



Presidents Message:Linda Barrett

Dear Quilters:

It was so good to see so many of our members this past week. If you have not already visited our display at the North Tonawanda, please take the time and look it over, Great job ladies.

Only 3 weeks until our Quilt Show, and all the fun that brings. Members are busy making items for our boutique, writing up their entry forms, making baskets for the raffle and selling raffle tickets. You can just feel the excitement in the air. Please be sure you have signed up for a job or two. We need all hands on deck.

Many ladies have offered to do small demo's. Hospitality is provided to our vendors and we are asking ALL members to please bring a food item to serve. AGAIN, this is an all member participation. Our kitchen staff does an excellent job preparing meals for the vendors. Remember our Food pantry, buy your admission ticket for \$5.00 with a food item or \$6.00 without. There are wonderful door prizes to be won. Remember ALL MEMBERS will purchase a ticket. If you plan on coming back on Sunday, please let our admission people know.

If you haven't already chosen something to be displayed in the show there is still time. Please call Cheryl or send in your forms on your item or items.

Wishing you all a Very Happy St. Patrick's Day and looking forward to our Quilt show next month.

Heartfelt thanks to all, Linda

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Birthdays

4/3 Emma Hofmeyer - 4/12 Judy Lilac- 4/15 Nancy Smegelsky - 4/23 Penny McDowell

Kitchen: The hostesses for the March meeting are:

Angela Myers, Barb Kanaley, Sue Cahill, Janet Smith, Linda Bermwaldr, Kathy Vitthuhn, Ann Barberio, Donna Clark and Nancy Smegelsky.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to bring treats in February. Sorry we could not enjoy them but please consider signing up again.

Donna Brown

Minutes of March 6, 2019 of Twin City Quilters

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Linda Barrett.

Treasurer Report – Marty Held had both February and March reports for review.

Accepted as presented pending audit.

Secretary's Report – There was no meeting in February, therefore, no notes.

There was a card at the head table for the family of Arlie Sear who just lost her battle with ALS. All were asked to sign. Before she entered into Hospice, Arlie asked the guild one last favor: If we could finish the Judy Niemeyer Bali Fever quilt she started, raffle it off and have the proceeds go to ALS, she would be most appreciative. A motion was

made to finish the quilt, raffle at the 2021 quilt show and all proceeds go to ALS. The motion was seconded and passed.

Newsletter – Kelly Urtel – Thank you Kelly. The newsletter is getting to the members, if you have an issue, please contact Kelly.

Membership – We have 2 new members: Pat Newman (returning) and Patricia Martin. Welcome to the Pat's!

Programs: Rene has scheduled March 16th for Jelly Roll Rug. It's easy and a fun class but there is prep to be done before the class let Rene know and she will give you the information needed.

March 23rd will be Pam Pandolfi class.

May 18th is Marty Held and the Casa Maya class.

Pink Ribbon: Patty Kuriscak – this Saturday, March 9, 2019 at St Vincent De Paul on Military Road Niagara Falls. 9:30 to 2:30. Lunch will be provided. Patty's daughter made flowers and they were presented to the Pink Ribbon committee members.

Jeannine Ellis: Took a few comfort pillows and walker wheelchair bags to ECMC's Palliative Care unit. The recipients and nurses were so appreciative of these small gifts. Janine wants to remind us that a small amount of time and fabric can create a world of difference in another person's life.

Walker Wheelchair Bags: There was discussion about eliminating the ties and using Velcro but since the committee would like to keep this a cost free project, it was decided that the ties would remain. If anyone has Velcro that they would like to use up, you certainly can use it on the kit you receive and then return the tie fabric to the committee.

Quilt Show – Sign-up sheets were at the front table to any and all available positions to make the show a success.

We need more quilts! We are down several, so even if you have quilts that were in the show in 2013 or before you can put them in again. Get your information to Cheryl by March 23 at the latest. If you have quilts that were previously in a show, please write RESERVED on the form so Cheryl will be able to make sure new quilts are displayed first.

Cheryl has posters and bookmarks available. Please take some and put them at your work, church, library anywhere people will see it. There are bookmarks at all the local quilt shops. If you visit any shop and there aren't bookmarks, please let Cheryl know and she will restock. If you have anything for the basket raffle, please bring it to the next meeting; fat 8ths go to Sandy Wardour. Linda Szmanda and Cindy Warthling are in charge of the kitchen – remember committee members who work all day get lunch and those members working short periods of time are entitled to the grazing table. If you volunteered to bring food, please bring it in Friday or Saturday – we can keep it in the frig. overnight. Kelly Urtel is the Vendor Liaison who will coordinate with the

vendors to make sure they have bathroom breaks, are provided lunch and anything else they will need. We have 7 vendors this year – local and new ones.

Cindy Hubacher has the Boutique numbers, please get a number and make lovely items. Our boutique is well known and we need all members to step up. If you make 5 items or 50 items, it all will be displayed beautifully. You will receive 85% of the sale price and the guild 15%. The more you make the more you MAKE!!!! For the April meeting, please bring in plastic bags for the boutique customers.

The hanging sleeve – this needs to be on the quilt when you bring it in to the show. It DOES NOT need to be on the quilt when you bring it to judging. If your quilt is over 90” long please put a sleeve at the 89” mark so it doesn’t drag on the ground.

The show needs display items – quilt racks, quilt hoops, small chairs-stools etc. Also please put your name on the underside of the item so you can pick them up at the end of the show.

whiteglove ladies/gentlemen: These people are very important, not only do they make sure that people don’t touch the quilts but they are the first line of defense for “slippery hands”. Smaller items will either be pinned down or zip tied.

Drop off begins at 3:00 and ends at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. You will get a receipt and if you can’t be there Sunday to pick up your quilts, please give your receipt to a friend. Quilts will not be provided to anyone without a receipt.

Diane Brodfuehrer is in charge of demos! We have several slots open. The demos will be on Saturday and Sunday morning. This way the basket raffle drawing won’t interfere with the demos.

Admissions – Re-entry tickets will be printed by Barb Newman for those who wish to see the show on Saturday and Sunday.

Mystery bags - \$5.00 per bag. Cheryl has all the items to put in the bags and each bag will be worth at least \$10.00.

We will need people to help pick up the racks at the Wurlitzer building. Please be there beginning at 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. We have a trailer but will need strong men/boys and women to transfer the rack bags to the trailer and from the trailer to the center.

Please also bring your step ladders in order to put the racks up when they arrive at the center.

Judging: Judging will be held at Salem UCC Church on Morgan Street in Tonawanda, NY. Your quilt does not have to be judged to be in the show. If you wish for your quilt to be judged, please bring your quilt to the church on March 23, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Pick up will be at 4:00 p.m. (unless we end early and then we will call you). On the form, please put your quilt number (received from Cheryl) on the top right hand corner of the form. Directly under is the “written critique” section. If you would like a

written critique please write "Yes", if you don't, please write "No". You do not have to have any or all of your quilts have a written critique.

EVERYONE NEEDS A JOB! If everyone does something small, the large things take care of themselves.

Raffle Quilt – We have a few returns of sold tickets, please make sure you return your tickets to Charles at the next meeting or at the latest at the quilt show. The extra quilt was finished and on display at the meeting. There was enough material left over for Rene to make 2 pillow shams to go with the raffle quilt.

Please bring in your scraps for the P.L. pool at the quilt show. Bring them to the next meeting or on the Friday of setup. The committee will also need pool "Life Guards" (sunscreen and whistles are optional) to sell the scraps during the weekend of the show.

Block of the Month: February – Judy Lilac; March - Sue Cahill

Fat Quarters: February - Linda Szmanda; March – Linda Szmanda

50/50 – Kelly Urtel

Sunshine: Joanne Sentman and Linda Barrett will be having surgery shortly, Sharon Shakarjian is still under the weather and Dee Judy's husband will be in hospice care shortly. Please remember them in your prayers. If you know of anyone who will be having surgery, is in the hospital or under the weather, please let Linda Smyth know.

June 1, 2019 the next bus trip. We will be leaving at 8:30 a.m. and returning around 4:30 p.m. more info to follow.

Ivy Thimble is closing – the owner is retiring so unless someone buys the business another wonderful shop will be gone.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Rockenbrock

Pink Ribbon Projects



Comfort Pillows & Chemo Hats

Returned at the March meeting:

Pillows: 49 Total – 1 stuffed and 48 unstuffed

Hats: 39 Total – 10 regular sleep hats from cotton knit, 10 fleece, and

19 knitted adult hats (+6 infant knitted hats)

Thank You to:

Everyone who takes pillow kits from each meeting and returns them so promptly!!!!

And Special Thank you's to:

Tonawanda Garden Club for stuffing 75 pillows at their February meeting.

Carol Blest (Tonawanda Garden Club) for her behind-the-scenes help preparing for the Garden Club's Therapy Night and our Pink Ribbon Pillow Day!!!

Judy Klusek for working on over 400 pillow tags for Pink Ribbon Pillow Day.

Charles Rhodes for sewing the fleece hats mentioned above.

Immanuel Lutheran Church ladies for knitting the 25 hats mentioned above.

Jeannine Ellis for taking pillows to ECMC's Breast Cancer Recovery Room and to their Palliative Care Unit.

Note: Kits for the **comfort pillows** and **chemo hats** are available at all regular meetings.

If anyone needs kits at other times, please call or email Patty Kuriscak or Linda Goodine; and we will deliver them to you.

Double Note: When you are working on your projects, if you have a piece of fabric 5 ½" x 18" left over, please cut it into a comfort pillow piece (or give it to us and we will cut it to the right shape). If you have just one piece (or more), we will match it up with other "orphan" pieces to make a beautiful pillow!

Thank you, all, for your continued support – the need is never-ending!

Co-chairs: Patty Kuriscak, Linda Goodine, and
Judy Klusek



Pink Ribbon Day

March 9, 2019

We had a ***fabulously*** fun day at St. Vincent DePaul's Parish Center in Niagara Falls where **72 of us** -- Guild members (26), friends and family of Guild members (35), Tonawanda Garden Club members (4), and residents of the Elderwood Residences at Wheatfield (7) -- worked on making comfort pillows for breast cancer patients. We had 18 machine sewers, and the remainder of the volunteers stuffed and did hand sewing. In less than five hours, we made a total of **450 comfort pillows** – **350** were completely finished & tagged and **100** went home with volunteers to be finished up.

There were door prizes for everyone (thanks to June Roetzer); and Heather Ewy, Barb Weiss, Charlene McSweeney, and Shirley Karczewski won the **Grand Door Prizes**. We enjoyed a delicious lunch, catered by Yubb's Restaurant, and a beautiful cake donated by Tops Markets in Lewiston to celebrate our **10th Anniversary of making comfort pillows!**

An extra big **THANK YOU** goes to Dorothy Spears for all her help in arranging our use of the parish center and to Bonnie Gibson and Emma Hofmeyer for their help with set-up on Friday.

Thank You to all who participated – it was a GREAT day!!! Please check out the pictures on our newly updated website.

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QUILT SHOW HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE REPORT



We are very, very grateful to the 13 people who signed up to bring pastries/coffeecake, cookies, and other snacks (cheese and crackers, fruit, etc.) for the Hospitality Room during the two days of the Quilt Show.

We are in desperate need of more items---- Please consider signing up, at the April Meeting to bring “grab and go” food items.

Cindy Warthling and Linda Szmanda



PROJECT LINUS

WOW— You are amazing!!!!!!

A HUGE THANK YOU

A total of 23 quilts were made in February and March

Month	Quilts made from kits	Quilts made from their Stash	Totals	Grand Totals
2018	268	92	360	5543
1/2019	10	8	18	5561
2&3/19	9	14	23	5584

We have one more month to collect your scraps for the **SCRAP POOL** at our Quilt Show. This will enable the Linus Committee to purchase the needed supplies to continue making kits. We appreciate all who have already contributed.

Very grateful Linus Co-Chairs

2019 Fat quarter colors:

January: Light blue	February: Red/Pink	March: Green	April: Pastels
May: Batiks	June: Yellow	July: Stars	September: Black/Gray
October: Fall	November: Home spuns		December: Civil war

Fat quarter drawing will be done monthly and winner takes ALL.

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Blocks are also available through the Guild website. Go to the block of the month page and just select the month you want. The link will take you directly to the quilters cache website and the pattern for that block.

paper pieced 8" blocks

January : Braided Star: blues with white background
February: Everybody's Favorite: red and floral
March: Cabbage Rose : Pinks and whites
April: Twisting Spool: any colors
May: End of the Day : Batiks
June: All Those Squares : Multi color and white
July: Delaware Star : Blue, gold and White
September: Crayons and Pencils : Primary colors
October: Shoemaker's Puzzle: Fall colors
November: Triangle Party: Red and White
December: Christmas Quilt 2001: Green with red triangles

New rules concerning classes. The class times are 9:30 am to 3ish. It will be \$10.00 per class which will be returned when you arrive at the class. About 10 -12 people per class due to the Center's new renting rule.

May 18 – Marty Held will be conducting the Costa Maya quilt class. Pattern is required. Any questions, email me at renesmessages@msn.com or call 716-553-3397
Rene' Harbison



Twin City Quilt Guild