

If you were at the September meeting it was nice to see you again. If you didn't make the meeting, know you were missed. I've typed up a few highlights of what we discussed at the meeting and things you need to be aware of. It wasn't the most thrilling meeting we've have, but we needed to get through a bunch of business to start the New Year.

We had 39 members and 1 guest attend the meeting.

Seven members signed up to go to Quilter's Day Out this coming November 13th.

If you didn't pay your dues for this year, you can send it to Darlene Kerr at 104 Vail Road Columbia, NJ 07832 or bring it to the October meeting. After the October meeting our membership list on the website will be updated. We wouldn't want to take you off the list. Not to mention we don't want to lose you as a member.

Raffle tickets will be handed out to members at the October meeting. You will be receiving approximately 24 tickets as a member of the guild. Please purchase or sell them. We had 3000 tickets printed and have sold less than 500 of them. It would be a really big help if you could take extra tickets to sell. This is really the only fundraiser we do as a guild so give it your all.

If you know a guild member in need of a little Sunshine, email Karen ALonge at kalonge@hotmail.com and she'll see they receive a card from the guild.

Rich Danner could use a little help with hospitality, whether it's bottled water, baked goods, a snack or munchie to share, every little bit helps.

Marlene Marlowe is still taking reservations for our Mystery Quilt to be held on February 11, 2017. She has the fabric requirements ready to give you when you sign up and pay your \$20.00.

Jeanne Campbell will be doing a presentation at our October meeting. I know you will enjoy her presentation but be sure to sign up for her workshops on October 8th. The workshop is titled "Decorative Stitches and a Crazy Quilt Heart".

Carol Smith will be offering a Step of the Month for all who are interested. This is like a BOM, only it takes 10 months until you see what it is you are making. You can sign-up with Carol at the October meeting.

Laura Lyman belongs to the Pocono Quilters Guild and has reached out to us for help with making blocks for "Quilts of Valor". Laura will be sending out a pattern each month to her guild members and ours as well. If you could complete a block or two and bring them to our guild meetings Lorraine Cline will be collecting them and see that Laura gets them. Laura is hoping to assemble a quilt a month with the blocks she collects. She will then assemble the quilts and send them out to be quilted. This is a great way to work on the QOV project as well as join forces with a fellow guild. Attached is this month's block pattern. I am happy to say the while I was typing up this email to you, 4 guild members have emailed me asking for the pattern. You guys are the best!

Our charity project this year is making fun and colorful hospital gowns for an organization call "Patients to People". Be sure to sign up with Nancy Murphy so she can order kits for all of us. If you would like to use your own fabric you will need to bring 4 yards, patterns will be available. Workshops will be held on December 10th and March 18th in Hope.

Natalie D'Aiello will be organizing placemats for the homebound again this year. Workshops are scheduled for October 15th and March 18th in Hope so we can sew on them together. Feel free to sew on your own at home if you like. Thanksgiving and Easter are the holidays we like to offer if possible, but if you have fabric and what to do another holiday or no holiday at all feel free.

A few suggestions were made that would make great bus trips for the guild to offer our members. They were "Quilter's Take Manhattan in NY, Quilt Show in Shipshewana, Indiana and the Lancaster Quilt Show. If you think you have the time and would be willing to help out by organizing a bus trip, I am sure we can get a member or two to work with you.

If you see anything that is not up to date or is incorrect on our website, please let me know and I'll have it corrected.

Feel free to email or call me if there is something you would like to discuss. If you can take on one of the projects I mentioned or you need further explanation on something I spoke about.

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While our schedule of events is posted on our website I also attached it to this email to make your life a little easier.

I will be sending the September meeting minutes and treasurer's report in a separate email for you to read.

It looks like it is going to be a fun and informative guild year. I hope to see you all in October.

Your president,

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