



# Homemaker's Country Quilters Newsletter

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Guild Newsletter

June, 2017

Collegetown, Pa.

## May Program - Mark Lipinski

Wow, what an ending to our 2016-2017 quilting year! Mark Lipinski put on quite a show. He had the audience in the palm of his hand. He challenged us to think about why we started quilting in the first place. Was it to finish as many quilts as we can in a short piece of time using "20?" different short cuts to cookie cutter completion or was it to use our creative juices and produce something that we have enjoyed making and reflects excellence and soulfulness? He spoke of his journey through reawakening his passion for quilting by slowing down and challenging himself. His quick wit and personal anecdotes punctuated the presentation and kept our interest through his lengthy lecture. On the right is his latest quilt based on the book, "Who Broke the Vase?" a children's book by Jeffrey Turner. He also discussed his quilt of his lifetime still in progress. He had many of the blocks with him and showed how he used different techniques to portray his very interesting travels through his life.



## HCO Meeting September 8, 2017

**At 9:30 am**

**Fair** – August 10, 11, 12  
Enjoy your summer and come back rejuvenated and maybe "quilting slowly" like Mark Lipinski

**The Fair is coming in August.** It features 4-H competitions and displays, the always popular fabric sale which includes all types of fabrics, books and patterns, notions and other interesting sewing items and food and other vendors.

We will again be sponsoring a quilting room with ongoing hand quilting demonstration, quilt raffle sales, Rada sales, and displays of our quilts and others from the community. Remember you don't have to be from Montgomery County to enter a quilt. Be sure to sign up to help out with our room. See Barb Tudgay to volunteer.

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## Giving Support

After each quilt show, our guild donates money to the Foundation that runs the building where we meet. Since we do not pay any rent for the meetings and the show, this is our way of giving support.

Our show this year was successful and prosperous and we voted to donate \$9000 to help maintain the building which houses the 4-H programs, the Penn State Extension programs, and several other community groups as well as providing us with many rooms during the year.

Merrill Ruth, president of The Farm, Home and Youth Foundation of Montgomery County board accepted the check for \$9000 from the Guild.

Remember to sort your stash and bring in the excess in September for our recycle room.!

## Presidents Corner



Pat Miesse  
Barb Tudgay



Our two years leading this talented group of women has been a pleasure for both of us. The cooperation you have shown has made our job so much easier. Our goals were to bring Quilting back to the Club, we have done that. Promoting fellowship and getting to know each other we hope has blossomed for all of you as it has for us. The new leaders have wonderful ideas and lots of energy to inspire all of us. So Thank You all for a wonderful two years and may the next two be even better.

### Installation of Officers for 2017-2019 Term.

During the tea, the new officers were installed. The slate consists of:

#### Co-presidents:

Linda Carey and Nancy McCormack;

#### Co-Vice Presidents:

Carol Singer and Angie Roman;

**Membership:** Joanne McColgan;

**Treasurer:** Kathy Schuessler

**Secretary:** Diane Bonck

We have had a very successful 2015-2017 term and expect it to continue with these fine ladies. If you wish to volunteer for a committee, contact Linda or Nancy. It is very rewarding to be a part of the bones of our incredible organization.

## Program Committee Report



Linda Brennan and  
Jane Humay

First of all - wasn't Mark Lipinski fun, funny and inspiring! What he had to say was so thought provoking and I hope he made us all sit back, slow down, and take a breath. We will keep him in our prayers while he awaits treatment for his health issues.

Jane and I would like to thank you all for your support from the beginning in 2015 with our Back to the Future Projects, various program lecturers and workshops. It was you who made our two years successful and fun. We hope you were inspired to step out of 'your' box a bit and try new things and in the process made new friendships.

You will be in great hands with our new presidents and vice presidents. Carol Singer and Angie Roman will be our new Co-Vice Presidents and Program Chairs. Carol and Angie bring with them a lot of experience and knowledge of the quilting world and will line-up great future programs and workshops. Continue to support them as you did us.

We have already booked Terry Kramzar for a lecture - "Inspired by Adventure" for our next meeting on September 8, 2017, as a courtesy for the incoming program chairs, so there's less pressure on them for the next term of office.



Two employees are holding plans for a new "family room." It will be a comforting haven within arm's reach for families of critically ill children. The Family Room will extend the support of our Ronald McDonald House into the hospital by offering a quiet, comfortable respite place for families to rest and regroup during their child's treatment - helping to reduce stress and focus on their own health and well-being while their child is being cared for, just steps away.

### Ronald McDonald Delivery

On May 19, 2017, Marie and Nancy with Michael Turlis, Director of the Danville Ronald McDonald House hold three of the 124 quilts delivered to home.

This was the third delivery this year. We also took up 195 pillow cases and 4 yellow kitty litter containers - 1 with just soap, 1 with can tabs and 2 with assorted toiletries. Again they expressed their thanks for our efforts.

Some of this year's hats. Unfortunately we didn't have time to vote on winners – so we all won!!!



**Food Donations** As another way of giving back to the community, our guild donates non-perishable goods to a different food bank each month. We also include a \$50 gift card to Giant Foods to help provide extras. Pat Bochnowicz coordinates the program. Below is a list of the food banks we contributed to last year and the guild member who delivered the food to each food bank.

September – Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard in Ambler – Helen Kenna

October – St. John Baptist Pantry in Ottsville – Jane Nase

November – Daily Bread Community Food Pantry in Schwenksville – Rose Warren

December – Keystone Opportunity Center Souderton – Dottie Allison

January – St. Mary, Society of St. Vincent DePaul Schwenksville – Marianne Saboe

February - Emmanuel EC Church in Hatfield – Janet Hague

March – St. Isodore's in Quakertown – Jeanne Flynn

April – Manna on Main St. in Lansdale – Janet Hague

May – Pennridge Fish Organization Inc. in Perkasie – Roberta Younger

We also contribute toys and Christmas presents to Martin Luther Silver Springs working from a list they give us each year – Pat Bochnowicz takes the items to them.

**Old World Raspberry Bars** (*recipe requested from Angie Roman*)

**Ingredients**

- 2 ¼ cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup softened butter
- 1 egg
- 1 (10 ounce) jar (¾ cup) raspberry preserves

**Directions**

Heat oven to 350. Combine all the ingredients except the preserves. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed (2 to 3 min.) Reserve 1 ½ cups of mixture – press remaining mixture into greased 8-inch square baking pan; spread preserves to within ½ inch of edge. Crumble remaining mixture over preserves. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely; cut into bars. Yield: 25 bars

**We have an auditor!** Darlene Hofmeister has graciously volunteered to audit our 2015-2017 books as per our bylaws. Thank you Darlene.

**Main Line Quilters 5th Annual Trash to Treasure Sale Saturday, June 10, 2017 10am – 1pm Tredyffrin Library** Fabric, thread, quilt and craft books, embellishments, frames, rulers, yarns, patterns for every kind of needleworker: quiltmakers, sewists, costumers, knitters, embroiderers – **YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS SALE!** [MainLineQuilters.org](http://MainLineQuilters.org)  
*Main Line Quilters is dedicated to serving the community through our charity projects we call "Pieces of Love". Our Trash to Treasure sale will help fund Pieces of Love.*

June 10, Colonial Quilters Indoor Yard Sale, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, PA, [www.colonialquilters.org](http://www.colonialquilters.org).

27th Annual Quilt and Fiber Show, June 24th – 25, Historic Cold Spring Village, Cape May, NJ, [www.hcsv.org](http://www.hcsv.org).

## **Row by Row is On the Go in 2017!**

The shops are planning the new rows, the new lists and maps are being designed, everyone is getting ready to take off on June 21 for Row by Row Experience 2017. Be sure to follow the Facebook page for your area to keep up to date as we go through spring. Simply search in Facebook for Row by Row Experience and the name of your state or province.



Quilt Odyssey - July 20-23, 2017. At the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center in Hershey, PA 17033. For more info visit <https://www.quiltodyssey.com/>.

July 21-22, Peach Blossoms - Quilts in the Orchard Quilt Show, Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes, DE, [www.oceanwavesquiltguild.org](http://www.oceanwavesquiltguild.org).

September 9-10, Quilt Spectacular, Schuylkill County Quilters Guild, Walk In Art Center, Schuylkill Haven, PA, 570-544-3993.

Nature of Quilting - June 24-25, 2017. Presented by the Milford Valley Quilters Guild at the Delaware Valley High School, US Rte 6 and 209, Milford, PA. For more info visit <https://sites.google.com/site/milfordvalleyquiltersguild/home/2015-quilt-show/2017-quilt-show>  
 Quilt

33rd Quilt Show – June 16-18, 2017. Presented by Schoolhouse Quilters' Guild at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11400 Moss Avenue, Cumberland, MD. For more info visit [http://www.schoolhousequilters.org/quilt\\_show.html](http://www.schoolhousequilters.org/quilt_show.html).



Two of Mark Lipinski's quilts shown at the May meeting.





### June Birthdays

Joan McMahon	1
Carol Singer	2
Donna Armstrong	4
Jane Humay	7
Darlene Hofmeister	9
Maryanne Wilson	9
Mary Ellen Wagner	12
Connie Landis	15
Joan Fichtner	19
Kyoko Fujimoto	21
Thelma Kehr	23
Joyce Stemple	23
Diane Bonck	27
Jane Early	29

Notify me if I missed you!



**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tea** Following the talk by Mark Lipinski and a brief business meeting, the ladies wearing their hats set about eating marvelous food and drinking delightful tea. Unlike last year, we didn't vote on our hats but just enjoyed seeing the creations.

The spread in the Oak Room was impressive. We had soup, sandwiches and desserts. Angie Roman and her committee marched us to the soup and then sandwiches before we were allowed to grab the tasty goodies. The tea lasted into the afternoon and the ladies socialized with Mark Lipinski who stayed for lunch and dessert.



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## Homemakers Country Quilters

May 12, 2017

Minutes taken by Dottie Allison

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

**Birthday** wishes were extended.

The **Program, *The Slow Stitching Movement***, by Mark Lipinski, preceded the Business meeting. Mark provided an enjoyable and informative history of the movement and its adaptation to sewing.

**Minutes:** The minutes were corrected by Donna Armstrong regarding the existence of the HCQ from 32 years to 34 years.

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made by Carol Olinick and seconded by Pat Miesse to accept the report. An individual to **audit** the books is needed. Please volunteer.

**Attendance** was 66 members and 7 guests.

As a result of a successful Quilt Show, a **Donation** of \$9000 will be given to the 4H Foundation.

**2017-18 Officers were acknowledged.** Co-Presidents: Linda Carey and Nancy McCormick; Co-Vice Presidents: Carol Singer and Angie Roman; Membership: Joanne McColgan; Treasurer: Kathy Schuessler; Secretary: Diane Bonck.. Those present stood for recognition.

**Community Cupboard:** This month items will go to Fish in Sellersville. Helen Kenna will deliver items to the Mattie Dickson House in Ambler in September.

**Ronald McDonald:** A trip to Danville is planned for October 20, 2017.

**Quilting Bee:** This Committee is still in need of a chairman for the coming year.

The names of several members were given to Barbara Lewis for **Good Wishes.**

**Viewers' Choice Quilt Winners** were shown: **Challenge:** Jane Humay - *Bee*; **Wall Hanging:** Pat Bochnowicz – *Petals of my Heart*; **Large Quilt:** Kathleen Wydrinski- *Harvest Quilt*.

**Announcements:** The Mary Schafer Collection: A Legacy of Quilt History is at the Mercer Museum from May 13 to August 13.

Suggestions for programs for the coming two years were requested by the vice chairmen. A sheet was passed around.

Kay Bachkaii has tickets for the raffle quilt for the Benevolent Fund at Frederick Living.

**Opportunity Basket:** won by Kay Moyer.

**Adjournment:** 12:20PM

Following adjournment of the meeting, Angie Roman gave instructions for beginning the tea.



### Mild mannered Lois Skitt leads a double life.

In her “normal” life she wields a sewing machine and produces beautiful quilts but, when the spirit moves her, she goes into the yard and drives a grass eating machine. When it gets clogged, she goes under it and fixes it just like she does her sewing machine, but sometimes it backfires and she gets caught. Her son took these pictures after she was extracted. Much to the chagrin of her family, she refuses to give up on her riding mower. Go Lois go, but be careful – we love your quilts and presence at the meetings!

Remember to visit our room and see all the other interesting vendors especially the Fabric Sale (stash needed??)

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*Maybe her maiden name was Lane!!!*

Below is the schedule for the Fabric Sale run by the 4-H Crafters during the Fair. They always appreciate our support. They take fabric that we don't, such as home deco, poly blends, satin and silk, etc. They also have cottons. If you have some time to spare or fabric to donate, please see when you can drop off or help.

### 2017 Measuring Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6/25	6/26 SET UP Oak Drop off/meas. 7 pm -9 pm	6/27 Measuring 7 pm -9 pm	6/28 Drop off/meas. 9 am - 1 pm	6/29 Measuring 7 pm -9 pm	6/30	7/1 Drop off & Measuring 9 am -1 pm
7/2	7/3	7/4 Holiday 	7/5 Drop off/meas. 9 am - 1 pm	7/6 Measuring 7 pm -9 pm	7/7	7/8 Drop off & Measuring 9 am -1 pm
7/9	7/10 Drop off/meas. 7 pm -9 pm	7/11 Measuring 7 pm -9 pm	7/12 Drop off/meas. 9 am - 1 pm	7/13 Measuring 7 pm -9 pm	7/14	7/15 Drop off & Measuring 9 am -1 pm
7/18	7/17 Drop off/meas. 7 pm -9 pm	7/18 Measuring 7 pm -9 pm	7/19 Drop off/meas. 9 am - 1 pm	7/20 Measuring 7 pm -9 pm	7/21	7/22 Drop off & Measuring 9 am -1 pm
7/23	7/24 Drop off/meas. 7 pm -9 pm	7/25 Measuring 7 pm -9 pm	7/26 Drop off/meas. 9 am - 1 pm	7/27 Measuring 7 pm -9 pm	7/28	7/29 Drop off & Measuring 9 am -1 pm
7/30	7/31 Drop off/meas. 7 - 9 pm	8/1 Measuring 7 pm -9 pm	8/2 Drop off/meas. 9 am - 1 pm	8/3 Measuring 7-10 pm	8/4	8/5 9-5 move to gym
8/6 1:30-9 pm set up gym	8/7 set up gym 10 am - 9 pm	8/8 set up gym 10 am - 9 pm	8/9 set up gym 10 am - 9 pm	8/10 9 am - 3 pm set up gym Sale 4 pm - 9:30 pm	8/11 Sale 9:30 am - 9:30 pm	8/12 Sale 9:30 am - 4 pm

For every 2 hours worked, earn \$5 credit towards purchases at the Fabric Sale. No experience necessary! Please sign up IN ADVANCE (so I'll know whom to contact if we cancel a date) by emailing [patticolby@msn.com](mailto:patticolby@msn.com) or calling (610) 630-8289. For all activities before 8/5, report to the Oak Room.



#### We Stitch *contributed by Jane Nase*

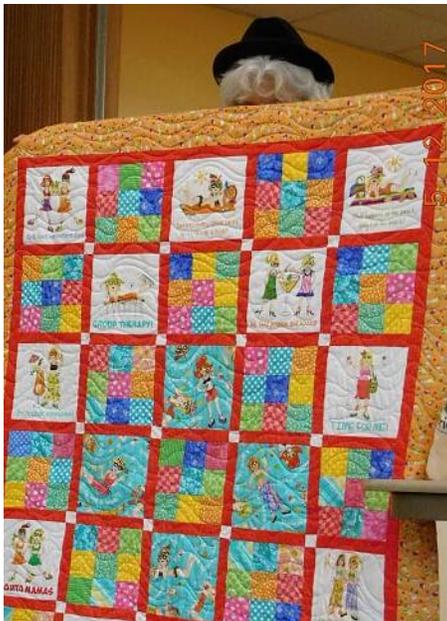
It is what we do. We stitch for warmth and comfort. We stitch to celebrate. We stitch to grieve. We stitch in protest and in support. We stitch for friends, for family, and for strangers we will never know. Like the ancient pyramids, the power of our craft rises from a firm base of friendship and community to an apex of strength that will stand the test of time.

Barbara Hollinger, Curator Sacred Threads 2015





Who is the prolific quilting lady in the black hat? Could it be HelenMarie???



Show and Tell

And the lady in blue? Our own Jane Nase.

