



The Quilt Line



Pocono Mountain Quilters' Guild

March 2015

Check out the web page at www.thepmqg.com

Next meeting is March 4th 2015

President's Message: Hello Quilting Friends,

Tomorrow is March 1st. It feels like the beginning of February! While most of us are ready to kick winter out the door, Mother Nature isn't ready to throw in the towel just yet. The making of our Challenge pieces is at an end. Mine was literally a mad rush at the last minute and I submitted my quilt at the Bar Association with only 20 minutes to spare. Have I learned a lesson about the dangers of procrastinating? Of course! Will I take the lesson to heart and change my ways? Sad to say, it's doubtful. That's just the way it is <sigh>.

Now we get to truly enjoy the fruits of our labors, not once, but twice. First with the opening reception on March 6th at the Bar Association and then again when the show opens at Pocono Arts Council. I hope everyone comes out to support the entrants and the guild in this one-of-a-kind (and the Bar Association, too)!

As we head into spring (it's got to arrive at some point!), we've got some activities to keep busy with. Jane explains it all later in this newsletter. For the UFO challenge I've got a small project all lined up. It seems to be a fairly safe piece in that it's small enough that I might get it finished without a last minute dash at the end. (Yeah, right!)

Now that the challenge is done, Jane and I will be working on a design for our auction quilt. Towards that end, we're having a paper piecing workshop at the April meeting. A portion of the quilt will be paper pieced blocks. And those who love appliqué work will get a chance to work on the quilt as well. We'll keep you posted when we have more information. For now, please stay safe and warm cuddling under a mountain of your handmade quilts!

Keep on Stitchin', Lois

Minutes: General Meeting: 02/04/2015

The meeting was brought to order at 6.45pm by Vice President Jane Maughan, 18 members were present and two guests, Ann Lesh and Shirley Correll. Jane Maughan briefly talked about the program for the evening. We would be watching several tutorials on binding. Jane stated that this was chosen because if we had to cancel, it would be easy to do so. Let's have a discussion after the videos and then we can share ideas. Jane found the videos on YouTube and professed that YouTube was a great site to find things.

Discussion followed the videos and Jane said she would send out the link to the videos. Refreshments followed.

At 7.50pm President Lois Kirkwood called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was called for to accept the Treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was accepted by Marianne Bridges and seconded by Donna Conto. All members were in favor

Secretary: No minutes were taken in January, as we did not have a meeting.

Activities: Vice President Jane Maughan spoke about the challenge. She asked for a show of hands to see how many members were doing the challenge. Jane was pleased to see that so many members were doing a challenge piece. NQA judge Phyllis Manley will be judging the challenge with a member from the Bar Association and a member of the Pocono Arts Council; it will be a three panel system. Jane is making a quilt but it will not be judged. The newsletter does list the drop off points; no late entries will be accepted. You may also drop off your quilt at Jane's office.

The opening to present the challenge will be a cocktail party on March 6th. A viewer's choice will be voted on that evening and then the show will move to the Arts Council gallery for two weeks. The judging will take place on February 28th. There will be a catalog for the show; there will be a photograph of the quilt and a description. The winning quilt will be on the cover of the catalog. If you are not entering the challenge, you are still welcome to come to the cocktail party. The Historical Society would like the guild to make a quilt from the courthouse fabric for them.

March: Earn you PHD (Pretty Much Half Done) over the spring and summer. Bring in a UFO, sign a contract and hopefully bring the piece back to the August picnic completed.

April: We will be sewing by hand and this would be a great way to learn this technique. There will be a kit for sale for \$5.00 which includes three fat quarters, plus the paper piecing pattern. You will have to sign up at the March meeting for the kit.

Ways and Means: Raised \$22.00. Members who won items were Ellen Stanley, Kim Kimler, Donna Conto, Andrea Kash and Barbara Wenton.

Hospitality: was provided by Sheryl Flatt, Ellen Stanley, Marianne Bridges, Linda Doll, and Christine Bearn. Thank you to all members who brought things in to share.

Old Business: Lois Kirkwood brought up the fact that we are paid up until the end of

May for the storage unit. We will have to pay another \$600 plus for another year after that. Lois announced that she would like to hear from the members their thoughts about the frames. Does anyone have any ideas on how to use them?

Marianne Bridges.... Maybe other guilds could rent them from us.

Barb Wenton.... The quilt show decision was just for this year, should we wait to make this decision?

Jane Maughan Believes that we will do a show again, but we may be doing something on a smaller scale.

Peggy P. Chiniewicz ... Do we have the opportunity to rent a smaller unit?

Sarah Pierson.... How do we propose to get rid of the pipes?

Kathy Parrish We are all getting older and are getting too old to put them up.

Pat Bruck ... There are sites on line that will advertise things for sale locally.

Lois Kirkwood ... We cannot think of the quilt show on the same scale. A lot of our quilter's do not even make quilts. We have certainly got our moneys worth out of the pipes.

Barbara Hall made a motion to dispose of the pipes and the wood that are in the storage unit, in whatever manner we can. **Pat Bruck** seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

New Business: Lois Kirkwood read a letter to guild from a lady that was offering fabric to a good home.

The meeting was adjourned by Barb Wenton.

Show and Tell: Barbara Hall and Shirley Correll

Respectfully submitted by Lorraine Hare



Calendar:

New Meeting Dates for 2015: March 4; April 1; May 6; June 10; July 1; August 5; September 2; October 7; November 4 and December 2.

March 4: Tonight you will apply for your Ph.D. To earn your Ph.D. in August, bring to the March 4th meeting one of your "Pretty-much Half Done" quilt projects, also known as UFO's, and commit to finishing it by our August picnic meeting to earn your Ph.inished degree. At the March meeting, you will show your project to the membership, admit to or make up an excuse why you never finished it, and we will take your photo with the project (or just have your project pose for the photo!). At our August picnic we will have a great time looking at everyone's finished work and Ph.inished Certificates will be handed out to the fine finishers. Come to the March meeting with your unfinished projects!

Payment must be made for the kits for the April paper piecing workshop---the three fabrics are pictured on the website and the supply list is posted on the website and below in this Newsletter. Your April project kit cost is \$5 and it contains the 3 fat quarters and several printed paper piecing blocks.

March 6: Challenge Opening at the Bar Center

You and a guest are invited to the Challenge Quilt opening at the Monroe County Bar Center on **Friday, March 6th at 5 P.M.**, and you need not have turned in a Challenge quilt to attend. Please come out and support our members who participated, and enjoy the beautiful quilts. The quilts will be displayed, wine and cheese served and the Viewers' Choice vote will be taken and announced.

April 1: At the April 1st Member Meeting we will learn paper piecing techniques from a video tutorial, and will hand sew a simple 5" paper pieced block. You can sign up for the \$5 kit at the March meeting; kits will be distributed at the April meeting. Kits contain the 3 fat quarters pictured on the website, together with several paper piecing foundations.

Challenge Show and Tell

Members who participated in the Challenge "100 Years on the Courthouse Steps" are invited to bring their Challenge quilts to the April meeting for a special Show and Tell. Congratulations to all who participated!

Treasurer's Report: Report for February 2015

January Activity 2015

Beginning Balance: **\$11,951.19**

Income:

2/04/2015	Ways and Means	\$22.00	\$11,937.19
	Error from Jan. Report	\$25.00	\$11,962.19
	Total Income:	\$47.00	

Expenses:

#1096	Meals on Wheels Donation	\$405.00	-\$405.00
#1097	Ornament Class/April Workshop	\$369.00	-\$774.00
	Jane Maughan		
#1098	American Ribbon Fabrics	\$16.78	-\$790.78
	Fabric for Sun Bonnet Sue		
	Check Book Fees	\$33.90	-\$824.68

Total Expenses: **\$824.68**

Ending Balance: **\$11,137.51**



Activities:

Ways and Means:

Thank you for your ongoing support to Ways and Means. We raised \$22.00 at the last meeting and these lucky members won a gift: Ellen Stanley, Kim Kimler, Donna Conto, Andrea Kash and Barb Wenton. Your donations of prizes and ticket sales are an important fund raising activity at each meeting. Tickets continue to be 1 ticket for \$1.00 and 3 tickets for \$2.00.

Submitted by Kathleen Rambo/Mary Santoro

Charity Quilts:

Thank you to Mary Santoro for donating 2 dog beds and 2 cat beds. We have kits available; please see Judy Mehl or Lorraine Hare if you would like a kit.

Submitted by Lorraine Hare and Judy Mehl

Community Quilts:

There are two quilt tops that need to be quilted if anyone is interested in quilting one please let Rose Frailey know. If anyone has an idea for a community quilt, please speak with Rose Frailey.

Submitted by Rose Frailey

Celebration Quilts:

Do you have a special occasion coming up? Or know someone that does? Let us help you celebrate. The birth of a baby; a wedding; a 25th anniversary; a 50th or 60th anniversary are important occasions. **It is important to celebrate.**

Contact Sheri Seip

February's Birthdays:

Ann Marie Kizer	February 14th
Ann Lambert	February 26th

March's Birthdays:

Donna Conto	March 1st
Marie Guidry	March 7th
Jane Maughan	March 10th
Cosma Cunningham	March 20 th
Barbara Ebert	March 23rd

February's Anniversaries:

Ellen Stanley	2/11/1967
Marianne Bridges	2/15/2004
Louise Price	2/25/1956
Sarah Pierson	2/26/1971



Hospitality: Thank you to Sheryl Flatt, Ellen Stanley, Marianne Bridges, Linda Doll and Christine Bearn for bringing in refreshments at February's meeting.

Submitted by Barb Wenton

Tea Time: Our tea social is back again at 6:00pm; bring your favorite mug and enjoy some social time before the meeting with fellow members.

Wear Your Name Tag: Please wear your name tag to help everyone greet and speak to each other by name. If you forget your name tag, stop at the Sign up Sheet for a paper Hello My Name Is tag!

Submitted by Jane Maughan

For your information:

Our deepest sympathies go out to Kathleen Han on the passing of her husband. Our deepest sympathies also go out Lois Kirkwood on the passing of her brother.



Getting to Know You:

Before moving to the US in 2005 both my husband and I worked in London and lived in Essex. Essex is to London what New Jersey is to Manhattan. I was actually born further up the coast in King's Lynn, Norfolk (As you look at the UK it is the backside that pokes into the sea on the East coast). My husband Alex was born in North London. I have 2 daughters who both live in Norfolk and one Granddaughter. We try to go back to the UK at least once a year. Our leisure time was spent watching our favorite football (soccer) team, Arsenal. To this day we still have season tickets for the stadium that a friend uses. The football is one of the main things we miss about home as well as Fish 'n' Chips and Chocolate. **Christine Bearn**



Barbara Hall's showing her batik quilt.



Sheri Seip presenting Donna Conto with a celebration table runner, for her Anniversary.

Quilt Shows / Events:

March 5 -8, 2015

The Quilt Fest of NJ XI
Somerset, NJ
www.quiltfest.com

March 11 -14, 2015

Lancaster Quilt Show
Convention Center
Lancaster, PA
lancasterquiltshow.com

April 25, 2015

American Sewing Guild
"Spring Fling"
Guest speaker Mark Lipinski
11:30am - 3:30pm
ASG Members: \$50, Non Members
\$60.00
Deadline for reservations March
25th, 2015
njmqg.com

May 3, 2015

Cranberry Quilt Guild of Hazelton
Annual Quilter's Luncheon
12:00 noon - 4:00pm
Reservations by April 23, 2015
(Lorraine has more details)

July 23- 26, 2015

Quilt Odyssey
Hershey Lodge/Convention Cen-
ter
325 University Drive, Hershey PA
ww.quiltodyssey.com/

September 17 -20, 2015

Penn. National Quilt Extrava-
ganza
Philadelphia Area, Pa
www.quiltfest.com



The Guild website can be found at www.thepmqg.com. The current program calendar is updated on the website every month and the current newsletter is available as a link to a pdf file.

Editor's Note:

If you have something you want included in the newsletter please forward to lorrhare@ptd.net Articles such as recipes or quilt shows/events, tricks or tips, news about members are due to the Editor by the first Wednesday of the month.

April Meeting: Paper Piecing Supply list

Your purchased \$5 kit will include paper foundations for three 5" blocks and 3 fat quarters of the fabric.

We will need small irons, groups of four can share irons, and guild will not be supplying irons for this project.

Please bring:

1. Needles of your choice for hand sewing. Using a slightly larger than normal needle can be helpful in removing the paper as larger needles put bigger holes in the paper.
2. Pins
3. Small scissors and/or rotary cutter
4. Small rotary cutting mat
5. A postcard or index card 5" long or slightly larger
6. Marker to mark back of fabric, pencils are suitable
7. Medium to light tone neutral sewing thread for sewing seams (grey or tan is best)
8. Small ruler
9. Iron
10. Small paper bag for your scraps (Guild will provide painter's tape to attach bags to the tables).

Optional items:

Needle threader, thimble, the Add A Quarter yellow ruler is helpful but not necessary.

Officers:

President	Lois Kirkwood
Vice President	Jane Maughan
Treasurer (Acting)	Christine Bearn
Secretary	Lorraine Hare
Financial Secretary	Ann Marie Kizer

Committees:

Activities	Jane Maughan
Historian/Photos	
Celebration Quilts	Sheri Seip
Helping Hands	Marie Schriever
Ways & Means	Kathleen Rambo / Mary Santoro
Hospitality	Barbara Wenton
Newsletter	Lorraine Hare
Community Quilts	Rose Frailey
Block of the Month	
Publicity	Pat Cudney
Raffle Quilt 2014	
Quilt Show 2015	
Webmaster	Jane Maughan
Challenge 2014	Jane Maughan
Charity Quilts	Lorraine Hare / Judy Mehl



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