submitted a quilt for the show and signed up to work at the show. It takes a village to put on a great show. If you have not yet signed up to volunteer, we ask that you do not delay. We need everyone to participate. We are also asking that each member encourage their families, friends and neighbors to attend the show. The only way to have this be a financial success is for us to increase the attendance. Our publicity department has done a fabulous job publicizing the show and everywhere you look there are postcards or a poster telling the public we are having a show! Now we need to get people in our lives to come!

This month at guild we will ask you all to bring your quilts to be photographed. (they do not need to be finished). You will then take them home and bring them back Friday for set up. Diana Leslie, Quilt Registration and Set up will have more on the details.

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

We would like to ask everyone to bake something to sell at the café. Please cut your goodies into individual servings and wrap them separately so they are ready to sell.

Bring your donations to set-up on Friday night or Saturday morning. **Thank you!**

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

The September meeting is the last chance to bring in your donated items. Do NOT bring donations to show setup!! We need time to price them before the show.

Please save us time by measuring any yardage you donate, since it's so close to show time.

Aunt Sukie's Attic is our flea market area at the show. Sewing-related stuff is donated, and we sell it at reduced prices with proceeds benefiting the guild.

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

Hi Everyone!

Now is the time for you to be making your Small Quilt for our Raffle. As soon as you have finished, please bring it to our guild meeting. Here's how you can participate.

Small quilts, table runners, placemats and napkins (for at least a service for four), pillows, tote bags, and wool work (such as candle mats and penny rugs) are accepted. Your small quilt cannot be larger than 30" x 30". We will have limited space in which to display these items, so smaller is better. We will not be able to accept quilts larger than the max size noted. Mug rugs will not be placed with the small quilts. They can be included in a basket, along with other items, or they can be donated to Aunt Sukie. To give you inspiration, here are some ideas for your small quilt. You can choose to make something celebrating a season or holiday; we have had beautiful red work and blue work quilts; appliqué quilts, either by hand or machine; a quilt featuring machine embroidery; and paper-pieced quilts—just to name a few. Be sure to check out the many books in our guild library for more inspiration.

For the gift baskets: Grab a few quilting buddies and put together a basket, or you, alone, can fill one. Any food included in your basket must be shelf stable/nonperishable. Your basket can have a theme; such as, sewing notions, fabrics, gift cards to restaurants, tea, coffee, chocolate, etc. Use your imagination and creativity! Be sure to give your basket a name. We ask that its value be at least \$25.00. Please wrap your basket in clear cello wrap, only. Baskets are due either at the September guild meeting, or they can be brought to the show venue on set-up night (preferable). Please don't bring them in sooner than September. Since we have a new venue for our 2017 show, it is quite possible that we will have more visitors from the general public. So, it would be great to have baskets that would interest non-quilters. Now is the time to start planning your basket. Beginning in July, we will have a sign-up sheet, as we need to know ahead of time, the donor(s), basket name, and basket contents, so tags can be made.

Small Quilts and Gift Baskets are very popular with our quilt show visitors. For our newer members, just a little info about this part of the show: members donate these items, tickets are sold, and lucky winners take home great stuff. Member participation has always been very good, and we are optimistic that will continue for our 2017 show. This is a very important fundraising activity for our show, with 100% of the proceeds going to the guild. We need everyone to participate to make this a success. So, finish up your quilts and work on your baskets.. If you have any questions, please contact Regina at puzzmav@verizon.net. or Rosemary at rosemarykdwyer@gmail.com.

Regards,

Rosemary and Regina

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

President Regina Apuzzo opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. with a request for volunteers for the upcoming quilt show, donations of small quilts and baskets for the auction, and batik fat quarters for a raffle basket from the quilt show personnel. Eve Vallorani noted that she will need volunteers to bring items for decorations to the quilt show on the night of set-up (Friday, October 13).

Diana Leslie distributed forms for pre-registration of quilts for the show, that are to be returned to her by August 22. This is to insure that we will have room for the quilts that members wish to submit. If you need a form, check the website under Quilt

Show forms and submit your quilts to hang in the show.

Roseanne Friehs of Hospitality asked for sign-ups for the annual guild potluck dinner in October, to be held at the Lower Makefield Masonic Lodge on Edgewood Road.

Linda introduced members who were to carry out demonstrations on the theme "sew for the show", showing how to make labels and sleeves for quilts, pincushions and demonstrations of redwork, among other artistry.

The Birches is having a Holiday craft fair on November 4, and is looking for vendors.

Linda Martin-Mills announced that author and speaker ReNae Merrill will vend at our quilt show, do demos and book signings of her new book on free motion quilting. She will also be a speaker for our guild and present a workshop in February, 2018.

Philanthropy was asked to make a coffin quilt for Neshaminy Manor, which is a quilt used to cover remains as they are removed from the premises. Sallie Lloyd was asked to make such a quilt for donation.

Melissa Curewitz was possibly looking into offering to make a T-shirt quilt to commemorate a young, 14-year-old boy from Lower Makefield who lost his life after being struck by a car while riding his bicycle. She will keep us informed on that status.

Eight quilts were donated to Quilts for Kids tonight.

Membership announced 37 members and 2 guests were present tonight. The name tag prize was won by Donna Martinez, the quilting prize went to Marian Baranosky, and the "treasurers" prize went to Roseanne Friehs.

Lower Makefield Community Pride Day will be Sunday, September 3 at the Lower Makefield Library/Pool complex on Edgewood Road from 12 til 6...the guild has obtained a table to sell raffle tickets, and Regina would like to have some volunteers to help on that day. The raffle quilt will also be exhibited for ticket sales at the Round Bobbin Quilt Shop in Hatboro on September 23 (Saturday) and at Newtown Market Day (Saturday October 7).

Show and tell included quilts by Nancy Lacey, Teresa Prescott, and Ingrida Morkeviciene (and I'm sure I missed a few others on this one).

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by Diana Leslie, recording secretary

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A QUILT SHOW by Jackie Kaizar

Preparations for our upcoming quilt show are well underway. The Masonic Hall is our venue, small quilts and baskets are being made, vendors are under contract, Aunt Sukie's is accumulating so many treasures for her Attic, the volunteer list is being filled in with happy workers, postcards and posters are being distributed, programs are being printed, prize ribbons are being created, and the pre-registration forms will soon be collected and the task of accepting quilts and placing them to their advantage will soon be underway. The white glove ladies are bleaching their gloves, the raffle quilt is ready for display, our PR people are spreading the word, decorations are being planned and the guild Café is in very capable hands. So as you can see, there already are many members working very hard to make your quilt show a success. Melissa Curewitz and Linda Martin-Mills are chairing our show and with their expertise, I know that this will be our most beautiful show to date. But we need you too!

Did you know that our first few shows were held at the Middletown Grange in Wrightstown? Our guild was in its infancy but even so, the members were enthusiastic quilters. Believe it or not, everything was hand quilted! That was long before the days of the long arm quilters and as many of you know, hand quilting a full sized quilt could take a year of labor. Those first shows highlighted the talent of our members and their dedication to the art of quilting. I believe it was for our second show, which would have been our fourth year, that we had our wooden quilt frames made. A week before the show, the set-up team got together at a member's house and learned how to construct the frames. Imagine what her neighbors thought when suddenly there was construction going on in front of her house! It looked like an old fashioned barn raising! The day of set-up finally arrived and it all went smoothly because we were all educated in how to build the frames.

These days we are renting frames and they are assembled for us. But the work doesn't stop there. Noooooo, that is just the beginning. We will need two teams: one team for set-up and one team for take-down (hanging and taking down the quilts). Anyone can help with this and the upside is that you are the first to see the show! On Friday, October 13, the Set-Up Team will take the quilts and hang or pin the quilts onto the frames. You (and your significant other) will need a ladder or stepstool (the Ladder Brigade). If you are afraid of heights, don't worry, we've got a job for you too. Also, we'll need worker bees to carry the quilts to the various rooms. We'll need people to hold the bottoms of the quilts so that they don't get soiled while hanging (I call these my Quality Control People because they make sure that our quilts stay clean and beautiful). On Sunday, October 15, at the end of the show, during Take-Down we will need the Ladder Brigade once again to unpin the small quilts and take the larger quilts off the hanging rods. The Quality Control People will again be needed for Take-down as well. We'll need those same Worker Bees to carry the quilts to Diana Leslie's Processing Team to be accounted for and wrapped for delivery to their owners.

SO HOW CAN YOU HELP BUILD THE 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: 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.