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Newsletter Submission Deadline:

The 15th of each month.
All members are encouraged to
Submit an article.

I don't know about you all, but I so love the cooler temps. I hope you enjoyed the hands on meeting. There are so many different ways to get the same thing done. I hope we were able to show you a few. Remember it takes a lot of practice. An easy way to practice your hand stitching is putting on your binding. The stitches are further apart but even.

I feel bad we didn't get around to show and share. So for October, our program will be Show & Share. Bring in your finish projects. Also, if you've been to any quilt shows or picked up something new bring it in and show us.

In November, we'll be having another hands on meeting. This time we'll be hand quilting. I'm asking all of you that hand quilt to bring in something that you're working on and show your way of getting it done. I will also be putting together fabric sandwiches of muslin and batting with a threaded quilting needle.

We also need a few more refreshments to be brought in for October and November.

Don't forget to sign up for the Xmas Party in December.

Peace, Love & Gratitude.



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FAT QUARTERS

by Destiny Varney

October: Halloween

November: music

BIRTHDAYS

10-Cynthia Hubacher	14-Sandra Wardour	20-Patricia Neuman
23-Karen McMurdo	27-Angela Myers	28-Judy Klusek
30-Wendy Mangrum		



HOSTS for August

by Peggy Terrana

Sandy Wardour Judy Klusek Linda Goodine Jan Brauer Kathy Vitthuhn
Joan Rockenbrock Sue Cahill Adele Gabalski Esther Stoeckel

SCHEDULE

by Arlie Sears

October 5th 'Show 'n' Share' from the bus trip - participants are encouraged to share something they brought back from the Erie, PA quilt show - whether it is a tip or an actual item.

November 2nd Hand quilting instructions

December 7th Christmas Party 6pm at The Fairways at Deerwood

Membership Renewal

by Kelly Urtel

I will have an envelope with a membership form and a committee form for each member at the October meeting. Money is due before December 9th. Please mail your \$25.00 dollar check to me if you are unable to attend. Check should be sent to me at 908 Park Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. Please include your name, address, date of birth, phone number and email address. Also include your committee choice. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 716-510-0226.



MINUTES of September 7, 2016

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

A Board meeting was held before start of the meeting. Upcoming program were decided – October would be a 'Show 'n' Share' from the upcoming bus trip - participants will be encouraged to share something they brought back from the Erie, PA quilt show - whether it is a tip or an actual item.

November meeting will be instructions on hand quilting.

No program in December, holiday party in Fairview Room at Deerwood Golf Course.

It was decided by the Board that if the bus trip was short a few folks to make it a 'go', the Guild would pay for the few (4 or less) empty seats so the trip would not have to be cancelled.

The September 7, 2016 meeting was called to order by Guild President, Penny McDowell at 6:34PM. There were three visitors: Diane Phillips, Inge Cudzilo and Sandy McCreadie

The Minutes from the June 1, 2016 meeting were posted on the website.

A Treasurer's Report was not presented.

Old Business:

Members were reminded that if they were participating in the bus trip to 'Quilting on the Bayfront' on Friday, September 16, in Erie, PA, they need to be at the Wheatfield Community Center by 7:45am; bus was leaving promptly at 8am. If they were having a Southtowns pick-up (Target on Walden by the I-90) they should be there no later than 8:15am.

There were several committees that were appointed

Nominating Committee - Liz Wheeler and Jennie Wigle. Offices of Treasurer and Vice President will be voted on later this year.

Membership Committee - Barb Kanaley and Kelly Urtel.

Cheryl Shoemaker requested that all Christmas stockings for the troops be turned in no later than the November meeting.

Quilt Show - Guild members are should turn in fat 8th's (11" X 18" preferred) for May 20 & 21, 2017 Quilt show giveaways to Sandy Wardour, in a baggie showing your name. Cheryl is collecting items that can be given as door prizes for the show - books with a current copyright (unless they would be considered a classic), patterns, and notions. Chris Gedeon will be in charge of the basket raffle; Vicki Wesolek ribbons; Linda Berwaldt and Cindy Hubacher the boutique; Jeannine Ellis and Sue Cahill the Challenge Quilt display; Jenny Wigle, Sharon Sacco, Angela Myers will work on advertising; Carol Carney will be the vendor liaison, Esther Stoeckel and Barb Newman - admission table. The various categories for quilting items were discussed as was judging.

Mystery Project - Cheryl showed the first installment of her next mystery project. Instructions will be emailed to membership.

Holiday Party - Angela Myers reminded membership that the annual Holiday Party will be held at the Fairways at Deerwood, 1818 Sweeney Street, North Tonawanda on Wednesday, December 7. Funds to cover the dinner (\$25) will be accepted in the form of check only, payable to the Guild. They should be given to committee member Sandy Wardour, meal selection needs to be made at that time. Form was available in the newsletter.

The Guild welcomed our new newsletter editor, Maurine Baker-Stein. Members are reminded that any articles they wish to include in the newsletter must be submitted to the editor by the 15th of the month.

Charles Rhodes presented the Guild's raffle quilt; members of the quilt raffle committee are in the process of putting in the finishing touches. He also reminded members that there is a local shop hop that runs September 8-10 and that Quilmakers & Friends has moved their shop from Military Road, Niagara Falls to 6404 Packard Road.

Joan Rockenbrock reminded membership that packets are available for the 2016 Challenge Quilt. The \$5 fee that is associated with the challenge is reimbursed to the member upon presentation of their finished project at the annual Christmas party. Prizes are also awarded.

Karen McMurdo stated that quilt the quilt guilds who have been working on at the Buffalo History Museum (Quilts : Techniques and Styles) is basically completed, but members were still requested to fill time slots to answer questions- October 28 - Carol Carney and Joan Rockenbrock, December 29 - Liz Wheeler and Mary Militello.

Patty Kuriscak, chair of the Pink Ribbon, reported that kits were available that evening for pillows and caps and that she still has willing groups within the community who will stuff pillows turned in by members.

Linda Smyth, Corresponding Secretary, reported she received a thank you from the Schofield Residence for the walker bags and a request for a bereavement quilt to be used for privacy. President McDowell recently completed such an item and will donate it to Schofield. Linda also received a request for commissioned work of making a quilt out of military uniforms - Charles Rhodes said his wife has completed several and took the information regarding the request.

Linda Szmanda reported that 9 Project Linus quilts were turned in that evening, bringing the total to 5,186 quilts made by the membership.

Drawings: August BOM - Deb Marshall
Fat Quarters - Dorothy Spears

September BOM - Deb Marshall
50/50 Split - Adele Gabalski

September birthdays were acknowledged. Break for refreshments.

8:05PM Meeting resumed. Membership broke up into small groups for hands-on appliqué lessons.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 5. Program 'Show 'n' Share' of items purchased, ideas gathered from the Guild sponsored bus trip to Erie, PA.

Respectfully Submitted
Deb Marshall, Secretary

BLOCK-OF-THE-MONTH – For October & November 2016

by Esther Stoeckel

Another block to try your expertise doing the scant 1/4" seam! Colors are suggested on the web page, but again it is your personal choice of colors. Remember that the finished individual block size is 12-1/2".

Complete instructions with color pictures can be found by going to our website twincityquiltersguild.org, search under BLOCKS. Instructions include two pages for each block. Our complete 2016 year series is from quilterscache.com/AlphabetizedListPageA-F.html (M-R & S-Z.)

FANCY STRIPES -- October Block ... A very simple block using ALL half-square triangles! Suggested colors are dark and light tan hues. Easier instructions than what is shown online are here: Stack two 32" x 3 7/8" fabric strips together (or two (2) 16" x 3 7/8"), then cut into eight (8) 3 7/8" squares. Draw diagonal center lines, then sew 1/4" on each side of marking, cut thru marking, and you have 16 half-square triangle 3-1/2" blocks! Press seams to dark side. Now the fun begins by placing them in rows to complete your FANCY STRIPES block. Two of these would make a great table runner with some coordinating fabric for sashing and borders! So make three in total... one for our guild and two for YOU!!

OLD MAID'S PUZZLE -- November Block ... This also would make a great table runner with two blocks mirroring each other. Your choice of three different colors, one fairly dark, one medium and one light. Fall colors would be great for a Thanksgiving... or try sparkly off-white, gold and green for a Christmas or holiday look. Always fun to use half-square triangles isn't it!

Mystery Quilt Project Two - Graduated times Four

by Cheryl Shoemaker

Supplies: 2" strips by 21" thru 22"+ (every bolt is different widths)

If using full width fabric, cut in half. If using fat quarter, use the longer dimension (not the 18" side)
Four colors: for each color - Five shades ranging from very light, light, medium, medium-dark, to dark.

For a more natural look, don't get too matchy matchy with the colors. I used a brownish yellow in the green, and a brown with red tones for the darkest of the burgundy. For a fall look, try yellow, orange, green, red or burgundy, browns, purples. For a spring look, same as above, maybe blue, only on a brighter scale of color.

Sew the five shades of one color side by side long sides together in graduated order, dark to lightest. Line up the short end of the strips and keep them even. You now have piece that is 5 strips wide by approx. 21" long with one short edge even. So one short end will have an even edge and the other side will have a ragged edge, as the strips were not all the same length.

After sewing each of the four colors, audition the order. No order required – whatever you like best. Sew the one set to the next together, so that the lightest shade of one set is next to the darkest shade of the next color. Repeat. Repeat. Now you have four colors sets sewn together. You have completed this month's portion.



Pink Ribbon Projects Comfort Pillows & Chemo Hats



By Patty Kuriscak and Linda Goodine

Returned at the September meeting: **Pillows: 12** stuffed and **21** unstuffed pillows!
Hats: 24 sewn sleep hats and **26** knitted hats!

Special “Thank You” to:

Dorothy Spears for working on ALL of the above-mentioned pillows.

Myrabelle Quaranto for cutting out over 250 pillow pieces from her own stash.

Margaret Drosky and her granddaughters, Sarah and Amber Carls, for matching up over 600 pillow pieces into pillow sets over the summer!!!

Diane DeArmond for cutting out pillow pieces on the laser cutter at her workplace.

The Sew ‘n Sews ladies at St. James Methodist in N. F. for stuffing 25 pillows in August.

Linda Smyth’s friends at Immanuel Lutheran in Tonawanda for knitting 26 hats this summer.

Judy Klusek for diligently working on hat and pillow tags.

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

Please Note: Look for a special table dedicated to Pink Ribbon Projects where you will be able to drop off completed pillows and hats and pick up kits of pillows and 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 Kuriscak or Linda Goodine and we will deliver them to you.

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

P.S. When you come to the October meeting, the Pink Ribbon Committee will have a special gift to give every member of the Guild in recognition of your strong support and because October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

2016 TCQG Challenge

Challenge Committee: Joan, Joyce, Linda

The Challenge is ready and waiting. This year's theme is: Self Portrait. This topic can cover a wide range of interpretations. In the end it can be anything that makes you happy or describes you or your life in general. You can use any technique you wish, add as many fabrics as you wish and embellish to your heart's content. The only restrictions are: the finished project cannot be bigger than the muslin background provided (18 x 18) and you must use the ribbon provided (even if it is used to hang the project or it is stitched to the back). As in past years, the cost is \$5.00, which will be returned to all members bringing back their finished project at the Christmas Party and there will be prizes.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Chair: Angela Myers

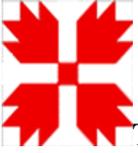
Please join us for our annual Christmas party. It will be a sit down dinner at The Fairways at Deerwood. Which is located at 1818 Sweeney Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. You will be able to choose one of the following dishes: Chicken Marsala, sliced Sirloin with au jus, Salmon Florentine or a gluten free pasta dish: Chicken Balsamic. Each entrée comes with soup, salad, potato, vegetable, warm rolls with butter, coffee, tea and an ice cream sundae for dessert.

Date and time is Wednesday, December 7th 2016 at 6 pm; dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$25.00. Please return the below portion at the October or November meeting to Sandy Wardour. Payment by check only, made payable to **Twin City Quilters Guild**.

Name _____

Check Number _____

Pick one: Chicken _____ Beef _____ Fish _____ Gluten Free _____



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