

Hunterdon County Quilting Guild

35 Years of Quilting Together

From Our President

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Hi Members,

What a great workshop with Lisa Calle. I think we got information that will let us newbie's try quilting, not just piecing, and actually attempt to finish our own projects. Mine will be small!

I hope everyone liked (actually loved) the raffle quilt that we unveiled. The Raffle Quilt Committee spent many hours designing, shopping, cutting, piecing and making the quilt. Our member, Pendell Smith, did an excellent job of quilting it for us. Many members have said they want to win it. My response is "buy a lot of tickets". At this point, we will not be able to show it at the Mancuso show, as they are moving to a new location next year and the show dates are almost a month later, which is after the date of our drawing. So, showing the quilt at the fairs is very important for ticket sales. Remember the proceeds from the fairs pay for our programs during the year.

We have two more meetings this year. I have always been very proud and supportive of our members, but I was very disappointed, when I passed around the committee signup sheet for next year. Only one member signed up for an open committee. There were only a few openings for committees next year and basically no one stepped up. I announced that we would have no 'Show and Tell' and a member finally came forward. But, we will not have 'Block of the Month' or 'Publicity', and we will charge for workshops next year, as members do not want to work on the fair committees. We have 88 members. It is time for YOU to step up. I will pass the sheet around again at the May meeting. Consider serving the guild as we serve you. We try to bring in the best instructors and provide them at no cost to you. Next month, we will have another good program, when Jeanne Campbell comes to our guild. Members who have served in the past will gladly help any member who commits to working on our committees.

I am looking forward to our retreat in two weeks and hope everyone has their projects prepared and ready to go. It's time to have some fun.

Hoping for good weather at the retreat,
Barbara Rennie, President

Committee News

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Diane Fischer, Michelle Gargiulo

The winner of the April block of the both "April Showers" was Rosemary Seemon. This was a fun block and we hope you all enjoyed creating it.

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

Our next big project will be making wheelchair bags, walker bags and bibs for the Veterans Hospital in Lyons. They need a lot. We are using decorator weight fabric for the bags so if you have any that you would like to donate or know anyone or any business that would like to donate please bring it to the next meeting. If you need the instructions or patterns please contact Jean Klasna.

We are still in need of placemats this year. They will go to Hunterdon County Meals on Wheels in June.

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

FAIRS COORDINATOR: Claudia Menendez

This year I have some issues with my foot so I am looking for a few people to help me with the work of organizing the fairs. Please think about helping.

Acceptance Day for items to be sold is Tuesday, July 25th starting at 9:00 AM at the church

HUNTERDON COUNTY FAIR: August 23 – 27 (corrected dates)

WARREN COUNTY FAIR: July 29 – August 5

The Warren County Fair is celebrating its 80th birthday this year and they want to make it special. In addition to the quilts that are always entered they are going to have a Sunbonnet Sue contest. The blocks should be 11" so they finish at 10-1/2. Sue can just be on a block or she can be working etc. The blocks will be judged and there will be prizes awarded. After the fair the

blocks will be put together and those quilts will travel around NJ for a bit. (See attachment for more info.)

They are also thinking about having an antique quilt display and I will know more about that later so if you have an antique quilt you might think about displaying it. There will also be another vendor this year – a tapestry vendor. She will not be selling anything but will be having demonstrations during the fair.

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

A special thank you to those who contributed to our refreshments for the April meeting as well as everyone who helped stay and clean up after the class. I'll send a reminder out for our May meeting to those kind enough to sign up for refreshments. Once again, there will be a sign up at the May meeting for the June 2nd luncheon. Please indicate on the form what you will be bringing so that we have an idea how many of each item we will need.

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

MEMBERSHIP: Jan Hunold, Claudia Menendez

We had 40 members at the meeting and two new members joined. Please add their information to your membership lists.

NEWSLETTER: Joanne Whitney
The next newsletter deadline is: **June 9th**. the last issue of the year, covering July and August and the Fairs. **Please submit input to Joanne at her email addresses on the Members Contact List, not to the Guild gmail address. Thanks!**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rosemary Seemon, Barbara Gates, Mary Jane Dunworth

The Nominations for next year are:
President Barbara Rennie
Vice Presidents: Andrea Foster, Diane Stevens
Secretary: Anne Parsons
Treasurer: Norma Bregen

Voting will be at the May meeting.

Tidbits

PROGRAMS: Donna Passarotti

- 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.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS:

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

SUNSHINE: Jean Eng, Carol Lane

Upcoming Events

May 20st from 10 am to 4 pm at the Toll Gate Grammar School cafeteria. Hopewell Valley Quilters Annual Pennington Day The quilts on display are made by members and reflect a great variety of styles, from beautiful traditional patterns to contemporary works of fiber art. Admission to the show is \$1.00.

July 21 and 22, 2017 Ocean Waves Quilt Show 2017. Peach Blossoms - Quilts In The Orchard. Cape Henlopen High School, 1250 Kings Highway, Lewes, Delaware 19958. Admission is \$8/day or \$14 for a two day pass

Mini Meringue Tarts Shortbread Crust **From Rosemarie Seemon**

2 cups flour
¼ tsp. salt
2/3 cup confectioner's sugar
1 cup cold unsalted butter, cubed (2 sticks)

Pulse flour, salt & sugar in food processor until combined.

Add cubed butter & pulse until it becomes a coarse meal and starts to come together.

Put 1 heaping teaspoon of dough in a Mini-tart or cupcake pan & press along sides.

Prick dough with a skewer or toothpick & place in refrigerator while oven is preheating.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees and bake tart shells for 10---12 minutes until edges are brown.

Cool on rack. Once cool, they can be filled with any kind of preserves or jam (or for the adventurous, lemon curd).

I used dried egg white powder for the meringue topping, but you can use any meringue recipe.

To brown, either use a kitchen torch or place under broiler for a couple of seconds.

Do you have "Tidbit"... a recipe that everyone is asking for, a quilting-related tip or item to sell? Submit it and we'll do our best to add it, space permitting.

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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.

