



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Linda Barrett

Dear Quilters:

Many thanks to the Christmas Party committee who planned a lovely evening for us at Classics V. Also, thank you to the Challenge committee who displayed lovely items made by our members. I heard the prizes were wonderful. Congratulations to all.

I must apologize to the December birthday ladies, for not singing or acknowledging same. We will recognize all of you in January. Also, in January we will draw for the winner of the member's quilt.

Each year at our Guild Christmas Party, we award Shining Star pins to those who have worked hard to make the TCQG a successfully run organization. It is through efforts like this that we can enjoy our time together and everyone can feel they are an important part of the group. So, this year it was my pleasure to award the Shining Star award to Rene Harbison, VP and program coordinator; Judy Klusek, Myrabelle Quaranto and Pearl Steiger from the Pink Pillow group, chemo caps, and lap blankets. These ladies have worked very diligently to show their love for our guild. Thank you so much.

I would like to tell you about a very special lady Pearl Steiger who I have had the pleasure of knowing a long, long time. Not only as a quilter but as a friend. As I enjoyed our talk last week, Pearl told me she has been diagnosed with cancer and said she was OK with me telling the members. She has been a valued member for many years. Her unending love for people and our guild has never stopped her from giving and doing for our guild. Pearl has made hundreds of breast pillows, from start to finish, care blankets, chemo caps, and whatever she could do. She has a sense of humor that is never ending. After I ended my chat with her today, I was in awe of all her accomplishments, always thinking of others as she herself is dealing with her illness.

Even now, although she is unable to attend meetings, or workshops she has had her loving daughters bring all her fabric downstairs, so she can keep cutting, and helping others. She is now going to be in the care of Hospice and her three daughters. Please keep Pearl in your prayers, send a card if you are able. Pearl Steiger 3650 Moyer Road North Tonawanda. 14120. I visited Pearl last month and presented her with her most deserving Shining Star.

Well, looks like our newsletter will continue with an offer from Kelly Urtel. THANK YOU, KELLY. There may be an issue of not being able to mail out the newsletter for now, but friends of those who cannot get the newsletter on the computer will have a friend or neighbor to get the letter to them. If that is a problem, there will be two copies available at each meeting.

A huge THANK YOU to Maurine Baker-Stein for being our newsletter editor. She is retiring from this position and is leaving our guild. Wishing her all the best.

I have made out the committee lists for all, so you will know what you have chosen as your special offer to the guild. I have sent it via email.

Wishing everyone a safe Happy Healthy New Year.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 – Margie Hadsell
 4 – Barbara Barrett , 8 – Kristine Gedeon, 10 – Sharon Shakarjian
 11 – Mary Militello, 14 – Jan Brauer, 19 – Cindy Warthing, 21 – Diane Wekenmann, 23 – Joann Pietrzykowski, 25 – Pamela Labushesky, 26 – Kristen McGraw, 27 – Linda Berwaldt and Joyce Morris
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

KITCHEN

Donna Brown

The hostesses for January are: Sharon Shakarjian, Judy Lilac, Pam Labushesky, Joyce Morris, Karen McMurdo and Barb Kanaley.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Patty Kuriscak

As of November 12th, 74 of the current 86 members have renewed their membership and paid their dues for 2019 – thank you for your promptness!!!



Pink Ribbon Comfort Projects



Patty Kuriscak, Linda Goodine, and Judy Klusek

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to the many members who took home pillow kits and hat kits from our December Christmas party!! We know how busy you are during this holiday time of year and really appreciate your continued efforts to help with our Pink Ribbon Projects.

Tonawanda Garden Club will be stuffing pillows in February; so please help by returning as many sewn (ready-to-be-stuffed) pillows as you can at the January and February meetings.

Pillow Day will be March 9th at the St. Vincent DePaul Parish Center in Niagara Falls. Flyers and a sign-up sheet will be available at our January and February meetings.


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

2019 Fat Quarter Colors

Karen McMurdo

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

Fat quarter drawing will be done month and winner takes ALL



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Florence M. Rhodes

PINK RIBBON PILLOW DAY

When: Saturday, March 9, 2019
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: St. Vincent DePaul 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 and 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 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 (Feb. 7th or March 7th) or by

(2) contacting one of the Pink Ribbon

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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 June Roetzer, Chairwoman of the Prize Department.

Desserts, snacks and drinks will be provided.

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

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

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Karen McMurdo

Patterns may be found at: www.quilterscache.com

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



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