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All members are encouraged to
Submit an article.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Penny McDowell

Well, everything for 2017 seems to be going pretty good. Just to let you know, the next day we got about 18" of snow. Keeping the driveway clear isn't a problem and road was plowed regularly. Since I'm the only one with the key for the Center, let's use a bit of common sense with bad weather. I check the weather and radar by 3 and decide to leave by 4:30. If it's too bad for me to drive north, no meeting. If the weather is too bad up your way, no meeting. If they close the Thruway, no meeting. I'll post on Facebook, if I cancel. Or you can call me at 652-3293, if there is no answer after 4:30, I'm somewhere in traffic on my way to the meeting. I do not have a cell phone and love it.

I'm looking forward to taking the workshop with Mary, to make the postage stamp trip around the world. I even have the stash on one shelf ready to start cutting.

Thanks to all of you for filling up all the committees. If you were not at the meeting don't worry. You can call the chair and let them know you are willing to help. I typed up the list the best I could because the laptop won't let me do what I want it to do. To get your group together, you could meet before our meeting or you can meet during break/snack. If you want to meet after our meeting you have to do it outside or someplace else. You can even call them and have a get together at your house or someplace else.

The only thing that needs to be filled is the judging for our quilt show. So, one, two or more of you that could get the judges and be there while the judging takes place, please let Cheryl Shoemaker know. I have no problem having a great show without any judging.

Peace, Love & Gratitude



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FAT QUARTERS

Sheryl Lynch

February –hearts March-children’s fabric April-butterflies May-flowers
 June-bright colors July-celebrate, confetti, birthday, fireworks, etc. August-farm
 September-outside or landscape October-Halloween November- snow or winter

BIRTHDAYS

2 – Greg Mangin	5 – Margaret Drosky	6 – Caroline Knight
7 – Kelly Urtel	15 – Sheryl Lynch	18 – Donna Mileham
	22 – Myrabelle Quaranto	24 – Carole Anderson
27 – Jill MacDougall Destiny Varney	28 – Martha Held Linda Szmanda	



HOSTS for February

Peggy Terrana

Sharon Sacco Dorothy Spears Carol Carney Sharon Shakarjean Joan Rockenbrock Donna Mileham
 Angela Myers Faye Vogt Linda Barrett

SCHEDULE

February – Sally McCarthy’s Horse & Buggy Quilt Company
 March – maybe Penny Marble ***March 4th special event by Marie Walters – see article
 April – Pamela Pandolfi

Twin City Quilters Guild Committees

Membership	Chair	Vickie Wesolek Kelly Urtel
March Library Display	Chair	Linda Berwaldt Dorothy G., Sharon S., Esther, Ricki, Barb
Meeting Greeters	Chair	Carol Carney Donna C., June R., Pat N., Joanne P., Linda B.
Kitchen	Chair	Peggy Terrana Pat V., Donna B., Barb K., Faye V., Mary W., Judy L.
Project Linus	Chair	Cindy H. Cindy W., Linda S., Sharon S., Liiz W., Dorothy S., Greg M. Mary T., Joan R., Myrabelle Q., Donna M., Dorothy G., Doris G., Bonnie V., Judy L., Penny
Walker Bags	Chair	Jill MacDaugall Barbara N., Myrabelle Q., Jennie W., Mary W.
Pink Ribbon	Chair	Patty K., Linda G. Judy K., Adele G., Emma H., Dorothy S., June R., Myrabelle Q., Dorothy G.
Bus Trip	Chair	Linda Barrett
August Picnic	Chair	Sharon Sacca Dorothy S., Joyce M., Angela M., Karen C.
Challenge Quilt	Chair	Joyce Morris
Xmas Party	Chair	Jennie Wigle Marty H., Sandy W., Linda W., Karen M., Kathy V.
Raffle Quilt 2019	Chair	Charles Rhodes Greg M., Sheryl L., Rene H., Kris G.



Minutes of the January 4, 2017 Guild Meeting

Show 'n' Share items have been placed on tables prior to the meeting enabling Guild members to view items close up ahead of time.

The January 4, 2017 meeting was called to order by Guild President, Penny McDowell at 6:35PM. There were no visitors acknowledged.

The Minutes from the November 2, 2016 meeting were posted on the website.

Committee notes:

Angela Myers thanked her committee for their work in helping create a successful Guild Christmas Party.

Membership expressed their appreciation for the party. Angela also noted that Erica Plank, *Unseen Hands*, our program presenter at our June 1, 2016 meeting was compiling a cookbook of recipes from quilters. Anyone interested in submitting a recipe should contact Angela for more information.

Liz Wheeler inquired as to how membership is notified if a meeting is cancelled. President McDowell stated that if the local school system (Wheatfield) is closed due to weather conditions or if afternoon/evening activities are curtailed there will be no meeting. Penny holds the key to the facility.

Penny noted that signup sheets were available for membership to select committees they will participate in for the calendar year. If no chair, then the committee will not happen.

Patty Kuriscak reported on the Pink Ribbon Projects, noting that since 2009, 6704 comfort pillows have been distributed, 3335 chemo hats. She also acknowledged her committee and the various outside groups that assist with the project. A hard copy of her report will be filed with minutes.

Linda Szmanda reported that 14 Project Linus quilts were turned in this evening, total from the Guild 5,238.

The next Project Linus Day will be held at the Wheatfield Community Center on February 4, 9am-3pm.

Mary Militello, Coordinator of the Erie and Niagara Counties Project Linus noted that the next Make a Blanket Day is scheduled for February 18. The facility that she contracted for the event can no longer

commit, she is seeking a facility that will be able to accommodate all the 'blanketeers', donating the use of their building. *(final report on quilt numbers - 18 turned in, grand total 5,242)*

Linda Berwaldt is chair the display North Tonawanda Public Library, March 2017. Members are reminded to bring items for display to the February meeting. Items can also be dropped off at the Library prior, Deb

Marshall will hold. Theme is 'Express Yourself' - remember to bring in your challenge quilt.

1,302 stockings were contributed by members that were filled and sent to our military troops.

Rene Harbison noted that the facility was not available for use on August 2, the date that we would usually hold the Guild annual picnic. Alternate dates were discussed, membership decided to secure Aug. 9 for the event.

Upcoming programs for the Guild

February - Sally McCarthy, from McCarthy's Horse & Buggy Quilt Company

March - Marie Farina Walters, from Marie's Sewing Center (may do a Saturday workshop)

April - Pamela Pandolfi (fibre artist) trunk show

Charles Rhodes reminded members to pick up their tickets to sell for the raffle quilt. He is looking for venues to display the quilt prior to the quilt show. A charity to benefit from the proceeds of this quilt has yet to be determined.

Marty Held presented the Treasurer's Report. This financial report will be filed with the minutes. She inquired as to how payment is processed for the use of space to house the Guild quilt racks at the Wurlitzer Building (an invoice will be presented). A budget meeting was requested to formalize the 2017 budget (meeting set for Saturday, January 28, 10:30am, North Tonawanda Public Library, 505 Meadow Drive)

Dates for the 2019 Quilt Show have been selected - first weekend in April 6 & 7, set up on the 5th.

Linda Barrett inquired of interest in a bus trip to the Genesee Valley Quilt fest, June 2-4, 2017.

Cindy Hubacher announced that if quilters enjoy a mystery quilt, Bonny Hunter has some on her blog <http://quiltville.blogspot.com>

Joan Rockenbrock distributed calendars to all who worked on the quilt at the Buffalo History Museum.

7:30PM Break for refreshments, January birthdays were acknowledged.

7:47PM Meeting resumed

Drawings: Fat Quarters - Deb Marshall 50/50 Split \$32 - Patty Kuriscak

The program for the evening was presented by Mary Militello, postage stamp quilt.

Cheryl Shoemaker continues to encourage all members to get items ready for the quilt show, submit forms to her for items that will be displayed sooner rather than later. She is looking for a chair to handle the judging of items, location and date need to be determined. Items to go in to the baskets for the raffle are also being requested. *(final amendment, Esther Stoeckel has secured tables for use during the show, minimal cost)*

Show 'n' Share items presented by their owners.

Next Meeting, Wednesday, February 1.

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Marshall, Secretary

River Lea Quilters' Guild (Grand Island) presents: Waves of Change on April 1 & 2, 2017 10 am to 5pm

AT: Gratwick Fire Hall 110 Ward Rd. North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Cost: \$5.00 per person or \$4.00 with a non-perishable food donation for the WNY Food Bank and \$3.00 for the NYS Quilt Passport Holders. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Night People, Buffalo, and Stone's Buddies.

Some of the many "events" will be: a raffle quilt, basket raffle, silent auction, door prizes and a fabric pool.

If you have any questions, please call: Kimberly Hall at 716-345-4255 or kahall69@gmail.com

Linus Project

Chair: Cindy Hubacher

A very big heart-felt "Thank you" for the continued support you give the Linus Project. There were more quilts turned in at the end of the meeting--the total turned in January was 18, bringing our grand total to 5242!!

Our next Linus Day is Saturday, February 25th, at the Wheatfield Center 9-3. Please bring your own lunch, we will provide snacks.

Please remember to save your scrap fabrics for the swimming pool at the Quilt Show. This was a huge money maker for Linus, to provide the backing and batting we use in the kits. Hope to see you there---Happy Stitching

QUILT SHOW

Chair: Cheryl Shoemaker

Boutique - make sure you are all making your goodies for the shop. We have been told over and over that we have the best boutique of any quilt show. Let's make sure we are keeping the "best" status. Guild percentage is only 15% this time. You keep the other 85%. Get your number from Linda Berwaldt.

Entries were emailed out just after the monthly newsletter last month. Forms can be picked up at the meeting also. Please bring in to the meeting or email me the forms. I'm starting to type them up. I would like something from everyone for the show. It's the guild show, so everyone shows off their stuff.

Please sign up to work the show. We have lots of different jobs, each for two hours long. Sign up for several each day. I'm trying to keep you all busy so that you're not hanging out at the mall causing trouble. We need some men to help set up the racks. Also, a few pickup trucks are needed to bring the racks on Friday and take back Sunday. We need everyone to pitch in to make it a success!!

Fat 8th. Please bring your fat eights to our meeting and give to Sandy Wardour. Sandy needs to gather around 500 and she's only half way there.

MARCH 4th

René Harbison

Marie Walters will be teaching 'Beyond the Block' starting at 10am, at the Wheatfield Community Center. Please bring one 2 ½" strip package of 40 and 1 ¾ yards of fabric. Below is a sample of what we will be making.



COOK BOOK

Erica Plank

As I have been traveling across the country for the past four years giving presentations to Quilt Guilds, one of my favorite things of all, besides meeting all of you, has been eating all of your wonderful food. 95% of the guilds I attend have potluck dinners or lunches, and I have had the luxury of sampling them all! This gave me an idea (which I wish I would have thought of years ago) of how I should collect these wonderful recipes and publish a cookbook. Of course – you may not remember which dish you made while I was there.

Would you be interested in sending one or two recipes and be okay with me publishing them? In order for this to happen, I need you to please sign, date and list the town you live in on your recipe and submit it to Angela Myers at the February meeting, who has been very kind to volunteer to collect them for me. Hope I see yours!

BLOCK-OF-THE-MONTH

Sheryl Lynch

Here is the third block for “Serenity”.



Cutting Instructions:

Background:

- Cut 1: $4\frac{1}{4}$ inch square
 - * Cut the square diagonally twice to make 4 triangles
- Cut 8: 2 inch squares

Black Leaf:

- Cut 1: $4\frac{1}{4}$ inch square:
 - * Cut the square diagonally twice to make 4 triangles

Pink Floral:

- Cut 2: $3\frac{7}{8}$ inch squares:
 - * Cut each square diagonally once to make 4 triangles

White Floral:

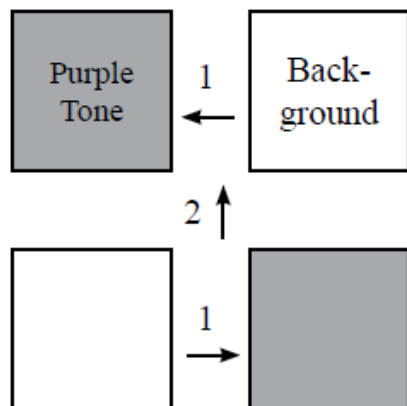
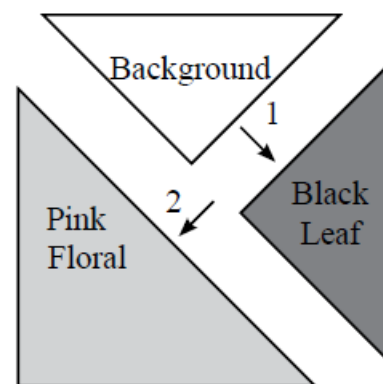
- Cut 1: $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch square

Purple Tone:

- Cut 8: 2 inch squares

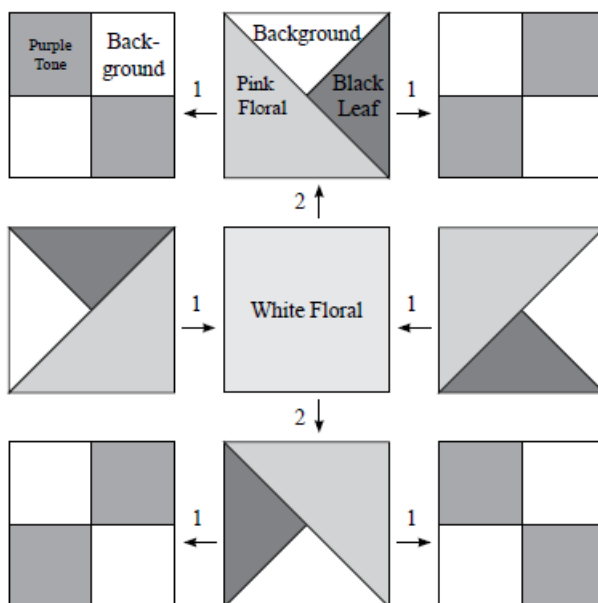
Sewing Instructions:

- Make 4 units as shown to the right
- Each unit will use:
 - * 1 background triangle
 - * 1 black leaf triangle
 - * 1 pink floral triangle
- Each unit should measure 3½ by 3½ inches



- Make 4 units as shown to the left
- Each unit will use:
 - * 2 background 2 inch squares
 - * 2 purple tone 2 inch squares
- Each unit should measure 3½ by 3½ inches

- Assemble the block as shown below
- The block will use:
 - * 4 units made in the next to last step
 - * 4 units made in the last step
 - * 1 white floral 3½ inch square
- The block should measure 9½ by 9½ inches





Comfort Pillows & Chemo Hats



Patty Kuriscak and Linda Goodine

Returned at the January meeting:

Pillows: 5 stuffed pillows and 56 unstuffed pillows

Hats: 20 sewn sleep hats, 28 fleece hats, and 4 knitted hats!

“Thank You’s” to:

Judy Klusek for preparing LOTS of hat and pillow tags.

The Southtowns Piecemakers Guild for joining our efforts by sending the 5 stuffed pillows via **Angela Myers**—hopefully, a first installment.

Dorothy Spears for sewing up 30 of the above-mentioned unstuffed pillows.

Linda Smyth’s friends at Immanuel Lutheran in Tonawanda for continuing to make knitted hats.

Beverly Spry and the Elderwood Crafters who continue to stuff pillows for us!

The “regulars” – members who continuously take and work on pillow & hat kits.

Please Note: At all regular meetings look for a special table dedicated to Pink Ribbon Projects where you will be able to drop off completed pillows & hats and pick up kits of pillows & hats to take home.

Also, any Thank You Notes received will be on display for all Guild members to read and enjoy.

Kits for the **comfort pillows** and **chemo hats** are available at all regular meetings. If anyone needs kits at other times, please call Patty K. or Linda G. and we will deliver them to you.

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

Pink Ribbon Comfort Pillow Day

When: Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Elderwood/Crestwood Health Care Facility – Skilled Nursing Building

(in the large community room) 2600 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Since there are many phases to these pillows, you will be able to work on whatever “stage” you prefer:

sewing the pre-cut pieces with your sewing machine

stuffing the sewn pillows with polyfil, or

hand-sewing the opening & attaching the tag.

What you should bring:

If you will be machine sewing, → your sewing machine, assorted colors of thread, pins, and scissors.

If you will be hand sewing, → your favorite needle, various colors of thread, and scissors.

Note: pre-cut fabrics, polyfil stuffing, and tags will be provided.

What about lunch? A **COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH** will be provided in the Dining Room of the Independent Living Facility (just a short walk from the building we will be working in). Since a “count” for lunch is needed, please indicate your willingness to join us that day by either:

(1) signing-up on the sheets available at the Guild’s Feb. 1st meeting or March 1st meeting or

(2) contacting one of the Pink Ribbon Co-Chairs: Patty Kuriscak (297-2040) ppattyk2@verizon.net
or Linda Goodine (298-1002) goodlin79@aol.com

Anything else? Yes, yes, yes ...

→ Friends, relatives, and other guests are VERY WELCOME to join us and “pitch in”.

→ Door prizes will be awarded, thanks to J.R. (our Queen of Fun and Games)!

→ Desserts and snacks will be available; drinks (water, coffee, & tea) will be provided.

→ Lots of **FUN**, conversation, **FUN**, comradery, and **FUN**.

Please let us know you will participate **by March 18th**.



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