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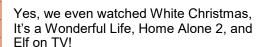
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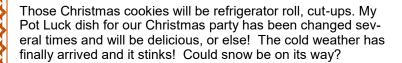
(ell, will you let me know when it IS now?"

N.Q.A. N.J. Chapter #321

President's Message

Well, quilters, is it NOW? December has rolled around with so much to do and so little time to finish promised gifts. My "To Do List" is brimming with quilt projects, charity activities, and holiday family gatherings. We finished decorating the tree, lighting the outside lights, and wrapping the gifts, not to mention sending the obligatory Christmas cards and packages.





Attendance for November was 39 members. Happy (December) Birthday to the following members: Mary Lou G, Kim G, Juanita G (Dec 31st, New Year's Eve), Lorraine H, Paula P.

Finally, Dolly, it is **NOW**, it is **our** time, to sit down, relax, drink a cup & enjoy our Blessings!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy New Year's to all of you from all of us,

The Schnitzers





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Meetings/Events Calendar 2016 - 2017

- Sep 16-Pizza Party, and Big Show & Tell
- Oct 21— Jessica Skultety, "Modern Quilting"
- Nov 18–Make 'N Take It
- <u>Dec 16</u>—Holiday Pot Luck Dinner , Morgan Spencer (My Grove), Ugly Fabric Dare
- <u>Jan 20</u>, 2017—QUILTO
- <u>Feb 17</u>—Pioneer Women and Their Quilts, Lecture/Trunk Show by Connie S.
- Mar 17—"Weaving Creations" lecture by Anna Faustino
- Mar 18–Workshop: Sunflowers
- Apr 21—Beachplum Round Robin
- May 19—"Fabric Calls My Name" by Maria Sendzik
- May 20—Workshop: Patternless Stack and Whack
- Jun 16—Installation Pot Luck Dinner, Group Photo

Minutes of November 18, 2016 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Laurie S.

Welcome given to all members and new member, Debbie H., was introduced. Newsletter is published monthly and is posted on the website one week prior to meeting date. Fabric name tags are still available.

Quilt Block Attendance Card – Maryland Star from Hector's Orange Quilt.

Motion made to approve the October minutes by Lorraine H. Seconded by Joyce W. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Beginning balance - \$14,411.96. Receipts - \$810.00. Expenses – \$596.96. Ending balance - \$14,625.00. Motion to accept by Debbie P. Seconded by Donna L. Passed.

Membership – Directory for 2016-2017 is available to all paid members.

Block of the Month – November blocks exhibited.

Charity Quilts – 10 received so far. Several kits are available. Workshop date TBD. Three (3) quilts donated by new member, Debbie H.

Raffle Quilt – 25 members attended first bee meeting. Heart design will be demonstrated at December 3rd bee. Paper piecing will be demonstrated at January 7th and February 4th bee meetings.

Quilt Show – Volunteer sign-up sheet available for 2018. Think of theme for show. Elks Lodge is secured as show site. Quilt name – "Last Rose of Summer".

President's Report – Sharing the Quilts XXXIV will be held in Scotch Plains on 3/25/17 from 8-5.

Programs – This month's program is either a pine cone or star ball. Suggestions made for stops on bus trip to Lancaster (date TBD) – Weaver's, Burkholders, Zooks, Shady Maple for lunch.

Old Business – none.

New Business – Suggestion made to invite Boy Scouts to a meeting and give demo of quilting. As a thank you, give them each something to give to their mothers for Mother's Day. Discussion followed. Tabled.

Bring one yard of "ugly cotton fabric" to December meeting. A game will be played as fabric is passed around and cut up. Bring your scissors. Prizes will be awarded at the February meeting for members' masterpieces!

My Grove speaker will also be present.

Door Prizes – Won by Cathy S., Mary Lou G., Janet P. (gifted generously by Donna)

Show and Tell – Many beautiful quilts and projects were exhibited by our talented members.

Make and Take project worked on by members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim G

Giant box of chocolates from Laurie. It's well known that all quilters like chocolate.



Show & Tell November 2016









Show & Tell November 2016 (cont.)

Quilts for Mary Lou G's granddaughter and foster grandchildren, made by Mary Lou, Shirley, Jane, Dixie and Marcia





















??? - please remind me









Programs

Hi Everyone, I hope you all enjoyed doing the Christmas ornaments last month. Please bring them into our December meeting so we can see how they were all decorated. I haven't anything to report regarding our bus trip, except that I have one appointment set up in December and another in early part of January. I expect to have all information ready by our January 2017 meeting.

DECEMBER 16, 2016: We'll begin with our Holiday Pot Luck Dinner to celebrate the numerous upcoming holidays and bringing in the New Year 2017. Mr. Spencer Morgan, from MyGrove, will deliver a short lecture on how MyGrove encourages members to share, connect and promote updates regarding their particular art and activities. We'll be playing a new game where all our members will participate, "THE ULGY FABRIC DARE". Please remember to bring in your 1 yard piece of fabric, a print you wouldn't ordinarily purchase for yourself, and don't forget your fabric scissors. You'll have two months to create your masterpieces and on February 17, 2017 we'll select 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. You can do anything you like using any or all of the fabrics collected plus one additional fabric to complete. It can be a mini quilt, bag, hat, potholders etc. Be creative!

<u>JANUARY 20, 2017:</u> We'll play our favorite game "QUILTO", and don't forget the great prizes.

<u>FEBRUARY 17, 2017:</u> Connie S. will give a lecture entitled "Pioneer Women and Their Quilts". She will narrate as well as act out true stories of our foremothers and their quilts from colonial times to the present. This will be a great experience for us all.

MARCH 17, 2017: Anna Faustino will deliver a lecture and trunk show. Her specialty is Creating Stunning Woven Quilts. She was born in St. Petersburg, Russia. Her studies have earned her degrees in teaching, art history, painting, engineering drawing and textile art. She worked as a stage and costume designer at the Kirov Opera and Ballet Company. Anna has received multiple awards from regional, national and international quilt shows. Her workshop will be a woven sunflower. Sign-up sheet will be available in the new year.

<u>April 21, 2017</u>: "Beachplum Round Robin". We'll break up into several stations with our Members demonstrating their various quilting techniques. Sign-up sheets will be available at the beginning of the New Year.

May 19, 2017: Maria Sendzik will give a lecture entitled "Fabric Calls My Name" She will demonstrate how we make a quilt "sing" when applied to Stack-n-Whack. Her workshop the following Saturday will be a pattern-less Stack-n-Whack. Sign-up sheet will be available in the new year.

<u>June 16, 2017</u>: We will have our summer farewell pot luck dinner, group photo and installation of officers.

Happy Holidays To All, Gloria Squicciarini





Piece on Earth

Our November Food Bank donations. Thank you! Please keep them coming.



Classifieds

Long arm quilting services – custom, semi-custom, and all over designs available. Every quilt or project will be given individual attention to highlight the design and shine! Call or email for additional information. Kristin Alfano 317-902-2034 or kalfano@mail.com

Jim Shore nativity in the original packaging. All the figures are wearing quilt motifs. \$50. Call Connie Safran at 732–458–1815.



Jim Shore Santa and snowman. \$10 each. Please call Connie Safran at 732–458–1815



HQ Fusion Longarm machine with 12' HQ Fusion Frame, stitch regulator and HQ bobbin winder. Four years old, in good working order. Moving. Must sell. Asking \$8,000 but very negotiable. Contact Shirley at 732-600-5338.

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Block of the Month

Door Prizes

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2017 Event—Bus Trip

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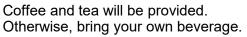
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DECEMBER MEETING REFRESHMENTS



Please bring a covered dish:

A-F—Salad or vegetable

G-M—Main course, meat, fish, poultry

N-S—Fruit or dessert

T-Z—Rice, potato, pasta.

Remember to bring your coffee mug, plate, utensils, etc., and to clean up your own dishes after the meeting.



Paula Patri

Charity Quilts

Marge Frazee

Communications

Marlene Stoever

Programs

Mary Lou Gilbert Pat McCullough

NEXT MTG CHECKLIST

- Name tag and a welcome smile for auests
- Block of the Month
- Coffee mug, plate
- Show & Tell
- Assigned refreshments
- Donations of items for the food pantry

2017 Special Event-Bus Trip April, Date TBA

Next BPQ Quilt Show Date: April 14-15, 2018