



Homemaker's Country Quilters Newsletter

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Guild Newsletter

September, 2017

Collegeville, PA

Farm, Home and Youth Fair 2017



Our quilting demo room was extremely successful this year. The room had over 275 visitors and many inquiries about quilting. We did quite well: \$291 in Raffle Tickets, \$174.25 in Rada. (\$85.25 of that was a previous order.)

Flora Becker won the Raffle Quilt and was there to collect it, thus no postage. See pictures on page 7 & 8.

HCO Meeting September 8, 2017

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 5 for more information.

Show and Tell is held at each meeting.

Trip to Ronald McDonald House this October 20th to deliver holiday quilts.

Officers for the 2017-2019 Term

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Linda Carey Nancy McCormack



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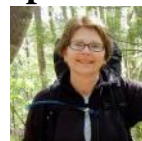


This group has already put in many hours getting ready to launch the term. The enthusiasm and creativity shown at the first board meeting was unreal. Everybody arrived with homework done and open ears for new ideas!!!

Viewer's Choice Winners at the Fair

1. Judy Trumbore for Best in Show
2. Alpacateer's Quilt for large quilt
3. Marcia Field for wall hanging
4. Leah Walton for wall hanging

September Program



Terry Kranzer is a fiber artist from Kennett Square. She was recently featured in Quilt Life Magazine

Talking about her quilts, Terry says, "I work in fiber because I enjoy the process of joining fabric, using a variety of techniques. I often mix traditional quilt designs or contemporary abstraction with images of flowers or birds. I love that people feel a connection between quilts past and a modern work of art. My art contemplates my deep connection with nature and illustrates my journey pieced in fabric." When she isn't sewing art quilts, Terry is backpacking the miles toward Katahdin on the Appalachian Trail, kayaking a serene river or cycling Rail-Trails across the United States.

Try to get to know these women who will be working hard to give us a successful two years.

President's Message



From Linda Carey and Nancy McCormack

Welcome to a new year of quilting, learning, charitable works, laughter, and socializing with others who love the craft of quilting. We are so grateful for the leadership of Pat Miesse and Barb Tudgay over the past two years and we will do our very best to continue to promote the high standards of our guild.

As we take on the role as co-presidents, we find ourselves stepping out of our own personal comfort zone and we would like to challenge each of you to step out of your own comfort zone, too. Small things such as sitting with someone you may not know very well, trying a new quilting technique or a challenging quilt pattern, becoming a member of one of our many committees or, better yet, volunteer to chair a committee. There will be numerous opportunities throughout the year to share your talents, expand and perfect your quilting skills while enjoying the camaraderie of fellow guild members both current and new.

Vice President's Message



From Angela Roman and Carol Singer

Welcome back to what we hope will be another year of fun-filled programs. With the summer behind us and the cooler days of fall upon us, our first lecturer will be Terry Kramzar, a fiber artist from Kennett Square. Her presentation is entitled "Inspired by Adventure".

Terry's work has been seen in numerous publications. She is an intrepid explorer living an adventurous life. She is very passionate about her quilting. Terry's work is diverse, ranging from pictorial to abstract, pieced to appliqued, and innovative to traditional. Her work has been seen in numerous publications. Recently an Artist in Residence at Everglades and Grand Canyon National Parks, Terry will share her adventures and how they have inspired her creative process.

A lecture you won't want to miss.

Ronald McDonald House

Kathy Graff & Rita Fillinger

A **BIG** thank you to our "sample" sewers: Donna Armstrong, Diane Bonck, Lois Skitt, Barb Tudgay, Peggy Melachrinis, and Kathy Graff. Their work will be on display in the Hickory Room with NEW kits for RMcD quilts.

Please join us on Friday, October 20 to deliver the holiday quilts and Christmas stockings to the RMcD house in Danville. Sign up with Kathy (a) if you are coming, (b) if you can drive/ need a ride and (c) if you have trunk space for quilts.

If you have any kits you cannot make or labels not needed; PLEASE return them to the Hickory Room and update your card in the file box.

As always, don't forget toiletries & can tabs. Plus pillowcases are always needed.

Christmas Stockings for the Ronald McDonald House.

Remember that your stockings are due by the September meeting. Any questions, call Jane Humay

September Birthdays

Pat Miesse	2
Peggy Michener	7
Dale Souder	16
Nancy McCormack	17
Lillian Fisher	30

Notify me if I missed you!

Memorial

Contributions were sent out in memory of **Thelma Kehr** to the Temple School of Podiatry and in memory of **Anna Jones** to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in Rye Brook, NY

As per a new policy, a book will be donated to our guild library in memory of **Jane Hertel** with a dedication to her memory on the bookplate.

Sad News Jane Hertel, a member since 1994, passed away on Friday, August 18, 2017. She will be cremated and buried with her husband Paul in Washington Crossing. Her daughter is having a family gathering in November around her birthday. Her Daughter is Nancy Hertel O' Shea, 554 Franklin Ave. South Plainfield, NJ 07080 if the members want to send cards.

Feed the Attic Get back in the groove and bring in your recycle items to get started on our next successful Recycle Room. Helen Marie will have boxes for you to fill and march to the attic.

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Calendar is coming in a separate email for you to post.

WANTED – Redner's Tapes of any amount, just use your Redner's Card at checkout. It is free money to our guild. There is a collection box at the sign in table. Ask your friends for their register tapes too. See Jane Nase with any questions.

Ronald McDonald House Visit – Reflections

by Nancy Mc Cormack

A visit to the Ronald McDonald House in Danville, PA is an awe-inspiring and humbling experience. Throughout the tireless day in and day out work of the permanent staff and many volunteers, the House extends a warm welcome to all who enter. It is a calm, safe haven providing families the support they need when their daily lives have been disrupted by medical issues or traumatic injury to a beloved child.

While meeting with Mike Turlis, Executive Director, Joan Williams, Program Supervisor and Christina Lehman, Program Assistant, it quite evident how much our delivery of pop-tops, toiletries, etc. meant to them; however, the highlight was the bags of quilts. Ah, the quilts! One by one, a bag was unpacked, admired and then carefully placed on a half-wall separating the sitting area from the main corridor. As we sat chatting, we could see a little patient walking back and forth just watching as the pile of quilts grew. Mike learned that the little boy had not, in fact, received his quilt to he was invited to choose his own. He little hands went through the pile slowly until he spotted a quilt made with truck fabric. His eyes lit up! When handed his quilt his smile broadened and we watched as he toddled off tightly cuddling his gift. No wonder our quilts are so appreciated by the staff. They get to see the joy each quilt brings to the young recipients many time over while we were blessed with but a brief glimpse.

One thing is for certain. All that our guild provides the Danville RMD House is greatly appreciated by the staff, the family of the patients and most importantly, by the patients – the children. Know that your labor of love brings much comfort to a child facing many health struggles.

Encampment held in Sept.

Our group is invited to display hand quilting Skippack Historical Society
Sept 30. 10-5
Contact person is Walt Johnson 610-584-6386
It is held at the historical society building/barn on Rt 73

Box Tops for Education

are still being collected. They go to the Silver Springs – Martin Luther School for school supplies. Look for the label on food, Ziploc bags, Scott toilet paper, Hefty trash bags and many other products. **Campbell Soup** is no longer participating in Labels for Education, so we will no longer be collecting those labels.

Look for a questionnaire about a possible HCQ retreat to be planned. If you like retreats, consider being on the planning committee!!!

Quilt Guild 2017-2018

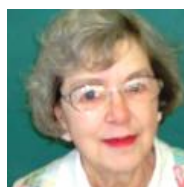
They stroll in – some in groups, some alone. One unifying feature is the smile on each face as the new quilt guild year gets underway. Some are chatting a mile a minute sharing the 3 months since the last meeting and others quietly listen. The hospitality table beckons and the smell of coffee wafts from the front of the room. Plates laden with goodies are at each place. Some are healthy fruits, veggies, non-sweets and others look like pages in a desserts magazine. Again, the unifying feature is the smile on each face.

The meeting is called to order and another year is launched. We have such a wonderful group of members led by a dedicated group of board members and chair people. What will this year have in store for each of us? It will be different perhaps for each but hopefully rewarding.



Fabric Sale at the Fair

Many of our members helped to measure and sort fabric for the 4H fundraiser.



Glad News

Joan Fichtner, a member of the guild since 2010, is getting married this fall. She will be known as Joan Fichtner Woodruff.

Overheard at a recent board meeting:

Our club is F² and S²! In case you wondered what these are – F² stands for free fabric and food and that is what brings the members out in droves for meetings. The S² means Sew and Shop which is the goal of a retreat near quilt stores.

Thank you to Jack Armstrong

The hinges on our storage cabinets were really wearing to the point that they were dangerous. Donna Armstrong volunteered her handsome handy husband, Jack, to come in this summer and replace all of them. What a great difference accessing the cabinets. And Jack and Donna donated both his time and the materials to the guild. Thanks Armstrongs

Fall Festival



See Pat Miesse for more information.

Meadowood's Fall Festival is being held on **Saturday, October 7th** from 10 am until 4 pm. The Guest House (on the left just past the entrance) will be selling a variety of household items, furniture, and clothing. The Schultz Community Center will have booths selling a variety of crafts, jewelry, wood items, ceramics and baked goods. Raffle basket tickets and lunch can be purchased. Begin your Holiday shopping early! Proceeds from the sales benefit Meadowood's Benevolence Fund.

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

September 14-17, Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Oaks, PA, www.quiltfest.com.

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Dear Quilters / Sewers,

I have a considerable amount of fabric from the estate of my mother for sale. She died in February at age 96 and was a lifelong sewer. It includes all types of fabric, suitable for quilting and sewing of all types, sizes, colors, and designs, as well as sewing supplies, such as buttons, trim, and zippers. I also have an antique wooden quilt frame made by Sears and Roebuck (Hearthside #4427) which measures 56". I am selling the fabric for \$3.00 a piece and asking \$75.00 for the quilt frame.

I would be most grateful if you could publicize this information in your organization and/or advise me of how to proceed. I am located in Intercourse area, just south of Rt. 340, Lancaster County. Contact me any time.

Gratefully,
Elaine Burgess 15 Wildflower Court (Watson Run development)
Gordonville, PA 17529 (717) 768-0706 (610) 613-2456 cell
danb@ccis.net

Backstage Quilt & Collections Tour at Landis Valley September 20 Featured will be precious quilts and antiques which are not available to the public. The cost of \$20.00 includes the backstage tour, curator services and transportation from Garden Spot Village at 8:45 returning at 12:30. Call Sally Rapp at 717-355-6511 for more information.

Quilt Until You Wilt: & Do More!

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Keystone Quilters Quilt Show

Fri, Oct. 13 and Sat, Oct 14

KEYSTONE QUILTERS presents Quilt Show 2017 "Quilter's Garden".
NEW LOCATION: Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA 18073.

Admission \$7.00, age 12 and under are free.

NACQJ Judged Quilt Show, Free Demos, Door Prizes, Boutique/Recycle Room, Chinese Auction, Keystone Café and Vendor Mall. www.keystonequilters.org or call 610-282-0651

Cathedral Window Quilt I was approached by an older lady who has a dilemma. Her mother completed a twin size before she died and now she would like someone to make it a double size so she can use it. She does not quilt at all. Call Charlotte Mahers 610-273 – 9086 or contact Carol Olinick She lives in Honeybrook



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Sally Rapp's Quilt Exhibit Sally will have a one woman show at Garden Spot where she now lives. It will be set up Sept. 1 and taken down on Oct. 1. Sally will be away Sept. 9 to 16 and Marion will be away Sept. 24-31. If you come a day when one of them is there they might be able to meet you at the show.

Hope to see you all in September!

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.

Hospitality Ladies for April- 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.

Sept. - sweet snacks are being provided by Jane Nase, Carol Olinick and Angie Roman

Sept. - savory snacks will be provided by Pat Bonck, Nancy McCormack, Joanne McColgan and Carol Singer

Special Note for Refreshments - Please remember to take your left-over food and the utensils and containers home with you so the committee does not have to worry about them. If you use a container or utensil from the cabinets or drawers, please wash them and put them back. Each month there seems to be items that are unclaimed at the end of the meeting.

Newtown Quilters' Guild upcoming 2017 show, “A Stitch in Time”,

October 14th 9am – 5pm October 15th 10am – 5pm
Lower Bucks Masonic Hall Heacock and Edgewood Roads
Yardley, PA 19067

\$8.00 donation (bring postcard for \$1.00 off)

Children under 12 free

Group rates available

Free Parking

Demonstrations weather permitting

Over 200 quilts will be presented

Aunt Sukie's Attic Treasures on sale

Raffle Baskets and a Raffle Quilt

RaNae Merrill - Vendor and demos

Website – www.newtownquiltersguild.org

Treasurer's Availability

Kathy Schuessler will be available 15 minutes before and after the meeting and during the break for writing checks and taking deposits in the main meeting room. The treasurer's report will again be placed on the end of the tables at the meeting.



If you have any questions see Kathy about the report.

HCQ Website – Please email any pictures of club activities to Jane Nase. The What's New tab has information and pictures of current workshops, fair etc. If you miss a meeting and don't want to miss Show and Tell, just click on the Show and Tell tab. Do you have a bill and don't have a voucher form, look under the Member Information tab. Click on the link and you can print a form and send it to the treasurer.

New Member Bios – more on page 6

Maureen McLaughlin, 1152 Colonial Ave., Abington, PA, 19001, 215-429-0224(c); mmclaughlin615@comcast.net; birthday 6/15 –

Bio will follow when submitted.

Linda Ulinski 521 Ringold St., Phoenixville, PA., 19460; 610-917-3855; mercyangel1@msn.com; birthday 8/21

I am originally from Western Pennsylvania. I have been married for 48 years and have two wonderful sons and a daughter-in-law along with three awesome grandchildren. I began sewing in grade school. I made my first quilt in 1989 and then didn't quilt again until taking a quilting class at Bucks Community College. I then made my first hand made quilt. I have sewed off and on through the years making curtains, clothes, costumes and quilts. I retired, soon it will be two years (don't know where the time goes) and I have spent more time on my hobby of quilting. I am currently working on a block on the month – Forest Floor I look forward to being a part of Homemaker's Country Quilters.

New Member Bios – we have eight new members this year. Try to greet each one of them!!

Johnine Byrer, 775 Scenic Drive, Harleysville, PA, 19438; 908-399-4170; deaconjb@g-mail.com; birthday 11/19

I live in Harleysville, PA; I am retired from teaching students with disabilities. We have four adult children who live all over the country and four grandchildren. I have been quilting for over 25 years and still learning. I love to piece traditional quilts with new designs and I machine quilt. I love batiks!

Sue Edwards, 2116 Old Woods Rd., Green Lane, PA, 18054; 215 536-4880 (h) and 215-280-4660 (c); suzytypist@aol.com; birthday 11/25

My name is Sue Edwards. I live in Green Lane, PA with my husband Barry. Also living with us – a beautiful rescued golden retriever, Sapphire, and a little calico kitty, Nugget. Our son and daughter-in-law just moved to Scotsdale Arizona – think it will be nice to visit especially during the winter! I have been quilting for about 15 years and have been a hand embroiderer for about 40 years! I have a long arm and enjoy machine quilting. I don't really have a favorite type of quilting – I like it all.

Jean Hoerr – 1902 Armstrong Drive, Lansdale, PA ,19446; 215-699-1829 (h) and 215-407-4282(c); jndhoerr@verizon.net; birthday 2/14

I am a retired elementary ESL teacher and have been married to the same wonderful guy for 44 years. We have two grown children and three grand kids. I started sewing early in my life, probably because my mom set the example. At first I made doll clothes and then curtains, drapes, and clothing, mostly for my home and family. A school colleague started me down the path to my quilting addiction and I've been hooked ever since. That was over 20 years ago. I also like to knit, crochet, and do counted cross stitch. This is the first guild I've belonged to as I worked full time for quite a while. It surely didn't leave a lot of time for what I love to do. Now, being retired, I hope to be an asset to this group and get to know all of you better.

Maxine Bernstein 815 Reading Circle; Lansdale, PA 19446; almax626@msn.com

I have been a sewer all my life. I attended my first quilt show at the Homemaker's Country Quilters in Creamery , PA. There I met a vender and quilt shop owner, at the time, Karen Kay Buckley, and the rest is history. Karen was my first and best teacher!

I am kept busy by my 4 children and 8 grandchildren. I am a traditional quilter. Every quilt I make is made to be used. The grandchildren each got a quilt when they were born. My children are not lacking for quilts either. I am now trying to get ahead of the game and making a stock pile for the next graduations, possible engagements, marriages , etc.

I machine piece and machine quilt....Once in a while I hand quilt. I love the traditional old patterns and the warmth they bring. I hope I am leaving a forever legacy.

Vicki Haines 1405 Cobblestone Way, Quakertown, PA ,18951; 610-805-8320 (c); vickihaines@comcast.net; birthday 8/8

My name is Vicki Haines. I was born and raised in the Montgomery County area. I now live in Richland Township with my wonderful husband of over 40 years. We have two sons and three grandchildren. I still work in my own court reporting business as well as photography work. Quilting is what I do when I want to escape the working world. I absolutely love it. I took my first class at the Souder Store at the age of 25. That is where and when I learned that the word “quilt” was not just a noun but also a verb. I didn't know what the art of “quilting” was until that class. I have been hooked ever since. I learned how to quilt my own quilts back in the '70's and '80's, but I must say that I now absolutely love the beautiful art of machine quilting. It is so exciting to me to see how alive and well our craft is with all of the new patterns and fabrics that are available to us. I look forward to meeting and joining you ladies in your wonderful guild.

***Kathy Schuessler** – 4626 Belmont Dr., Emmaus, PA, 18049; 610-965-2702; Kaschuess@rcn.com; birthday 3/23 bio in November, 2016 newsletter

I live in Emmaus, with my husband, and two grown daughters. I started sewing in grade school and continued to sew clothing until I took my first quilting class in the late 1980's at the local YMCA. I have been quilting ever since. I enjoy taking classes to learn new techniques, attending quilt shows and visiting fabric stores with friends. Besides quilting, I like to knot and read.

* Kathy has been attending the meetings since last year but was never formally inducted into the membership. While her bio was posted in the November 2016 newsletter, it is included here. She is our new Treasurer!

Historian's Column – This column will have interviews with some of our members who have been in the guild for 30 years or more. This month's features **Lois Diltz** who currently lives at Keystone Villas at 1152 Benjamin Franklin Highway in Douglasville, PA 19518. She can be reached at 610-385-2000 – just ask for Lois Diltz.

Lois was born on May 28, 1926 and she will be 92. She no longer drives and doesn't do any quilting since she moved into her tiny apartment. She did buy a large amount of fabric when three local quilt stores went out of business and has three or four good sewing machines but they are all in storage.

Quilting was number 1 on her enjoyment list. She worked at Pottstown Sewing Center for a few years. She also was employed at Superior Tube for 20 years doing computer work on second shift. She joined our club in 1985 because we met during the day. She finished her first quilt at 4 am because she just couldn't stop. Her grandmom quilted and her mother did some. She remembers being asked to do the quilting for a woman who was creating patterns and writing a book for blocks for the 50 states because her stitches were so small and even.

Lois was involved in delivering the initial Ronald McDonald quilts as she had family living nearby to the House and had a station wagon. She was one of 14 children and is the only one living now.

She really misses the guild meetings and spoke of Nannette, Rita, Evelyn and Irene among others. She would love to hear from people who remember her. If she ever gets to her storage trailers, she has lots of pictures of the "good old days."



Lois from our 2015 membership book.

Committee Chairs for the 2017-2019 term

Block of the Month - TBD

- Bulletin Board – Donna Armstrong
- Club Shirts – Barb Tudgay
- Community Cupboard – Pat Bochnowicz, Rose Warren
- Greeter – Anne Fisher
- Historian & Newsletter – Carol Olinick
- Hospitality – Kay Bachkai ***
- Library – Maureen Britt
- Membership – Joanne McColgan
- Opportunity Basket – Barbara Garrett
- Quilting Bee – TBD**
- Rada – Jean Wooster
- Recycle Room – HelenMarie Marshall
- Ronald McDonald House – Rita Fillinger, Kathy Graff
- Sunshine – Barbara Lewis
- Tip of the Month – Lynn Horng
- Website – Jane Nase, Carol Olinick

2018 4-H Fair & 2019 Quilt Show Chairs – TBD

*** More help is needed on the Hospitality Committee.

Please see Kay Bachkai

If you would like to volunteer for an open position, see one of the officers. Get some friends and tackle it. Take note of how many of these chairs are repeats because the job is so rewarding.



Some of the quilts that were entered in the open classifications at the Farm, Home and Family Fair in August, 2017. Many were done by our members.



4-H ALPACATEERS QUILT/WALLHANGING
Sponsored by Little Lost Creek Alpaca Farm

The raffle of this quilt, each panel felted by one of our club members, is to benefit the club families attending alpaca agility competitions. It is expensive to pay for a weekend of hotels and meals for large families, and we conceived this quilt and raffle it in order to help offset the costs to families to attend completions.

The members who felted a panel are:

Kayla Keegan	Weston Klink
Grace Lindsay	Aiden Lindsay
Naomi Lindsay	Asher Lindsay
Annabelle Martindell	Vanessa Martindell
Sarah McCarthy	Jonathan McCarthy
Leah Pulaski	Kylee Thompson
	Maggie Welsh

Maggie's mother, Nancy Welsh, dedicated many hours to sewing and quilting.
Raffle tickets are \$3 per ticket, \$10 for 4
Tickets can be purchased at the Alpacateers tent.



More of the quilts entered into the Farm, Home and Youth Fair.