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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

You ladies continue to amaze me! Your variety of show and tell, (what good designs you made with the mystery pattern) your sharing of ideas, information, and just plain friendliness. We are lucky to have these friendships. So much for that. To have some new ideas for the guild to go on with, there is to be an open board meeting on Wednesday, April 16 at 10:15 (at the same time as the open circle meeting). If you have ideas to share, please join us or call ahead, 433-0656, and let me know your thoughts. Your guild is only as good as you make it.

Thanks Bev and Judy for the new cuddle quilt pattern and kits you have made for us to use. Also thanks to Sharon and Judy for the fun and interesting workshops. I know there are more that you have planned which I hope you all are planning to attend. Barb's workshop was super good. Watch for more embellishments on future projects! Please let Sharon or Judy know about any workshops, teachers, or techniques you would like to have as future workshops.

I am looking forward to the April meeting-- it will be closer to a nice warm spring. See you there.

Linda

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We hope you enjoyed the Guild Birthday Party. Thanks Pat Tracy for organizing fabric to use creatively for the program. Hopefully we will have more than one of the creations stitched together for a table topper or cuddle quilt. This month's program will feature Marija Vujcic who did a demo at our last quilt show. She is a quilter, teacher and pattern designer. The program she will present is called "A Quilters Bag of Tricks" in which she has many short cuts, tips and ideas to make your sewing simpler and easier.

The April 12th workshop is featuring Chris Schultz, from Enchanted Mountain Quilting Co. (also a vender at our last quilt show) presenting "Laurel's Wreath & Stars." It starts with a basic block and by adding applique pieces either by hand or machine, you create a beautiful, complicated looking block. The wall hanging she has



created is approximately 30"square. This workshop the charge is \$15 which includes all instructions - no pattern to purchase. There is still time to sign up and be ready to take the class. You will need 1 1/4 yds. of a large print background fabric and 2 fat quarters of coordinating fabrics to complete this project. No precutting before class is needed. Hope to see you in April.

Sharon

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The monthly meeting of the Kenan Quilters' Guild was called to order at 7:05 PM by President, Linda Davis. There was one guest and no new members present.

The meeting began with a presentation by Ellen Martin, of Sweet Sixteen Café, regarding a quilting bee project she would like to sponsor this summer. After a period of questions and discussion Nancy Smith volunteered to be the liaison between the guild and Ellen.

We received two pieces of correspondence. One was a thank you from Susan Przybyl, director of the Kenan Center, for the donation of two gift baskets for the recent Niagara Wine & Beer Tasting Fest. The other was a thank you from Nancy Hinman regarding finishing a quilt.

### Reports:

Secretary-The Secretary's report is accepted as printed.

Treasurer-The Treasurer's report is accepted as printed.

### Committees:

Consortium-Linda has received requests for the guild renewal for the NYS Quilters' Consortium. Delegate Stephanie Drehs reported that the website was not user friendly. After repeated E-mails to the web mistress/information officer for help, which received no response, she feels that it is not in the best interest of the guild to renew at this time. Linda will send regrets.

2014 Raffle Quilt-Linda showed two appliqué blocks that Gail Schweigert has completed.

Linda will begin the piecing portion of the quilt shortly.

2015 Raffle Quilt-Sue McKenna has kits available for members to take.

Vice President-Judy Schryver & Sharon Schneider reviewed upcoming workshops and programs. Sign up is

available during the meeting.

Cuddle Quilts-Bev Rosenberg showed a new design called Layer Cake Lemonade. She will demo this at the Wednesday Circle group.

Nominating Committee-Pat Tracy & Stephanie Drehs announced that a slate of officers needs to be in place by the April meeting. There are two slots to fill: President & Vice President. Any individual or pair of individuals who are interested please see Pat or Stephanie.

### Old Business:

Round Robin-An inquiry was made as to where the Round Robin quilt is located at this time. Martha Krupa thinks she may have it. She will check & let us know.

Mystery Quilts-The mystery quilts were revealed. Linda announced that there are still kits available.

Sunshine-Marge Sposito reported that Martha Ferguson has been very ill. Gail Schweigert reported that she asked Rita Gorman to send a card from the guild.

### New Business:

Patchwork Plus-Linda read a notice from the quilt shop, Patchwork Plus, which is located in Marcellus, NY.

They are sponsoring the "Quilted In Honor Program" and are promoting a guild trip to their shop sometime between September 20<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014. After discussion the issue was tabled due to the many activities that are occurring in that time period.

Board Meeting-There will be a board meeting at the Taylor Theater on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 beginning at 10:15 AM. All members are invited to attend.

Kenan Donation-Members are asked to think about the guild donation to the Kenan Center. We will discuss this next month.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Mary Sue Rogers and seconded by Martha Krupa. The "March Madness" program followed facilitated by Pat Tracy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Drehs  
Secretary

## PROGRAMS

Programs Thursday Night 7pm to 9pm (no cost)

**April:** A Quilter's Bag of Tricks by Marija Vujcic

**May:** Lauren DeVantier - Trunk Show



June: Picnic

### WORKSHOPS

Workshops Saturday 9am to 3pm

April: The Enchanted Mountain Quilt Shop Applique Block: "Laurel's Wreath & Stars" - Christine Schultz

May: Fancy Flowers - Carol Kinzley

June: No Workshop

### BOARD MEETING

Please mark your calendars for the board meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Taylor Theater at 10:15 AM. All members are invited to attend. If you are not able to attend you can contact Linda Davis, 433-0656, with any ideas or suggestions for this coming year.

### SHOW AND TELL

Sandy Shufelt	Valentine's table runner
Marge Sposito	2 table toppers, Heart & Bunn Hanger
Sue McKenna	On Point wall hanging
Donna Kathke	Purse, fabric bowl
Sharon Schneider	Purse, cuddle quilt, mystery quilt
Nancy Smith	Table topper
Barb Sanford	3 cuddle quilts
Stephanie Drehs	Bertie's Year - Jan & Feb
Diane Surage	Signature wall hanging
Judy Schryver	Quilt, wall hanging
Maria Adams	Cuddle quilt
Sandy Diel	Cuddle quilt
Mae Andies	Cuddle quilt

### NEEDS LIST - APRIL WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 12, 2014

"LAUREL'S WREATH & STARS"

Instructor: Christine Schultz, NQACT 716-372-4245, [cbschultz74@roadrunner.com](mailto:cbschultz74@roadrunner.com)

Goal for the day's class is to complete the quilt TOP, finished size 31" square.

Fabric:

Background floral: 1 ¼ yd.

Two coordinating prints (I used blue and dark green): regular ¼ yd. each

Muslin square: 5 ½"

Accent for inner narrow border: 6" x WOF

Other Materials and Supplies:

Freezer paper, ruler, paper scissors, pencil

Sewing machine, neutral thread, ¼" foot, basic sewing supplies (pins, ripper, etc.)

For hand applique: applique needle, thread to match background fabric, thimble

For machine applique: zigzag throat plate and foot, thread to match background fabric (or monopoly), a size 60 needle

Fabric glue stick

Rotary cutter, mat and ruler (a small one and larger long ruler for border strips)

8" square ruler

Old rotary blade for cutting freezer paper

Best press or spray starch

Q-tip or small paint brush

### JUNE CHALLENGE: NAME THAT TUNE

This year's challenge has few rules. Your quilt can be any size or shape. It must reflect your interpretation of any song you choose. Do not label the front of your quilt with your name or the name of the song. The quilt can contain words -- that would be a big hint--and musical notations.

Bring the quilt to the June meeting. By Wed., June 11, email Pat Tracy at [patt@roadrunner.com](mailto:patt@roadrunner.com) or call me at 433-6925 with the name of the quilt. I'll put together a little quiz based on your entries. There will be a winner of the competition and a winner of the quiz.

### HIDDEN WELLS

Start saving your scraps for next year's design challenge. I'm suggesting we use the block called Hidden Wells.

Sew together strips of fabric 14" + long and enough strips to make it 14" + wide.

(Strips can be between 3" wide and 1" wide. Very narrow strips in the middle of the block can be problematic, as the block will be cut twice across each



diagonal, resulting in 4 pieces.)

Press seams all in the same direction. Trim the piece into a 14" square.

Some websites say to spray starch it and some say to sew a basting stitch around the exterior to keep the square in shape. Then cut the square on each diagonal, resulting in four pieces. Two pieces are then sewn together, making 2 ten inch blocks. This may not make much sense, but there are several websites illustrating this block.

We can vote at the meeting as to how far we want to construct the block before bringing it in. We can just supply the strips or we can supply the finished 10 inch blocks.

If 40 guild members would participate, and each member contributed five 14" squares, we'd end up with 400 blocks, which we could then make into more than 10 comfort quilts.

## AARON MOSSELL QUILT

Based on the suggestions at the last meeting and at the Wed. sewing circle, the following decisions were made. Volunteers will work on the quilt under Nancy Smith's direction over the next year.

The border of the quilt will be 6" crazy quilt squares made from Civil War reproductions. These blocks will be paper pieced by volunteer members. We are going to use reproduction fabrics in the guild's stash wherever possible and donations from members.

The 30 x 36 inch center of the quilt will be made of rectangles representing bricks; Mossell's brickyards turned out a million bricks a year.

A large tree trunk will be appliqued over the bricks. The branches and leaves at the top will represent Mossell's children and descendants.

To the left of the tree trunk we will try to show Mossell's journey from Baltimore to Hamilton, Ontario to Lockport and back to Maryland.

On the right side we will feature Mossell's accomplishments: the High St. school he supplied the bricks for and which his children integrated, the AME Church on South St., which he supplied the bricks for and which is still standing, and the Commercial Hotel,

one of his business ventures.

Volunteer artists will be needed to make our ideas become a reality. So get your sketch pads out.

We'd like to see the quilt hung at North Park or some other local venue with a target finish of February 2015 for Black History Month.

## COMPUTER CORNER

Of the next two websites, one is a quilt shop and the other is a fabric manufacturer.

[www.auntiestwo.com](http://www.auntiestwo.com)

The menu consists of the following items: Home, Patterns, Tips Videos & Oops, What's New, Contact Us, and Free Patterns. The following patterns appear in the Free Patterns page: Braided Handles, Gift Bags, Potholders, Scatter Rugs, Tote, and Little Quilt & Inn-Spire featuring a new product by Innovative Craft Products.

[www.benartex.com](http://www.benartex.com)

The menu consists of the following items: Gallery, Quilting Community, About Us, Store Locator, Shop Owners, and Home. The Gallery contains the new fabric collections, a fabric gallery, a fabric archive, a quilt gallery, and kits. The Quilting Community page contains projects, gallery, books by designers and collector pins. The About Us page lists designers, frequently asked questions and gives contact information. The Store Locator gives you a search page to enter your zip code and find shops in your area that carry Benartex fabrics. The Shop Owner page is for Shop Owners only. They must sign in with a password. The Home page has current information on collections, connection to the blog where you can sign up for the newsletter, and Craft Panel Projects which appear on the side bar.

Stephanie Drehs

## SEWING TIPS

Tip 1

The examining table paper from the doctor's office is great for paper foundation piecing or to use as a stabilizer for machine applique or decorative stitching.

Tip 2

If you accidentally get machine oil on your quilt top,



work some dry cornstarch into the spots to absorb the oil. Then, brush the cornstarch away with a soft, clean toothbrush.

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