

# Hunterdon County Quilting Guild

35 Years of Quilting Together

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD 2016-17:

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◆ Barbara Rennie

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◆ Donna Passarotti

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◆ Anne Parsons

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## From Our President

Dear Members,

THANK YOU!!!

Our Community Service Day was a tremendous success. A special 'thank you' goes to Jean Klasna. She went through all of our fabric bins and all the fabric that some of our members donated, and cut almost all of the kits that we made into pillowcases. We are very fortunate to have someone that talented and willing to help. Her email to me after the meeting was "when all is said and done, we have made 400 plus pillowcases". Amazing!!! Thank you, Jean. Thank you to all the members of the Community Service Committee.

Thank you to all who supplied the oh-so-good soups and desserts. If you want a recipe, ask at the March meeting. Maybe they can be added to the next newsletter.

And of course, I want to thank all members who stayed and made pillowcases. Once again, everyone worked so well together and the laughter and giggles proved how well we get along. I know not all members could stay, so thank you to those who brought pillowcases they had already made at home. Our guild is so wonderful when it comes to helping those that are ill or less fortunate. I delivered 100 pillowcases to Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital last week. Five women from the Child Life Unit met me to see what they were getting. They explained how the pillowcases were so special, that no other group donates them, and how it lifts the spirits of the children they are given to. This made me so proud to belong to our guild.

I also want to give a big 'thank you' to all who help set up and put back chairs and tables for the meetings and workshops and those who donate and help clean up for hospitality. This is such a big job and very much appreciated. Like I always say "Many hands make light work". Thank you.

Our March meeting workshop, Painting on Fabric, will be taught by members Celeste Fleming and Arminda Barbone. I don't believe we have ever done this before, so get ready to paint! Try to be there at 9:00 am, so we can start at 9:30 am.

See you all on March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Day.

Barbara Rennie, President

## Committee News

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH:** Diane Fischer,  
Michelle Gargiulo

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

WOW. 120 pillowcases were made at the Community  
Service Workshop on Friday. I want to thank you all  
for participating and working so hard. I also want to  
give a big thank you to Jean Klasna who cut all those  
pillowcase kits. We could not have done it without  
her. We are still in need of placemats. The placemats  
will be donated to Hunterdon County Meals on Wheels  
this year.

**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

A very special “Thank You” to all who brought those  
delicious soups and goodies for our Community  
Service meeting in February. Since our March  
meeting falls on St. Patrick’s Day, it might be nice to  
“think green or Irish for our refreshments – but no  
pressure. All delights are welcome and we look  
forward to once again being treated to your culinary  
delights!

Since our January meeting, we seem to be missing the  
cord to one of our coffee pots. Please check to see if  
you might have mistakenly collected it with your  
things. Thanks.

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

Please let us know of any books in the library  
collection you feel we should keep, especially if you  
are a long-time member of the guild. Toni Schlegel  
has made such a list. Thank you, Toni. Please let us  
know your suggestions.

If you have had any library books for more than two  
months, please return them to give other members the  
opportunity to enjoy them.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Jan Hunold, Claudia Menendez  
46 members attended the February meeting. We had  
one visitor.

**NEWSLETTER:** Joanne Whitney  
The next newsletter deadline is March 24th. **Please  
submit input to Joanne at her email addresses on  
the Members Contact List, not to the Guild gmail  
address. Thanks!**

Submit a recipe, tidbit, or fun happening.

**PROGRAMS:** Donna Passarotti  
**March 17, 2017:** Membership led workshop Painting  
Techniques on Silk. We are very excited for the silk  
painting workshop! It will be an opportunity to  
experiment with several painting techniques and  
everyone will go home with a wearable work of art.

The bad news is that the 6 x 24 inch scarves that we  
were going to order were backordered; the good news  
is that we will be painting 8 x 54 inch scarves! As a  
result, we just squeaked in with a \$10 kit fee. With a  
larger scarf, it was necessary to order more paints, etc.  
Please bring cash or a check payable to Celeste  
Fleming.

We placed the order and determined the kit fee based  
on the number of people who signed up at the February  
meeting. Therefore, if you signed up and need to  
cancel, we will reserve a full kit for you, payable the  
next time you attend the meeting. Alternatively, if you  
need to cancel, you can try to find another member to  
fill your spot.

The “kit” will include the silk scarf, resist and the  
various paints. Students should bring the following  
materials:

- A roll of paper towels
- 48” length of parchment (baking) paper (to be used  
as pressing sheet)
- a few paint brushes
- a few foam brushes (1-2”); available at Lowes, Home  
Depot and most crafting departments)
- a black Sharpie
- spray bottle for water (if you have one; we will have  
a few)

- a few squares (about 6 x 6 inch) of prewashed white fabric, ironed onto freezer paper
- an eye dropper or a few cotton swabs
- gloves (Food handling gloves are great and available at the supermarket. Dish washing gloves might be too clunky.)
- Lunch!!

As a final note, wear clothes that are suitable for painting in. Fabric paints will stain your clothes permanently! If you have any questions, please contact Arminda Barbone or Celeste Fleming.

- April 21, 2017 : Lisa Calle: Divide and Design workshop. There is a \$10 charge for supplies that are needed.
- May 19, 2017: Jeanne Campbell's lecture/trunk show on Using Old Techniques in New Ways. Workshop is crazy heart quilt using decorative stitches.
- June 2, 2017: End of Year Luncheon & Tricky Tray.

## QUILTS OF VALOR:

Eileen Porretta, Rosemary Seemon, Mary Jane Dunworth, Jean Mansur, Barbara Gates.

Thank you to all of the members who have participated by making blocks for this year's QOV. As of March 1, we have presented 9 QOV. There are 4 quilt tops out to Long arm quilters. One completed QOV donated by a member and enough blocks for 3 more tops. That is a total of 18 QOV. There are three months left to this guild year. **Can we make it to twenty tops? That is only 40 more blocks.** If you cannot find your directions contact anyone on the committee and we will get them to you. We also have one completed QOV that is being considered for the QOVF book including photos from state groups.

The committee will be accepting QOVF membership dues. The cost is only \$5.00 per year. With your membership you will receive the monthly newsletter and access to members only information on the website. Occasionally you may find coupons for discounted quilt related items on the members only pages. This is a great organization to be involved with. If anyone has a local veteran who would benefit from a QOV please give that information to one of the committee members. They must have served in war time: WWII, Korean conflict, Vietnam, Iraq, or Afghanistan.

## SPECIAL EVENTS:

- FALL RETREAT: Donna Passarotti, Eileen Porretta
- SPRING RETREAT: Frieda Helmstetter, Joanne Howe, Susan Strahs
- LANCASTER BUS TRIP: Eileen Porretta  
This year's annual bus trip to Lancaster County is planned for April 11, 2017. We will depart the Readington Reformed Church parking lot promptly at 7:00 am and return at 7:00 pm. Our first stop will be at **Burkholder's**, then on to **Weavers** and then to **Kitchen Kettle Village**. There are many shops and eateries at Kitchen Kettle and more fabric stores along the Main Street of Intercourse. I will notify the quilt shops that we will be coming so that they are prepared. There is still room on the bus. If you have not signed up and are interested in joining us please email Eileen Porretta. The cost of the bus is \$44.00 per person. That includes the tip for the bus driver.
- 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  
The quilt is at the quilter's.

SUNSHINE: Jean Eng, Carol Lane

## Upcoming Events...

**March 2-5 Quilt and Sewing Fest of New Jersey**  
Garden State Exhibit Center, 50 Atrium Dr, Somerset

## Tidbits

Ott Lite for Sale \$50. See Ginny Ettlemyer



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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.

