



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Linda Barrett

Dear Quilters:

What a wonderful gathering we had at last meeting. We welcomed so many prospective members, one new member and some dear friends who were members years ago and came back to visit.

I hope that our members who set up tables to sell their wares did well. Thank you to our guest sellers, who so generously gave all their leftover fabric to our various sewing groups.

Come on members, don't let me down! Quilting on the Bay, in Erie, Pa. Saturday October 13, 2018. We will leave the center at 8am, return by 5pm. Cost for our guild members is \$25.00 and guests from other guilds or friends will be \$30.00. This price includes the bus driver tip, BUT!!! NOT THE ADMISSION to the show. Once you sign up and pay, this money is NON REFUNDABLE unless you find someone to take your place. It is a great relaxing trip, no gas expense, no driving tired after a long day of shopping, plenty of room under the bus for your purchases, and fun, fun, fun. Maybe a few surprises along the way. There will be a pickup at Target on Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, for Southtown passengers.

An invitation will be sent to other guilds in the area, as well as to Quilt Shops, within a week of your receipt of this letter, so please get back to me with your reservation. Sign up sheet will be available at the meeting, or you can contact me on my cell or email me.

Hope you enjoyed last months featured quilters, as we have two more lovely ladies who will share their interests with us.

Remember on Sunday, August 5, 2018 we will be doing a walk to defeat ALS and honor one of our own Arlie Sears. If you are unable to walk, please register and donate. Flyers will be on front table.

I have a delicious recipe to share with you this month. Hope you enjoy making it as much as I did. It is a crock pot recipe that would work well for you if you work, or to give a stay at home quilter more time to quilt.....

Chicken Crock Pot

Place 6 half chicken breasts in crock pot
 1 can cream of chicken soup
 1 can mushroom soup
 (You can use 2 cans of cream of chicken if you like.)
 ¼ cup sour cream
 Mix soups and sour cream together and pour over chicken
 ½ # fresh mushrooms
 2 tablespoons dry Ranch dressing
 Sprinkle dry Ranch dressing on top
 Cook on low 5-6 hours or high for 4 hours. Stir and serve. I did mashed potatoes and broccoli.

If you have committed to be a hostess bringing deserts, please uphold this obligation. Please continue to do your part in making Linus Quilts, breast pillows, chemo caps, and wheel chair walker bags. Please make it a part of your monthly sewing. There is a great need for them all and they are so gratefully accepted. Thank you.

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Twin City Quilters Guild
May 2, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was preceded by a garage sale held by members who brought their treasures they were reluctant but willing to sell to those who would give them a good home or finish.

The meeting was called to order by President, Linda Barrett at 6:40 p.m. Welcome to all visitors.

Marty Held has copies of the treasurer's report for perusal at the head table.

The secretary's report was approved as printed in the newsletter.

Membership: Patty Kursiack – we have 78 members, and should anyone wish to know more about the guild or wish to join, please contact Patty.

Pink Ribbon: Patty Kursiack – since 2009 we have donated over 7,000 pillows and 3,000 chemo caps to local medical facilities.

Christmas Stockings: Cheryl Shoemaker – the stockings do not have to be Xmas fabric, but she will be collecting them until the November meeting. They will then be passed on to her contact with the military for stuffing with gifts, candy and personal items to the troops. If you are traveling and have the sample sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner and soap, she will take these items also.

Quilt Show: Cheryl Shoemaker – April 5, 2019 is set up and April 6 – 7, 2019 are the dates of the show. If you have newer books and patterns, please consider donating not only for the door prize table but we will have a Mystery Bag Table. The Fat 8ths (9" X 22) will be given at the door again and think about what to make for the Boutique. We also need a theme for the show. Next month bring in your suggestions and we can vote.

Kitchen: Donna Brown - All is well and running smoothly. Hosts/Hostesses are not needed for September as we will be having our "Welcome Back" party.

Project Linus: Linda Szamanda/Cindy Warthling – 5,479 is our total after kits and quilts made by members were turned in. Baby sized quilts – (approx.) 30 X 30; Child sized quilts – (approx.) 40 X 50 and Teens: (approx.) 50 X 60.

Newsletter: Maurine Baker-Stein – the newsletter goes out between the 20th and the 22nd, so if you have not gotten it by the 23rd, please e-mail her at tcbearclaw@aol.com.

Challenge: Deb Marshall/Dorothy Glosser – The challenge is titled "Piece for a Purpose", kits are \$5.00, and the finished items must use 2 techniques and brought to the Xmas party where you will get your \$5.00 back. At the end of the evening, all the kits were sold.

Old Business: - For new members and members needing to redo their name badges, Sheryl Lynch will embroider the tag for free. If you are buying a shirt or other personal item and wish to have the guild's logo embroidered on it, she will do that for \$8.00.

J. Madeline's Quilt shop (formerly Patricia's) 333 W. Commercial Street Suite 1100, Rochester New York is closed Sunday and Monday.

There were two members who have not been able to attend the last few meetings. Penny McDowell (as past President for the past two years) and Jan Brauer (for her extraordinary organization, innovative ideas and beautiful quilt show set up's) have been awarded the Shinning Stars. Thank you, ladies.

Bus Trip: To Quilting on the Lake in Erie, PA, Saturday, October 13, 2019. The bus will be leaving at 8:00 a.m. sharp with a stop at Target on Walden for the Southtowns attendees and arrive back home around 5:00 p.m. With arrival back home at 5 p.m. that will leave approx. five hours to see the show – do lunch and shop. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Pam Pandolfi has done all the background work for us to participate in Walk to Defeat ALS (supporting our own Arlie Sears). There are flyers at the head table and will be for the next few months. If you can't walk, please consider going to the site and donating or donating to the members who will be walking. The web site is: <http://web.als.org/goto/twincityquiltguild>. This is where you can sign up or donate. The walk is August 5, 2018 at Delaware Park. Registration is 9:30 a.m. and the walk starts at 11:00 a.m.

The 50/50 was won by Dianne DeArmond who took home \$25.50.

Show and share and the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rockenbrock
Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6—Dorothy Spears 12—Kathy Vitthuhn
 15—Bonnie Victor 22—Jeanne Ellis
 26—Linda Goodine 28—Ricki Por
 30 - Sharon Sacco

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

KITCHEN

Donna Brown

Our hostesses for June are: Dorothy Spears, Sharon Sacco, Judy, Lilac, Kathy Vitthuhn, Marty Held and Pat Vitthuhn.

Also, if you signed up for July, August or September thank you. But we are not meeting in July or August. And we are having a Potluck dinner in September.



Pink Ribbon Comfort Projects



Patty Kuriscak, Linda Goodine, and Judy Klusek

Returned at the May 2nd meeting:

Pillows: 36 Total – 6 were stuffed and 30 unstuffed
Hats: 14 Total – 4 fleece, 4 regular cotton knit, and 6 knitted hats

“Thank You’s” to:

Judy Klusek for preparing the MANY tags needed recently!!!

Judy Lilac for making the six stuffed pillows.

Myrabelle Quaranto for sewing fifteen of the unstuffed pillows.

Charles Rhodes for sewing the four fleece chemo hats.

Linda Smyth (herself!) for knitting the six hats.

June Roetzer for delivering pillows (113 total) to Buffalo Medical Group, Roswell (Amherst site), and Millard Fillmore Suburban.

Emma Hofmeyer for delivering pillows to Roswell (downtown).

Vicki Marsh and St. Leo’s Altar Rosary Society (Dorothy Spears) for stuffing and tagging fifty-four pillows in May.

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.

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

CHALLENGE QUILT

The Challenge Quilt Committee would like to thank membership for the enthusiasm expressed with this year's challenge - we are SOLD OUT! YAY! Now everyone simply has to Piece with a Purpose and finish their project for presentation at our annual holiday party, have their investment of \$5 returned PLUS every finished project will receive a gift! And don't forget your quilting peers will be judging finished projects and prizes will be awarded!

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Hi, my name is Cheryl Shoemaker. My husband's name is Joel and I have three kids, Wil is 20, Max is 17 and Kate is 16. Wil is in college; Max plays soccer and Kate is a swimmer & dances.

I started sewing when I was 9, making Barbie doll accessories, such as Miss America capes and camping items – sleeping bags, pillows. Needed something to pack in the Barbie Camper for those getaway vacations she took with Ken. My mother could sew clothes but was not a quilter. My grandmother could knit but not crochet. Her specialty was cardigan sweaters. My mother (& her sister) did not inherit the knitting gene, so I learned to knit from my grandmother. I made some clothes in high school thru the 4H and took every art class offered – pottery, oil, ink, watercolor. In college, I would knit, embroidery and candlewick during down time.

Before kids, I started a triple Irish chain. Bought the fabric from Northwest Fabrics. Still in the box, half finished, as I could not get any of the blocks to line up. As everyone knows, I'm am one that has to have the blocks line up. Wow, what I have learned since that first project.

Fast forward many years and three kids later, I attended the quilt show twice with the thought of joining the guild, but life was busy, and I was traveling a lot. After the second time attending the show, I got determined to make the time and joined.

I enjoy the creativity of the process, as my job is a lot of math and science. Learned a lot from classes and seminars thru the guild and local shops. Went to Martha Pullen week in Alabama once for heirloom sewing – smocking and lace work. I made Kate's christening gown and bonnet.

I collect antiques – of which Joel always asked, "what are you going to do with that?" My answer is always 'I have a plan'. I have four large barn doors from a Medina farm in my garage along with various other pieces of furniture, apple basket, berry basket, wood skis, old sled, old windows, etc. Looking forward to summer, I have a lot of paint stripping to do. I like to be outside. I have many gardens around the house.

I have many favorites – batiks, civil war, brights, Kim Diehl and projects with many many small pieces. I have three perennial projects, Karen Stone's Cinco de Mayo (paper pieced New York Beauty), scheduled for completion by 2020, as that is what I named it, Cinco de Mayo 2020 (seemed like such a faraway year when I started), a paper pieced pinwheels on black and 30's material – Grandmother's Flower Garden – hand pieced – about half way done, started in 2010 – Carol Anderson taught the class for Pinegrove Seminar.

I have two new projects. One is applique with wool. Done it many years with cotton, but wool is new. I have an abstract wall hanging project in the works. Not one for modern, but this one just struck me (bright colored batiks). It will not match anything in my house but oh well.... I just like it.

Joan Rockenbrtock—My sewing career began when Lisa was a baby. I was appalled at the price of a little dress. \$5 for a dress was way too much when I could buy a remnant of beautiful fabric from Twin Tons for fifty cents. So, on nice days, I would pack her up in the buggy, walk down to Twin Tons, purchase a remnant and sew a new outfit while she took a nap in the afternoon.

Quilting became an addiction by accident. When married to the ex – his grandmother passed away and left behind "fabric" and since I was the only person who sewed in the family, I got it. Ladies with parasols in 30's fabric based onto 18" squares of muslin. The logic was: if you can sew, you know how to quilt. I figured it couldn't be too difficult, so my search began. At that time there were no classes and I did not know of any "quilt shops". So, I began at the NT Library and found a book that was older than I was. Taking the "rules" in the book to heart, I sewed, appliquéd and quilted a twin sized quilt all by hand. Nine months later it was done, and I figured there had to be a better way.

Fast forward a few years and I am at the Eye Of The Needle (owned and operated by Wendy Mangrum and Donna Mileham) and began talking to another patron (Ruth Dinardo). She was looking for a quilt guild that would be all inclusive and have teaching/learning opportunities and was close to home. By the time we were done talking it was decided that we would start one. We both pitched in \$1.25 for an ad in the Tonawanda News and the next week we had our first meeting of the Twin City Quilter's Guild. At that meeting, I remember two things. Looking at 18-year-old Karen McMurdo, I thought she would quit after the first year and I didn't think the guild would last more than 4 – 5 years. I am glad I was wrong on both counts. We learned a lot from each other, we taught and took classes, we shared information, books, patterns, practiced on charity quilts and became experienced quilters. Without all the encouragement from all the past and present member, I would not be as prolific a quilter as I am today.

My name is Carol Carney and I have been a member of the Guild for almost twenty years. I was honored to be president for two terms. As a teacher, I was comfortable leading meetings.

I taught third grade at Drake School in North Tonawanda, where I did a quilt project each year with the children. Along with the art teacher, we designed and colored blocks and then had a bee with moms helping to make the quilt 'sandwich.' We gave the quilts to Children's Hospital in Buffalo. We probably made over 100 quilts over the years. I have kept a letter from the parent of a child who received and cherished one of the quilts.

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BLOCK 8

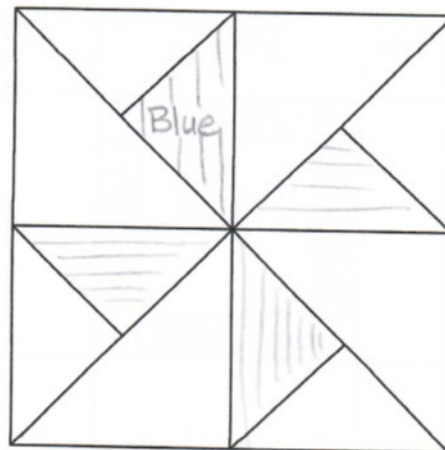
Shades of Gray

Print	Blue
3 – 6 ½” squares	1 – 6 ½” square

With one blue and one background square right sides together, cut twice diagonally. Make 4 identical units. Press to the darker fabric.

Print – cut two squares in half diagonally. Sew one light piece to each of the identical units made in step 1.

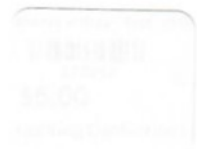
Square up each of these blocks to 5 ½”, being mindful of both the horizontal seam and the vertical seam. Use both of these lines on your Eleanor Burns square up ruler. Open, press, trim the tails and assemble as shown. Square up to 10 ½”



Quilting Confections

BLOCK 9

Shades of Gray



Dark #1 Inside block/corners	Dark #2 Outer sides	Dark #3 Outside corners	Blue
1 - 4 1/2" square 4 - 1 1/2" squares	4 - 2 1/2" x 6 1/2"	4 - 2 1/2" squares	4 - 1 1/2" x 4 1/2"

Add 2 blue sides to the inside dark print #1 square.
 Add dark print #1 squares to both ends of the remaining blue sides. Add these to the center square.
 Add 2 dark print #2 - outer sides to the block.
 Add the dark print #3 squares to the ends of the two remaining outer sides. Add these to the block.
 Press and square up to 10 1/2"



Over the years, I have embroidered, knit, crocheted, and made my kid's and my clothes. I loved and taught decorative painting in the eighties as well as making jointed limbed teddy bears.

I think quilting is somewhat genetic as my Grandmother and great aunts all were quilters. I finally settled into quilt making especially in retirement. I have made about fifty large quilts, as well as wall hangings, baby quilts and purses. I have given several away to groups to use for raffles. A highlight was having a pink and green yoyo quilt chosen to hang at Paducah in 2011. Unfortunately, I couldn't get there to see it, but the picture is in the catalog I still have. I also embroidered the Guild block - a carousel - that is part of the Buffalo Historical Museum's quilt made with other area Guilds. Being in the guild has helped me grow by offering meeting programs and classes, as well as making many new friends.

EVENTS



Tuesday, June 5 to Saturday, June 16, 2018

Prizes are:

Grand – over 50 yards of fabric: visit all 16 stores.
Value \$600+

Pick 12– Basket of quilting goods: visit 12 shops.
Value \$300+

2 Loop Prizes – Basket of quilting goods: visit the 8 stores in one of the loops listed below. One basket will be awarded per loop. Value \$150+

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