



Homemaker's Country Quilters Newsletter

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Guild Newsletter

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We have General Chairpersons for our Quilt Show! Dorothy Allison and Jane Humay have consented to be the chairs of the 2017 Quilt Show. They are both experienced quilters and office holders. Dorothy is the current secretary and Jane is the current co-chair of the program committee. Let's give them a shout-out!



First official duty is that on March 11 at 8:30 we plan to hand out notebook to the Quilt Chairs at 8:30 in the Oak Room.

January Program - The first of the Back to the Future round robins was held. In each of the rooms, the groups sat and listened to the knowledgeable presenters, Kay Bachkai, Betty Moyer, Mary Kieras, and Stephanie Berk on the different ways of doing appliqué. Each one came prepared with samples, advice and lots of good ideas. It was interesting to see the sometimes subtle differences in the different kinds.

For the afternoon session, there were about 20 - 25 people at 1 pm which decreased to 10 at 2 pm. Those who stayed seemed to really enjoy the session. The session featured "hands on" and that is always the best.

Many members expressed the wish they could have stayed for the afternoon and were planning to stay for the February afternoon session.

Emergency Information: In case of a weather emergency, we follow the local school district which is announced on the radio. Our local School District is Perkiomen Valley and our number is 317. No meeting will be held if there is a 2 hour delay or it is closed. Emails will be sent as soon as a decision is made. If you do not have email and need a call, please contact someone who does have email.

February Program

Jane Nase and Jane Humay will demonstrate two methods of making folded/three-dimensional flowers; and Marcia Field will give a trapunto demonstration. Workshops will again follow after lunch for those desiring to try their hand at what was demonstrated. See the program committee column for more information about the supplies needed for the afternoon.

Address Change

Our co-president, Pat Miesse has moved. Her new address is: 86 Willow Way Meadowood Lansdale, PA 19446-5870 and her new phone number is 610-584-3758.

We wish Pat and her hubby well in their new "digs."

Easter Quilts

Remember to bring back the Easter quilts for the Ronald McDonald House at the February meeting so we can deliver them in time for Easter

HCO Meeting

February 12, 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 following the meetings on Fridays – consider staying and learning

Afternoon Session in February for Back to the Future practicing one on one. Bring lunch

Third Friday for hand quilting at the frame with the exception of March (room is rented) So Hand Quilting will be done on from 10-3 on Feb. 19, April 15, May 20. We would encourage all those interested to attend.

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.

Presidents Corner



Pat Miesse
Barb Tudgay



We are looking forward to more good basic quilting information in our Back to the Future Series! Last month was wonderful learning 3 different applique techniques. This month can only enhance our abilities. Breaking into smaller groups provided us with a chance to speak with members we might not have met before. Good fellowship!

Thanks to the gals that stayed to hand quilt at the frame. Six women stayed till 3 pm their work is looking lovely. Now this month they will be meeting on 3rd Friday so hopefully lots of quilting will be accomplished, that is Feb. 19, 10 – 3.

We do have some very exciting news to announce, Jane Humay and Dottie Allison have agreed to be our Co-Chairs for the Quilt Show in 2017. Most of you at least have seen them if not spoken with them. Both these women have impressive ideas and are easy to work with! Perhaps a third person would be willing to join to make it a trio heading the group. There are still Committee Chairs that are needed

On March 11 at 8:30 there will be a short meeting in the Oak Room to distribute note books to Committee Chairs.

See you Feb. 12.

Merry May has lived in Tuckahoe, NJ for nearly all of her life. She studied Graphic Design at the University of Delaware, and later earned her Associate's Degree in Art from Southwestern College in San Diego. She has worked with graphic design since she was a child, designing posters for numerous occasions, doing murals for private clients, and taking every art class possible through high school.

In addition to being a well known quilting and sewing instructor, she is also a lecturer, designer, author, commission quilter, quilt historian, guest curator, and fabric & button hoarder.



Housekeeping Notes \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Treasurer, **Pat Cisek** will be in the Walnut room from 8:30 – 9:15 am and for 15 minutes at the end of the meeting to receive your HCQ bills and deposits. No bills will be accepted or checks written during the meeting, break or program.

The monthly treasurer's report will be on the last page of the newsletter.

Program Committee Report

Linda Brennan and
Jane Humay



We hope you had fun and learned something new from our "Back to the Future" (BTF) round robin presentations last month. We sure did! The feedback we received was very positive and we agreed that the experience of trying a new method of appliqué was very educational. Now, just use the method you liked best, or use a combination, and get busy!

February will be more of the same in a round robin format for our program part of the meeting. Jane Nase and Jane Humay will demonstrate two methods of making folded/three-dimensional flowers; and Marcia Field will give a trapunto demonstration. Workshops will again follow after lunch for those desiring to try their hand at what was demonstrated. If you plan on attending the workshops please bring the following: **Your lunch and your basic sewing kit. Also, you are asked to bring 8 - 8" squares (4 lights and 4 darks) - and a compass/protractor if you have one. Also any 1/2 inch buttons for flowers you might want to bring.**

Merry May will be our speaker in March with her presentation - "**Rags to Riches: The Scrap Quilt.**" Merry is a very well known personality in our mid-Atlantic area (and beyond) and she gives a very delightful and entertaining program that you don't want to miss. After this program in the afternoon she will direct a half day workshop based on her morning presentation on scrap quilting. **We will be taking reservations at the February meeting and class fees will be due before the workshop.** A materials list will be forthcoming.

Rags to Riches: The *Scrap Quilt* quilts have been made for hundreds of years; sometimes out of necessity, sometimes just for fun. Today, scrap quilts are still as popular as ever, but many people struggle with deciding what fabrics to use - or not use - in their quilts, whether they are scrappy or not. The focus is on working more instinctively with color, rather than getting bogged down with complicated color wheel terminology.

Merry May is teaching her scrap quilting at a workshop after the meeting in March. The cost of the workshop will depend on the number of members who choose to take. Come prepared to sign up at the February meeting. This is another chance to take a class with a renowned quilt instructor at a reasonable price and at a convenient place.

Food Donations The February food collection will go to Saint Mary, Schwenksville, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international, nonprofit Catholic organization of lay people whose purpose is to seek, by person-to-person involvement, to help the needy and suffering. A large part of our SVDP ministry at St. Mary's is the distribution of non-perishable groceries and household supplies through our monthly collections, but we also do much more.

We provide many families with baby formula and diapers and with the money we collect from the poor boxes and parishioner donations, we provide financial assistance with rent, utility bills, car repairs, medications, grocery certificates, clothing and furniture. We also deliver Angel Tree gifts at Christmas, Easter baskets to area nursing homes, visit the homebound and provide transportation.

In 1883 Frederick Ozanam, a student of the University of Paris founded a charitable organization to serve the needs of the poor during the industrial revolution. The group took as its patron the French priest. St. Vincent de Paul. Today there are over 4,300 active conferences in this country with about 65,000 active members. Annually the Society distributes over \$100 million in direct aid to the poor in the USA.

At this time St. Mary's pantry is low on can soup, can foods such as ravioli and spaghetti and cereal. We thank you in advance for any contribution you can make.

Marianne Saboe will be transporting the donations.

Recycle Room Collections

HelenMarie will be collections donations of fabric for the Recycle Room. Keep the goods coming! Remember that she will have empty boxes for you to put your "goodies" in and bring them to store for our Recycle Room. Hopefully you used some of your "snowed in" time to find some donations in your stash!



This is biggest moneymaker for our show. We need your excess stash! We are known all over the area for the quality of our goods.

Remember to help transport these boxes to the attic during the break.

Rotary Blade Care

Be sure to wipe the blade and clean your rotary cutter properly after each cutting session, otherwise lint will build up on it and affect its cutting performance.

Hospitality Ladies for February - 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.

February sweet snacks are being provided by Lois Skitt, Marianne Saboe, Donna Armstrong

February non-sweet snacks will be provided by Lois VanEerden, Janet Hague, Cynthia Wilde

Tip of the Month *Lynn Horng*

Instead of a specific "tip of the month," I'm sending a website that contains a treasure trove of tips, most of them pretty good if not necessarily all original.

Here it is:

http://www.fonsandporter.com/articles/quilting_tips

It makes a nice evening of relaxing reading.

At the February meeting I'll try to demonstrate one or two of the tips that appeal most to me.

If the newsletter comes out before the meeting and any member has time to read the website and has a favorite tip, she can email me and I can mention it or perhaps even demonstrate it at the meeting on Feb. 12.

Quilting at the Frame *Marianne Saboe*

A special "Thank You" to all the ladies who organized the "Third Friday". We appreciate all who came to learn or to quilt. We are trying to finish the quilt in the frame so we can sell chances for it at the 4-H fair.

We also have another 4-H quilt in a smaller frame and we plan to work on this in the summer. As I mentioned before we have another set of blocks donated to us by Dorothy Allison just waiting to be put together. If you have not joined a committee yet, perhaps you might be interested in looking at the blocks. Completion of these quilts is a very important part of our guild's work. We need the financial support and the recognition the quilts give us. We will still be staying after the regular meeting to work on the large quilt since the frame has been already set up. Bring a sandwich and join us if you can.

My stash is strangling me *found on the*

internet... I feel I have to hoard fabrics in case the fabric industry suddenly dries up. I feel like I am stocking my quilting room like the bomb shelters in the 50's. And if I concentrate on just what I should buy - it will either be too much, not enough or won't match what I need. So the solution is to let the fabric live in the store until I need it!

February Birthday

Celebrants

Marion Hentz	2-8
Caroline Wagner	2-8
Judy Trumbore	2-10
Eva Beagle	2-15
Christina Perrone	2-15
Penne Ann Ricco	2-17
Pauline Walton	2-21

Ronald McDonald House

Thank you to all members who took Easter quilt kits. They will be due at February's meeting. They will be delivered before March's meeting!

Remember to sign and sew the label (included) to the back of the quilt.

Keep in mind, the families and children love these quilts!

As always, quilt kits are available every month. Don't forget to sign them out and back in when finished. Labels are in a red box, on the front right table, at every meeting. Panel quilts are available to practice your hand or machine quilting.

Tip for borders

Keep your quilt borders simple. Too elaborate a border can overwhelm the central sections and make your quilt appear unbalanced. Often using similar shapes and colors as those in the rest of the quilt can help your border blend better with the overall look of your quilt.

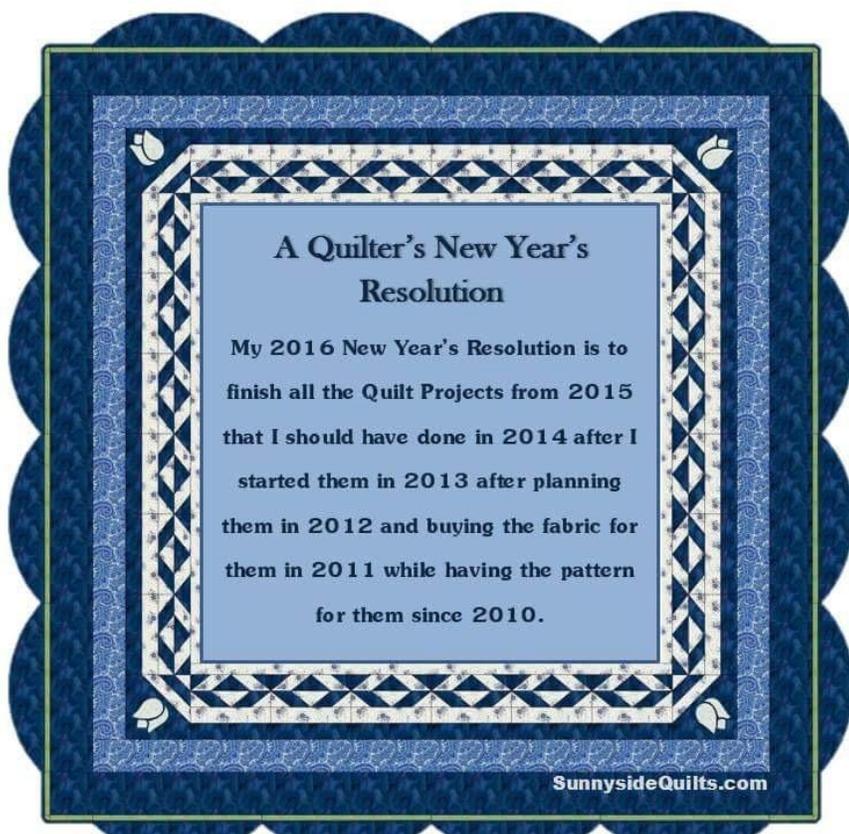
Block of the Month – February Jane Nase and Judy Trumbore - Block of the Month Dazzling jewel tones, vibrant pink, sophisticated batiks and dynamic red, white and black are just a few of the Block of the Month quilts showcased this past month. Keep them coming ladies. They look great. Please bring them back for a BOM group picture in May.

For smoother hand sewing:

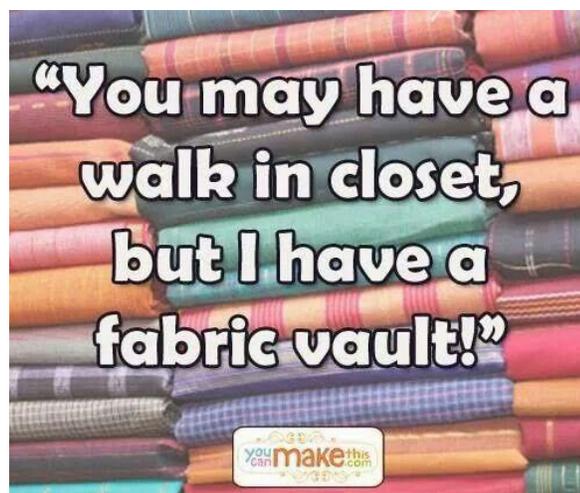
- Use beeswax to pull the thread through.
- Use a dryer sheet to pull the thread through
- Run the needle through your hair to oil the metal a bit.

Quilters' Laws

- Remember there are no rules about what you can create through quilting. Experiment, learn new skills, practice them, and HAVE FUN.
- The quilt police do not come to inspect your work
- Quilting should be relaxing.



Submitted by Marion Hentz for our new year's contemplation.



Our preview in preparation for the 60th PA MCC Relief Sale will be held: 2016 QUILT PREVIEW

March 3, 4, 5

Thursday and Friday 9 am - 8 pm

Saturday 9 am - 3 pm

* **View** over 100 of the quilts to

be sold at the Pennsylvania Relief Sale, free admission

* **Shop** Quilters' Corner - unfinished quilt projects, orphan blocks, vintage items, books, patterns, magazines, linens, quilting tools, fabrics, and supplies.

***Shop** the MRC warehouse – gifts, books and other treasures

LOCATION:

Material Resources Center

517 W. Trout Run Road

Ephrata, PA 17522

(717) 733-2847

2016 Pennsylvania Relief Sale April 1 & 2

Harrisburg Farm Show Complex

Benefits Mennonite Central Committee

Thanks - Sharon Swartzentruber, Quilt Committee Chair

March 16-19, 2016

AQS Quilt Week

Lancaster Convention Center

25 S Queen St, Lancaster, PA

17603

www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster

March 16-19 2016

26th Annual Lancaster Show

The Continental Inn

2285 Lincoln Hwy E, Lancaster,

PA 17602

www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com

Something Wonderful -

February 27, 2016.

Presented by Undercover Quilters, a yearly event with mini-workshops, inspirational displays and a speaker.

Request a registration form at

<http://undercoverquilters.com/something-wonderful.html>.

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

Email: Phone: , (800) 828-

8218 Location: Old Country

Store--2nd Floor, 3510 Old

Philadelphia Pike, Intercourse,

17534

Hours: Mon - Sat 9 - 5

Rolling sewing machine tote for sale \$25.00. See Jane Nase



17.5 long

10.5 wide

14 high

Fits

standard

machines

Antique Quilts in the

Mansion March 14-19, 2016,

Antique Quilts in the Mansion,

Lancaster County's Historic Poole

Forge, A collection of antique quilts

dating from the 1800's-1950's, Route

23, 3 miles east of Shady Maple in

village of Churchtown

Wanted – Information about quilt shows, quilt shops, etc that you have found interesting. Email them to olinickc@aol.com and they will be shared.

March 4-5, 2016, **There's No Place Like Home Quilt Show,**

Susquehanna Valley Quilt Guild,

Hughesville Fire Hall, Railroad and

Water Street, Hughesville, PA

Winters Heritage House Museum Quilt Show

Contacts

sclarke15@embarqmail.com

Phone: Sarah Clarke,

(717) 367-4672

Location: Winters Heritage

House Museum, 47 E. High St.,

Elizabethtown, 17022

Admission: \$3

Sponsored by: Winters

Heritage House Museum,

Elizabethtown,

Stop in to tour a fabulous

harvest of local antique and

modern quilts on display

Contact for current information

Call to Order: at 9:30 AM by Co-President, Pat Miesse.

Birthday wishes were extended to the January members.

Minutes of the December 11, 2015 meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Motion made by Jeanne Flynn and seconded by Dot Cutler.

Treasurer 's Report was accepted as included in the minutes. Motion was made by Helen Kenna and seconded by Jane Humay.

Attendance: 74 members and 1 guest were present.

Membership: Membership books are available and one must sign for her copy. Thank you to Sandy Johns for the donation.

Tip of the Month: Lynn Horng showed and explained how to make a pentagon template with paper, pencil and scissors. She also recommended the fabric4less website for economical, quality fabric. Purchase of the full bolt is required.

RADA: Jean Wooster has a new catalog and new items. Specialty items must be ordered.

Quilting Bee: Connie Landis requested the need for a third Friday for hand quilting and a continuing need for more participants. Two quilts need hand quilting. The first quilt that needs to be completed is the 2017 HCQ raffle quilt but it needs to be finished for display at the 2016 4H Fair when ticket sales begin. A second raffle quilt needs to be completed for the 2017 4H Fair.

Community Cupboard: Pat Bochnowicz stated that today's collection will go to the Emmanuel Church in Hatfield. A thank you note was received from the Keystone Opportunity Center in Souderton for December donations.

Block of the Month: The directions for the fifth month were available.

Hospitality: No report.

Sunshine: Irene Ferguson fell and broke her hip. She is rehabilitating at Peter Becker. Helenmarie had cataract surgery today.

Ronald McDonald: Easter Quilt kits are due by February 12, 2016.

Opportunity Basket: It was won by Katherine Austin.

Quilt Show: Many of the 2015 Quilt Show committee members have agreed to continue in that role for the 2017 Quilt Show.

Quilt Show leadership and a few subcommittee jobs still need to be filled. It is important that we have a successful show. The goal after the 2017 Quilt show is to make a \$9000.00 donation to the 4 H Center which would compensate for our room usage.

New Business: The cost of the use of the rooms at the 4H Center was discussed. We give a sizable donation following each biennial Quilt Show and this is a major reason why we need to make the Quilt Show successful. The Foundation board has assured us we are not in any danger of being charged for the use of our rooms. While at the present time we are exempt from paying for the use of the rooms but it is important that we show "good faith" by judicious use of the rooms. The Foundation board has assured us we are not in any danger of being charged for the use of our rooms. It was determined that we can reduce the using of multiple rooms by combining some activities.



Marcia Field is definitely an overachiever. She not only brought an example of the two year project that the Back to the Future group is sponsoring, she brought a finished product. Her beautiful wall hanging emphasizes the skills that we will be learning.

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Jane Nase
from Face
book



Tip from last month

When appliquéing, use thread that matches the color of the patch and not the background fabric.

Show and Tell is a very important part of each meeting. Our members get to showcase their creations and the audience gets to rightfully applaud their efforts. Some people think this is the backbone of the meeting.



From HelenMarie's Facebook page. Tiny Tree

Register Report - Jan 2016

Treasurer's Report for January submitted by Pat Cisek

1/1/2016 through 1/31/2016

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 12/31/2015					7,561.27
		Presidential			
1/8/2016	1821	Printing	new photo directory frame for hickory rm	Membership Committee	-625
1/8/2016	1822	Jane Nase	display	Miscellaneous	-6.24
1/8/2016	1824	Rose Warren	Nov & Dec	Newsletter	-41.52
1/8/2016	1825	Sue Macfadden	gift for glynnis	Membership Committee	-50
1/11/2016		Ann Fisher	Jan Basket	Opportunity Basket Income	47
BALANCE 1/31/2016					6,885.51
TOTAL INFLOWS					47
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					-722.76