Homemaker's Country Quilters Newsletter

Website: www.homemakerscountryquilters.org.

Guild Newsletter | **March, 2017** | **Collegeville, PA**

March is here!!! On with the Show!!!

We will be showcasing our talents and sharing our skills with the community on March 24 and 25. Join in the hustle and bustle of the preparations and then sit back and enjoy the unfurling of our **Quilts of Many Colors** extravaganza. If it is your first or one of many – it will amaze you how we pull together such a professional show and how many people come show after show to see us outdo ourselves.

Volunteers Needed The items for the recycle room need to be sorted, measured and prepared for sale at our show. HelenMarie and her committee will be at the Center in March on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to around 3. Call HelenMarie if you plan to attend. Look for email blasts as we get closer to D-day and the show. More hours may be added.

Goodies needed We will be passing a signup sheet around at the meeting for baked goods for the show. They are proven money makers and people look forward to

Emergency Information: In case of a weather emergency, we follow the local school district which is announced on the radio. Our local School District is Perkiomen Valley and our number is 317. No meeting will be held if there is a 2 hour delay or school is closed. Emails will be sent as soon as a decision is made. If you do not have email and need a call, please contact someone who does have email. You may also call Perkiomen Valley School District at 610-489-8506 for an animated message regarding school emergency closings.

NO SNOW FOR MARCH 24-23!!!!!

February Program **Carol Singer**, a new member from Schwenksville, showed us her quilting journey. Her amazing progression was riveting to see.

Couching and use of curves added so much to her finished products. We all left with some new ideas and challenges. She is an asset to our club.

Sign-ups for Quilt Show It is not too late to sign up to experience the 2017 **"quilting experience."** Sign up please. You will have fun and the club will benefit.

Star Workshop Wrap-up – by Sally Rapp was well attended and quite successful. Sally braved the snow and came down to answer questions, give advice and show some ideas to the group who staved.

Correction to February Newsletter - Rita Fillinger's name was accidently omitted from the list of members who were part of the guild in 1989. Of course our Rita was a Charter Member and is still an extremely active member. She should never be forgotten.

Quilt Show March 24 - 25

HCQ Meeting March 10 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 –See page 3 for more 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.

Help Needed by Hand Quilters

After the March meeting we need to put the next quilt in the frame. Please try to stay for a while to give us some help. Thanks. Marianne Saboe

Block of the Month – Jane Nase Bring in you BOM project for a group picture at the meeting. Looking forward to seeing all the beautiful wall hangings.

Challenge – Jane Nase Let's see all those colorful Challenge Quilts at the meeting.

Presidents Corner

Pat Miesse
Barb Tudgay

Can this group get any better? One of our members shares her quilting journey and we are staggered by the detail and beauty of her quilts. Thank you, Carol Singer. At break two gals corner Pat and ask about the job of president and take on the job! Another thank you, Linda Carey and Nancy McCormick! Almost forgot Joanne McColgan stepped up to be Membership chair. For us life can't get much better. We are so pleased that you gals want to be part of the leadership.

We also need a Treasurer to be in place by the Quilt Show so the new person can work with Pat Cisek; please consider this position. The positions of Secretary and Vice President need to be filled. Working with a partner helps to share responsibility. Also seeing the "Basting Party" in the Oak Room after the meeting was heartwarming. It is so great to see the fellowship and caring you all have for one another. Before we become too sentimental don't forget the Quilt Show please block your time for the Recycle Room in the weeks before the show to help measure and set up. With all of us working together and Mother Nature's cooperation we should have one great SHOW!!

Bags Needed Bags are needed for the recycle room. Bring them with your recycle room donations. We can use grocery bags, shopping bags and even some larger plastic bags. We need to be able to bag the customers' goodies.

Longarmers needed for Quilts of Valor

Jane Nase I have made one quilt top for Quilts of Valor and I am working on my second top. I got this message from the woman who connects the quilt top piecers with the longarmers. I am hoping that some of the longarmers in our guild may be willing to quilt a quilt for QOV. You can go to their website http://QOVF.org or just respond to Elayne. Just another way for us to give back to the men and women that have served our country. If you could be so kind, please forward this message to the other guilds you are involved in to get the message out. It is a great organization with a noble cause. If you know of an experienced/qualified Longarmer who would like to help, please send them to the website or to Elayne directly (elayne.gassett@QOVF.org). She can certainly keep them busy and explain how all this works.

Program Committee Report

Linda Brennan and Jane Humay

First let me thank Carol Singer for sharing her beautiful, awe inspiring quilts last month. We hope you enjoyed viewing them and were inspired to do something new.

March is set aside during a quilt show year for show business. Therefore, there will be no program this month.

We will however, be collecting money at the March meeting for Joyce Hughes' "Basic Threadpainting Workshop" on April 21 after the general meeting. The cost will be $28 per person. A short supply list will be provided you when you pay. Joyce will also have threads for sale.

We still have need for demonstrators (demos) in the Education Room at the quilt show. Please consider presenting a 20 minute demo on either or of the two days of the show. Contact either Linda or Jane ASAP.

Membership Dues are due by April 30th. Remember after you have been a member for 30 years your dues is free, but you still must update your information. The membership chair will let you know if you are a 30+ year member. There is a form on page 7 or you can download one from our website. Click link under members only – membership to open the renewal form.

Hospitality Committee: - **Hostesses for each meeting are to be at the center by 8:15 a.m.** Start coffee first! Set out cups, napkins, tea bags, sugar, hot chocolate, creamer, lemon, etc. Supplies are located in the closet in the Walnut Room. The President has the key. **Do not store leftovers!** After the meeting clean up the kitchen and return all supplies to the closet and lock. **Replenish supplies as needed and submit all expenses to the treasurer.**

March's Hostesses are:

Sweets: Marie Schoen, Marianne Saboe, Joan McMahon

Savory: Rose Warren, Marion Hentz, Donna Fagley

Surprise coming in April from Ronald McDonald!!!!

See it here first!! Rita and Kathy have something up their sleeves!

Officers Needed Our wonderful well-oiled club is in need of officers for 2017-2019. The positions have been so well filled for the past several years that it is almost a breeze to step up. Each position comes with a complete book describing the duties of the office and at least one or two previous office holders to lend their expertise. You are never left to flounder! The offices still needing to be filled are: Vice President(s), treasurer and secretary.

The Club has well over 100 members and lots of willing workers. Consider stepping up and being a leader. This past two years, co-presidents and vice presidents have served and enjoyed having a second person to share responsibilities with. So grab your friend and jump into the melee.

Do you like money??? $$$consider being the treasurer. Speak to Pat Cisek for more information.

See Dottie Allison for information about the secretary's duties. **This job comes with a front row seat at all the meetings**.

Linda Brennan and Jane Humay as co-vice presidents have provided us with great speakers and programs and will be willing to help new officers get started. **This job also comes with a front row seat!**

Come to the meeting prepared to jump into one of these positions.

Found on Face Book and not guaranteed to be true but… if it is on the internet….

Our beautiful raffle quilt – "Stars over Annadale" Hand quilted by our guild members. The tickets sell themselves!!!

Food Pantry Information **Food Donations are being taken to St. Isodore's in Quakertown, PA** Located in the Parish Office at 603 W. Broad Street, the pantry is open Tuesdays from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., Saturday from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., and by special appointment. Volunteers, who not only give food but also kindness to those who visit the pantry, operate the pantry. Volunteers also stock and organize pantry shelves, buy groceries with money or gift cards donated to the pantry and pick up donations from area stores. Jeannie Flynn is a weekly volunteer and will be transporting the donations.

They also appreciate supermarket gift cards so they can buy other necessary items.

Wish List: Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned Stew, Peanut Butter, Tomato Sauce, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Jelly, Cereal, Oatmeal, Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate.

Paper goods and diapers etc. are also appreciated.

Bag Raffle Items Needed Our bag raffle is in need of items to be offered at a type of silent auction. People buy tickets and place them in the bag in front of the item they want to win. We usually have about 50 or 60 choices and it is a great fundraiser. These items are handmade and usually quilt or craft related. The person who donates the item that gets the most votes wins a prize. See Barbara Cooper about donating one of your creations or a basket of creations. Hop on the bandwagon and donate one of your goodies!

Spinach Squares (recipe requested by members) served at the February meeting by Lillian Fisher

1 pound of fresh spinach (remove stems)
1 pound grated mild cheese
3 large eggs beaten
½ cup of milk
1 cup of flour
1 tsp Baking Powder
1 tsp salt

Use 1/3 of a cup of butter to melt in a 13 X 9 pan to grease it and add mixed ingredients.

Bake 35 minutes at 350 degrees.

FYI

Remember – this information is not endorsed by the editor – just FYI

March 29-April 1, 2017
(Wed-Fri 9-6, Sat 9-4)
AQS Quilt Week
Lancaster Convention Center
25 S Queen St, Lancaster, PA 17603

Lancaster Quilt Show, March 29-April 1, The Continental Inn, www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com.

Creative Sewing Retreat in October at Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA (which is north of Harrisburg). Run by Phyllis Pitarra, a former Bernina shop owner, from Maryland. For information contact Phyllis at CampPitarra@gmail.com or 410-661-2267.

Grapefruit Slices
Featured Contemporary Quilter
Amy Selmanoff

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Garden Strips
Featured Traditional Quilter
Carol Gevecker Graves

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Penn Oaks Quilt Guild Quilt Show, For the Love of Quilting IX, May 5-6, 2017, www.pennoaksquilters.org.

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February 22, 2017

Dear Homemakers Country Quilters,

Thank you so much for the donations of non-perishable foods for our food pantry in February. The soups, spaghetti sauce, canned meat, and tomato products were especially appreciated! Some of them went right onto the shelves and out the door a few days after the meeting. Your generous gift of a $50.00 gift card for Giant was a huge blessing, enabling us to fill in some empty spots on the shelves.

Our volunteers and the families we serve truly appreciate your kindness, and I thank you for all you do to make a difference in the lives of others every month.

Sincerely,

Janet Hague, Food Cupboard coordinator

March Birthdays

Please let me know if I miss your birthday. My scanning skills are slipping.

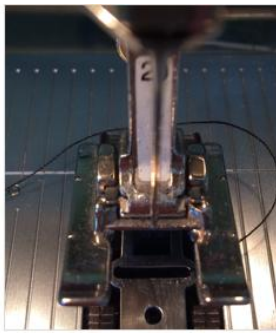
Marty Cahill	9
Barbara Lewis	12
Helen Kenna	13
Marcia Field	15
Dorothy Cutler	29

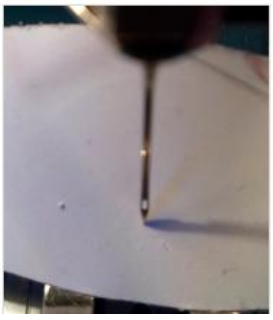
Don't forget to bring your challenge and block of the month projects to show at the show and tell in March.

Demo Guru's Needed

We still have need for demonstrators (demos) in the Education Room at the quilt show. Please consider presenting a 20 minute demo on either or of the two days of the show. Contact either Linda Brennan or Jane Humay ASAP. This is a great time to share some skills with the community. People seem to really enjoy getting new ideas and skills.

Tip of the Month from Nannette – needle threading help – Slip a white Piece of paper under the needle on your machine and get better view of needle..





Ronald McDonald

Kathy Graff and Rita Fillinger

The Ronald McDonald room will be closed until April's meeting. Get your quilts done for the show!

We will accept can tabs & toiletries at the sign-in table.

A new surprise will be arriving at the April meeting.

Organize your own carpool for the trip to Danville, PA to visit the Ronald McDonald House we support. The trip will take place on Friday, May 19. Driving instructions will be provided and we will gather afterwards at the Pine Barn Restaurant for lunch. If single, we will hook you up with another carpool.

Carol Singer's creation

Menu from the Quilters' Kitchen at the Show

Soup – Vegetarian Vegetable
Hoagies – tuna, turkey, roast beef and Italian
Hot Dogs – with and without sauerkraut
Sodas and Iced Tea
Coffee and Tea
Chips
Baked Goods – made by members.
Free coffee for workers available before and during the show.

Homemakers Country Quilters February 2016 Minutes by Dottie Allison
Call to Order at 9:35 AM by Pat Miesse, Co-President.
Birthday wishes were extended to the members.
Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes as printed with a correction for the dates of the Quilt Show was made by Marty Cahill and seconded by Judy Trumbore.
Treasurer's Report: A motion was made to accept the report as printed by Darlene Hofmeister and seconded by Angie Roman.
Attendance was **68** members and **2** guests.
Denim and Polo shirts: Please see Barb Tudgay.
Nominating Committee: A nominating Committee is in place but a plea was made for volunteers for the offices. It was stressed that co-chairs resulted in a very workable arrangement for both the individuals and the Quilt Club. Joanne McColgan will assume the Membership Chair for 2017-18.
Linda Carey and Nancy McCormack volunteered for the Co-Presidents slate of officers.
Weather cancellation: Perkiomen Valley School District is **no longer using a number** (317). They are now identified by name. You may also call the School district. The phone number is 610-489-8506, press 2, for a status. Unless otherwise notified, our organization is canceled for both a school district cancellation and a two hour delay.
Ronald McDonald: Kathy Graff asked that finished quilts be held until April. No more are needed for the Education Room. Christmas quilts are due in October.
Membership: Dues are due in March and/or April.
Consignment Shop: This year it will be in the Gym. Because Crafters will have setups with the Consignment Shop, Sue McFadden will need additional coverage. Crafters, who are members, will be participating due to our decreased number of vendors this year.
Recycle Room: HelenMarie Marshall stated that much has been done. The Beech Room will be set up Tuesday, February 28 beginning at 9 AM. If additional benches are needed they will be requested later.
Community Cupboard: Janet Hague will deliver today. Help is needed in getting items to the cars during the break. Thank you notes were received from Keystone Opportunity Center and St. Mary's.
Bag Raffle: Barb Cooper reported that items for the bag raffle are looking good. .
Quilt Show Sign up Sheets: Mary Kieras placed them in the Hickory Room. Please sign up during the break.
Quilt Show Postcards: Barb Tudgay found several unopened packets. They were made available to the membership.
Quilt Show Gift Admission Tickets: Jane Early has them available. The cost is $7.00
Basting Event: Help basting a King size quilt will begin following the program.
Sally Rapp will finish her program, Starry Surprise, following today's program.
Show and Tell: Angie Roman showed a "fat quarter bag" and several members asked for a workshop.
Announcements: Joyce Hughes' **April workshop** is **full**. Please advise Linda Brennan if you can not attend as she has a waiting list.
Meeting date change for April: Because of Good Friday, the meeting will be on the third Friday, April 21.

Today's **Program** was My World in Color by Carol Singer. Carol showed and addressed the progression of her quilt making journey.
Opportunity Basket: won by Lois Kershner.
Adjournment: 11:30 AM

Singer Sewing Machine *Sent by HelenMarie*
Today, where the concept of "disruption" has become so popular in business, those developing apps and new startups can look to the Singer Sewing Machine as one of the original disruptive technologies. (National Museum of American History)
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Return this form and your payment BEFORE April 30TH to: **Sue Macfadden**
525 Dock Way
Lansdale, Pa 19446

Homemakers Country Quilters Emergency Contact Information
Please include a phone number that is **useable during our meeting.**

Your Name _____

Contact person name and phone number _____

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Alternate contact person and number _____

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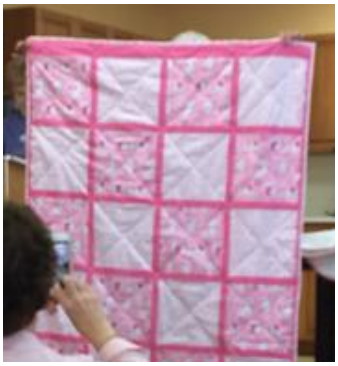
Jean Harned's Table Runner

Sara Borr's Star quilt from Sally Rapp's workshop



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