

Hunterdon County Quilting Guild

35 Years of Quilting Together

From Our President

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Hi Members,

What a great Member-Led workshop!! The best part for me was, there were no limits to the number of members who could participate. I think there were thirty (30) of us!! Limits are my BIG problem with bringing in paid teachers. Trunk shows are fine, because everyone who attends the meeting, participates and learns. When paid instructors put limits on the number who can attend workshops, members can feel left out. As our guild grows, it becomes a bigger problem, as some never see the sign-up list, or it is already filled, or there's even a question of where it starts in the room. I would hate to have to develop a point system (Community Service contributions; working the fairs; Committee work, etc.) with a check list, in order for members to participate, which other guilds have done.

But, on a lighter and happier note.....once again two members showed how skilled our own guild members are. Thank you to Celeste Fleming and Arminda Barbone, and their support group. We had such a good time learning how to paint on silk. Again, a lot of giggles and fun had by all! We spent half the time painting and half the time roaming the room to see what other members were doing. The skill, imagination, and artistry of our members is astonishing. If you didn't participate, I hope you will see what we accomplished at the May meeting.

We are still looking for members to step forward and help with the fairs this summer. Please consider volunteering. Next month, I will also be passing around the sign-up list for next year's committees. Many of you have already told me you will continue and for that I am very appreciative. With 86 members, we should all be able to contribute and work together for the benefit of the Guild.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting, April 21st, at 9:00 am so we can start promptly at 9:30.

Happy Spring,
Barbara Rennie
President

EXECUTIVE BOARD 2016-17:

President:

◆ Barbara Rennie

Vice Presidents:

◆ Donna Passarotti

Secretary:

◆ Anne Parsons

Treasurer:

◆ Carol Lane

Committee News

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Diane Fischer, Michelle Gargiulo

Congratulations to the two winners of the Shamrock block, Anna Strelec and Debbie Fiebig. We hope you enjoy making next month's block, April Showers.

This year is certainly moving along quickly and we hope you are enjoying the block of the month projects. Thank you for participating.

January Winners: Celeste Flemming, Rosemary Seemon, Anna Strelec, Judy Burdi, Jean Klasna, Nancy Coldreck Mary Congelosi, Jeanne Taylor, Joan Cusick, Anne Parsons, Dot Young, Arminda Ruibal "Mami"

February Winners: Gael Kelly, Rosemary Seemon, Anna Strelec, Debby Fiebig

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Claudia Menendez Susan Biuso,, Kris Weigner, Ruth Connor and Jean Klasna

When all the pillowcases kits are returned we will have made 400 pillowcases this year. The Project Linus quilts have to be finished and turned in at the April meeting. The quilts will be delivered in May. We are still in need of placemats. The VA in Lyons, NJ has asked us if we could make wheelchair bags, walker bags and bibs for them. They need a lot. Jean Klasna has instructions and patterns for these items. If you bring freezer paper with you to the April meeting you can trace off a pattern or you can come to the church any Tuesday and I will be there and have everything you need available to you.

CRAFT CONSULTANTS / SHOW & TELL:
Andy Foster, Mami Ruibal

FAIRS COORDINATOR:

- **HUNTERDON COUNTY FAIR:**
- **WARREN COUNTY FAIR:**

HOSPITALITY: Dot Green, Rosemary Seemon, Ellen Pankuch, Debbie Fiebig

Once again, thanks to everyone who brought Delicious treats for our St. Patrick's Day meeting in March - Great job! And, thank you to all of the

leprechauns who stayed and helped clean up after the silk painting class!

I'll send a reminder out for our April meeting (ah, Spring finally), to those kind enough to sign up for refreshments.

LIBRARY: Anne Parsons, Emilia Jagush, Margaret McKay, Eileen Frey

Browse the library list on the HCQ guild's website to request books you would like to borrow. Issues of the Missouri Star Quilting Company's THE BLOCK have been popular items this year. We're always open to suggestions of books or authors which would enhance our collection. Submit requests to any of the library committee members.

MEMBERSHIP: Jan Hunold, Claudia Menendez
45 people attended the March meeting.

NEWSLETTER: Joanne Whitney

The next newsletter deadline is: **April 28th**. Please submit input to Joanne at her email addresses on the Members Contact List, **not to the Guild gmail address.** Thanks!

PROGRAMS: Donna Passarotti

Sorry I missed painting on silk scarves-I heard it was a great and successful time. Thank you Arminda and Celeste.

For April we have Lisa Calle coming to do a program for machine quilting. She refers to it as a drawing class. There is a \$10 supply charge and there is no need to bring machines or supplies.

For May we have Jeanne Campbell doing a trunk show and then a class on crazy quilts and decorative stitches on your machine and how to use them. We will be doing a heart shaped crazy quilt and then decorative stitching it for the quilting. There will be class preparation and I hope to have it before April's meeting.

And, of course, we have our June luncheon. Please start going through your quilting fabrics, supplies, etc. and bring it to April and Mays meeting.

Don't forget to be working on your challenge for June's meeting.

- **April 21, 2017** : Lisa Calle: Divide and Design workshop.

- May 19, 2017: Jeanne Campbell: Trunk show and then a class on crazy quilts and decorative stitches.
- June 2, 2017: End of Year Luncheon, Tricky Tray and Challenge.

Painted Silk Workshop

How great it was to walk around and see everyone's creativity on their silk scarves at our painted silk workshop! Everyone had unique styles and ideas. We request that you **bring your painted scarves to the May meeting** so that we can take a group picture of our silk artists with their scarves.

If this is something that you would like to pursue further on your own, there are several links below that you can visit. One is the Dharma Trading online store, where we purchased the materials, a simple tutorial and The Silk Painters organization website, where there is a plethora of information and photographs. You can certainly google "how to paint a silk scarf" and find hundreds more written and video tutorials!

- <http://www.dharmatrading.com/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZtaDoxM00w>
- <http://www.silkpainters.org/>

Arminda and Celeste

QUILTS OF VALOR: Eileen Porretta, Rosemary Seemon, Barbara Gates, Jean Mansur, Mary Jane Dunworth.

Thank you to all who have made blocks. We are still waiting for 3 more quilts to return from the quilters. If you have a veteran you would like to nominate for a QOV please notify one of the committee members.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- **FALL RETREAT:** Donna Passarotti, Eileen Porretta
- **SPRING RETREAT:** Frieda Helmstetter, Joanne Howe, Susan Strahs
- **LANCASTER BUS TRIP:** Eileen Porretta

The bus trip is scheduled for April 11, 2017. We will depart promptly at 7:00 am. I have notified the quilt shops that we will be coming. Get your list ready for

shopping. We have a few seats left on the bus. If anyone is interested in joining us please call Eileen Porretta. The cost is \$44 per person. Please bring cash on the day of the trip if you have not already registered and paid.

- **LEBANON TWP. MUSEUM EXHIBIT**
- **(Fall 2017):** Arminda Barbone, Barbara Rennie
- **QUILT CONSTRUCTION-RAFFLE QUILT:** Ellen Pankuch, Donna Passarotti, Barbara Rennie, Diane Stevens
- **QUILT RAFFLE:** Andy Foster, Eileen Porretta

It was a unanimous decision that we give half of the proceeds from our next raffle quilt to Safe in Hunterdon, a shelter for battered women.

SUNSHINE: Jean Eng, Carol Lane

Get well/Thinking of You cards were sent to four members. Jana Laidlaw is doing well after her operation.

Upcoming Events...

Tidbits

Thanks to Barbara Gates:

Grandma passes away so family honors her by displaying all her quilts at her funeral



http://shareably.net/family-honors-grandmother-with-quilts-at-funeral/?utm_source=page_jb&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=touching

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Our Statement of Purpose...

Our purpose is the preservation and promotion of the Quilting Arts by educating members through lectures, demonstrations, workshops and all other appropriate means, stimulating a renewed interest in quilting, encouraging original design, and bringing these benefits to the general public in the form of exhibits and demonstrations. Even more important is our mission to supply our community with service quilts to comfort those in need.

