



# Homemaker's Country Quilters Newsletter

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## Guild Newsletter

January, 2016

N.Q.A.

### December Program



Can you imagine spending 200 hours on your binding? Bethanne Nemish does for some of her award winning show quilts. Bethanne has a professional longarm quilt studio in Allentown, PA. Her website is [www.whitearborquilting.com](http://www.whitearborquilting.com)



**January Program – Back to the Future** The future is finally here! If you haven't already started your pieced background (approximately 20 X 24), get busy. You will need them for the program on the 8<sup>th</sup>.



Here are two examples of pieced background fabric. See the program committee report on page 2 for information about the *Back to the Future* program featured in January and February.

### HCQ Meeting

**January 8, 2016**

**at 9:30 am** Remember that *social time and library* begin at **9:00 a.m.** Please bring non-perishable items for food pantry – see page 3 for information

**Quilting at the Frame** following the meetings on Fridays – consider staying and learning

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

### **RIP Fellow Quilters**

Liz Jackson's and Beryl Senese's quilts live on to memorialize them.



### **Sad News - Our guild lost two of its beloved members at the end of 2015.**

**Beryl Senese**, a member since 1986, went to her Lord on December 21, 2015. She was a talented quilter and will be missed by many. Her daughter, Helen Kenna, is also a member and was Beryl's caregiver for the past few years. Beryl was not able to attend some of the later meetings due to her illness. Heaven has gained another quilter. Helenmarie Marshall has sent pictures of Beryl's quilts that were at the memorial service on 12-26 at the Ambler Church of the Brethren. The pictures are on page 4.

**Liz Jackson**, a guild member since 2008, passed away on Sunday, December 27 at Bryn Mawr Hospital. She had an acute episode of her chronic lung disease. According to her son-in-law, she finished her last quilt on Christmas Eve to give for a gift. Liz was always upbeat with a kind word for everyone. There will be a private service for the family and a memorial service in a few months. Her obituary will be in the Philadelphia Inquirer. Both of these ladies were enthusiastic quilters and their contributions to the guild were many.

## Presidents Corner

Pat Miesse  
Barb Tudgay



Happy New Year and what a year it promises to be. Back to the Future is starting up and we are so looking forward to new projects. We hope your holiday was enjoyable and now that all the work is over you can have fun quilting.

Bethanne Nemesh was not only an extremely talented quilter but a wonderful speaker. We loved that she encouraged us to try what we think will be exciting not to just follow a pattern. We all have that opportunity with January's meeting.

Many times our guild has talked about what it would cost if we had to pay rent for the space we use at the 4H Center. We have received an estimate of our use of space and time. The 4H Foundation has been gracious in accepting our donations of approximately five to ten thousand dollars after each show.

After our 2017 Quilt Show we really need to set a goal of donating a minimum of \$9,000 to compensate for the space and time we use the center in a 2 year period.

It is our hope that we will find some wonderful women to lead our Quilt Show in 2017. Part of a Quilt Club is the programs we have to inspire us. These do cost quite a tidy sum; perhaps you could say that the money we raise lets us have quality speakers. So the Quilt Show is our way of providing that. We also wish to thank the gals that agreed to Chair Committees for the Quilt Show, we are on our way!

See you in Jan.

### January Birthday

#### Celebrants

Marie Groth	1-3
Nancy Epright	1-4
Joanne McColgan	1-7
Nancy Knotts	1-11
Barbara Cooper	1-23
Also Beryl Senese would have had a birthday on 1-4. RIP	

Easter Kits can be picked up in the Walnut room. We need them back by the February meeting. Easter in March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**The Quilt Show is getting close** Pat and Barb are making calls to firm up committees for the show which is right around the corner in March of 2017! We still need general chairpersons!!!!

## Program Committee

Report Linda Brennan and

Jane Humay

We hope you enjoyed Bethanne Nemesh's Trunk Show in December. She is a very talented lady! Her quilting is beyond magnificent.

Now in the new year we will be going back to the basics. *Back to the Future* will be in full swing in January and February. January's morning program will be in a round robin format with one station each, in the Maple, Oak, Beech and Walnut rooms. You will be shown 4 techniques for doing hand appliquéd. Instead of you moving, to save time and confusion, the teachers/presenters will move. Each round robin will last about 20 minutes.

Then after lunch (1 PM-3:30 PM) there will be 4 workshops for those desiring to attend. The purpose of the workshops is to give the attendees a chance to do "hands on" samples of the types of appliquéd being demonstrated in the morning round-robin. If you stay you will need to **bring your lunch and a basic "sewing kit"** consisting of the following: needles (preferably straw/milliners or appliquéd) if you have them and thread; paper and fabric scissors; a pencil; pins and a thimble (if you use one); 6-7 pieces of at least 3" square fabric scraps on which to practice your appliquéd techniques. Any questions please feel free to call either of us.

## 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.



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.

**Food Donations** As usual, we will collect non-perishable goods to be donated to an organization in our area. Place them on the table in the hallway. We also donate a gift card from Giant Supermarket. This month's recipient is Emmanuel E. C. Church food cupboard ministry which began in 1981, serving residents of Hatfield Borough and Township, and people referred by a Hatfield pastor. We currently serve 40-50 households each month. Through our partnership with the Nutrition Coalition network, we share needs and resources with six other area pantries.

Items most-needed currently are: canned tomatoes - whole, diced, sauce or paste  
canned soup (regular or Chunky), peanut butter and jelly, personal hygiene items, including sanitary napkins; laundry detergent, liquid dish soap. [The non-food items are just as important as foods, since they cannot be bought with food stamps.]

Janet Hague will deliver the donations after February's meeting.

**Quilting at the Frame** *Marianne Saboe*  
We would like to finish the "Stars Over Annandale" before the summer so we can sell chances for it at the 4H Fair. If you are a hand quilter please come and join us in the back of the meeting room. Bring a sandwich and stay a while. Marianne stressed that the group needs to grow in order to provide hand quilted quilts for the raffles. Let us try to keep up the tradition of Homemaker's having hand quilted quilts!!!  
Let's be friends and quilt together!!!!



From Show and Tell

**Hospitality Ladies for January** - 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.

**January sweet snacks** are being provided by Kay Bachkai, Joanne McColgan and Jane Nase

**January non-sweet snacks** will be provided by Kathleen Wydrzynski, Anne Fisher and Pat Cisek

### **Tip of the Month** *Lynn Horng*

You all most likely have pentagon, hexagon and octagon templates at home, but suppose you want a different size from what you have?

Here is an easy way to make any size pentagon without a ruler, compass or protractor. Take a strip of paper and very gently tie a knot as if the paper were a shoe lace. It takes a little manipulation, so if you accidentally tear the paper the first time, try again. It will work! Gingerly flatten it out, and you have a perfect pentagon! The size of the pentagon depends on the width of the strip of paper. Start with narrow strips to get the hang of it.

To make any size hexagon without geometry tools we take some notes from origami, for which there are excellent tutorials on youtube. Simply keyboard "make hexagon from square" into the youtube search box. In particular I recommend the video on youtube from artisbellus.

To make any size octagon without geometry tools take two squares of paper, both the same size, fold each one in quarters, put one on top of the other, put a pin through the centers of both, align the corners of the topmost one with the fold lines of the bottom one, tape in place, put on top of template material, connect all eight points with a ruler and marker, and cut out the template. You can also look up origami methods. There is one at [happyfolding.com](http://happyfolding.com)



## Ronald McDonald House

Thank you to all members who took Easter quilt kits. They will be due at February's meeting. They are to be delivered before March's meeting! Remember to sign and sew the label (included) to the back of the quilt.

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.

## 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.

## Block of the Month – January

Jane Nase and Judy Trumbore - Block of the Month  
Keep working on your blocks.



RIP  
Beryl  
You will  
be missed



The loss of two of our members the end of December is very sad. We are a fairly large group but our love of quilting brings us together and we do get to know each other and our skills and talents. Liz and Beryl were valuable contributing members and we will certainly miss them. Each spread joy and smiles among our group

**From the internet – an idea for giving for next year or anytime and a plea for fellow quilters to make a difference.**

A friend asked me to make up 30 pillowcases. She filled these pillowcases with peanut butter, soap, tooth paste, and things of that nature. She then delivers them to the homeless in her area. After using the items, the people can then fill the pillow case with leaves or newspapers and use it like a pillow. I encourage each of you quilting friends to participate in giving.

**Pennsylvania, Philadelphia**

Philadelphia Museum of Art.

*Audubon to Warhol: The Art of American Still Life* includes the Museum's spectacular floral album quilt by Cinthia Arsworth. Baltimore, Maryland.

October 27, 2015 - January 10, 2016  
<http://www.philamuseum.org/exhibitions/818.html>

November 2015 to February 2016 Quilt Exhibit

**Blanket Statements: New Quilts by Kaffe Fassett and Historical Quilts from the Collection of the Quilt Museum and Gallery, York, UK –**

11/14/2015 – 2/21/2016.

Presented by the Michener Museum at 138 South Pine Street, Doylestown, PA. Textile exhibition of 35 historical and contemporary quilts. The exhibition features fifteen new quilts, designed by the American-born, internationally-known textile artist Kaffe Fassett, that were created in response to fifteen historical quilts, dating from 1780 to 1949, that he selected from the collection of the Quilt Museum and Gallery, York, UK.

**Invitation to Quilters: Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens 2016**  
**Nature's Prisms -- A Juried Quilt Display: January 8 to February 7, 2016.** Nature's Prisms welcomes unique artistic interpretations of the full spectrum of the rainbow. The theme of this quilt display is to express the many facets of color found in the garden. Particular emphasis will be quilts expressing prisms, kaleidoscopes, gems, facets, colorwash, and the spectrum of color found in gardens.

- **Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXVII -** February 25-28, 2016. Presented by Mancuso Show Management at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, Virginia. For more info visit <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=8>

The People's Place Quilt Museum  
Contacts      Website:

[www.ppquiltmuseum.com](http://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

Admission: Free

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

**March 16-19, 2016**

AQS Quilt Week

Lancaster Convention Center  
25 S Queen St, Lancaster, PA 17603

[www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster](http://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](http://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>.

**Winters Heritage House**

Museum Quilt Show

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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, Barb Tudgay.  
**Birthday** wishes were extended to the December members.

**Minutes** of the November 13, 2015 meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.  
Motion made by Jane Early and seconded by Jane Humay.

**Treasurer's Report** was accepted as included in the newsletter. Motion was made by Pat Bochnowicz and seconded by Angela Rosen.

**Attendance:** 68 members and 3 guests were present.

**Membership:** A membership book will be available in January.

**Tip of the Month:** Lynn Horng showed and explained a "bow tie" quilt block.

**RADA:** Jean Wooster reported a good inventory and stated that sales have been brisk.

**Quilt Bee:** Mary Ann Saboe expressed a desperate need for more participants. Two quilts need hand quilting. One quilt is needed for the 4H raffle in 2016 and one for HCQ's raffle in 2017.

**Community Cupboard:** Pat Bochnowicz stated that today's collection will go to the Keystone Opportunity Center in Souderton.

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

**Hospitality:** No report.

**Sunshine:** No report.

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

**Opportunity Basket:** It was won by Jane Nase.

**Quilt Show:** Barb expressed great thanks to the many members who have accepted the subcommittee chairmanships. *Co-chairs are still needed* for the main chair of the Quilt Show.

**Santa Raffle:** Angela Rosen won the Santa.

Some of the table toppers from the Jody Beck workshop were shown during **Show and Tell**.

**Back to the Future:** Jane Humay showed several background samples and further explained the idea of the **Back to the Future** programs and workshops that will begin in January, 2016. Four people will demonstrate appliquéd techniques in a round robin format at the meeting. A background piece is needed for the January workshop at which participants will practice a technique of their choice.

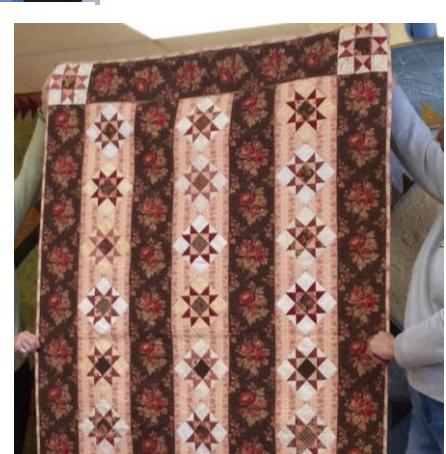
**Program:** Jane Humay, Co-Vice President, introduced Bethanne Nemesh. Bethanne showed her quilts and described her journey through art school to the present. Following the program the meeting was **adjourned**.

To the right are some of the interesting table runners created in the Jody Beck workshop.





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.



## December Treasurer's Report by Pat Cisek

12/1/2015 through 12/31/2015

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 11/30/2015					<b>8,248.51</b>
12/11/2015	1813	Bethanne Nemesh	dec program	Program Expense	-386.41
12/11/2015	1814	Jane Humay	xmas stockings mailed	Ronald McDonald Expense	-4.54
12/11/2015	1815	Ronald Graff	RMCD expenses	Ronald McDonald Expense	-262.06
12/11/2015	1816	Joan Landis	dec mtg	Hospitality	-27.12
12/11/2015	1817	Barbara Garrett	nov & dec basket	Opportunity Basket	-60.67
12/11/2015	1818	Patricia Bochnowicz	3 giant gift cards	Charity	-150
12/11/2015	1819	Jean Wooster	rada order	Rada Out	-159.55
12/11/2015	1820	Jane Nase	BOM	Program Expense	-34.14
12/14/2015	DEP	Diane Bonck	3 guest	Guest Fees	18
12/14/2015	DEP	Jane Humay	santa raffle	Program Income	29
12/14/2015	DEP	Barbara Garrett	dec basket	Opportunity Basket Income	38
12/14/2015	DEP	Jean Wooster	rada	Rada In	312.25

BALANCE 12/31/2015

**7,561.27**

TOTAL INFLOWS

397.25

TOTAL OUTFLOWS

-1,084.49