



# Homemaker's Country Quilters Newsletter

Website: [www.homemakerscountryquilters.org](http://www.homemakerscountryquilters.org)

## September, 2016

**September's Program - Rachael Derstine** who produces vibrant fiber art to ignite your imagination, art quilts for your walls to provide a focal point, table runners to dress your table with the seasons and bags and accessories for your personal style, will be joining us.



She currently lives in Schwenksville, PA but grew up in Japan. See page two for more Information about her

in the program committee report.



Here are two of her quilts from her website.

### Welcome to our new members

Their biographies will be in the October newsletter.

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**We Responded!!!!** When asked to contribute to the task of measuring and pricing fabric that has been collected in the attic for the upcoming Quilt Show Recycle Room, we responded quite well. In the first week there were more than 23 gals and two guys (very necessary muscles) and the second week brought even more. It was a party atmosphere every day with laughter and chatting punctuating the necessary prep for putting our items on sale.

Some of the remarks heard were:

“Look at my biceps. I have developed muscles from my strong women’s class.” “What on earth is this thing?” (more than once) “That goes on the Director’s table (HelenMarie) and she will decide how to price it.” “Oh, no, HelenMarie found more bags of fur, sewing fabric, home deco, miles of lace and mountains of notions, etc. and piled it in the middle of the table. *I like working on the quilting fabric*

Jane Nase and Helen Kenna spent hours in the attic straightening boxes and that was no small feat in the heat of the last two weeks. At one point we thought they melted! Warren Tudgay and Bruce Marshall lent their muscles several days to bringing down and taking up fabric to the dreadfully hot attic. Helen Kenna, Carol Olinick, Barb Tudgay, Jane Humay and some other brave souls also spent time in the attic.

Among the volunteers, were several new members who aren’t even official until September. Way to go, ladies.

This is what our guild is about. We try to help in whatever we can and have fun doing it. For those who couldn’t join us in August, there will be time scheduled in February

### **HCO Meeting September 9, 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** – Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard in Ambler will receive this

month’s donations. See page 4 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.

### **Save your Redner’s tapes** *Jane Nase*

Remember to save your Redner’s tapes. Redners sent us a check for \$90.00 this year. Even the small under \$10 receipts add up. See Jane Nase for details.

*Be sure to read your calendar carefully. You may be very surprised at a high end lecturer we have snagged.*

## Presidents Corner



Pat Miesse  
Barb Tudgay



### Thank YOU!

We were overwhelmed with the tremendous response to our call for help at the 4H Fair and “Meet and Measure”. Twenty seven gals helped during the 4H Fair and 23 gals during the first week of M& M resulting 128 hours of work. This was our kick off the 2017 Quilt Show. We can hear you saying? 2017 Yes! The Quilt Show takes lots of preparation and the more that is done, the better. ‘Meet and Measure’ was work but it also great fun chatting with those we see but don’t know very well. Some of our new members came to help, fabulous.

Now on to this coming year our Vice Presidents in charge of programming have planned a marvelous year for us. Speakers will be teaching different techniques, we will actually be doing some and learning others. The Block of the Month gals have a great quilt underway be sure to join in.

We are here to help one another so please ask. See you in September.....

### Long Arm Quilting So 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 pantographs, see me for a good job. I welcome questions – home 215-233-9318 or cell 215-828-7556



### Ronald McDonald House Quilts *from Rita Fillinger and Kathy Graff*

New Year...New Fabrics!...New Kits!... You can find them in the Hickory room at every meeting. Don't forget to sign them out and back in when you return them.

Our quilts can make a stay at the Danville Ronald McDonald House a little brighter. *Please help by using these kits or making your own quilts to give to these sick kids.* Many more quilts are needed to keep up with demand! Bring the completed quilts to the meetings and feel free to show them at Show and Tell.

Also needed are a) pillowcases b) toiletries and c) can tabs. Drop off items at the sign-in table.

\*\*\* New quilt patterns coming in October! \*\*\*

## Program Committee Report

Linda Brennan and  
Jane Humay



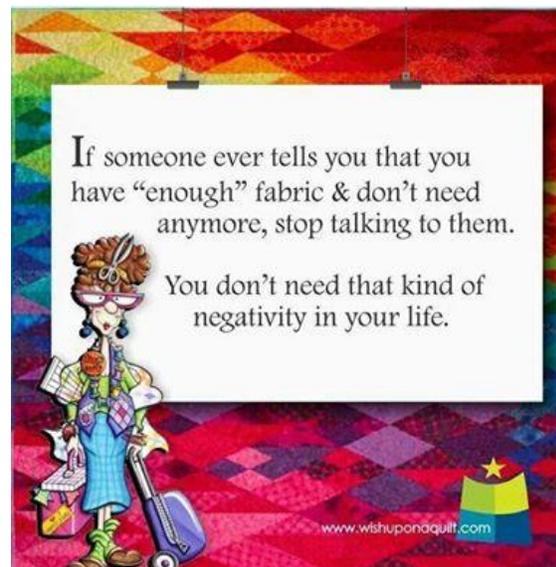
Welcome back! We hope you all had a nice summer. Personally we are looking forward to the cooler weather!

Rachel Derstine, who lives in Schwenksville, PA, but grew up in Japan, is our first lecturer of the new “year” at HCQ. She’s a very gifted quilt artist and musician. She designs art quilts for walls as a focal point, table runners for the seasons, and handbags and accessories designed to your own personal style. She combines Pennsylvania quilting traditions with the use of luminous silks, ikat, batiks, sheer fabrics, couching with yarn, and attention to texture to achieve her beautiful pieces of art. You may visit her website at [rachelderstinedesigns.com](http://rachelderstinedesigns.com) and may also find her on Facebook.

Look for the calendar of Events for 2016-2017 elsewhere in this newsletter. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

### 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. (*I know I was appalled by the sheer amount of stash I have accumulated and just need to purge some so I can buy more. Carol*)



If you know anyone with too much fabric, encourage her to donate some to our recycle room so we can earn money!

2 Would a fellow quilter ever say that to you?

## 4-H Fair News *Lynn Horng*

A big thank you to all the ladies who showed up to volunteer at the 4-H Fair, as well as to the many members who entered their quilts.

The set up, sales, welcoming visitors, and take-down would not have been possible without you all.

We had many visitors who offered many kind and admiring comments about the work we do. "Stars over Annandale," the Ronald McDonald quilts, and the many fine and colorful quilts made by our members gave joy to all who entered the room. Our hand quilters gave a wonderful demonstration of their work, gladly answering the many questions of our visitors.

We sold \$392.00 worth of raffle tickets, and \$84.00 of Rada. Besides providing a memorable social time for our members the quilt display gives the public some knowledge of what we are about, and all the comments were most positive!

## White Gloving at the Mancusco Show

Here is the list of names and times for Friday, September, 16th "White Glove" people for Homemaker's Country Quilters requirement in order to display our quilt for raffle ticket sales.

### 10:00 - 12:00pm

Lynn Horng, Marion Hentz, Marcia Field, Jane Humay

### 12:00pm - 2:00pm and 2:00 - 4:00

Helen Marie Marshall, Helen Kenna, Nannette Konstant, Carol Olinick

### 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Dottie Allison, Barb Tudgay, Jane Humay, Pat Miesse

We also need volunteers to sell tickets for the raffle quilt. You can combine seeing the show with helping your Guild. See Jane Humay to sign up for a slot.



Above : The 4-H quilt for 2017 in the frame, and some of the members setting up the room.

Below: Some of the quilts that were displayed in our room including a display of Ronald McDonald quilts.



## September Birthdays

Pat Miesse	2
Peggy Michener	7
Dale Souder	16
Nancy McCormack	17
Lillian Fisher	30
Notify me if I missed you!	

## Ronald McDonald House Update from Rita Fillinger

1. Remember to save all extra toiletries and can tabs as you travel over the summer. Bins will be at the sign table in September.

2. Thank you to all the ladies who are working on the Ronald McDonald Holiday quilts. **Just a reminder that they are due back no later than the October 2016 meeting.**

3. New quilt kits and patterns will be available in September.

As mentioned last month, the web address is: [www.rmhdanville.org](http://www.rmhdanville.org)

The facebook address is: [www.facebook.com/Ronald-McDonald-House-of-Danville-Inc](http://www.facebook.com/Ronald-McDonald-House-of-Danville-Inc). Try to check in during the summer to see what is going on. And keep working on those quilts.

## Quilting at the Frame

Maryanne Saboe

The raffle quilt is finished and in the quilt closet. We will have it on display at the Skippack Historical Society on Sept 24. Please come and help sell tickets.

We will also be hand quilting the next 4H quilt at the Historical Society but you don't have to hand quilt - just be there- support your guild.

Thanks to everyone who helned

**Our Quilt Show is in March, 2017 – Get quilting to fill up those racks.** March is coming

## Quilt Show 2016

Quilts from the Heart of Berks

October 14 & 15, 2016

Friday: 9AM -- 5PM

Saturday: 9AM -- 5PM

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Off Route 61  
Leesport.

## Collecting personal

**size toiletries** - We are collecting personal size toiletries to give to Ronald McDonald House or the food pantry. Place them on the table with the can tabs.

## Spiral Table Runner Workshop

The Workshop will be held after the meeting in October, 10/14/16 from 12:30 to 3:30-4:00. Any follow-up instructions will be done on the third Friday from 9:30 to? There are 16 people signed up at this time. For those taking the workshop, patterns will be provided. Because of the limited time on the 14<sup>th</sup>, homework is already being posted so we can take off running (start cutting) first thing at 12:30. If we can do this we can finish in one afternoon.

You should all have your fabrics ready by the September meeting because I will give you a list of how you will cut the fabrics and sew them together in 4 pressed panels by the Workshop. You need 8 different fabrics that go well together and go from light to dark or blend from one color into another such as Red, White, & Blue OR Christmas colors, Red, Cream, Green, etc. You can use 8 fat quarters, or 8 quarter yards. You will cut them into strips that are all 22 inches long. You will also need batting and one yard of something for the backing. It's a good idea to snip a sample of each, tape them to a card, and number them in the order you want to use them. It can get confusing if you don't have them listed somehow to refer to "the darkest", or # 1, or # 8. Also a 9 degree ruler is required to construct this table runner. I have 2 available to use and if you have a buddy, two of you can share. We will count how many we have in September and see who may still have to buy one.

Any questions, you may call me at anytime. Leave a message if we don't answer. We screen our calls. Judy – 215 234-4759. Have a good rest of the summer. Stay cool and HYDRATE.

## Food Pantry Information

This month our goods will be donated to the *MATTIE N. DIXON COMMUNITY CUPBOARD, INC. in Ambler, PA*

For over 40 years this 501(c)3 non-profit organization has been meeting the needs of local individuals and families whose incomes fall at or below the Federal Government Poverty Guidelines. In order to facilitate the concept of "neighbors helping neighbors" without regard to race, creed or national origin, they collect items for those in need and distribute them as well as offer other programs.

According to their Facebook page, they are in need of the following items, snack food for adults and children, crackers, cookies etc, baking goods, such as brownie and cake mix, coffee and tea bags, pancake syrup, gravy any flavor and broths, mac and cheese and boxed mashed potatoes. They will also accept any other non-perishable goods. Don't forget toilet paper, diapers and paper towels.

Helen Kenna will deliver our donations to the Cupboard.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Interested parties e mail Gretchen at [GLEa316@comcast.net](mailto:GLEa316@comcast.net)

**BVQ 2016 Quilt Show** - October 15-16, 2016. Presented by the Brandywine Valley Quilters at the Brookhaven Municipal Center, 2 Cambridge Rd., Brookhaven, PA. For more info visit <http://www.brandywinevalleyquilters.org/showflyer.html>

**Homemaker's Homestead Quilt Show** – March 24 and 25, 2017 in Creamery, PA

## Raffle Quilt



We just couldn't wait to show off our beautiful raffle quilt. The pattern is *Stars over Annandale*, set on point for a dramatic effect and the appliqué flowers on the border are spectacular! The hand quilting done by a dedicated group of quilters in our guild is fabulous! The queen size quilt (95×95") was on display at the 4-H Fair in August at the 4-H Center in Creamery. You will be able to purchase raffle tickets from any HCQ member. The raffle will continue until our quilt show on March 24-25, 2017. The lucky winner will be picked at that time. Many thanks to; Dot Allison who donated the quilt blocks from Byrne's Sewing block of the month project, Marianne Saboe who assembled the quilt and added the appliqué border, Joyce Stemple who donated the border and backing fabric, Anne Fisher who will bind the quilt and our faithful group of hand quilters. This was a group effort with a fantastic result! Thank you ladies! (from our website)

Jane Nase made 7 dog beds out of the scraps. Delivered to Upper Bucks SPCA.



**Mystery Quilt BOM** It is not too late to sign up for the Mystery Quilt Block of the Month. The quilt is a wall hanging 28"x34" size. Either email Jane Nase at [craftsbymj@verizon.net](mailto:craftsbymj@verizon.net) or see Judy Trumbore or Jane at the meeting. The directions will be sent at the beginning of each month via email. Please review the directions. Judy will have a sample of the block at each meeting. We will be in the Oak Room unless occupied by someone else. We will be glad to answer your questions. We will have a paper copy if you don't have email.

**SILVER SPRING-MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL** Don't forget that we will be collecting items for Martin Luther Silver Springs in November. The list will be in the November newsletter. HCQ collects items in November and December every year for Christmas gifts for the Silver Springs-Martin Luther School children. A needs list is provided by the school and is included in the November and December newsletters. We also donate gift certificates to Target, Walmart and grocery stores. Campbell Soup Labels for Education are collected and given to SS-MLS, as well.



Items donated in past years by our members were really appreciated.

## Another Quilting icon disappears

The Machine Quilters Showcase celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Cedar Rapids show May 11-14, 2016. What a wonderful time we had remembering the many wonderful sponsors, vendors, teachers, attendees and friends throughout the years. MQS® was truly the innovator in the machine quilting industry. Throughout the years IMQA has offered many opportunities to quilters: MQS®, On Track! magazine, IMQA Foundation, Guild Membership, Junior Membership, business listings, School of Business, Technology Showcase.

After much deliberation and considering all aspects of the show, the Board of Directors of International Machine Quilters Association has made the difficult decision to dissolve IMQA and MQS®.

The IMQA Board wishes to thank all our supporters, sponsors, vendors, teachers, volunteers, and attendees who have made MQS® and IMQA so remarkable the past 20 years. We also give a big thank you to the volunteers in key positions who worked tirelessly throughout each year and at the show to make MQS® possible.

Best wishes to all of you in your future quilting and again, thank you for your friendship throughout the past 20 years.

**NQA** As you are aware, the National Quilting Association dissolved in 2016. From their website: Many thanks to all of those who, through the years, worked so hard to share the art of quilting with so many through NQA's programs. A special thanks to the current Board, all of whom did their very best to sustain NQA, something we unfortunately were unable to accomplish. Despite that, we know that the future of quilting is in good hands – yours.

We need to think about how to preserve some of these organizations as well as our quilt shops.

## Ronald McDonald House *from the website*

One of the charities of which we are most proud is our contribution and relationship with the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House provides care comfort and support to families and children and provide a home away from home when a child is being treated at a nearby hospital. We ask our members to make two children's quilts a year. We donate the quilts to the children in the Ronald McDonald House in Danville, PA. The guild members also make pillow cases and table decorations for RMD House. The children pick a quilt that they can take with them to the hospital and then home. We supply materials and patterns for many of these quilts. Quilts are displayed at our monthly meetings "show n tell" so that we all can be inspired. The picture below is a waterfall of RMD quilts made by the members.



For your records, here is a copy of the quilt registration form. It would be great to increase the percentage of participation of club members in the show.

## HCQ – QUILT REGISTRATION 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Information about your quilt:

1. Name of Quilt \_\_\_\_\_
2. Width and length \_\_\_\_\_
3. Value of Quilt \_\_\_\_\_
4. Circle one: Twin Full Queen King Lap Wall Hanging Miniature Challenge Other
5. If other, give a description \_\_\_\_\_
6. Date completed \_\_\_\_\_
7. Quilting: Circle all that apply.  
Hand quilted by self by other & name \_\_\_\_\_  
Machine quilted by self by other & name \_\_\_\_\_
8. Design: Circle one  
A commercially available design  
Adapted from another design  
An original design by \_\_\_\_\_
9. HCQ Challenge - Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
10. Who else may pick up your work? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Is the quilt for sale? \_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_\_\_\_
12. Please attach a photo with this form.

**In the space below (continue on back) briefly tell something about your quilt in 50 words or less.** (i.e. Explanation about detail, construction, inspiration; something intriguing about fabric; an interesting occurrence during the process etc.)

Return form to: Janet Hague, 755 Forty Foot Rd. , Hatfield, PA 19440  
By Friday, February 10, 2017

Please note that this is also available on the website to be downloaded.

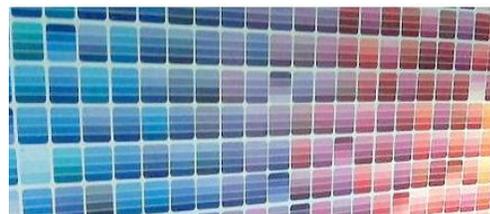
### Clarification of items published in the last newsletter

*Marianne Saboe*

Marianne sent the editor the source of the information for the **Stash Smash** article that she sent for the summer newsletter but it was inadvertently left off the article. **Stash Smash** was written by Mark Lipinski and included in the article **“10 Concepts for Better Quilting!” in McCall’s Quilting, July/August 2015.** She didn’t want to be accused of plagiarism.

Also in the article she wrote for the last issue of the Newsletter she did explain that the pages about putting a sleeve on correctly were given to her by Jane Nase so shed like that clarified.

**Challenge for Quilt Show** - Did you get your color yet? See Jane Nase or Ginny McCain at the meeting. The directions are on the HCQ website, [homemakerscountryquilters.org](http://homemakerscountryquilters.org), it is under the Members Only tab. The Challenge quilts will be displayed at the quilt show in March.



## HCQ Calendar of Events September 2016 - August 2017

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**September 9 - 9:30 AM**  
*"My Quilting Journey - Boundaries & Beyond"*  
 lecture presented by Rachel Derstine

### March

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**March 10 - 9:30 AM**  
 Meeting devoted to upcoming Quilt Show business  
**March 24 - 25 Quilt Show**  
*"Quilts of Many Colors"*

### October

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**October 14 - 9:30 AM**  
 11 AM ?- 4PM  
*"Spiral Table Runner"*  
 workshop presented by HCQ member Judy Trumbore

### April

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**\*\*Note change of date due to Good Friday**  
**April 21 - 9:30 AM**  
 12 - 4PM - *"Basic Thread Painting"* workshop with Joyce Hughes

### November

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**November 11 - 9:30 AM**  
*"My Journey Into Quilting"* lecture presented by Joyce Hughes  
 12PM - *"The New Hexie"* workshop by Jeannie Flynn

### May

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**May 12 - 9:30 AM**  
*"The Slow Stitching Movement"* lecture presented by Mark Lipinski  
 14 - Mother's day  
 29 - Memorial Day

### December

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**December 9 - 9:30 AM**  
*"Challenging Your Creativity"* lecture presented by Jane Hamilton

### June

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14 - Flag Day  
 18 - Father's Day

### January 2017

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**January 13 - 9:30 AM**  
 12 PM - *"Starlight Surprise"* workshop by Sally Rapp

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4 - Independence Day

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**February 10 - 9:30 AM**  
 12:30 PM - *"Back to the Future"* (BTF) Workshop

### August

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10 - 12 - 4-H Fair ?

Please save this and use it. Created by Linda Brennan