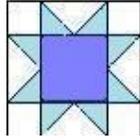


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Note from the President

Boy, does time fly when you are having a good time!

It is hard to believe we need to start thinking about filling board positions and committee heads for our 2009/2010 guild year, but in order to make a smooth transition into the next year it is best to get them filled as soon as possible. Below is a list of the areas we will be looking to fill. Remember if there is something you would like the guild to offer to our members, please see me. Change is a good thing; it is what keeps us from becoming stagnated and falling into a rut.

President	Vice President	Secretary	Historian
BOM or a replacement	Guild Directory	Challenge	Hospitality
New Member Liaison	Newsletter	Raffle Quilt	Sunshine
Ways & Means	Victorian Days	Warren County Fair	

This list does not include things like Bus Trips, Mystery Quilt, Saturday Stitchers, etc. They are events planned by members because the members themselves choose to plan the event. Again, you are welcome to offer whatever quilting event you like to our members.

Block of the Month

You will be handing in June and July blocks at the April meeting.

There were no blocks won by our members at the March meeting, due to the fact that Marlene did not receive enough blocks from members to put away for the June quilt drawings and still have enough blocks for a monthly drawing.

There are only 3 months left to the guild year; let's make our blocks and support the gathering of blocks for the full quilt kits to be won in June.

Challenge

“Around the World”

June is coming. Are you going to be ready?

Let's go “Around the World” through our quilts. Where have you been? What have you seen? Where will your dreams take you? Let your imagination soar.

Rules are posted on our website. For questions regarding this year's challenge contact Susan Duryea at 908-689-3252 or by email at susan_duryea@yahoo.com

Clothing Sale

Thank you to Judy Zeitler for organizing the clothing sale for us this year. All items are in and distributed to the members who attended the meeting. If you were not at the meeting, see Judy to get your items.

Financial Report

Beginning balance Feb. 9, 2009 - \$8292.07

Ending balance March 9, 2009 - \$8443.07

Monthly financial reports are on our website. If you have any questions regarding the financial report contact Cindy Smith at 908-362-8598 or cascpa@nac.net.

Happy Birthday to the following members

Joanne	Davie	4/14
Sharon	Rehrig	4/15
Marlene	Marlowe	4/17
Anny	Sivertsen	4/18
Trina	Hobbie	4/22

Hospitality

When choosing food items to bring to our meetings, please keep in mind that at least one of our members has a peanut allergy. If your contribution contains peanut products, please include a note saying so.

For April those who signed up are as follows: for food: Judy Zeitler and Carol Marks and for beverages: Patty Kristoff and Nancy Murphy. Thanks to everyone for chipping in and bringing some extra snacks in March for Tag Sale guests. I'm not sure if they ate anything, but we did!

If you would like to share the recipe for the dessert you contributed to the food table at our meetings, email Bill Roehrig at webmaster@esqg.com to have it posted on the web site.

Newsletter

Please consider taking writing the newsletter for our 2009/2010 guild year. It is time we give this newsletter a new flair and a new writer.

Nominating Committee

We need 3 members to volunteer to work on the nominating committee. The positions open for the 2009/2010 guild year are President, Vice President, Secretary and Historian. Please consider holding an office and take some time to speak with the members holding these offices now to get an idea of what is expected of you.

Pat Knoechel

June 19, 2009

St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ.

We are looking for donations from guild members to make up Door Prize baskets for this event. Please see Marlene Marlowe with your donations.

Pat will be talking about QIAD's new book entitled, "Day and Night." This features star patterns and comes with a ruler. The "Lover's Knot" book has been updated and Pat will feature those quilts as well. There are also

new patterns called: How Charming (made from Charm Packs), Dessert Time (made from Layer Cakes and Jelly Rolls) and Fox and Geese (a Flying Geese Pattern).

We would like members to share their QIAD Quilts and wall hangings which will be on display downstairs.

Tickets are free to members and \$5.00 to non guild members. See Audrey Planer for tickets.

Programs and Workshops

Calendar Year 2008 – 2009

Solvai reported that 13 members attended the Twirling Logs workshop presented by George and Virginia Siciliano on February 28th and the workshop went wonderfully. Everyone had a great time; the project was fun and rewarding. George and Virginia are both fun to work with and learn from. Lunch was provided for all. The completed blocks that were showed at meeting were incredible.

The guild still has no one to represent us at the MAQGNET meeting on April 18th. Rosemarie has announced that she will not be running for VP again next year. MAQGNET is a perfect place for someone considering vice presidency to become aware of the teachers and lectures that are available to us. If you are interested in attending this informative meeting as a representative of our guild, please contact me as soon as possible.

April Trish Chambers
The Legend of Freedom Quilts and the Underground Railroad – the presentation discusses the history, legends and personal stories that make up the rich heritage associated with the Underground Railroad. Cost \$300.00 plus mileage

May Eleanor Levie
Not for Mother's Day Only – quilts by famous or award winning quilters that celebrate women by capturing the joys, tribulations and memories of family life, whether sentimental or comically quirky. Cost \$350.00

June Closing Meeting and Challenge

Quilt Show 2009 ***“Harvest of Quilts”***

The next meeting will be held on **March 24th at Belvidere High School library at 6:30 PM**

It is vital that all chairwomen attend these meetings or send a member to report for you.

Please remember all quilt show meetings are open to all guild members and it is recommended that members attend if at all possible.

Meeting schedule going forward is: May 26, July 28, Aug. 25, and Sept. 29. The July and August meetings will be held at Briarwood Senior Housing in Belvidere. All others will be at Belvidere High School library.

Quilter's Heritage Celebration ***Lancaster Quilt Show - Bus Trip***

We have enough people signed up to run the bus trip to the Lancaster Quilt Show on Saturday April 4, 2009. There are 17 guild members and 26 non-guild members attending. I feel this is a good inkling that our members are not as interested in this particular trip as one would hope for. Organizing events like this for our guild members takes a lot of time and effort; we will reevaluate the situation next year.

There are still openings on the bus, so contact me if you know someone wanting to participate.

The cost of the trip will be \$65.00 for members and \$68.50 for non guild members. Included in the price is the bus, ticket to the show, dinner at Plain and Fancy and driver tip.

The bus will be leaving the Phillipsburg High School at 7:00 AM, and if necessary will make a pick up at the Top Star Mobil in Hellertown, I-78 and Rte 412 at 7:35 AM. We will arrive at the show at approximately 9:00 AM.

Raffle Quilt

Hand all ticket stubs and money into Lelane Hoose as soon as possible. There is a small amount of tickets that have not been taken by members. If you can sell a few more tickets, please ask Lelane at (610) 258-0527 or jhoose@rcn.com. She will be happy to get them to you.

“A Walk in Time”

Fran Visicaro shared the center square for the new raffle quilt at the March meeting. If the rest of the quilt looks as good as the center square our quilt is going to be a beauty. Fran reported that Margaret Grande has been working on the flowers. Fran will be working on the quilt at Saturday Stitchers on March 21st and could use someone who can rotary cut really straight. If you are a straight cutter and have time stop up and give her a hand that would be great. Fran also reported that when they need us they will let us know.

Row Quilts

The group of 6 ladies participating in the row quilts received their boxes back last night with all 6 rows completed. Now they have until June to put the rows together and bring them to the meeting for us to see. The second group of seven will get their completed rows next month. Good job ladies!

Saturday Stitchers

Our next Saturday Stitchers is March 21st at the St. John's Methodist Church in Hope, NJ, 9:30am. Contact Patty Kristoff at (908) 637-4122 for more information and to sign up. If you'd like a beverage other than coffee or tea, please bring your own drink. Future dates are *April 18 and May 16*.

Sunshine

Sharon Roehrig needs your help. If you know of a member that needs a little sunshine from the guild, please inform Sharon at 908-454-5804 or katznquiltz@earthlink.net.

Tag Sale

My motto is “if you don’t try something, how will you know it won’t work?”. When I arrived at 5:30, I found out we'd been kicked out of the cafeteria. There were people setting up for a banquet. There would never have been enough room in the library for all of the sale items, the food and the shoppers, so we set up in the hall across from the gym and into the library. We had at least a dozen members bring things to sell, but we only had 23 members attend, so sales were okay at best. We did have about 20 outside people from other guilds come to shop which was really nice of them. Not sure it is something I would do again, but you don’t know if you don’t try! Thank you to those members who took the time to participate and to those who came to support the evening.

Victorian Days

September 12th and 13th

We need a guild member to organize the weekend. If you are interested see Sharon Kubich. This is an easy event to organize, so please give it some thought. We usually just sell raffle tickets for our guild quilt. Consider spending some time outside in the center of beautiful Belvidere NJ. A sign up sheet is available at the meetings.

Warren County Fair
The theme for 2009 is American West!
July 26 – August 1

We need a guild member to organize the week of the Fair. This is a fun week and the Fair really depends on us. The quilt display in the Traditional Arts building would not be the same without us. I am willing to work with a guild member to organize this event, but due to some personal issues I can not take the lead.

We also need members to help with set-up and take down as well as working at the Fair and entering quilts to be displayed. The sign up sheet will be at all our meetings going forward. It is imperative that the entire schedule is filled by June or we will need to back out of the fair.

Please keep in mind that we will be selling tickets for our new raffle quilt at the Fair and Victorian Days. These events are the first time anyone sees our new quilt and it is the most opportune time to sell tickets.

Ways and Means

No Ways and Means at the march meeting.

Web Site

Kudos's to Bill and our website, we received an email from a guild in Long Valley telling us how great our website is. At least we know people are looking. We should never forget how lucky we are to have Bill on our team.

If you see that something is missing on our site, please contact myself or Bill Roehrig immediately. Bill can be contacted at webmaster@esqg.com or 908-454-5804. I am sure by now you know how to reach me.

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