



The Quilt Line



Pocono Mountain Quilters' Guild

June 2015

Check out the web page at www.thepmqg.com
Next meeting is June 10th, 2015

President's Message:

Hello Quilt Friends! Welcome to June! And lots of rain...why is it raining so much? Despite all the reasons and explanations those weather gurus give, I know precisely why we're getting all this rain - the peonies are in bloom! Happens every year; take it from this gardener.

My coworker, Kelli, has been sewing about three or four years on a it-does-everything Janome, a gift from her mother. She took beginner and intermediate sewing classes at Sew n Vac, and has been making a lot of accessory items such as bags, totes, make-up cases, and a few pieces of clothing. She always brings in completed projects to share and I've been very impressed with her skills. For the past year or so, I have tried to convince her that she could make a quilt, but she would always emphatically say, "No way! All those pieces - Yuck! I could never do that!" Then this winter, she showed me a wall hanging online and asked if I thought she could make it for her Mom. Cute little sewing machines that, at first, I thought were appliquéd but were actually pieced. There were small triangles, but she's so skilled I encouraged her to try it. She purchased the kit online, complete with fabrics, patterns and instructions. With help from yours truly along the way, I-phones and you-tube videos, she did it! And her Mom was thrilled with the piece.



My point with this little story is this -- it is simply amazing how the internet has changed the face of quilting. When I started quilting years ago, you drove to the store to buy fabric and supplies. Patterns and templates were found in quilt magazines, maybe shared by friends or you made your own. If you needed help, had a question, wanted to learn a technique, or needed info about anything quilt related, you read books and magazines or went to the quilt shop if one existed near

you. Then you joined the guild and found all that, and more. You found friends to share your passion with.

Today, all of this can be done and found on the internet. A quilter doesn't have to leave the comfort of her home to shop, learn and share. Online shopping, youtube, Facebook, Pinterest, blogs and more provide everything from fabric and notions to how to bind your quilt. Inspiration is just a click of the mouse away. And so are like-minded friends who live close or half a world away. As I said, it is amazing.

For a quilt guild, it's also frustrating. We want to recruit new members, especially the younger quilters. The ones who now have internet access and all it entails, and don't think they need to join us. Most guilds are facing declining membership numbers (read: aging) and are struggling to grow. This month, Lorraine and I will be attending a quilt symposium with others from guilds in the area. The agenda includes discussion about web pages, social media, Facebook and attracting new members. Hopefully, I'll have some ideas or info to share with you next month.

Keep on Stitchin',
Lois



Minutes: General Meeting: 05/06/2015

Lois Kirkwood brought the meeting to order at 6:35pm and introduced Jeanne Campbell as our speaker. She will speak about machine quilting.

After Jeanne had finished her lecture Lois announced that we would take break for ten minutes for refreshments. Lois then called the meeting to order, there were three guests present at the meeting.

The Secretary's Report as printed in the newsletter was approved by Barb Wenton and seconded by Sheryl Flatt. The Treasurer's Report as printed in the newsletter was approved by Marie Guidry and seconded by Linda Doll. All members were in favor.

Lois Kirkwood (President) announced that the board had a meeting and discussed the items left in the storage unit; Lois read the list of items left. All the guild's photos are now uploaded in files on a computer and they were scanned. The albums will come to the picnic and members can decide to take any photos they want. The small portable cart will be sold through Ways and Means. The karaoke machine will be sold through Lois at the newspaper; we will ask \$50.00 for it. If any member knows of someone who might be interested please let Lois know.

We must call the Kutztown Folk Festival and find out what is involved to enter. There is a quilt symposium in June and Lois Kirkwood and Lorraine Hare will be attending.

Refreshments: Barb Wenton announced that she needs volunteers for next

month. In July bring your own sandwich or whatever to the meeting. August is the picnic where we will share all dishes, in September the Board Members will provide refreshments. A sign up sheet for the August picnic was passed around; this list will be passed around for the next couple of months.

Activities: Lois reminded members to read their newsletter for upcoming activities listed by month. A retreat committee has been formed; Linda Doll and Sheryl Flatt are looking into possible places to hold a retreat.

Ways and Means: raised \$28.00 winners were Bea Kasebier, Louise Price, Rose Frailey, Sarah Pierson and Marie Schriever. Some special raffles will be coming up for ways and means in the next few months.

Membership: Ann Marie Kizer asked members to pick up their membership cards and their lists. Please let Ann Marie know if there are any mistakes on the sheet.

New Business: Lois Kirkwood briefly read the description for Member of the Year and Christine Bearn was presented was an award.

The meeting was adjourned by Sheri Seip.

Show and Tell: followed the meeting; members participating were Sheri Seip, Janella Macbeth, Aixla Macbeth, Lois Kirkwood, Laura Lyman, Donna Conto and Andrea Kash. Check out Aixla quilting on YouTube at Aixla midarm.

Respectfully submitted by Lorraine Hare

Calendar:

June 10: Barbara Dann of Alleycat Quiltworks

Presentation entitled "Diva Detectives" by Barbara Dann of Alleycat Quiltworks. Barbara will share her tips on how to become a quilt detective. How is that block made? How can I make it a different size? How can I make small changes to my quilts for big impact? You will learn answers to these questions and more in this fun, lively and informative lecture and trunk show. Barbara will have patterns, tools and rulers and other items for sale. You can learn more about Barbara at www.alleycatquiltworks.com.

July 1: Program: An Evening at the "Country Quilterie" in Effort

We are taking a short road trip! Meet up at the "Country Quilterie" quilt shop in Effort, at 6:00 P.M. The address is 2783 route 115, Effort, Pennsylvania, 18330. Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share, as we will picnic outdoors (or indoors if necessary) after shopping. The quilt class area is large enough for us to use to enjoy refreshments in the event of rain, and the owners are prepared to permit us to use the area if needed. To learn more about the shop go to www.countryquilterie.com.

August 5: Picnic at Mountain View Park, Tannersville

Light rain or shine (but not if we get a hurricane) we will celebrate our annual

summer picnic under cover in a pavilion at the Mountain View Park. If there is any last minute change due to weather, we will send out an email to members with email addresses, and will move the picnic back to the Eastern Monroe Public Library where we regularly meet. If you don't have an email address please buddy up with a member who does to get last minute information about the picnic. Please sign up at the May, June or July meetings to bring a dish for the picnic. In addition to your dish to share, please ALSO bring 2 cups of salad fixings. Guild will supply salad greens; at the June meeting we will decide whether to use the grills. Bring your own place setting and let's also continue the tradition of groups of members coordinating their table's decorating theme. After dinner we will have a super Show and Tell, with the Ph.Inished candidates presenting their completed UFO's. Certificates will be issued to those who actually phinish! We will be in Pavilion #1, directions to the Park follow and also will be on the Guild website:

From Route 715 in Tannersville, turn onto Sullivan Trail, the road that the Crossings Outlets is on. Pass the Crossings Outlets, go under Route 80. Continue on Sullivan Trail, at about 1 mile from the Crossings you will pass The Loft on your left, it is a ski shop. Continue another .2 miles, pass the Barley Creek Pub on your left and almost immediately make a right into Mountain View Park. Pass the Park Office, go straight up hill and follow the signs to Pavilion #1.

September 2: Fourth & Sixth Designs

We have a truly spectacular program for September 2nd. Barbara Persing and Mary Hoover of Fourth & Sixth Designs will present their lecture and trunk show entitled "Edge-coloring Appliqué." Their presentation is described as "a magnificent trunk show that illustrates the endless possibilities of what can be done with appliqué techniques." Barbara and Mary are award winning quilt artists and their quilts have been published in many quilting magazines and have been featured in Keepsake Quilting and Clotilde. They were born the fourth and sixth children in a close knit family in south Jersey. Their mother taught these Jersey girls garment sewing at the young age of ten. Barbara and Mary will bring books, patterns and other items for sale. To learn more about Barbara and Mary go to www.4and6designs.com.

October 7: Gretchen Gibbons of Celebration of Life Designs.

Our October 7th speaker is Gretchen Gibbons of Celebration of Life Designs. Gretchen will present a lecture and trunk show of her own quilt journey, ending with her experience working with wool appliqué. Gretchen is an avid quilt designer, teacher and author. She combines wool and cotton in her quilts and patterns, bringing fresh looks to traditional designs. She will bring wool pieces, patterns, quilts and books for sale. To learn go to www.gretchengibbons.com.

New Meeting Dates for 2015: July 1; August 5; September 2; October 7; November 11 and December 2.

Treasurer's Report: Report for June 2015

May Activity 2015

Beginning Balance: \$10,551.78

Income:

Paper Piecing Workshop \$90.00 \$10,641.78

Guest Fee for Speaker \$10.00 \$10,651.78

Ways and Means \$28.00 \$10,679.78

Total Income: \$128.00

Expenses:

#1104 Jeanne Campbell – Speaker \$229.32 \$10,450.46

#11050 Butler Storage \$65.00 \$10,385.46

Total Expenses: \$294.32

Ending Balance: \$10,385.46

Activities:

Ways and Means:

Thank you for your ongoing support of Ways and Means. 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. Starting this month we will have a separate raffle for a rolling cart that had belonged to the Guild and a "jelly roll" of Stonehenge fabric-Winter collection. It is in blacks, grays, and some look brownish, and dull white, with some sparkles thrown in. Tickets will be sold at the June, July and August meetings with the winners being drawn at the August picnic. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. Thank you in advance for your support of this special raffle!

Submitted by Kathleen Rambo/Mary Santoro

Charity Quilts:

Four quilts by PMQG members were donated to the Children and Youth Agency in May. Quilters were Laura Lyman (2), Pat Cudney, Judy Mehl and Janella Macbeth (5). Thanks to all members who have donated this year. Your volunteer donations of quilts of all ages are continually welcomed. Kits are available; please see Lorraine Hare if you would like a kit.

Submitted by Lorraine Hare and Judy Mehl

Community Quilts:

No report. 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

June's Birthdays:

Andrea Kash June 7th
Linda Hinkson June 30th

June's Anniversaries:

Norma Woolever 6/1/1957
Pat Cudney 6/4/1960
Ann Jennings 6/28/1968
Lorraine Hare 6/14/1980
Christine Bearn 6/1/1998
Bobbie Long 6/25/1999
Jane Maughan 6/2/2007
Cosma Cunningham 6/12



Hospitality: No report.
Submitted by Barb Wenton

Tea Time: The Tea Social will return in September at 6:00 P.M. There will be no Tea Social at our upcoming June or July meetings.

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:

Member of the Year:

Congratulations to Christine Bearn this year's recipient of the Member of the Year Award.

Good luck to long time member Ureneus Kirkwood who will be moving.



Quilt Shows / Events:

June 27 - 28, 2015

Milford Valley Quilter's Show
Delaware Valley School Complex
Milford, Pa

July 23- 26, 2015

Quilt Odyssey
Hershey Lodge/Convention Center
325 University Drive, Hershey PA
www.quiltodyssey.com/

September 17 -20, 2015

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

October 9 -10

Keystone Quilters Show
Quakertown Christian School
Quakertown, PA 18951
www.keystonequilters.org

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.



Officers

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