

March Newsletter articles due on February 25, 2009. Contact Cuyler Augustino at 610-866-9927 or ruffdogs1@gmail.com

January Refreshments: The following members are asked to provide cookies, dessert, veggies, etc. for the January Guild meeting. Please arrange for another person to provide snack if you are unable to attend.

Darlene Repash Bev Repsher Lynne Rossi Judy Royer

Cathy Rupp Jean Ruwedel Rita Schmell Doris Schofield

February Board Meeting – February 3, 2009 at Rita Schmell's house

Regular Guild meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at-

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February is a month of love. Valentine's Day puts us all in loving mood more aware of others and their needs. I think quilters in general are sensitive, generous people and so February is a good time to tap into those instincts.

Why not take time this month to work on a community service project and give someone a gift of love

When Boots Horwath, Margo Billetz, or Judy Royer call on you to serve as President or Secretary you will graciously accept the nomination.....it is a great way to serve your guild.

February Birthdays

10 - Nancy Snow 12 - Kathy Ehrhardt 16 - Meg Ferry

21 - Eleanor Latorraca 21 - Barbara Snyder 22 - Bev Repsher

23 - Mary Henning 24 - Carol Smith 26 - Donna Meneeley 28 - Anne Capuano

Quilt Show Updates

 Make a quilt to sell! Quilt Show is 16 months away – get together with your mini groups, or go through your scraps to make a quilt for some pocket money. As far as pricing your quilt – make your quilt for the selling market, but make sure you charge what your quilt is worth. The worst case is, if the price is too high, it may not sell. But, then again, it might, so do not under price your quilt. You may want to save those gorgeous hand appliquéd, hand quilted quilts for your loved ones. For guidance on how much to charge, check the following site: www.bryerpatch.com/faq/marketing.htm

2. We are collecting old cell phones and used printer cartridges for Turning Point of Lehigh Valley. Turning Point recycles them to earn money for their valuable services. There is a box for collecting the cell phones and printer cartridges on the table at the entrance. Please help support Turning Point with this simple action.

3. We are looking for a new Venue for the Quilt Show in 2010. If you have any suggestions, please let Suzanne Boyer or Nancy Frantz know. Right now we are looking at a number of schools and a large church. We plan on keeping the show in Bethlehem, but need a large space.

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Fat Quarter Lottery 2009

Bring a pre-washed 100% cotton fat quarter (or several) to the guild meeting and get a chance to win a pile of fat quarters! This year's list:

Feb. - Valentine/hearts March- Any green print April - Easter print May - Flowers June - Pastels

This is a good way to empty out or build your stash. Keep the fat quarters coming so I won't be out of a position! Sew keep on quilting, Ellie Lazar 610-867-1255

From Sunshine and Shadows:

Sympathies were extended to Charmaine Weisenbacher on the loss of her daughter and the family of Olga Zorn.

A get well card was sent to Arlene Renninger. Arlene is recovering from a broken foot.

Think Spring,

Eileen Gorzelic

Community Service—It is recommended that members participate in service projects in order to remain in "good standing" (Executive Board, May 2004). The community service projects will happily be collected and delivered by Mary Lou Green. Please see or phone her if you have any questions.

The Quilt Fest of NJ March 5 – 8, 2009 Garden State Exhibit Center Somerset, NJ

A Showcase of Quilts XIII March 20 -10am-6pm March 21 - 10am-4pm Montgomery County 4 H Center, Rte. 113, Creamery, PA \$5.00

HOT NEEDLES Cool Quilts 2009

A Quilt Show Sponsored by Pieced Together Quilters

April 25, 2009 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., April 26, 2009 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Admission \$6.00

Somerset 4-H Center, 310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ

Www.piecedtogetherquilters.org

MARCH BLOCK OF THE MONTH-----Can you believe we are three quarters of the way through our Block of the Month already? The Shoo Fly pattern to be done for the March meeting is very simple. If you were hesitating before about participating or trying a block for your own project-THIS IS A SURE STARTER! Start with this block and it will give you confidence to try others, or put a few shoo-flies together and you will have a nice project. Colors needed; tan print fabric, dark green print fabric, and light green fabric. At the January meeting we received the most blocks this far. Suzie Metz was the happy winner of the 20 Double X blocks. We now have a cheering section to see how many blocks are submitted, at the meeting we were wishing for one more block to have 15, then we had 18, and we thought 2 more and we would have 20. Let's see how many we can get in February. Thanks to all the quilter's that have been supporting us blockheads, if we don't have support the BLOCK HEADS will fall over! As always your blockheads, Mary & Jean

Creative Kindness -

Projects you can list or create and contribute out of the kindness of your heart (no credit, but thanks) Please let the newsletter know if you would like to include a project in the next newsletter

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January 13, 2009 Regular Meeting Colonial Quilters Guild

Rita Schmell, President-Happy New Year!

Are there any corrections or additions to the minutes of the last Guild meeting? If not, it will be accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Rose Macaluso, Treasurer-Beginning balance in the treasury is \$9410.19, incoming funds \$1115.95 and outgoing payments were \$852.01, bringing the new treasury balance to \$9674.13

Please have all checks payable to the CQG but if it is the members name as a payment to the guild please endorse your name on the back of the check.

Rita Schmell, President-Are there any corrections or questions about the treasurers report? No questions, so please place the report for future audit.

Jane Merkel, Vice President-72 members present and 1 guest, Mary Yochim. The door prize goes to Carol Smith.

The newsletter deadline for this month is January 25th.

Mary Lou Green, Community Service-a note of thanks was received from St Luke's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit thanking the Colonial Quilters for the beautiful gifts given to them for the patients and it stated that the nurses love them too.

Jane Frounfelker, Program Chairperson- two bolts of fabric has been purchased by guild members for the Challenge due in June. There will be a silent vote to decide the winner, any quilted object with a recognizable piece of the Challenge fabric will be acceptable for the contest.

Yvonne Moor, Historian-will retire as of tonight's meeting, any volunteers to take over? No one offered to take over the task at this meeting.

Elie Lazar-Fat Quarter raffle, winners are 1) Grace Crowther 2) Nancy Snow 3) Susie Metz 4) Gail Kromer

Mary and Jeanne Henning, BOM raffle-winner of 20 blocks, Susie Metz.

Betty Pritko, Library 50/50- winner is Donna Pace \$19.75

Rita Schmell, President-the guild needs a nominating committee for the positions of President and Secretary for the 2009-2010 guild year, are there any volunteers. Members offering to serve: Marge Billitz, Kathleen Horvath and Judy Royer.

Inclement weather notice will be on the internet , and radio station WEST. Also members without internet will be notified by telephone. Adjourned 9:30 PM

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Program Schedule for 2009

2/9/2009 Block Olympics Quilt game night

3/9/2009 Antique Quilts

Do you have an old quilt that has been handed down through your family or that you purchased maybe at a yard sale, flea market, estate sale or anywhere else? This is your chance to show it off and tell its story. Your quilts will turn this meeting into a memorable display of history and color.

4/14/2009 Karen Eckmeier – Collaged Creations

Karen will present both a slide and trunk show: From whimsical lizards to contemplative landscapes, Karen leads you step by step through several approaches to fabric collage. She will show you how to cut fabrics to get the look of precision piecing or even to give your piece a soft painterly glow. To learn more about Karen and her quilts visit www.guilted-lizard.com

4/15/2009 Happy Villages Workshop - \$25



5/12/2009 Tracey Sturmack – Fabric Dyeing

Tracey's stand at the quilt show was a rainbow of color. We are pleased that she has agreed to share with us how she produces her wonderful colors and mottled patterns.

6/9/2009 Ami Simms – How NOT to Make Prize Winning Quilts

"Over the years I've made some horrible mistakes. Hopefully I can pass on some tips on what NOT to do! You'll see an assortment of quilts, from the very first to the more recent and I'll pick them apart before your very eyes! Topics covered include Cutting On Sewing Lines, "Mystery Batting," Bedsheets For Backing, Pre-Washing is a Waste of Time, and the "Jam & Cram" Method of Binding Attachment." – Ami Simms To learn more about Ami and her quilts visit www.amisimms.com

6/10/2009 Twisted Sisters Workshop - \$30

Workshop Sign Up – look for sheets at the February meeting

There are still openings for the Happy Villages workshop with Karen Eckmeier and the Twisted Sisters workshop with Ami Simms. Sign up this month!