PRESIDENT’S NOTE…

Spring, spring, spring! It’s almost here, thank goodness! The last couple of months have not been good for a few members in our guild & we need to keep them in our prayers.

Next year this time, we will be gearing up for our Quilt Show. Hopefully soon, we will have things set in stone for our show.

It’s almost time for the flowers to start blooming & “Quilt Camp” & no dirty snow. For those of you going to quilt camp for the 1st time, prepare yourself to have a great learning experience & a wonderful time! The 1st year Sue Freeland & I went, we did not know what to expect, but it was so much fun. We were new to the guild & met so many talented guild members that were more than happy to share their ideas with us & more than glad to answer questions we had. We had such a good time that we jokingly said we should tell our husbands that quilt camp was once a month & we should rent a hotel room just to be with our machines & quilt.

Since we’ve been snowed-in, be careful out there, I hope you find the time to work on your quilting & Community Outreach projects.

See everyone soon,
Libby Zimbleman
President

ADVICE! 😁
“...when you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress.”

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“GETTING TO KNOW...MOIRA FAIRHURST”

Before Moira Fairhurst even moved to our area, her daughter saw an announcement about our quilt show. When Moira came down from New England, she attended and remembered us. Fast forward to today and Moira's been active in Berry Baskets for five years.

Moira hails from a family of teachers. She and her sister followed her mother into the profession, and then her daughter followed them. Moira retired here to be near her grandchildren and was pleasantly surprised to find so much quilting in New Jersey. She’s noted many fabric stores and so many guilds; more than anywhere else she’s lived.

Starting with a YWCA class in her teens, she sewed for herself and later extended that to family. However, a fateful high school evening quilting class in the mid-80's changed her direction. Needless to say, she no longer sews clothing. Sound familiar?

Moira loves piecing; she calls herself a traditionalist. She would rather piece than do anything else in quilting, which means she often has multiple tops ready for quilting. Then she'll machine quilt them, as long as the quilts are twin size or smaller. She’s finished over 75 quilts, and like many of you, has given most away.

More than likely, you know Moira for her passion for charity quilts as she organizes our guild efforts for the baby quilts that are being provided to Virtua NICU patients. She'll bring up Soldier Quilts in a conversation, too. Even though she pieces up a storm for these efforts, you're the ones she talks about! Listen to her contagious enthusiasm as she talks about the number of quilts—80 already finished by generous members—toward the guild's summer goal of 100 quilts for Camp No Worries. She loves being part of that Community Outreach Team with Sherry, Sue, Elena, Jill, Mary, and Carol. For herself, she likes bright and cheery fabrics, but any conversation about fabrics seems to lead right back to baby prints, kids' prints and patriotic prints. No surprise there. Hospitality within our guild is also her responsibility, so let her know if a card needs to be sent to a member.

She came to us experienced in the things of quilting guilds, having belonged to different types of guilds in Rhode Island, Vermont and New Hampshire. One of the guilds met just twice a year, but for a day at a time which included classes. Moira even volunteered at the Vermont Quilt Festival.

Over the years Moira's done a lot of “outdoorsy-things,” enjoying kayaking, hiking and fly fishing, but now she'd rather sew. Quilting classes to learn new techniques are a favorite thing, including weekly sampler classes at a couple of different quilt shops. She enjoys gardening and works with Bonnie McNamee in the Leisuretown Garden Club. Weekly, she participates in Berry Creek Quilters. A reader, she likes historical fiction, quilt fiction and quilt history.

Moira endorses Berry Basket Quilters as “a great group of people. The lectures at meetings are wonderful. The show and tell really is inspiring.” She “has no desire to go anywhere else to another guild with so much to offer here.”

...Susan Siegfried
**SEWING MACHINE TIPS** with Rob Appell, Missouri Star Quilt Company

http://mansewing.com

Rob started his career in the quilting industry as a sewing machine technician so we decided to ask him to share some of his expert mechanical knowledge. This week he’s got a few tips on threading and unthreading your machine.

“You have probably heard that it is really important to put the presser foot up when you thread and unthread your machine. Have you ever wondered why? It’s because the position of the presser foot controls the tension system. When you thread with the presser foot up, the tension discs are wide open and the thread is able to fall into the tension easily.”

“When you are ready to change thread, don’t you dare just grab the spool and pull! That is just asking for trouble! Instead, with the presser foot up, clip the thread at the spool and pull the thread toward you out through the needle. This keeps the fuzz from lodging in the tension which can cause all kinds of weird stitch issues.”

“Following these simple tips will help to keep your machine tension happy and healthy for many sewing adventures to come!”

Happy Sewing! Rob

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**BLOCK OF THE MONTH - “The Quiltmaker’s Gift”**

As the new Block of the Month Chair, I have wonderful news for you. We will be working on squares from The Quiltmaker's Gift book! Since there are twenty squares, each month I will show you one or two completed squares. By the end of the year, you will have completed each of the squares pictured on the pages of this great children’s book. You can then finish it with 9” squares separating each Quiltmaker's Gift square, you can put sashing between the squares for a smaller quilt, or simply sew each of the squares to each other, which I have done to make a book corner mat for my grandchildren.

I have posted each Block of the Month to my website for your convenience in finding it and referring back to previous installments of the quilt blocks:

http://www.reneeheiss.com/berry_basket_quilters

If you have questions, email or call me.

reneheiss@yahoo.com

609.268.0453

Renée Heiss
UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MARCH 11  7:30 pm

“COME QUILT WITH ME”
PAT YAMIN
She is a well-known and respected teacher, author and judge at many local and national quilt shows. She has authored 5 quilting books. Her latest is Super Simple One-Patch Quilts published by AQS.
http://comequiltwithme.com/

APRIL 8
JACKIE’S WOOLENS
Lectures on wool, including wool appliqué, dyeing wools and preparing them for appliqué and using wool appliqué on cotton quilts.

MAY 13
LAURA LITTLE from Just Threads
www.just-threads.com

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

MARCH 28, Saturday  DATE CHANGE
10 am - 3 pm
Medford Leas, Holly Room

“HAND-QUILTING” SEMINAR
Sue Freeland, Janet Hunter
Supply List will be emailed.
Lunch on your own at the Coffee Shop.

APRIL 11, Saturday
10 am - 3 pm
Medford Leas, Holly Room.

“QUILTS FOR KIDS”

MAY 9, Saturday
10 am - 3 pm
Medford Leas, Holly Room.

“GETTING READY - KIRBY’S MILL BOUTIQUE”
Any workshop questions, contact Chris, Trish, or Jill.
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QIG - QUILT INTEREST GROUP
(Medford Leas Group)
IN THE FIBER ARTS STUDIO
4th Monday of every month
MAR 23, APR 27, 2015
12:30-2p
Meet with the Medford Leas group. Call Jeannette if you have any questions - 609.654.3124.

AQS QUILT WEEK
LANCASTER CONVENTION CTR
LANCASTER PA
MARCH 11-14, 2015
http://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster/

THE LANCASTER QUILT SHOW
at The Continental Inn
2285 LINCOLN HIGHWAY
LANCASTER PA
MARCH 11-14, 2015
39 Vendors, Antique Quilt Show
Shuttle service to AQS Show - $2 each way
www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com

RICKY TIMS SUPER QUILT SEMINAR
WITH ALEX ANDERSON
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE
CLAYTON HALL
NEWARK, DE
APRIL 16-18, 2015 (Thu eve, Fri, Sat)
Get more info and read the full details on Ricky's website: www.rickytims.com

2015 BBQ QUILT CAMP!
BURLINGTON MEETING HOUSE
BURLINGTON NJ
APRIL 24, 25, 26, 2015
See page 7 for details

NORTHERN STAR QUILTERS’ GUILD
“A WORLD OF QUILTS XXXVI”
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SOMERS NY
MAY 2-3, 2015
SAT 10-5, SUN 10-4
www.northernstarquilters.com

KIRBY’S MILL QUILT SHOW
275 CHURCH ROAD
MEDFORD NJ
JUNE 13-14, 2015
SAT-SUN, 10-4

The old saying “sharp as a tack” should be “sharp as a needle!”

A recent Mayo Clinic Health Letter stated that “Stimulating everyday activities keep the brain sharp. Growing research suggests that activities that absorb and stimulate your mind may help slow or even prevent the development of mental decline...Ordinary yet intellectually stimulating activities such as using a computer, engaging in crafts – including knitting and quilting – are associated with a 30 to 50% decrease in the chances of developing mild cognitive impairment.” 😄!!!!!
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WOW!
WE ARE HONORING YOU
FOR YOUR
COMMUNITY OUTREACH DONATIONS!
To those members who have donated quilts, pillowcases, & longarming since Jan…

Rosemary Banks
Micki Bowne
Debbie Brown
Sherry Brown
Jayne Cabrilla
Shirley Chiaradonna
Catherine Daniels
Sue Darmo
Claudia DiMond
Carol Edwards
Moira Fairhurst
Becca Fenstermaker
Helen Flynn
Elena Gelletly
Pat Hacker
Renee Heiss
Joyce Henning
Kathleen Johnson
Jo Kuchera
Kelly Longstreet
Sally Lynch
Zee Maccariella
Jeannette Muir
Jill Rooney
Luanne Rowan
Elaine Schon
Mary Watson

and to EVERYONE who donates your time & gifts to our Community Outreach.

Quilting for others...THANK YOU!

HOSPITALITY
If there is a member who is sick, hospitalized, or in need of receiving a greeting card, please let Moira know.
Call Moira at 609.388.4898 or email: moirafairhurst44@gmail.com

NOTE from JILL ROONEY…
I first want to THANK everyone who sent cards, well wishes and the gift card, when I had my accident. Your kindness overwhelmed me, it truly did. I knew our guild was full of kind, caring women, but boy you guys surprise me!! Every day a card in the mail, or an email or message or phone call....I can’t begin to thank you all!

JOSEPHINE AHEARN: A new email address:
AGrannyfor3@comcast.com

THE VILLAGE QUILTER RECEIPTS
The guild continues to collect receipts from The Village Quilter to earn gift certificates. Please leave your receipts in the box on the meeting table, or give to Claire.

THANK YOU note from Marie Sheraden…
Thank you to Hospitality for the beautiful card sent from BBQ. It was nice to be remembered during this difficult time.

Marie

image
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

ADRIANA BREMBS  
JACKIE JERKO  
CANDACE LEUSNER  
KELLY LONGSTREET  
BRUNILDA RODRIGUEZ

SAVE THE DATE!!!

2015 BBQ Quilt Camp!!  
April 24-25-26, 2015  
at the Burlington Meeting House & Conference Center, Burlington NJ  
Arrive on Friday at 10 am  
Depart Sunday at 2 pm  
Catering by Maureen! 😊  
So far, 25 are coming… we have room for more!

The deadline to register was February, but check with Helen if interested, space may be available.

Quilt Camp is a great experience, ask anybody who has been! It’s a great opportunity to get to know your fellow members. We have a great time, why don't you consider coming along as well!!

2015 Quilt Camp Committee:  
Helen Flynn, Debbie Brown, Sue Darmo, Ginger Olt, Mary Lou Stanski, Charlotte Usignol

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KIRBY’S MILL BOUTIQUE  
Kirby’s Mill is only 3 months away, and I still have an empty tote, waiting to be filled with items for our boutique. Thanks to all those who already donated items, all are very much appreciated. We prefer completed items, so please take a little time, use up some of your scraps, & make something for the boutique. Mark your calendar for the May 9 workshop…Kirby’s Mill projects! Thank you!  
Janet Hunter

1,000,000 PILLOW CASE CHALLENGE...!

American Patchwork and Quilting magazine is sponsoring a project to donate 1 million pillow cases. Every pillowcase can make a difference in your community. A pillowcase can provide comfort for a cancer patient, hope for a foster child, encouragement for a battered woman, or beauty for a nursing home resident. To date, the count is 614,956 pillowcases collected! Please make a few and turn them in to Community Outreach. Free patterns and details are on the site www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases.

REMINDER - “BERRY BASKET BUSINESS”

If you want to read or need a copy of the current newsletter, or any past issues, you can find all of them on our website, on the ”Newsletter” page.  
www.berrybasketquilters.com
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Thank you all for everything you do for Outreach! Because of the generosity of all of you we are helping lots of needy children, families, soldiers, and babies in our local area!!

A reminder that Linda Arye, President of Quilts for Kids, will be at our workshop on Saturday, April 11. Linda will bring quilt kits with her, you just need to bring your sewing machines and supplies. Quilts made at the workshop will be used for Camp No Worries & Quilts for Kids...Come out and show the love!

Check the website for all details: http://www.quiltsforkids.org

- VIPs IN OUR MIDST -

BLESSED ARE THE “PIECEMAKERS” for they have brought warmth and joy to the hearts of so many...Soldiers, campers, children, nurses, parents and friends!

We want to say THANK YOU for sharing your time and support helping Community Outreach reach our goal...100 QUILTS for Camp No Worries!!!!!! ❤️

So many GREAT quilts for Virtua Babies & Quilts for Kids! ❤️
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS! 😍

MAQGNet (Mid Atlantic Quilt Guild Network)
Bringing quilters and educators together….

In November 1984, some insightful women had a vision to have representatives from different guilds get together and share information pertaining to their guilds, workshops, seminars and anything else quilting related. They worked to make their vision a reality and, over the intervening years, the organization presently known as MAQGNet (Mid Atlantic Quilt Guild Network) was formed.

The goal of MAQGNet is to unify guilds with diverse interests by sharing information on resources (lecturers, workshop teachers, appraisers and judges); providing information that is pertinent to quilt guilds; discussing and finding solutions to guild related issues; and promoting a positive atmosphere in which quilting can flourish.

I will be attending the annual meeting on March 18th and hope to return with some new program ideas for our guild.

Elaine Lange

http://www.maqgnet.com

For those who asked to see the mug rugs from the yearlong swap I participated in, here’s a link to the Flickr album with photos of each: https://flic.kr/s/aHsk4QYKTi

Becca Fenstermaker
UPCOMING FUN FOR SPRING & SUMMER!
(shopping included!!)

The new theme - Row by Row H2O - is fun! Shops in all 50 states and Canada are busy planning their row and creating patterns. Collect the patterns for free by visiting the shops during the summer - June 21 - September 8, 2015.

http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com/new-jersey.htm
MEETING INFORMATION
All meetings start promptly at 7:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Medford Leas Community Center, One Medford Leas Way, Medford.

MEMBERSHIP
Berry Basket Quilters members are reminded that membership renewals are due in January and must be received by February in order to be included in the annual membership directory.
Dues for BBQ are $25. Seniors 62 and over are $23.
Membership must be current to participate in Quilt Camp & Berry Basket Workshops.

GUESTS
Guests are welcome to attend two meetings, and after that, they can choose to join our Guild. New member packets will be given to anyone joining our Guild for the first time. It will contain a BBQ pin, membership card, and info packet. This includes our bylaws and membership list.
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I cannot count my days complete. Till needle, thread and fabric meet.
—Author Unknown