



Homemaker's Country Quilters Newsletter

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Guild Newsletter

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Collegeville, PA



November Program - Joyce Hughes My Journey into Quilting

She is a self taught quilter and fiber artist. Her first quilt was a tee-shirt quilt, which she enjoyed making, but felt limited in the ability to express her artistic capabilities. Within several months, she began to design pictorial landscape quilts using raw edge appliqué, thread painting, and a variety of embellishments. She never knew the "rules", so she broke a lot of them.



Come and see her exciting results. She designs handbags, art bags and art quilts using new techniques with added dimension and texture.

Jeannie Flynn's Demonstration

Our own Jeannie Flynn will be demonstrating "The New Hexie" at a free workshop beginning as soon as possible after a quick lunch. Supplies needed are listed in the program committee report on page 2.



This is a sample of something you can make in Jeannie's free workshop

HCO Meeting November 11, 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 – Daily Bread will receive this month's donations. As the weather gets colder, more food is needed. See page 3 for information **Show and Tell** is held at each meeting.

Quilting at the Frame Third Friday for hand quilting at the frame. Check with Marianne Saboe or Connie Landis for the times and dates. We would encourage all those interested to attend.

October Doings – Two more of our own creative members stepped up at the October meeting.

Judy Trumbore ran a well attended successful workshop on her spiral table topper workshop. (This was her second workshop - back by popular demand) Participants are asked to bring their creations to be shown at the November meeting.



Kathy Graff introduced a new Ronald McDonald three color half-square triangle quilt pattern to the group. Two new members, **Darlene Hofmeister** and **Peggy Melachrinos**, volunteered as quilt top holders to show how the pattern could be varied by using the three colors in different ways.

It sure is wonderful to see so many of our members are willing to share their talents with the group. This is what a guild is really about.



Christmas Stockings for Ronald McDonald House – they will hang on the doors of the family units on Christmas morning stuffed with goodies.

Presidents Corner



Pat Miesse
Barb Tudgay



Our meeting in October was different; no doubt the gals taking the workshop were delighted to have the extra time. In November we will be back to the usual structure of a lecture and business meeting. Our creative juices will be flowing.

As always we are impressed with your participation in the group. The help Joan Landis' daughter received about her unfinished quilts was heartwarming. Also two gals agreed to help Angie Roman with Hospitality. If possible we would encourage two more ladies to join the group.

The sale of Shirts promoting the club was over the top. When the members start wearing their Club shirts all of you will want to order!

Do remember to take a look at the RADA booklets and place an order with Jean. This is a fund raiser for the Club and the knives are wonderful they do a great job for a little price.

Please remember to purchase items for the Martin Luther Silver Springs School and bring them unwrapped to the November meeting to help make the children's holiday brighter.

Pat and Barb

FYI: Barb will be traveling from Oct. 26 to Nov. 13, if you have a question or an addition to our meeting, please contact Pat at pmiesse4@gmail.com

Reminder: *from HelenMarie Marshall*

Remember to bring in those choice pieces from your stash that you are not planning on using to be marked and measured for our Recycle Room at the Quilt Show. Time is marching on and it will be March before we know it. If you haven't thought of us – start thinking. Quilting items and quilting cottons are really appreciated. There is usually a line down the hall before the recycle room opens with people anxious to add to their stashes. It is our biggest contributor to the quilt show proceeds. This is the money we need to get quality speakers and meet our budget for the next two years. Fill those boxes and bring them in.

Any member can place an ad for any quilt related services or merchandise.

Program Committee Report

Linda Brennan and
Jane Humay



First, a huge thank you to Judy Trumbore for her excellent Spiral Table Runner workshop last month. She is an excellent teacher. If you didn't sign-up you missed "the deal of the century" as workshops go! We all had a lot of fun and fellowship while learning a new technique. Ladies please bring your table runner in any stage of completion to the November meeting for Show 'n Tell.

Our program this month is "My Journey Into Quilting" presented by Joyce Hughes. She's a self-taught quilter and fiber artist from Warminster, PA. She designs handbags, art bags and art quilts and has won numerous awards, recognitions and opportunities in the quilting world. Visit her website for more information: www.joycehughesoriginals.com Joyce will be returning on April 21, 2017 to give a "Basic Thread Painting" workshop - so mark your calendars now!

Also, this month, our own Jeannie Flynn will be demonstrating "The New Hexie" at a free workshop beginning as soon as possible after a quick lunch. BRING YOUR LUNCH. Supplies needed are as follows: 1) Compass or anything that can be used as a circle template i.e. round cookie cutter, canning jar lid, old CD's, etc. A 3 inch circle will make about a 1 1/2 inch hexagon. 2) Scissors, paper, pencils, thimble, hand sewing needle and thread to match fabric or a neutral color. 3) Small fabric pieces in assorted colors that are large enough to cut out the circle sizes you bring 4) green bias tape for the stems. 5) 1/2 yard pre-quilted fabric for background.

Long Arm Quilting Sew Be It

Nannette Konstant Nannette, a member of the guild since 1988 does long arm quilting for "pin money."

I will quilt your quilt the way I would my own. Whether you want custom or pantographs, see me for a good job. I welcome questions – home 215-233-9318 or cell 215-828-7556



Martin Luther Silver Springs Christmas Wish List - Each year we donate gifts to Martin Luther Silver Springs School to help brighten their holiday. They ask that they not be wrapped. We would like them brought to the November meeting and we will see that they are delivered in time for the holidays. In the spirit of condensing the list, I am listing things that they do NOT accept. In general: no wires for remotes, no glass bottles and not spray bottles, no spiral bound journals and no weapons. The gifts are items in the clothing line like sweatshirts and t-shirts, slider sandals, baseball hats, pajama sets, watches, sports attire, novelty and sports socks and headbands and accessories. They also want large and medium stuffed animals, dream lites or twilight turtles, fuzzy posters, beyblades and accessories, art sets, sculpey clay sets, super hero figures, radio controlled vehicles and robots, matchbox or hot wheels sets and also race track sets for them, baby dolls (can be ethnic), games, lego sets, scooters with helmets and protective pads, adult coloring books, Minecraft toys, children's DVD's (G or PG), playing cards, batteries, crayons, colored pencils and washable markers, football cards, Pokemon cards, fun lip gloss, novelty tooth paste and tooth brushes, light-up bouncy balls, and non-spiral journals for boys and girls. They will also accept gift cards so they can buy things to give to families.



As mentioned in the October newsletter, this modern interpretation of a 16th century work of art by Albrecht Durer referred to as **Randy the Rhino** was auctioned at the Houston Zoo's annual Wild Life Conservation Gala, the funds going to support rhino conservation programs in Africa and Asia. Creator Nannette Konstant reported that it **sold for \$3000**.

Food Pantry Information This month's food pantry is the **Daily Bread Community Food Pantry** (formerly the Jerusalem Lutheran Food Pantry) in the Perkiomen Valley area. Last month over 248 families came to them for help with food. Supplies are running very low but due to the kindness of donations they always seem to have just enough food and never had to turn a family away without food. The shelves are bare for many items such as juice, canned fruit, canned tomato products, canned pasta, cake/cookie/brownie mixes, canned meats (Spam, chicken, ham etc) and vegetables. They also provide personal care items not covered by food stamps such as toilet paper, feminine care items, diapers, and hygiene supplies. The attempt to provide every needy family a week's worth of emergency food. They will support families who just miss the poverty threshold for state and federal food by giving them food from donations. Rose Warren and Carol Olinick will deliver this month's donations.

Christmas Gifts

Don't forget that we have a great selection of Rada items (and we can order from the catalogue) available for great Christmas gifts. Tomato knives and some of the other great knives are wonderful gifts.

Also we have advanced tickets for the quilt show that you can slip in the stockings of your friends and family.

You can get raffle tickets for those stockings also.

Corrections to Membership List

New member: **Marty Cahill**
Her correct email is mcahill@Verizon.net.
Please correct your membership lists. Also please let us know if your information changes.

November Birthdays

Jane Hartel	11-5	Bette Moyer	11-14
Kay Suzie Moyer	11-7	Anna Jones	11-14
Barbara Fuller	11-13	Debbie Freed	11-19
Sandra Johns	11-13	Mary Kieras	11-20
Nannette Konstant	11-13	Jean Harned	11-23
Cindy Korbelak	11-13	Janice Hossler	11-29

Take note of the quadruplets born on the 13th and the twins born on the 14th.



From our website: First picture of our 2019 raffle quilt! What a wealth of items available on our website.

How to access the HCQ website to get QS Registration Form Jane Nase

Type in www.homemakerscountryquilters.org Click the return key on your keyboard.

The website will come up and you will see a list of tabs which open up different pages on the site.

Home, What's New, 2017 Quilt Show, About HCQ, Block of the Month, Show and Tell, Our Activities and Charities, Newsletters, Quilt shows 2013, 2015, Members Only, and Contact Us.

Click on **Members Only** tab. You will find a list of options. Scroll down to the paragraph labeled Quilt Show Registration Form. Go to the end of the paragraph. Move the cursor over the blue **QS Registration Form** link. Click on it. The form should appear on your computer screen and print as many as you need. Make sure you read and print the **QS Registration Guidelines 2017** which is on the same line. This form explains the process of registration. If you have any problems, ask a teenager ☺ OR Move your cursor to the Contact Us tab, click on it, type your information in the box, type the Captcha Code and click on submit. The question will come to me and I will respond.

Former HCQ sister dies from Marion Hentz
A former HCQ sister, Joan A. Faulkner, died on October 13. She had moved to Manheim from Harleysville. Memorial services will be announced at a later date; memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. She joined HCQ in 1998, was in our 10/12 pictorial directory, but not our 1/16 directory.

Tip of the month from the October meeting Lynn Horng

Olfa cutting mats love moisture. It is recommended that you soak your mat from time to time. Your self-healing mat loves moisture. To soak it, put your mat in a bathtub or large container (large enough for it to lay flat) and soak it for 15 to 20 minutes in a solution of ¼ cup white vinegar to every gallon of cool water – let me repeat, **cool water**. Do this every so often to help extend its useful life.

Then use a squirt of mild dishwashing soap and clean the mat with a mushroom brush (soft is the key word here). The purpose of his gentle scouring is to remove fibers that get caught in the cuts and keep the mat from healing.

Keep them clean, keep them moist, keep them flat and no heat. Your cutting mat is not a coaster.

Tip of the Month Lynn Horng

At the Valley Forge Quilt Show in their Recycle Room I picked up a piece of foundation cotton fabric for piecing triangles, and was so intrigued by it that I went home and googled the name along the selvedge to find what else is there.

What a treasure trove if you like to use foundation piecing! The best part of using cotton fabric as a foundation as opposed to paper piecing is that you don't have to remove the paper when you're finished the block. (Yes, I know there is a paper piecing method where you fold the paper back rather than stitch through it.) And, your finished quilt will have a bit of extra insulation.

You can get all kinds of foundation patterns by googling "Benartex Foundation by the Yard." I came up with <http://quiltbug.com/fabric/foundation.htm> and <http://www.quiltknit.com/Foundation-Fabric> where you can buy 45" x 46" panels for \$10.25 each before shipping. With an added border that size might be perfect for making your next baby quilt.

At <https://www.wyomingquilting.com> you can buy it by the yard, in increments of 1/8 yard, for \$9.25 before shipping per yard or per panel.

Also, <http://www.benartex.com/fabric-gallery.html> offers 226 free quilt patterns with detailed instructions in color. You can download or print out each one.

If anyone knows of a fabric store within a reasonable driving distance from Montgomery County that carries Benartex "Foundation by the Yard" please let us know, as some may prefer to see the fabric in person rather than take a chance of ordering online.

Ronald McDonald House News Kathy Graff and Rita Fillinger

1. Christmas and Easter were celebrated early at the Ronald McDonald House when Rita and Kathy delivered all the "goodies". They had to look at every one of them!

2. Thank you for all the quilts, pillowcases, stockings, toiletries, can tabs, and movies that you so generously donated - Kathy's car was PACKED!

3. Soap is especially needed - both regular size bars and anti-bacterial liquid soap.

4. 1/2 square triangle quilt kits are now available along with the other kits in the Hickory Room. More options will be part of show and tell in December.

Homemakers Country Quilters October, 2016 Minutes by Dottie Allison

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

Birthday wishes were extended to the members. A special birthday wish to Lillian Fisher on celebrating her 90th.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by Angie Roman and seconded by Judy Trumbore.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made to accept by Carol Olinick and seconded by Nancy Knotts.

Special Announcement: Kathy Guiseppi noted the upcoming retirement of Nancy Stevenson, Director of the Center, and invited members of the Quilt Club to participate in the dinner. Details were given.

There was no **Program** this month thus the workshop will begin following the **Business Meeting**.

Attendance was 69 members and 2 guests.

RADA: Jean Wooster would like Christmas Orders today. She noted the availability of several new items.

Block of the Month: Jane Nase has chips for the BOM. All the needed information is on the web site for the Challenge Quilt, the Block of the Month and the Mystery Quilt. These items are to be done for the March 2017 Homemakers Quilt Show.

Community Cupboard: Pat Bochnowicz reported that Jane Nase will make this month's delivery to St. John the Baptist in Ottsville. A thank you from FISH Pennridge was acknowledged.

Membership: No report today.

Tip of the Month: Kathy Graf showed a ruler for making precise half square triangles. She also recommended the use of a rotating mat. Lynn Horng stated that Olfa cutting mats can be washed in a tub. Specific directions will appear in the newsletter..

Hospitality: Angie Roman made a **plea for additional hospitality members**. She did it all herself today.

Consignment: Sue Macfadden requested items for the Quilt Show Consignment Room. Members only may put items on sale and the club retains 10% of the sale.

Newsletter and Foundation Fund Raiser: Carol Olinick reported that over \$10,000 was raised.

Raffle Tickets: Sara Borr has tickets and is collecting money and stubs.

Ronald McDonald: Kathy Graf stated that members are asked to contribute two quilts per year. Kits are available or one may use her own materials. The Christmas and Easter quilts will be delivered to Danville next week. A pinwheel pattern has been added to the existing designs for the quilts.

Bag Raffle: Barbara Cooper asked for **twenty** handmade items for the bag raffle.

Quilting Bee: Mary Ann Saboe stated that two quilts are done for the 4H Center.

Quilt Show: Jane Humay expressed a big thank you to the many ladies who participated in the Oaks Show by selling raffle tickets and white gloving. The 2017 Quilt Show Committee Chairmen will be meeting in the Beech Room on Friday, October 21.

Program: Jane Humay stated that next month's program will be by Joyce Hughes and that she will be doing a workshop in April. Jeanne Flynn will present a workshop on hexagons. No machines are necessary. December's program will be a lecture by Jane Hamilton. The decision to have a Tea again this year in May was well received by the membership.

Opportunity Basket: won by Rita Filinger.

Blue Shirts with the logo are available for purchase through Barb Tudgay.

Spiral table runner Workshop will begin immediately after the close of the business meeting.

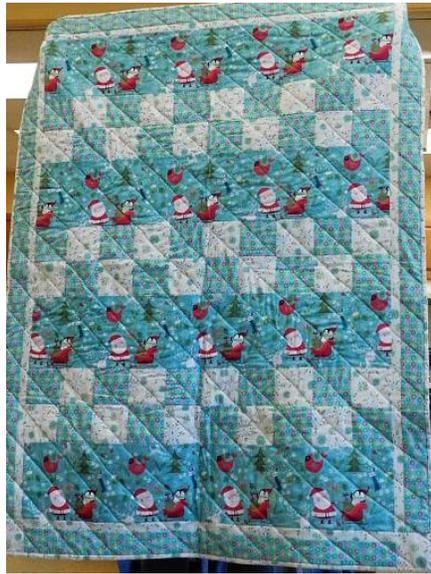
Following **Show and Tell** the meeting was **adjourned** at 11:15.

Lost and Found

A light weight water resistant pink jacket with hood was left at the September meeting. If you recognize it would you contact Barb at barbt640@verizon.net or 610-584-5933. She will make arrangements for you to pick it up.

Check List for Quilt Show to do now.

1. Work on quilts to hang in show. We want your quilts to represent the guild.
2. Donate extra fabric from your stash. HelenMarie will turn it into cash for our guild.
3. Sell raffle quilt tickets. The quilt is beautiful.
4. Make items to sell in boutique. You get 90%.
5. Make something for the bag raffle.
etc., etc. etc.



Some of our Show and Tell from October. Go to the website to see all of them. We are really a creative group of quilters!

New member Biographies

Darlene Hofmeister lives between Schwenksville and Limerick. She is a retired teacher and has been loving all of the activities she has been able to pursue since retirement including quilting. Her first quilting experience was 30+ years ago when she learned to make a twin-sized sampler quilt through a community education class. Now all of these years later, she's renewed her interest in quilting and want to learn and try new techniques. She is a master gardener, a strength training instructor and an avid walker which she does with her delightful goldendoodle named Jasper.

Carol Singer was not available to be interviewed since she is in Houston at the quilt show. She is an avid quilter who had her own business. There will be more about her later in another issue.

Kathy Schuessler lives in Emmaus, with her husband, and has two grown daughters. She started sewing in grade school and continued sewing clothing until she took her first quilting class in the late 1980s at the local YWCA. She has been quilting ever since. She enjoys taking classes to learn new techniques, attending quilt shows and visiting fabric stores with friends. Besides quilting, she likes to knit and read.

Ruth Baizman lives in Montgomeryville with her husband Gene who was kind enough to answer the questions for this biography. She has three grown boys. Her quilting has spanned many years. She enjoys playing tennis and pickle ball. She and Gene like to travel and just returned from Russia. Gene is very proud of his wife's quilting.

Margaret (Peggy) Melachrinos lives in Collegetown with her husband. She has four children, two boys and two girls. Two of them are in college and two of them are living on their own. She started quilting about 20 years ago taking a class with Sally Rapp, but the first quilt she actually finished was about 12 years ago. Peggy now belongs to two quilt guilds. She enjoys exercising and baking. She is also very active in her church.

Charitable Donations - Our guild does quite a bit of charitable donating. The largest is our commitment to Ronald McDonald. We also donate to 9 different food pantries in our area. Martin Luther Silver Springs receives donations at Christmas. We also donate to the 4-H fair and foundation fundraisers. It feels good to give back to our community.

Marty Cahill lives with her husband, David, in Worcester in the farm house she grew up in. She has three grown daughters. She has not been quilting very long but grew up with her mother doing lots of quilting. She has many tops from her mother that she is hoping to finish and quilt. She enjoys painting and does jewelry making.

Trudie Pugliese lives in North Hills with her husband. She has three grown daughters, 8 grandchildren and an adopted niece. She has been quilting on and off since the 70's. Her other hobbies include the arts and cooking good foods. She was a guest to our guild meetings for many years before joining so Trudie is known to many of us.



Wendy Kazman showing some of her creations at the October show and tell.



Some more show and tell from October. Keep them coming ladies.

