



Homemaker's Country Quilters Newsletter

Website: www.homemakerscountryquilters.org

Guild Newsletter

April, 2016

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April Meeting Linda Hahn, who designs quilt patterns which are marketed under the name Frog Hollow Designs will be our speaker for April. Linda is the author of the award winning AQS best seller "New York Beauty Diversified". "Diversified" was the Gold Medal winner in the 2013 Independent Publishers Living Now Book Awards. Her first book with AQS was "New York Beauty Simplified".

"Simplified" was the bronze medal winner in the Independent Publishers Living Now Book Awards. Linda's newest book – Rock That Quilt Block! – Weathervane is now available! This book just won the Gold Medal in the 2015 Independent Publishers Living Now Book Awards!



She will be giving us her first presentation on this new book and show the quilts associated with it.

March Program

Merry May burst onto the scene with her "Rags to Riches" lecture and followed that with an afternoon workshop on creating an original product using 25 of your blocks and 75 swapped ones. Enthusiasm was definitely present as the pictures on page 7 will show.

New Dates for 2017 Quilt Show. It is scheduled for March 24 and 25, 2017 due to the Lancaster Show dates.

HCO Meeting

April 8, 2016

at 9:30 am

Remember that *social time and library* begin at **9:00 a.m.**

Please bring non-perishable items for a food pantry – see page 3 for information

Quilting at the Frame Third Friday for hand quilting at the frame.

Hand Quilting will be done on from 10-3 on April 15 and May 20.

We would encourage all those interested to attend.

Guidelines for using or accessing the building outside of our usual meeting day.

Roberta, the facilities manager, needs to be notified if anyone is going to be in the building. Her office number is 484-973-6110 and her cell phone number is 610-733-2400 (This is the emergency number on the door). She is responsible for the integrity of the building and needs to know who is there at all times. When we leave the building, we need to leave it as we found it, which also means taking trash out to the dumpster in the back. Our officers and many committee heads are already aware of these guidelines but sometimes other members may be asked to do something at the building and would need to know. Please be respectful of the guidelines and if in doubt – check with Roberta.

An envelope will be passed around at our meeting for donations to help defray costs of the kits for Ronald McDonald quilts, especially for batting. Please plan on donating what you can

Remember our Website:

www.homemakerscountryquilters.org has a wealth of information and forms to download. Jane Nase has been working very hard to update it.

From the Ronald McDonald House of Danville's Facebook page



Hip-petty-hop! This Easter morning guests were greeted by gift bags assembled by staff and volunteers. Included in each 31 Bag was an Easter quilt especially made and donated by Homemakers Country Quilters.

Membership forms and dues are due by May. There is a membership form on page 5 for those who need it. Remember that the fee has gone up to \$30 to help cover the cost of the programs we are able to provide. See Sue Macfadden for more information. She will be collecting forms and money at the meeting.

Presidents Corner



Pat Miesse
Barb Tudgay



Another exciting program, Merry May is certainly creative and clever. We have been challenged to use our scraps!!

Our Quilt Show Chairs, Jane Humay, Jeannie Flynn and Dottie Allison are busily preparing for 2017 Show,. Remember we count on your help to make the show a success. A publicity chair is still needed. So think about it and contact one of us if you can help with this needed chair.

Please be aware of the steps in the Maple Room going up for refreshments. A few members have stumbled and we hope to avoid injuries. If you need assistance, please grab a buddy. Also, please avoid placing bags under the rail so it can be used for support.

In May we will have our Tea. This has apparently caught the imagination of all of you. So work on your recipes and for those of you who have chosen to dress we will be eager to see your hats!!
See you in April.

Redner's Tapes

Free Money! Free Money!
That is what the guild receives when we bring in Redner's register tapes
With all our collective tapes we have received between \$100 and \$200 each year. Ask your friends to save them for us also. See Jane Nase for more details.



Rada Reminder

Don't forget to order Rada for the summer. Those tomato knives will make short work of the juicy tomatoes at your picnics. See Jean Wooster.

Housekeeping Notes



Please note there will be a change
In the Treasurer, **Pat Cisek's location.**
She will be in our meeting room instead of the Walnut Room She will be available anytime before the meeting and at break to receive your HCQ bills and deposits.

Fabracadabra – a mystical word used when fabric magically appears in your stash that you forgot you bought, hid under the stairs or stashed under your bed.

Program Committee Report

Linda Brennan and
Jane Humay



We had 20 ladies stay for Merry May's workshop after our HCQ meeting last month. What a great way to use up some of our stash to make a scrap quilt! I think everyone had a good time and thanks to Merry for a great workshop. We'd love to see your projects. Why not bring them in any stage of construction to April's meeting for a special Show'N Tell. April's meeting will feature Linda Hahn, from Manalapan, New Jersey and her lecture will be "Rock that Quilt Block!" Please note this is a change from what was printed on your calendar. For more information on Linda check out her website: www.froghollowdesigns.com

Jane Nase on the website: Kudos to Jane's diligence in emailing the computer teacher at her old school, she was given a student's name who is familiar with working on websites and was told he was really good. He has already worked with her and is willing to lend his expertise for free. Due to the complexity of working with the site, this is a real find. Bravo Jane

Special Note for Refreshments - Please remember to take your left-over food and the utensils and containers home with you so the committee does not have to worry about them. If you use a container or utensil from the cabinets or drawers, please wash them and put them back. Each month there seems to be items that are unclaimed at the end of the meeting.

Thank you's received: The guild received a thank you letter from the Society of St. Vincent DePaul at St. Mary Conference in Schwenksville, PA thanking us for our kind and generous contribution of groceries and Giant gift card for their grocery distribution to the over 40 clients they donate to each month.

The Ronald McDonald House of Danville also thanked us for the on-going support of their mission of "Keeping Families Close" while they care for their ill child. They loved the beautiful quilts and pillow cases, the personal care products and the tabs. They were anxious for the families to see the Easter items. There is a picture on the first page from their Facebook page showing their gratitude for the donations. And the Director of Development was please to see the golf-themed items.

Food Donations Our donations this month go to Manna on Main Street in Lansdale. Manna on Main Street is committed to ending hunger in the North Penn region by providing food, fulfilling social service and education needs, and conducting community outreach. Through a food pantry and soup kitchen, emergency financial aid, counseling and referrals, and education opportunities, we serve those in need with the hope “that everyone might be fed.”

Immediate Needs:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Meat (canned chicken, Spam, canned ham)
- Pasta/rice
- Canned Soup (except Chicken Noodle)
- Fresh produce

Non-Food Needs:

- Larger Diaper Sizes (4,5,6) & Pull-Ups
- Toilet Paper, Tissues, Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Incontinence diapers
- Deodorant
- Shower gel
- Feminine Care
- Hair Care Items
- Cleaning Products
- Lotion, Lip Balm, Vaseline

we will accept any and all non-perishables.

Recipe from Penne Ann Ricco as requested
Line a jelly roll pan with foil. Layer SALTINES in a single layer covering the entire pan. Do not use bargain brand.

In a sauce pan, melt 2 sticks of BUTTER, then add 1/2 cup sugar or brown.

Bring to a rolling boil for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally

Pour over the saltines, spread evenly.

Bake at 400 for 10 minutes until golden brown and bubbly. Watch carefully at this point so it doesn't burn. Remove from oven and pour a 12 Oz. bag of chocolate chips, spreading evenly so they melt. Turn off the oven and put tray back in oven 3-5 minutes to help melt the chips.

Put in freezer or frig til hard. Break apart and love them!!!

Meeting with State Representative Tom Quigley

Carol Olinick joined a group from Penn State Extension and the Foundation to thank him for his support of the budget and to ask him to continue to support us next year. He was quite receptive to us.

Hospitality Ladies for April- Ladies are responsible for setting up the “goodies” and the coffee, etc. Snacks should be brought to the meeting by 8:45 and no later than 9:00 a.m. as a courtesy to our members.

April sweet snacks are being provided by Donna Fagley, Nancy Knotts, and Judy Trumbore

April non-sweet snacks will be provided by Jeannie Flynn, Annetta Derstine, and Martha Kolb

Recycle Room Collections

HelenMarie will again be collecting donations of fabric for the Recycle Room. Keep the goods coming! As usual, she will have empty boxes for you to put your “goodies” in and bring them to store for our Recycle Room. Remember to help transport these boxes to the attic during the break.

Bonanza of items obtained for the recycle room

Dottie Allison’s friend who is unable to return to her house due to illness donated fabric, notions, etc. to our recycle room. Dottie Allison, Helenmarie and Bruce Marshall, Barb and Warren Tudgay, Jane and Gene Humay, Carol Olinick, Joanne McColgan and Helen Kenna collaborated in bringing several loads of “goodies” from the friend’s house. They will be going back at least one more time. Special thanks to Bruce Marshall who realized that the troops were hungry and took orders and made a run to the Italian Deli to feed them. It was a welcome respite to the sorting and hauling. They were also able to provide the 4H with many bags of fabric that were more suited to their fabric sale. It was a labor-intensive day but well worth the effort. A second day was held adding Lynn Horng, Nannette Konstant and Janet Hague to the contributors. Both days, people stayed and help sort items, sharing appropriate things with the 4 H for their fabric sale.



This is a picture of one of the groups who went to Harrisburg to talk to the governor regarding the importance of passing the budget so we don’t lose the Penn State Extension and the 4 H programs in the state. Nannette Konstant was present.

April Birthdays

Sandee Trakat	4-7
Linda Arkens	4-8
Carol Olinick	4-8
Grace Blackmon	4-13
Cindy Wilde	4-13
Doris Channer	4-14
Ginny McCain	4-18
Barbara Garrett	4-21
Anne Fisher	4-24
Gerry Krovitskie	4-25
Evelyn McAdam	4-25
June Reigner	4-28

Two Nonagenarians in our guild

– On April 14, Doris Channer will join Evelyn McAdam (92!) as a nonagenarian. Doris will be 90. Do we have any others?

Block of the Month –

April Jane Nase and Judy Trumbore - Block of the Month It was good to see more finished beautiful quilts from BOM. Remember to bring them back to the May meeting for a group picture of all the BOM quilts.

Ronald McDonald House The Ronald McDonald committee has noticed that more labels have been handed out than quilts received. Please put those labels to good use and make a charity quilt to add to the back of those labels. Those labels cost us money, so please use them!

Seasonal quilt kits for both NEXT Christmas & NEXT Easter will be available at THIS April's meeting. Please return these finished kits on or before October 14, 2016's meeting. That way you'll have plenty of time to prepare your own quilts for the Quilt Show in March 2017.

As mentioned last month, the web address is: www.rmhdanville.org
The facebook address is: www.facebook.com/Ronald-McDonald-House-of-Danville-Inc.

Tip of the Month Lynn Horng

Do you search for your sewing notions while sewing? Here is a handy way to keep everything organized and within easy reach.

Take an embroidery hoop that you don't need and cut two cotton fabrics slightly larger than the hoop. With one fabric make pockets on the bottom half of the hoop shape, and sew to the other fabric. Position the fabric in the hoop, close it, trim, and hot glue the edges in.

I realize that this short explanation may not be adequate so please go online to youtube.com and watch Jennifer Bosworth of Shabby Fabrics demonstrate this "DIY craft tool organizer" project in patient detail at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7nVrqOSaD0>. The video is less than twelve minutes. Enjoy!

Bring your workshop project in for the meeting

Remember to bring your Rags to Riches creation from the workshop for Show and Tell. It can be in any stage of completion. We want to see it!

Special thanks to the hard working board and committee chairs

The board and committee chairs are hard at work often behind the scenes to keep our guild the well-oiled machine that it is. We have one of the better guilds in the area and they need to take a bow.

May Tea Luncheon - Remember to bring your own tea cup! Here is a list of those who are bringing food:

Soups – Kathy Graff, Dottie Allison, Pat Bochnowicz, Stephanie Berk, Janet Hague

Tea Sandwiches – Rose Warren, Becky Malick, Helen Kenna, Judy Trumbore, Jane Early, Lois Skitt, Phyllis Kershner, Trudy Puglies(?), Pat Cisek, Diane Bonck, Peggy Michener

Salads – Pat Miesse, Nannette Konstant, Carol Olinick, Barbara Fuller, Dale Souder, Gerry Krovitskie, Jean Wooster, Maryanne Wilson, Jeanne McColgan, Mary Kieras

Quiche – Linda Brennan, Helenmarie Marshall, Lois Van Erden, Sara Borr, Lynn Horng, Jane Nase, Marianne Saboe

Scones – Barb Tudgay, Jeannie Flynn, Sue MacFadden, Lynn Horng, Kathryn Satterthwaite, Donna Armstrong

Desserts – Rita Fillinger, Sharon Furner, Marcia Field, Bette Moyer, Kay S. Moyer, Sandy Johns, Jane Hertel, Lynn Horng, Stephanie Russo, Catherine Austin, Martha Kolb

Tea Pots – Angie Roman, Rose Warren, Pat Bochnowicz (2), Jane Early, Lynn Horng (2), Ginny McCain, Jackie Bresslet (2), Martha Kolb, Mary Kieras, Diane Bonck, Donna Armstrong, Linda Arkens

If you didn't get to sign up or are not on this list, feel free to bring anything on the list. It looks like we will be eating well. More information about the tea luncheon will be in the May Newsletter. We will be playing some games and optional dressing up.

**Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild
Quilt Show
Oct 21-22, 2016**

**Good Shepherd Church
Henderson Road
King of Prussia, PA**

Boyertown Historical Society The Boyertown Area Historical Society will be hosting a Quilt Show and Sale in celebration of Boyertown's 150 Birthday on Friday September 16th and Saturday the 17th. Interested parties e mail Gretchen at GLEa316@comcast.net

The People's Place Quilt Museum
Contacts
Website:
www.ppquiltmuseum.com
Phone: (800) 828-8218
Location: Old Country Store--2nd Floor, 3510 Old Philadelphia Pike, Intercourse, 17534
Hours: Mon - Sat 9 - 5

HOMEMAKER'S COUNTRY QUILTERS MEMBERSHIP DUES \$30.00 Annual Dues payable Now
(Checks Payable to Homemakers Country Quilters)

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ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TOWNSHIP/BORO/COUNTY _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL _____

PLEASE CHECK BOX BELOW ONLY IF YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, or EMAIL HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR

ADDRESS _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

BIRTHDAY: MONTH _____ DAY _____ ACTIVE MEMBER _____

30+ YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP _____ ASSOCIATE MEMBER _____

NQA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (If applicable) _____

LIST OTHER QUILT GUILDS/ASSOCIATIONS TO WHICH YOU BELONG _____

YES ___ or NO ___ I give permission to publish my picture or quilt in the HCQ website or Facebook.

Return this form and your payment BEFORE April 30TH to:

**Sue Macfadden
525 Dock Way
Lansdale, PA 19446**

Homemakers Country Quilters Emergency Contact Information - Please complete:
Please include a phone number that is **useable during our meeting.**

Your Name _____

Contact person name and phone number _____

Alternate contact person and number _____

March Minutes *submitted by Dorothy Allison*

Call to Order at 9:30 AM by Barb Tudgay, Co-President.

Birthday wishes were extended to the March members with a special note of good wishes to Doris Channer who will be 90 in April.

Comments of note by the Co-President were: Annual **Dues** will be increased to \$30 to be effective with the current renewal. Dues will be accepted this month and at the April meeting. They can be mailed in the interim.

Minutes of the February meeting were accepted as printed in the Newsletter. Motion to accept was made by Pat Bochnowicz and seconded by Pat Cisek.

Treasurer's Report was accepted as distributed. Motion to accept was made by Carol Olinick and seconded by Judy Trumbore.

Attendance was **73** members and **3** guests.

Community Cupboard: Phylliss Carnahan reported. Items will go to St. Isadore's in Quakertown this month and to Manna on Main Street, Lansdale, next month.

Block of the Month: Jane Nase asked all participants to bring their quilts next month.

Tip of the Month: Lynn Horng presented the construction of a circle within a square” with the comment it is not as easy as it looks”. Directions will be in the Newsletter.

Membership: Sue MacFadden will be collecting dues during the break.

Luncheon: Angela Roman asked that each person bring her own Tea Cup and also, requested Teapots. A sheet was circulated asking that members sign up for specific food categories for the luncheon. When possible bring your item in a crock pot. There are ovens and microwaves for the purpose of reheating.

Quilting Bee: Marianne Saboe stated that the quilt to be raffled is titled “Stars Over Annundale”. There will be no hand quilting on the third Friday of March because the room is not available.

Ronald Mc Donald: Rita Fillinger reported on a visit and delivery of quilts and pillowcases to the house in Danville. She stated dates by which the quilts will be needed in order to have a sufficient number and also, not interfere with the biennial Quilt Show.

The next delivery is planned for October. A free will monetary donation will be requested two times (April and October) in order to help offset the cost of the pre-made kits that are now provided. A thank you note from the Director of Danville was read. Thank yous were extended to Kathy Groff and Rita for their continuing efforts for the Ronald McDonald House on behalf of the Homemaker's Country Quilters.

Back to the Future: Jane Humay thanked the presenters for last month and stated that the program is complete for this year and will resume next year.

April Program will be Linda Hahn speaking on stash

Quilt Show: Two subcommittee chairs are still needed. One is “final touches” and the other is “publicity”. Publicity needs to be filled soon because postcards showing the quilt need to be ready for distribution at the various quilt shows. Raffle ticket sales begin at the 4 H Show in August.

Following **Show and Tell**, the meeting was **adjourned** at 11:40 AM.

Program: Merry May presented a program showing scrap quilts including some with her own techniques.

Coffee Cake from Barbara Fuller

As requested

Ingredients:

¼ c. of butter

1 c. of sugar

2 eggs

1 tsp baking soda

2 c flour

½ tsp salt

1 c sour cream

1 tsp vanilla

1 can whole cranberry sauce

½ c chopped walnuts

Icing

¼ c powdered

sugar

1 Tble water

½ tsp almond or

lemon extract

Cream butter and sugar.

Add unbeaten eggs (ONE AT A TIME).

Mix dry ingredients. Add alternately dry ingredients and Sour cream. Add vanilla and nuts.

Pour into a greased 8 or 9 inch tube pan.

First a layer of batter then a layer of cranberry sauce (I first poured the cranberry sauce into a small bowl and loosen it up with a fork before I layered it onto The batter).

Repeat ending with a layer of batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes. Cool for 5 to 10 minutes.

Loosen With a knife. Cool on a rack. Mix icing ingredients and drizzle over the cake.

Merry May's workshop participants hard at work creating!



Join us to participate in Pottsgrove Manor's Annual Colonial May Fair! 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday, May 7, 2015

Pottsgrove Manor is seeking quality craftspeople and vendors to participate at Pottsgrove Manor's Colonial May Fair. This is an invitation for those whose talents we would like to showcase at this event, and whose crafts are in keeping with the era of the historic site and spirit of the event. If you would like to participate, please contact us by phone, **and** send back this registration (by regular mail or email.) We look forward to having you join us at this year's fair! If you have not participated in the fair before, you are requested to send photographs, brochures, press releases, research, articles, and/or any written or published literature relating to your work and/or demonstration All photographs will be returned on the day of the fair or mailed at your request to your home or business. We encourage our vendors to represent historically-clothed craftspeople, to enhance the experience of a colonial fair.

THERE IS NO FEE TO PARTICIPATE IN POTTS GROVE MANOR'S COLONIAL MAY FAIR! You may demonstrate, and/or sell your crafts in this public venue. *Vendor's /Crafter's Information*

Please fill out the following and return by April 15, 2016

(Type or print all information requested.):

Company Name _____

Contact Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

What is the best way to reach you?

Telephone (Day) _____ **(Evening)** _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Exhibit/Demonstration information: Costumed _____ **Non-costumed** _____

CRAFT: _____

Do you plan to: Exhibit/Sell _____, **Exhibit/Demonstrate** _____, **Exhibit/Demonstrate/Sell** _____

Please state the size of exhibition/demonstration space needed: _____ ft. by _____ ft.

(Please note: You must provide your own tentage, tables and chairs)

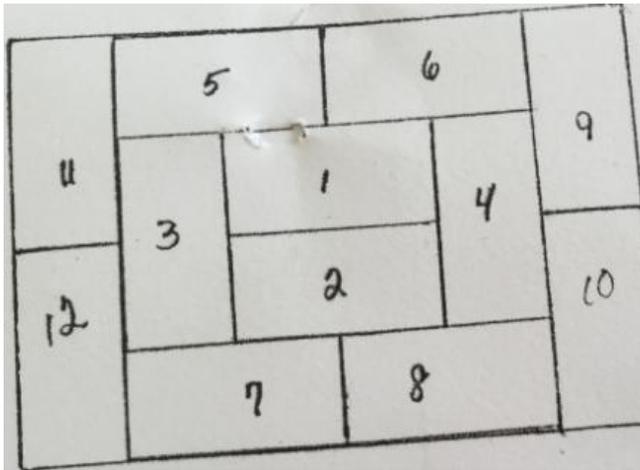
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Lois Skitt was asked to provide the pattern for the Sourdough Charm Quilt that she showed during Show and Tell. "The Recipe" follows with a diagram of the layout. Lois or Diane Bonck will be glad to answer questions.



From the kitchen of The Loose Threads Quilters' Guild

Recipe: Sourdough Charm Quilt

Materials: pre-cut 1 ½" by 2 ½" rectangles – sourdough starter diagram – see above

- **Instructions:** Sew the short side of three 1 ½ by 2 ½ rectangles into a strip
- Sew the long side of this strip to side 5-6 of the starter
- Make another strip and sew to side 7-8 of the starter
- Make two more strips of three rectangles each
- Sew the long side to 9-10 and 11-12 of the starter
- Repeat, increasing the # of rectangles by 1 each time until the top is the size that you wish

Yield: One charm quilt – size is up to you. Have fun!!!

