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From the President

I have just had the most wonderful time. For the past few days, I have been in quilt heaven. I attended the American Quilt Study Group's Seminar held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. For three days, I was immersed in the study of antique quilts with a group whose depth of knowledge is amazing.

There was a selection of quilts from the Christ Collection on display. The center piece of the presentation was a Baltimore Album Quilt. The range of patterns in the other quilts included a red work quilt of the nativity to a charming alphabet quilt. Each quilt in the display was in pristine condition and exhibited hand quilting that showed the true artistry of the maker. On one of the days, we took a road trip to the Burlington Historical Society and the Trenton Museum. I saw my first "quilt turning" at Burlington. The discussions by group members as to age, pattern, etc. added to the history of each quilt. There was also a display of album quilts that showed what I think of as traditional appliqué and broderie perse including one of the more exquisite quilts I have ever seen.

At Trenton, we viewed their large collection of signature quilts. Quite a few of the quilts were from Ocean and Monmouth Counties. We also learned about some of the features of New Jersey style quilts. In the course of the discussions at both places, there were those quilts whose history and provenance were unknown because the quilt maker did not sign her work. I am sure that most of the makers did not consider the future life span of her work. Yet, here we were 100 years later trying to glean information from the fabric of the quilt.

We all have those quilts that that are still unlabeled. No matter how small or insignificant our projects may be, we owe it to ourselves and the future of quilts to label our quilts with at the very least our name, date, and place made. Who knows? Perhaps some quilt anthropologist of the future may come across our quilts and be able to complete her thesis on quilts of the twenty first century.

—Ellen W. Hyers

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Meetings/Events Calendar 2011 -2012

- * Sept 16- Welcome Back Pizza Party
- * Oct 21- Peggy Oppenheimer, "Precision Piecing" using Judy Barrows ruler
- * Oct 22nd Workshop w/ Peggy
- * Nov 18-Cheryl Lynch "Quilt Fiesta"
- * Nov 19-Cheryl Lynch Workshop
- * Dec 16-Holiday Party
- * Jan 20, 2012-Quilto; and Crafting Ornaments for Country Store/Marcia, Marlene
- * Feb 17-Crafting for Country Store
- * Mar 16-Jeannie Campbell "Bargello"
- * Mar 18, Sun.- Sashiko Workshop
- * Apr 13, 2012 Our Show Set-up
- * Apr 14-15, 2012 BP Quilt Show
- * Apr 20- Tea Social
- * May 18-Trish Hodge "BatikTextiles"
- * May 19-Trish Hodge Workshop
- * Jun 15-Installation Dinner

Underlined Dates denote a guild meeting

Show 'n Tell: Sept 16, 2011

- **Genny V.** - Gee's Bend Rooftop & Remembrance Pansy Quilt—crazy for you pattern
- **Ruth Skinner** - Charity Quilt
- **Ruth Felipe** - Spring Tulips hand applique & hand quilt w/ shams & potholders
- **Christine Lee** - "Mouse Creek BOM and Oh Those Thirties" & wall hanging: circles block of month
- **Nancy Woods** - "What I did this summer" & Lowell, MA Quilt Show
- **Pat McCullough** - machine pieced Baby Quilt for nephew's new baby boy
- **Marcia Guza** - Tote Bags & items for Country Store & American Mini Quilt
- **Marlene Stoever** - Tote Bag from the August workshop
- **Janet Peterson** - August Workshop Tote Bag, Applique Flannel Book, Handbag made with Charm Squares with Snap Bag, Country Store Bags, Table mat

Results from the 24 members who responded to the President's Questionnaire handed out at the June 2011 meeting:

Almost all responded that they joined the guild to meet other quilters, learn new techniques, improve skills, and actively participate in guild projects. The majority of respondents come to meetings to socialize and learn. The majority are willing to be involved the same amount of time as previously. The majority agreed that for charity quilts providing patterns, kits, and information about organizations that receive quilts is important. Fifty percent were willing to commit to one charity quilt per year. The majority agreed that information received about programs is adequate.

___Ellen W. Hyers

Membership News:

Marlene reminds us that the Directory and Name Badges will be available at the November 18th meeting. For members who cannot pick up these items at the meeting, please send a Large, Self Addressed, Stamped (with 2 stamps) envelope to:
Marlene Stoever, 628 Dusquesne Blvd., Brick, NJ 08723.

In Memory of

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Dolores Coleman this past month. Our heartfelt prayers and condolences go to her family. She will be missed by all of her friends in the guild.



September Meeting Minutes:

President Ellen Hyers welcomed the members. Bylaws were reviewed and additions regarding the communications chair and impeachment procedure were discussed. Bylaws were successfully voted in after a first by Linda Felton and a second by Pat Toscan and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Let Ellen know if you're not getting emails.

Passports were handed out. Those with best attendance will be eligible for prizes worth \$100, \$50 and \$25. Anyone making charity projects can use as credit for a missed meeting.

We should put on a special charity quilt drive - Hugs from the Heart, suggested by Ellen. The triumvirate of Ellen, Marlene Stoever and Ruth Felipe will chair the charity project. One suggestion was dresses for Africa, with the instructions to go on the website. Anyone with other suggestions, e.g. helmet liners, preemie blankets, let one of the committee know .

Judy Richtmyer said that everyone should already be assigned to a basket committee for the quilt show auctions. Please, no more garden themes.

Ellen passed out the photo albums from the beginning years. Everyone was encouraged to look through them & enjoy the beginnings of the Guild.

Genny V. discussed the programs for the coming year, stressing fairness, so everyone should find something they like. Peggy Oppenheimer will present our October 22 program on the square in a square precision piecing technique, and a workshop on the 23rd at the Berkeley Branch of the Ocean County Library. November 18 will be Cheryl Lynch, who has won numerous awards and appeared on HGTV with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims. The topic will be South of the Border, with a workshop on November 19.

For January, Marsha and Marlene will show us how to make ornaments for the country store, followed by 5 games of Quilto. February, Laurie and Debbie will demonstrate/ teach other country store items. In March Jean Campbell will discuss color, scale and values in Bargello quilts. If the members are interested, we can have her for a workshop next year.

On March 19th we will have a sashiko workshop at the Toms River Library. In May, Trish Hodge, who studied in Indonesia, will give a lecture on Friday the 18th and a workshop on Saturday the 19th about copper stamping and batik.

We will be looking for different locations to find places for workshops. Anyone with ideas, contact Ellen or Genny.

Liaisons with other quilt guilds will be pursued. Pieceful Shores in Manahawkin has an open door policy for all speakers. Courthouse Quilters in Frenchtown charges non members \$10.00 for workshops. Turtle Creek Quilters in Jamesburg will have a Gees Bend workshop. Contact them for information.

Minutes of the Meeting continued from Page 3:

Ellen asked everyone who had been a volunteer or made charity items to stand and thanked all for their participation.

Janet Peterson went to a workshop for Pat McCulloch's daughter's charity in Holiday. They made 20 quilt tops with sports teams' logos to be donated to children in hospitals.

Jane said Joann's Fabric Shop is now giving classes. Our ID card will now have an expiration date of September 30, so Joann's will honor it through the summer.

Ellen showed the beautiful completed blocks for our next raffle quilt, which will be displayed at our quilt show in order to begin selling tickets. Anyone needing more fabric for the quilt, see Dona Spencer.

Ruth Felipe has raffle tickets for our Storm at Sea quilt. A picture of the quilt is available on our website. Anyone who wants to help sell tickets at the show, see Ruth.

Ellen had the officers and chairwomen stand so members can associate names with faces.

Blocks of the month were won by Laurie Schnitzer who then presented them to Helen Lemke. Thanks to Helen for making all the kits for the September BOM, Snails Trails.

Jeannette Middlekauff and Dona Spencer have a variety of sizes of blocks planned for BOM this coming year. Most are 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, but there is also a 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, a 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and a 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch block.

Linda Felton, Treasurer, reported a beginning balance of \$8,455.38 plus receipts of \$725.00 less disbursements of \$1,211.65 for an ending balance of \$7,968.73.

Pat Toscan announced other quilt shows around the area. And the Hayloft is closing, much to the dismay of the members.

Genny still has T shirts, tote bags and sweatshirts for sale until October. Get your orders in soon.

Door prizes were won by Sue Ambrosino, Carol Beggans, Debbie Perks and Helen Lemke.

Laurie thanked all those who volunteered for the quilt show. Get your quilts finished soon, as the registration will begin in February.

Chris Lee asked everyone to save their bottle caps. Marlene said there is a links page on the website. Anyone who has a new web site let her know. Joann McCoy still has challenge kits available.

Show and Tell was gorgeous as usual.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Moramarco, Recording Secretary

Quilt Show News: From the Country Store Chair, Debbie Perks

Laurie and Debbie had a meeting on 10-6-11 to discuss The Country Store as it relates to our show and planning for the February 2012 meeting of the guild. Lots of patterns and ideas were shared and a few will be made into pattern sheets for distribution at the January meeting to those interested. These patterns can be started at home and finished at the Feb. meeting. If interested, members can bring their own projects to work on at the Feb. meeting.

Debbie would like to solicit more folded fat quarters for donation to the Country Store. Buttons of all kinds, fabric odds and ends, and decent, clean, slightly used patterns or unopened notions are needed for this endeavor. Magazines should be bundled in sets of 3 or 5 recent issues for sale.

Newly crafted or sewn items can be donated as well: pin cushions, pot holders, wallets, change purses, needle cases, goody bags, lunch bags, totes, aprons, placemats, or whatever your imagination dictates. Please donate at least 1 item as well as stash treasures you no longer need.

Any projects that have been started with the original directions and fabric kit materials would make a fine addition to the store. An unused quilt kit with all the fixings could find a new home if you choose to donate.

The Country Store will once again sell your quilt with a 10 % commission fee given to the guild. Story cards must indicate that the quilt is for sale through the store.

Debbie has been kind enough to give up her house for storage of these items as soon as they are brought into meetings. Sounds like an easy "win-win situation" for all of us, but please help her by organizing and labeling items first.

Remember, if the used stash item doesn't sell, we need you to reclaim it, or toss it. All new crafted items that don't sell will be used for the Luncheon as door prizes.



Get working on your show quilts. We need at least 100 for display. No one wants to see anything less than our biggest show ever!!!!

Registration of show quilts will be explained and forms will be available both online and at the Feb. meeting. The deadline for registration will be March 1st, 2012.

The **Storm at Sea Raffle Quilt** is traveling again! This time the trip is to Quilting Possibilities in Forked River for the months of October, November, and December. Enjoy seeing it there and encourage family and friends to buy tickets from Ruth Felipe. Her e-mail is: ruthfelipe@aol.com

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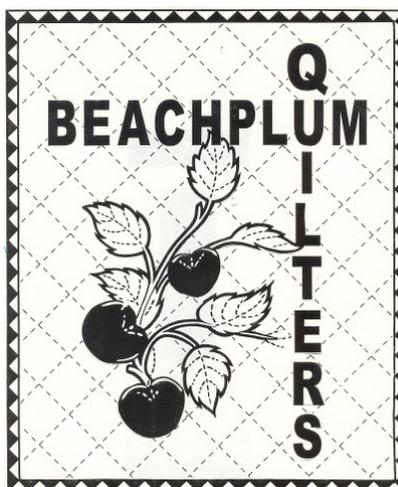
Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of
each month September through June at
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October 29th, 2011

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REFRESHMENTS

Assignments for refreshments are as follows:

Last name ending in:

F through **K**—please bring a dessert, fruit
dish, or nosh

Everyone else can participate if desired.

Please remember to clean up your own dishes
after the meeting. Many Thanks

NEXT MTG CHECKLIST

- Name Tag
- **Canned Items for the Church Food Pantry**
- Block of the Month
- Coffee Mug, Plate, Utensils, Appetite
- Show N Tell
- Assigned Refreshments
- **List of Country Store items you are donating with your name and phone #** Give to
Debbie Perks, Country Store Chair.

Did you pay your DUES ? \$25 to Marlene

**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**

