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 Jeffry 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.

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.

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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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!
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.

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.

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.
At Judy Taylor’s request, we have copied excerpts of this to our newsletter.

FACEBOOK
Don’t forget to come and visit the NQA Face book page — come on over!

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 (3/4 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: quilters, sewists, costumers, knitters, embroiderers – YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS SALE!  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.

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


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.


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.

Two of Mark Lipinski’s quilts shown at the May meeting.
**June Birthdays**

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Notify me if I missed you!

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**The 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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.
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 Bachkai 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

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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 patticelly@msn.com or calling (610) 639-8289. For all activities before 8/5, report to the Oak Room.

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**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???

And the lady in blue? Our own Jane Nase.