

Silver City Quilt Guild

April Newsletter

Note from the President:

President's Letter:

Apr. 2016 President's letter

Hello Silver City Quilters,

Spring is finally here ... no wait it's snowing again!!! Well Spring will be here ... soon!

Which brings me to last month's meeting cancellation – UGH! The cancellation policy was reviewed at the March Board meeting and changes have been made (Hurray!)

NEW Snow Cancellation Policy: If there is snow on a Monday Guild meeting day the President will make a decision by 2:00pm on the meeting day to cancel or not cancel. The decision will be post on the guild website and Facebook by 2:30pm – it is up to each individual guild member to check either place for any notifications. The guild will NO longer follow the Taunton school cancellations. The board is hoping this will be a better method going forward.

Let's take a moment to reflect on our guild ... we have accomplished quite a bit in our years in existence ... the two objectives we strive for are: to bring quality events to you every month, and to increase our charity endeavors – both have been accomplished this year. Huge Thank Yous to Roberta Burke and Judy DeArruda for having planned a wonderful year of fabulous guest speakers for us, and to Kelly Nelson who has increased our donation quilts and brought fun into it by starting the Charity Sew-cials!

At the March Board meeting there was a discussion about the budget and the guild's actual running costs – the board trimmed down (again) as much as we could, however our budget still remains at a hefty \$7,000 (approximately) to run our guild on a yearly basis and that does not include our show budget - which is approximately \$5,000. The guild currently has enough money to run the guild for about a year and a half. The budget for Programs alone is \$4000 – our membership dues do not even cover this amount, never mind the operating costs for the guild year. After much discussion amongst several board and guild members at the meeting, it was voted to increase the dues to \$40 for the 2016-2017 year.

Let's put this increase into perspective.... a trip to your favorite local coffee shop once a month for a coffee and donut it is about \$4.00. For that same \$4.00 a month your guild provides you with: 1) a

fabulous monthly guild meeting with friends, fellowship, a wonderful guest speaker, chances at fabric raffles and prizes, and awesome snacks!

2) a monthly FREE “Sit and Sew” where you can spend five hours of carefree sewing and see what other guild members are working on, share ideas, learn a tip or two, meet other guild members and make new friends – oh and there’s always snacks!!

3) a newsletter to keep you up to date on what’s happening (the newsletter is snack free – maybe we could include a recipe!)

4) two new Charity Sew-cials where you can participate with other guild members in making a few beautiful donation quilts for those in need, and yes there are snacks!

5) the chance to participate in two to three fabulous workshops put on by local, regional and national quilt teachers – yup snacks are involved!

6) a website and Facebook page full of guild information and pictures of workshops, show and tell, and what guild members are working on

WOW! That’s a lot (of snacks) for \$4.00! The board hopes to continue to offer quality speakers and events for you to participate in for many years to come! Thank you for your support.

Other news to share from the Quilty World

- 1) The Quilter’s Gathering quilt show held in Manchester NH every November is no longer – very sad news as it was always an enjoyable show.
- 2) The quilt shop - Button Box in Wellsley MA has lost their lease in their current building, and since Catherine Gentile was planning on retiring this may be the end of this lovely shop which specializes in Kaffe Fassett and Australian fabrics and other beautiful fabrics.

Huge Thank you to all those who participated in the adventure of making a block for the 2017 guild raffle quilt!! Pauline and I are in the process of putting it all together and will have it for viewing at the April guild meeting!! The guild is still in need of a Raffle Quilt Promotion Team – if no one steps up to help order tickets, organize ticket distribution to guild members and circulate the quilt to area quilt shops – we may just sell chances at the show! Hmmm...!!!!

Happy Quilting,

Janet Elia SCQG President

Meeting Room Notes:

-The seating is tight at the Arbors – we are actively looking for a new meeting facility and hope to make a move for the next guild year (Sept 2016) Until then we will just have to be cozy!!

-If you take a seat from the small activity room –please return it.

- The Trash to Treasure and Information tables will remain in the small activity room

- The monthly Fabric Raffle with Julie and the Monthly Gift Raffle with Suzanne will be in the main room (they were missing out on all the mingling fun!!)

Janet Elia – President SCQG

Meeting Info:

General Guild Meeting:

6:15-6:45 NEW Member Reception - come and meet everyone!

7:00-8:30 Guild Meeting

This month’s meeting will be on Monday, April 18.

Programs from Roberta and Judy and Meg

Sit and Sew

Sit and Sew is the fourth Saturday of the month.

Myricks Methodist Church

93 Myricks St. (Route 79)

Corner of Myricks and Church Streets

Berkley, MA

~ Have you seen the new and improved website??!! It's fabulous - huge round of applause to Pauline Lally for upgrading the site! This will become our most important feature of communication with each other and potential new members ... Please take a few minutes and look it over (silvercityquiltguild.org) an new feature that will be available soon is a "Members Only" section! You will need to have a special code to have access to this area - so it will Not be available for the general public to see! This area will have important updates on guild meetings, show information, workshops (information and class supply lists), minutes of the guild and board meetings, by-laws and newsletter!!

2017 Silver City Quilt Show

News from 2017 Quilt Show Co-Chairs, Pauline Lally and Diane Preble

GRAYOLA is the theme for the 2017 Challenge Quilt. Guild members will be receiving a flyer in their e-mail box a few days before the April 2017 meeting that gives a detailed explanation of what this show's challenge is all about. We're really excited about the possibilities for this show's challenge and we hope you are too. Thank you, JoAnn Borges for the wonderful idea.

Quilts for the Show

It's not too early to begin planning the quilts that you intend to enter into the 2017 show. A great idea was promoted by several guild members regarding a special addition to the show. We will include a section in the show of all the quilts made from the wonderful workshops that we've attended during this past year and those for next year. Roberta Burke and her team has done a wonderful job lining up good speakers and workshops and this will be a great way to show off our 'works of art'.

Promotion Team

If everything goes well, our Raffle Quilt should be ready to begin showing by the June 2016 meeting. We're looking for a team to promote the sale of the raffle tickets and coordinate the quilt viewing at various locations. This sounds difficult but it's not. With a team of two or three, this is a very doable activity. We have a list of venues where the quilt was displayed from the last quilt shows. With a little coordination, the pick-up and delivery of the quilt can be shared amongst other Quilt Guild members. Raffle Quilt sales are one of the most important ways we raise funds for our guild. So, step up to the plate! Please contact Diane Preble for details at: preblemom@comcast.net.

Web-Master

Please keep the information coming. The web-site is a wonderful way to publicize activities between members as well as to the general public. Just this last week, while preparing for the Jackie Kunkle workshop, I realized that I had misplaced my supply list. I went to the web-site and was able to download it from there. It's great to be able to go to the web-site to see pictures, "nice to know" information like "When exactly is the Workshop", "Where is it", "What do I need for a supply list". Keep the information coming. Even if you think I have it already, send it anyway. Thanks! Pauline L Lally, pauline.lally@gmail.com.

COMFORT QUILTS: from Kelly

Please note, I will not be able to attend the April meeting. If you have comfort quilt items to pass in or want to pick up a quilt to quilt or bind I'll definitely be at our Comfort Quilt Sew! I think you will love the Scrappy Trips blocks we'll be making. They're addictive! The Comfort Quilt Sew is Saturday, April 23, 10-2 at the Myricks Methodist Church-93 Myricks St (Rt 79), Berkley. Please note - there is additional parking across the side street of the church and you may enter thru the side door into the kitchen area. Please bring your sewing machine and general supplies, especially a sharp seam ripper. A June Taylor Shape Cut board is helpful but not required. Don't forget your surge protectors and extension cords! There will be cutting boards and irons to share but you are welcome to bring your own. I'll be bringing lots of precut 2 1/2 inch strips or you may bring your own. Snacks will be provided. Bring your own lunch. Hope, to see you there! Kellyquilts@comcast.net

Kelly

Quilty Threads - They Bind us Together: From Linda Swallow Guild Secretary

Since Goodwill is part of our fellowship. Let's make sure we share it amongst ourselves! Please let me know when a Guild Members is in need of a little sunshine; whether it is an illness, condolence, congratulations, or just a little pick-me up for TCL. Make sure to let me know! If you have the name of a member who needs a card, write it on a piece of paper and give it to Linda Swallow or email Linda at lindas76@comcast.net.

This month one card was sent.

Monthly Fabric Swap: From Julie Savard-Vantran

Fabric Swap will be one half yard of fabric. April's colors are **Red, Orange or Yellow.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our March BIRTHDAY GIRLS!!

Diane Sigren, Alice Santos, Gillian Bowen, Cynde Urban-Pavao, and Kathy Paiva.

Guild Members with "Show Girls"!!!

Congratulations to:

Arvilla Mederios, Diana Annis and Pat Washburn whose quilts are traveling to MQX in Manchester NH!

Diana Annis and Janet Elia whose quilts are traveling to AQS Quilt Week - Paducah!

Remember if you have a "Show Girl" let the guild know so we all can give you a **well-deserved round of applause!**

Quilters' Connection is presenting their 1st Annual Auction

Monday Night, May 9th

The Conference Center at Bentley – The Executive Dining Room in the LaCava Building

25 Forest Street, Waltham

Preview at 6:30 pm – Auction to start at 7pm.

The Auction will feature several quilts from well-known local artists, as well as many other items – fabrics, totes, and an array of “gotta haves”.

We are also featuring one extremely large raffle basket --estimated value is over \$250.00. There will be other raffles and a Chinese auction.

You won't want to miss this event


Free Admission and Free Parking

Handicap accessible.

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NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM, Lowell

Janet has passes. One pass admits two people



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New England Quilt Museum
nequiltmuseum.org
18 Shattuck St Lowell, Massachusetts 01852 978 452 4207

APRIL 2016

Final Weeks On View



NEQM Events



All are welcome! These programs are FREE

(Detail) Constellation, Beyond Time and Space · hand pieced, appliqued, and quilted · Yoko Kageyama, Japan

QUILTS JAPAN

The 12th Quilt Nihon

Now through May 1st

[MORE INFO](#)

Fabric, Fabric, Fabric!



Sat, April 9 · 9 am - 1 pm

Annual Text & Textile Fundraising Event

Featuring More Quilting Fabric than EVER Before!

to members and included in the price of admission for non-members.

Thurs, April 7 · 12:30 pm

Brown Bag Lecture

Japanese Textiles & Traditions

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Thurs, April 21 · 12:30 pm

Museum Book Group

Non-fiction Selection:

Marmee and Louisa: the Untold Story of Louisa and Her Mother by Eve Laplante

Fiction Selection:

Little Women -or- *Good Wives* by Louisa May Alcott

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Sat, May 7 · 11 am

Curator's Reception & Gallery Talk
Butterfly Whirl: Contemporary Quilt Art

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Fill a bag for \$25 to benefit the Museum

Coming Soon



Lepidopteran #3 - Carol Bryer Fallert-Gentry

BUTTERFLY WHIRL

Contemporary Quilt Art from the Texas Quilt Museum

May 4 - July 10, 2016

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Quilt Shows & Happenings

Quinobequin Quilters 2016 Quilt Show

Fri, April 1 · 10am – 8pm

Sat, April 2 · 10am – 4pm

Featuring over 140 beautiful traditional and art quilts on display, raffle quilt, quilt shop vendors, Viewers' Choice award, and more. Admission \$7, children free.

Needham Masonic Lodge

1101 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA
(one mile from Exit 19B off Rte. 95)

More details at Quinobequin.org

Northern Star Quilters' Guild of Somers, NY 37th Annual Show, "A World of Quilts XXXVII"

Sat, April 30 · 10am – 5pm

Sun, May 1 · 10am – 4pm

Featuring over 250 quilts, 30+ vendors, demonstrations, guest lecturer Linda M. Poole, invitational exhibit of quilts by Judy B. Dales, door prizes, and raffle quilt to raise money for Ann's Place. Facility is fully handicapped accessible with ample parking. Admission \$10; Groups of 10+ \$8

Western Connecticut State Univ

O'Neil Center

43 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT

More details at NorthernStarQuilters.com

Chelmsford Quilters' Guild 35th Anniversary Quilt Show 2016

Fri, May 6 · 10am - 7pm

Sat, May 7 · 9am - 4pm

Featuring over 100 quilts, 35th anniversary special exhibit, tempting treats and refreshments, silent auction, raffle of



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Grace Community Church
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Chelmsford, MA

More details at ChelmsfordQuiltGuild.com

Seasonal Hours

Now through April 30

Wednesday - Saturday

10 am - 4 pm

May 1 through October 30

Tuesday - Saturday

10 am - 4 pm

Sunday, Noon - 4 pm

Admission \$8

Free to members and children under 12

