

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Linda Barrett

Dear Quilters:

Happy Fall! It is hard to believe that winter is slowly creeping up on us, especially when looking out the window we see the beautiful Fall colors. I love Fall!

Thank you to Helen Cochoran from Patchwork Gardens for a lovely trunk show.

Remember to make a difference and join the quilters at Patchwork Gardens to make pillow cases on November 27th. Get the Christmas feeling by making Christmas stockings and bring them to the November meeting. These stockings go to our men and women in the service to bring a bit of cheer as they fight to protect our country. A small thank you from us to them for giving of their time. Also, remember as you are sewing to include our home town projects, wheel chair walker bags, Linus and Pink ribbon projects.

We will be having the vote at our November meeting on the Budget, and by-laws and voting for a treasurer: Jennie Wiegler or Marty Held, Vice President: Rene Harbison.

We had our bus trip to Quilting on the Bay and had 46 ladies attend. Unfortunately, a few ladies called off due to sickness. Kenmore Quilters had seventeen attend. Thank you, ladies, for making this a go!!! Thank you, Elizabeth, for the special goodies. It was a cold windy day, and we were glad for a warm bus, a great driver, and camaraderie. Many ladies were seen coming home with new projects. Next year I hope to plan a trip back to the Rochester show. I did have the pleasure of meeting Man Sewing Ron Appel who now is affiliated with Missouri Star Quilting. He can be seen on U-tube.

Reminder: Membership fee and Christmas party reservations are due. You can either pay at our November meeting or send membership checks to Patty Kuriscak and the Christmas party reservations to Marty Held. Please remember to write your checks separately and make them out to TCQG.

It is only six months until our quilt show, please think about which committee you would like to be a part of, and let Cheryl know. Also, please be making items for sale in our boutique.

Hope we get to enjoy an Indian Summer before the snow comes.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3-Denise Fland 15-Patty Kuriscak
19-Doris Gierke 25-Susan Skinner
27-Charles Rhodes 28-Diane Brodfuehrer and on
30-Linda Barrett



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TWIN CITY QUILTERS GUILD
OCTOBER 3, 2018

PROGRAM: Helen Chocoran from Patchwork Gardens. The charity Patchwork is supporting this year is Sweet Dreams. Pillowcases for children from Puerto Rico who have been displaced by Hurricane Maria to the Buffalo area. There are two days you can participate: October 27 and the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Just come to Patchwork Gardens and everything will be supplied. Sit and sew for a couple of hours and you can bring a little sunshine to an otherwise scary and difficult time for a child.

Helen did a lovely trunk show from her first little quilt to her most recent projects. They were all beautiful and we were all inspired by her colors, style and expertise. The quilts were highlighted by funny stories from her life.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President, Linda Barrett.

She introduced guests tonight: Marybeth, Deanna, Debby and Cindy. Welcome and we hope you return. Membership: Patty Kuriscak: Dues are due by the end of the year, please fill out your forms provided and mail to Marty Held our Treasurer.

Pink Ribbon – Patty Kuriscak: October is breast cancer awareness month and kits are available for pillows and hats. The kits for pillows just have to be sewn, the stuffing will be done by other groups. If you have extra fabric you do not have a use for, especially solid colors, and it measures at least 5 ½ X 18 inches, please consider donating it to the Pink Ribbon group. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Stockings – Cheryl Shoemaker: We have until the November meeting to donate stockings. There was several donated tonight, but we supply stockings to three military facilities serving outside of the states. They are filled with goodies donated from other groups/businesses, so we need to get them to our contact shortly after our November meeting. Cheryl has extra fabric if you are in need.

Quilt Show – Cheryl Shoemaker: We are in need of 8' tables. If you have any we can borrow, please let Cheryl know and make sure you label them, so they can be returned to you at the end of the show. The Wheatfield Center has stated they were to purchase more, and Cheryl will keep inquiring and keep us updated. Carol Carney may not be home in time, so we will need a volunteer to be the Vendor Liaison – Kelly Urtel volunteered, and Diane Wekenman will assist. The position makes sure the vendors' booths are covered when

take down, delivers snacks and lunch both days. Diane Brodefurher volunteered to organize the demo's which may be in the lobby. They will be in the middle of the afternoons on both days. If you would like to do a half or three-quarter hour demo, please let Diane know. The basket raffle and Project Linus committees will take care of sign-up sheets for their areas. There will be sign-up sheets at the January meeting for members to assist at the show. Sandy Wardour and Marty Held will be in charge of intake and returns. We have seven vendors so far and are waiting for more responses. Unfortunately, the purse lady will not be attending as she has made a commitment for another venue in Syracuse. The new categories and size dimensions will be included in the next month's newsletter. As a reminder, there is a box to mark if you wish for your quilt to be judged. Judging is not necessary and if you just want your quilt to be in the show that is fine.

Christmas Party: It will be at Classic V on Niagara Falls Blvd. The cost is \$30, and the forms are available. Please send a separate check for the party and membership.

Bus Trip – Linda Barrett: The bus is full and a go. Please be at the Center by 20 minutes to 8 – the bus will leave promptly at 8:00 a.m., will make a stop at Target by Walden Galleria. The bus will return approximately 5:00 p.m.

Sunshine – Linda Smythe: JoAnn Sentman had knee surgery. A card and fat quarters were sent.

Kitchen – Donna Brown: There is a brand-new book out next month. Please sign up, we need at least ten members to bring goodies each month.

Walker Wheelchair bags – Barbara Newman/Jennie Wigle: Twenty-five were delivered last week. Kits are available and if you have any heavier fabrics any donations are greatly appreciated. Solids are most needed.

Challenge – Dorothy Glosser: There are thirty-five kits purchased and the committee is hoping that all will be at the Christmas Party. There will be a gift for everyone who finishes their Quilt with a Purpose and brings it to the party. You will also get your five dollars back.

Raffle Quilt – Charles Rhodes: At the last meeting suggestions were given for the charities to donate the proceeds to and the top three are: ALS, Parkinson's and Niagara Hospice. We discussed what to do with the second quilt made from the remains of the original quilt. Should the winner get both the large and small quilt, should it be second prize, or should it be given to the member that sells the most tickets in the hopes that more tickets will be sold and increase our profits. It was also discussed if we should increase the amount of the

tickets each member is responsible for from \$25 worth of tickets to \$30. Since many members buy the tickets themselves, raising the amount was not well received.

Project Linus – Linda Szmanda/Cindy Warthling: There were nine turned in tonight giving a total of 5521. Kits are available with most of them being panels and fleece backing. Since we are getting into the busy season, these are easy to finish. There are also premies sized kits which are only 30 X 30 and quick and easy to do. They are also accepting scraps for the pool at the Quilt Show, please make sure they are at least 5 x 5 or larger. Salem Church in Tonawanda has provided a room at no charge for the committee to use. Linda made a motion to donate one-hundred dollars to Salem Church and it was seconded by Pam Labushesky. The motion was carried.

Nominations – The President called for nominations from the floor. Next month we will vote on treasurer; either Marty Held or Jennie Wiegler and Vice President – René Harbison is the only volunteer.

Steve, the Scissor man is opening a store at the corner of Ward and Warner Roads in North Tonawanda and Linda Barrett will keep us updated on the opening date.

Linda Barrett discussed the cigarette butt situation that is affecting our items in the closet we share with the other groups. The representative from the center stated that the groups responsible for the issue pays more money than we do, and Linda countered with the statement that it is not an issue of money but an issue of safety. Our petition was forwarded to the group and the situation has since been better but not entirely fixed.

Program Committee – Rene Harbison: October 27, Ruth Ohol's class is full. Karen will be providing lunch and there will be a cost, so when attending the class bring singles so she does not have to worry about change.

Pam Pandolfini – Landscaping quilt class: November 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 3:30ish. There will be a kit available if you don't want to worry about fabric, please let Pam know and she will let you know about cost.

Helen Cochoran – René will contact her regarding a crayon class or nano stippling for January/February. If people are interested in a purse class, please let René know as she will set it up for next year. Show and Share had many lovely items.

By Laws Committee: the concerns and questions presented to the committee were addressed and changes were made in the most recently distributed version. The committee's intent was to take the By Laws as they were and make them clearer and more definite. There was an inquiry about why some of the changes were not included in a Policies and Procedures document. Pam and Linda researched, and the examples were evenly split as to where some of the categories should be placed. Since we don't have a Policy and Procedures document or committee, it was decided that we would have one document and if in the future the group decides we need to have Policies and Procedures, a committee can be formed. The section on recording members participation by the committee chairs was discussed and since we are a volunteer entity, we cannot mandate participation, therefore, references covering this will be changed and reflected in the next version. Program Committee was added with the Vice President as chairperson. Also changed was the deletion of the corresponding secretary. The chair of the Sunshine will still send cards to ill members, but the secretary will take care of all correspondence along with notes for the monthly meetings and board's meetings.

The 50/50 was won by the lucky Dee Judy!!! Contrats!

Respectfully submitted, Joan Rockenbrock, Secretary

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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

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Patty Kuriscak

As of October 11th, fifty of the current eighty-six members have renewed their membership and paid their dues for 2019 – thank you for your promptness!!!

To the remaining 36 members ... PLEASE do one of the following: A) mail it to me at: 1919 Saunders Settlement Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 or B) bring it to me at our November 7th meeting. Your co-operation in taking care of this matter before December is muchly appreciated!!!

SUNSHINE FUND REPORT

Linda Smyth

Dear Members, it recently occurred to me that I had not reported on the Sunshine Fund for 2017. Following is that report:

2017

1/1/2017 Balance Forward	\$ 43.25
+ Sale of 50/50 Tickets	+ 567.00
Paid out in drawings (50%)	- 283.50
Expenses, postage, supplies	- 49.40
Given to Treasurer for Deposit	- 200.00
Balance on 12/31/2017	\$ 77.35

There were ten packages of Fat Quarters sent to Guild members and many sympathy, get well, and thank-you cards sent.

We can always use donations of Fat Quarters, cards, and 5 x 8 envelopes to keep our expenses down. Funds are distributed by the Treasurer to support our charitable projects. If you have any questions, please let me know.



Pink Ribbon Comfort Projects



Patty Kuriscak, Linda Goodine, and Judy Klusek

Returned at the October meeting:

Pillows: 93 – 53 from many members (thank you, thank you) and 40 from one member alone (mentioned below)!!

Hats: 32+ – 12 regular sleep hats from cotton knit, 10 fleece, and 10 knitted adult hats + 5 infant knitted hats

“Thank You’s” to:

Emma Hofmeyer for helping Judy Klusek prepare the MANY pillow tags needed recently!!!

Jeannine Ellis for sewing 50 pillows and cutting out 90+ pieces for pillows!

Dorothy Spears for making 18 sleep hats and donating 10 yards of solid fabrics for pillow pieces!

Several anonymous members for donating solid fabrics at our October meeting.

Myrabelle Quaranto for sewing 40 pillows and LOTS of cut pillow pieces!!!

Esther Stoeckel for donating 6 pillow sets – all matched up!

Charles Rhodes for sewing the 10 fleece hats and 6 of the sleep hats mentioned above.

Emma Hofmeyer for delivering pillows and hats to Roswell (downtown).

Linda Smyth’s Church Ladies (Immanuel Lutheran) for knitting the 10+ hats mentioned above.

June Roetzer and Judy Klusek for assisting at the Ellwood Homemakers, Tonawanda on October 4th, where 130 pillows were stuffed – WOW !!!

Excelsior Mother’s Club in NF (Nancy Smegelsky’s club) for stuffing 50+ pillows on Oct. 15th.

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 (or more), we will match it up with other “orphan” pieces to make a beautiful pillow!

Triple Note: If you are “cleaning out” some of your stash, we especially need solid (or prints that read as solid) fabrics to blend with the many great prints that have already been donated.

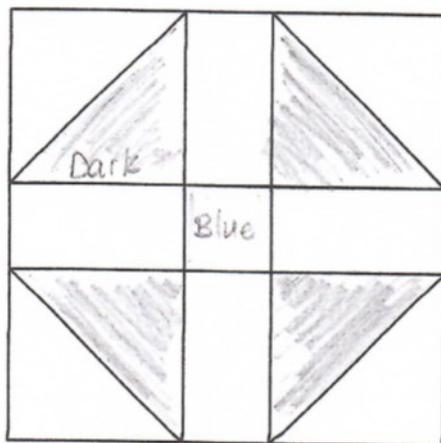
Thank you, all, for your continued support – the need is never-ending!

Shades of Gray

Dark Print	Light Print	Blue
2 – 5 ½” squares	2 – 5 ½” squares 4 – 2 ½ x 4 ½”	2 ½” square

Using the dark and light 5 ½” squares – make 4 HST blocks.
Square up to 4 ½”, press to the dark fabric.

Assemble as shown



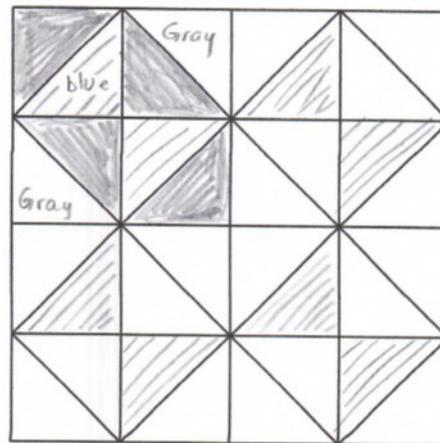
BLOCK 18

Shades of Gray

Dark Print	Light Gray	Blue
8 – 4” squares	4 – 4” squares	4 – 4” squares

Use 4 darkest print squares and 4 blue squares to make 8 HST blocks
Use 4 darkest print squares and 4 lt. Gray squares to make 8 HST blocks
Square each up to 3”

Assemble as shown



Quilting Confections



THANK-YOU



Send items of interest to
tcbearclaw@aol.com

Ladies/Gentlemen:

We received a lovely letter from the Twin City Meals on Wheels regarding the placemats. It was a lucky coincidence that the Kenmore Quilt Guild was working on placemats also and delivered them around the same time, therefore, there were enough to give to each person receiving a meal in the Tonawanda's - over 100.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas dinner will be our December meeting. Wednesday, December 5th. At 6 pm we will meet at Classics V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. The cost of the buffet is \$30. The dinner will consist so far of a chef salad, roll, roast beef, relish try, herb roasted potato, mixed veggies, dessert, coffee and tea. The committee would like your assistance in determining our second and third meats and what type of pasta should be served. Please submit the below reservation form along with your payment (a check written out to the guild) by our November meeting.

NAME: _____ Check # _____

Please choose two: ___Panko parmesan crusted chicken ___Chicken madire ___Lemon pepper chicken
___Ham ___Turkey ___Rosemary chicken ___Mediterranean grilled chicken

Please choose one: ___Pasta marinara ___Penne & broccoli ___Pasta primavera

This may be given to our treasurer Marty Held. Thank-you for your help!

Quilt Number _____

Please check box ONLY if you wish to have a written critique.

Categories:

_____ Large Quilts (280" or larger)

_____ Medium Quilts (200" to 279")

_____ Small Quilts (100" to 199")

_____ Miniatures (99" or less)

_____ Home Décor

_____ Wearable Art

_____ Mixed Techniques

_____ Machine Applique

_____ Hand Applique

_____ Machine Piecing

_____ Hand Piecing

_____ Machine Quilted/Yourself

_____ Machine Quilted/Someone else

_____ Hand Quilted

Phone # _____