



Presidents Message: Karen McMurdo

Greetings,

Well we are now actually into 2020, and I am looking forward to the next year and excited about our upcoming programs and workshops. Rene' has put together what looks to be a nice line up of classes. I attended the workshop in January that Diane Brodfuehrer demoed pinwheel block, boy was that addicting - and in no time I had a Linus top done.

February meeting there will be a round robin on borders and bindings, and on the 8th, a class - 9 Patch Pizazz by Marija who did a trunk show last year. If I remember correctly, it was a small project that used mixed techniques - appliqué, 9 patch blocks all put onto your main fabric.

January has blessed us with mild weather but if for some reason it turns nasty please check your email the day of the meeting to ensure the center will be open and there will be meeting.

See you in February,

Karen

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Birthdays
February

2/2 Greg Mangin
2/05 Margaret Drosky
2/7 Kelly Urtel
2/15 Sheryl Lynch
2/18 Donna Mileham
2/22 Myrabelle Quarantro
2/28 Linda Szmanda
2/28 Marty Held

Kitchen: The hostesses for the meeting are:

February Hostess List:

**Dee Judy, April McCabe, Donna Mileham, Joann Pietrzykowski, Debbie Sims,
Linda Wegrzyn, Liz Wheeler**

**Remember to bring your own cup. Each time you do enter your name
for a chance to win a prize!**

March is National Quilting Month and the Twin City Quilters Guild has celebrated this event with an annual display of our talents at the North Tonawanda Public Library, 505 Meadow Drive, North Tonawanda.

Setup for this event is scheduled for March 1, which is a Sunday. Please remember to bring items that you would like to display to the next Guild meeting, February 5. Make certain that items are clearly labeled with your name and remember that there is limited space so smaller items are preferable.

Our 'Charity Committees' will also have a sampling on display including information of their charity projects.

Quilters, please remember that this display is to showcase the variety of talent that is in our guild. It is not intended to be a venue to sell your items. Library staff will gladly contact a Guild member if someone expresses interest in purchasing your item. All 'for sale' information will be removed from your item prior to putting it in a showcase.

So, start looking through your goodies and remember to bring them to the February meeting. Last minute items can also be brought to the Library on March 1 when we are setting up this display.

Thanks!

Display Committee -Deb Marshall, Ann Barberio, Denise Fland and Esther Stoeckel

Deb Marshall

Minutes of January 8th , 2020 of Twin City Quilters

The meeting was called to order by President, Karen McMurdo at 6:30 p.m. Treasurer's Report - Marty Held: Accepted as published. Marty will have knee surgery tomorrow. Please keep her in your prayers and if you are so inclined, send a card. Her address is: P.O. Box 117, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. She will probably be out for the next 2 months. No secretary's report as last month was the Christmas Party. Welcome to visitor Patty Sheehan. Thanks to the Xmas Party and Challenge committees for all of their efforts. And huge thank you to Linda Barrett for a great 2 years.. Barbara Barrett presented the guild a donation from Sunrise Exchange Club for \$50.00. We send a thank you note. Members Quilt: Cheryl Shoemaker will get \$50 to choose her fabric/pattern with instructions to the members. The guild needs more poles and support apparatus for hanging quilts at the show. The cost is \$465.69. Sharon Sacco made a motion and Cindy Hubacher seconded it to purchase the poles and support apparatus. The committee chairs were given their information packets to guide them for the year.

This years Block exchange: It is a paper pieced 3 ½" finished scrappy block. Original patterns were available for the members to copy and make their blocks. If you bring in 4 blocks, place them in the basket and when the basket gets passed you will take our 4 blocks.

Membership: Patty Kuriscak: We have 70 members and a new roster is available and has been emailed; hard copies were available. If you have any changes, please let Patty know.

Deb Marshall - the library display is in March so we have only next month to bring in your items. March 1st is a Sunday so the library opens at 11:00 a.m. and you can bring your items then. Smaller items are best.

Pink Ribbon - March 14, 2020 Pink Ribbon Day at St. Leo's in Niagara Falls. Kits for pillows and hats are available. Pillow count - 9,758, 4,747 hats.

February Meeting: Bindings and borders demonstrations.

February 8 - 9 Patch Pizzazz at St. Leo's church Military Road 2748 Niagara Falls 9:30 a.m. bring your own lunch and drinks.

March Meeting: Garage sale time bring your stuff to sell!!!

March 7, 2020 Helen Cochoran will do an egg zentangle. St. Leo's; bring your machines and Rene will provide a needs list.

April 1st. Sue McKinnon - trunk show. May 9th Sue's class.

April 4 at St. Leo's - the schlep bag and grocery bag - needs list to follow

May 6 Meeting: Stephanie Drehs - trunk show.

June 3rd - UFO blocks. Advice for each other on what to do with your blocks.

June 6th - Beading class with Stephanie Drehs.

July 1 - Picnic

September 12, 2020 . Botox bag there are 2 sizes large and small and easy to make.

October - sweatshirt jacket with Sheryl Lynch on October 10. 2020 November 4th - quick Xmas gifts bring suggestions.

December - beginning of the annual "eating our way through the holidays". Kitchen - Faye Voght - Bring your own cup and sign up for the upcoming meetings.

Project Linus - Linda Szmanda/Cindy Warthling. Tonight 5 turned in from members own stash and 10 from kits. A total of 5,744. At this Saturday's class, the committee cut scraps for the class and if you want to make a Linus Quilt (there is enough supplies for 4 quilts) if you want to start a Linus quilt they will have the fabric. Possible LinusDay March 21, 2020 - not confirmed. Salem Church in Tonawanda. The week after Pink Ribbon.

Xmas party there was a \$50 gift certificate to Dockside Restaurant and a lovely card for the member whose name was chosen. Jennie Wigle won this; Pam Labushkey won a gift certificate to Aunties Attic and Dorothy Glosser won a gift certificate to Patchwork Garden. Mary Militello -

February 15, blanket day. At St. Pius on N.French Road 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. Reservations are necessary. The blankets are donated to 22 sites in the area. Children's Hospital is no longer accepting handmade items for the preemie blankets. These will go to Sisters and Mercy hospitals and they are not calling Mary for smaller blankets. Children can use 30 X 36 inches for the small children. Project Linus stopped donating to Rowsell because they were being sold in their gift shop. If the quilts have a smoke by smoke smell and Mary can't air or wash it out, they are re-donated to another charity. If they are made in a home with pets and the quilts have dander, please try and keep

your supplied away from the animals. No wool can be used due to allergies. If you are tying or crocheting blankets, please make sure a finger cannot be inserted in any of the holes or the ties. If making a quilt for teenagers, it can be 50 X 60. Remember the measurements are approximate. Some of these items go to the ER for sexually abused children.

Show and share was lovely Block of the Month - 12 blocks won by Linda Wegrzyn. 50/50 Split \$28.00 Margaret Drosky Respectfully submitted - Joan Rockenbrock



Pink Ribbon Projects Comfort Pillows & Chemo Hats



Returned at the January meeting:

Pillows: 53 Total – 6 stuffed and 47 unstuffed

Hats: 29 Total – 8 regular sleep hats from cotton knit and
21 knitted adult hats + 3 infant knitted hat

Thank you to everyone who takes pillow and hat kits from each meeting and returns them so promptly!!!!

And Special Thank you's to:

Judy Lilac for turning in the 6 stuffed pillows mentioned above.

Jill MacDougall for knitting 4 of the hats mentioned above.

Beta Alpha Sorority (Grand Island) for stuffing and tagging **75 pillows** in January.

Immanuel Lutheran Church ladies for knitting the adult and infant hats mentioned above.

Judy Klusek for her continuing work to produce the **MANY** pillow and hat tags needed recently!

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 Comfort Pillow Day



When: Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: St. Vincent DePaul (formerly -- St. Leo’s) Church Parish Center

2748 Military Road (just north of Kmart), 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 final tags will be provided.

What about lunch? A COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH will be provided.

Since a “count” for lunch is needed, please indicate your willingness to join us by doing one of the following:

(1) signing-up on the sheets available at a Guild meeting (Jan. 8th, Feb. 5th or March 4th) or by (2) contacting one of the Pink Ribbon Co-Chairs: Patty Kuriscak (297-2040) patty-pillow09@gmail.com
Linda Goodine (298-1002) goodlin79@aol.com
Judy Klusek (283-1264) judyk32@verizon.net

Anything else? Definitely ...

☑ Friends, relatives, and other guests are **VERY WELCOME** to join us.

☑ **Door prizes** will be awarded, thanks to June Roetzer, Chairwoman of the Prize Dept.

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

☑ Lots of **FUN**, conversation, **FUN**, comraderie, and **FUN**.

Please let us know if you will be joining us **by March 7, 2020.**

Linus



PROJECT LINUS

Month	Quilts made from kits	Quilts made from their Stash	Totals	Grand Totals
2019	85	106	191	5729*
1-2020	10	5	15	5744

We wish to thank Mary Militello – the WNY Project Coordinator for Project Linus for updating the Guild, to where she distributes the Linus quilts to 22 sites in our area. Mary stated she distribute to local hospitals and shelters. Mary explained, due to Roswell not following the established national guidelines, unfortunately they are not able to receive any of the Linus quilts.

Linus is very grateful for any quilts you chose to make with your own stash—Sizes welcomed are:

Preemie 27” square, small 30 x 40, medium 40 x 50, lap 50 x 60. There is a need for twin 70 x90, for

victims of abuse.

Mary states Linus will accept single layer fleece blankets with crocheted edges -all year.

The double layered fleece blankets are best for the colder seasons.

Throughout the year, we have received a few donations of fabric—which we are very grateful—but we must send a special “shout out” for the box of novelty fat-quarters from Jennie Wigle.

Thank you so very much for your continued support !!!!

With grateful hearts

Project Linus Co-chairs: Cindy, Cindy, Linda





Diane's Workshop January 11th

Terrific time was enjoyed by all---the participants found the blocks to be quick and easy to assemble. We will offer this pattern in our Linus kits and our next Linus Day

Meeting and Class Schedule 2020

Meeting: January 8th - Dee Judy - EPP (english paper piecing)
Class: January 11th - Diane Brodfueher - quilt
Meeting: February 5th - Bindings/Borders
Class: February 8th - Marija Vujcic - 9 patch pizazz
Meeting: March 4th - Garage sale
Class: March 7th - Egg Zantangle, Helen Cochrane
Meeting: April 1st - Sue McKenna - trunk show
Class: April 4th - Schlep bag and grocery bag
Meeting: May 6th - Stephanie Drehs - beading
Class: May 9th - Sue McKenna Class T.B.A.
Meeting: June 3rd - UFO block - Karen McMurdo
Class: June 6th - Stephanie Drehs - beaded pin cushion
Meeting: July 1st - picnic
Meeting: September 2nd - T.B.A.
Class: September 12th - Bowtuck bag
Meeting: October 7th - T.B.A.
Class: October 10th - sweatshirt jacket - Cheryl Lynch (tentative)
Meeting: November 4th - Quick Christmas Gifts
Meeting: December 2nd - Christmas Party

Fat quarter colors for 2020

January: Polka Dots

February: Hearts/Pink/Red

March: 30's

April: Stripes

May: Black and White

June: Flowers

July: Civil War

September: Kids prints

October: Halloween

November: Plaids/Checks

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

****NEW THIS YEAR****

Block exchange: It is a paper pieced strip block that will measure 4" unfinished. It is a great way to build a quilt with a variety of fabrics. For example: you make 4 blocks for yourself and another 4 to bring in and exchange. We will have basket available at meetings and you will pick out the same number of blocks that you have brought in. More information will be available at the January meeting along with a sample of what can be done with them. There will be templets available at the meeting get you started.

Hope to see you all joining in,

Karen

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.

Any questions, email me at renesletters@aol.com or call 716-553-3397

Rene' Harbison

