

The Comforter

Crosstown Quilters

January 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Passing the Gavel

This is my last newsletter, Yeah! (Did I say that out loud?) Four years as your President has been "the best of times" (how times flies when you're having fun) and "the worst of times" (having to cancel five meetings in a row and not seeing everyone for over two months.) We've had a lot of laughs, usually at my expense – I know I walk right into them. But there's one thing you can not deny – **YOU COULD HEAR ME!** I have enjoyed my Presidency and will pass the gavel to the newly elected. Don't worry, you won't be rid of me. I plan to stay around and actively participate in the upcoming years.

Maureen Anderson

CROSTOWN GETAWAY WEEKEND

The getaway weekend will be held at the Bayside Resort Hotel in West Yarmouth on March 11-13, 2016. There are still spots available so contact Pat Smith or Marilyn Baker if you are interested.

We are also looking for someone to take over the weekend for next year.

Balance payments for 2016 due at 1st meeting in January. (Jan 12, 2016)
\$115.00 with room mate

Hotel Website:
<http://www.baysideresort.com/>

Make checks payable to:
Crosstown Quilters

Pat Smith & Marilyn Baker

BATTING AND MUSLIN

Did you know Crosstown has good quality muslin and batting for sale at a discounted price?

Roclon muslin is available in either white or natural for \$3.00/yard. Fabric width is 45". Some precut pieces will be available at meetings, or arrange to have a specific length cut.

For muslin sales, contact **Susan Riley**.

Batting is available for \$6.00/yard. The batting is Warm & Natural, 90" wide. For batting sales, contact **Etta Forti**.

Kindly pay by cash (exact amount) or check payable to Crosstown Quilters.



TREASURER

If you have income or an expense to report, please fill out the correct forms. Attach a receipt to each expense and give it to our treasurer, Linda Austin. Forms are available from the treasurer at meetings, or on the website:
www.crosstownquilters.org

Linda Austin

MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership is as follows: 1 Lifetime member, 90 Full time members, 10 Associate members and 4 on the waiting list.

Janet Norris

CHARITY

Etta Forti and Linda Nicholson delivered many items to DCF in mid November. DCF Director Elaine was thrilled because on December 5th there was a Christmas party for 250 children. Our donations were gratefully received. They will be used right away.

Knitted and crocheted baby items:
~ 8 hats for preemies - Elaine said she would take them with her that very day because she was going to South Shore Hospital where DCF has custody of about 7 babies in the NICU.

~ 6 blankies
~ 3 sweater sets (including booties and hats)

~ 13 pillow cases
~ 50 drawstring bags, plus 4 tote bags
~ 27 quilts

There are 5 Veterans quilts still to be delivered.

No quilter's names are mentioned in this report. Members who have donated this fall will be acknowledged at the January meeting.

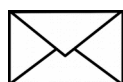
Etta Forti and Linda Nicholson

Remember to wear your name badge!!!

CROSTOWN EMAILS

To ensure you receive updates from Crosstown Quilters, please add the guild Secretary's email address: **ctquilters@hotmail.com** to your email safe list. Don't have access to a computer or an email account?? Get a fellow guild member to be your "email buddy".

Judy Linscott



DECORATE THE WALLS

First meeting of the month -
I hope everyone will take part - sometime through out the year!!

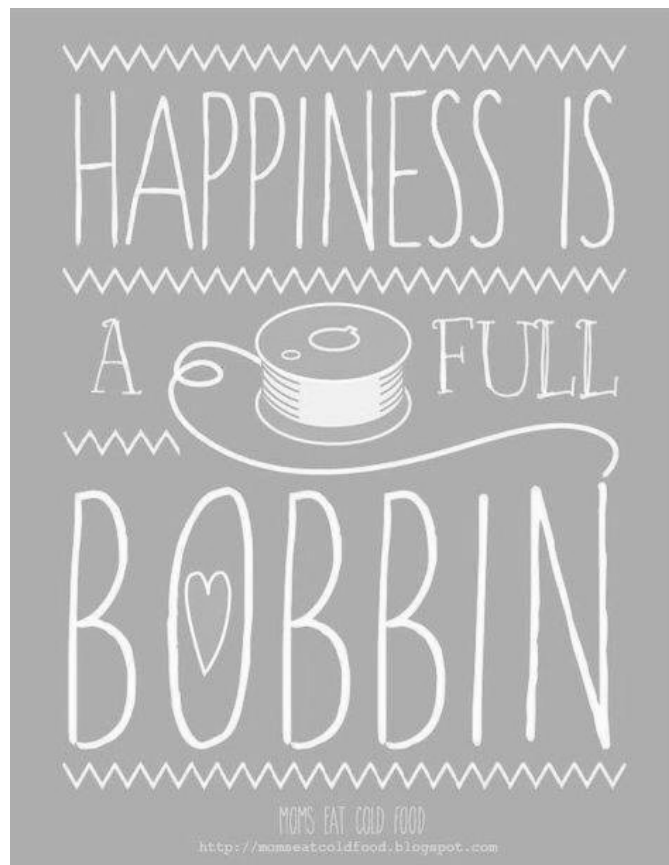
January 12 - Winter
February 9 - Hearts
March 8 - Green
April 12 - Bunnies
May 10 - Spring/Flowers
June 14 - Favorite small quilt

Tracy MacKenzie

SHOW 'N TELL

Thank you to everyone who took part in Show 'N Tell. I think it's the best part of the meeting seeing what everyone is working on and what is finished. I will continue for the next two years running the Show 'n Tell part of the meeting.

Tracey MacKenzie



January 12, 2016 Quilting Bee – Tracy MacKenzie

~Let's have fun and start sewing at 9:30am, then we can have "show 'n tell" and see what everyone is working on. We will have pizza for lunch (or bring a lunch). Please bring your own beverage. "Sew" bring your hand or machine sewing and have some fun.

**January 26, 2016 Business Meeting
Demonstration of Mitered Corners - Clare Corbett**

~ Clare will do a demonstration on the proper way to sew a mitered corner.

February 9, 2016 Charity Quilts - Etta Forti and Linda Nicholson

~ Sewing will begin at 9:30 Bring your machine or stay around to help iron and cut. Kits will be available to sign out and finish at home. Bring your own lunch.

February 23, 2016 Wool Work Nancy DeAngelis

~ Nancy will be teaching how to sew with wool. A supply list will be available with sign ups. Kindly bring a fat quarter for Nancy as a thank you.

March 15,2016 Backpack - Wendy Moore

~ Wendy will be teaching how to make a backpack. A supply list will be available with sign ups. Kindly bring a RED fat quarter for Wendy as a thank you.

March 29,2016 TBA**April 12,2016 Elections for officers at business meeting.
Disappearing Hourglass Cyndi Meaney & Anne Marcin**

~ Anne and Cyndi will teach a class on making a "disappearing hourglass" block. A supply list will be available with sign ups. Kindly bring a "red,white & blue" fat quarter for Anne and Cyndi as a thank you. Workshop will begin after elections.

April 26,2016 Mystery Bus Trip

~ more details to come

May 10,2016 Diane Loomis – Lecture and Slide Show

~ Whether you want to reminisce about an unforgettable exhibit or experience the quilts you missed seeing, you won't want to miss this talk. Diane will take you on an expertly guided tour of antique Baltimore Album Quilts displayed over the past decade. Over 100 detailed photographs let you see the beauty of each quilt and details of the individual applique blocks - close enough to see every stitch! You'll learn to identify the similarities (and differences!) between quilts made in the mid-19th century and the quilts we make today. Diane will bring her own Baltimore album blocks, tops, and quilts to share.

May 24, 2016 TBA**June 14,2016 End Year Luncheon**

BAYSTATE TEXTILES

Wonder what to do with left over fabric that is not good enough or large enough to donate???

BayState Textile recycles all textiles...clothes, shoes, curtains, sheets, etc.....



WHERE ARE THE BINS??

At schools in the following towns:

Abington, Avon, Barnstable, Beverly, Boston, Bourne, Burlington, Carver, Dedham, Dover-Sherborn, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hopkinton, Hull, Kingston, Lexington, Lowell, Marshfield, Medfield, Medford, Melrose, Methuen, Middleboro, Milton, Natick, Northborough, Norton, Norwood, Peabody, Pembroke, Plainville, Plymouth, Plympton, Quincy, Reading, Sandwich, Southborough, Swansea, Wakefield, Walpole, Wareham, Wayland, West Bridgewater, Wrentham, Weymouth

WHERE DOES ALL THE PRODUCT GO?

The "good stuff" is often sold in local thrift stores, raising money for charities and providing bargain clothing for us and our neighbors. (You can dress yourself pretty well shopping at Salvation Army Family Stores.)

The thrift store rejects are baled and sent to rag graders to be sorted based on condition, color, quality, and material type. Some baled material is exported to developing countries, where impoverished populations depend on low-cost used items to clothe themselves, and for material to make new items. There is a thriving cottage industry in shoe and clothing repair and resale in countries that lack their own natural resources.

Absorbent rags are cut and sold to commercial operations (machine shops, car washes, marinas...) as wiping cloths, which is what Larry's business in Lynn does.

Materials that can't be used as rags are shredded and reprocessed into fibers for furniture stuffing, insulation, soundproofing and carpet padding. Millbury Textiles near Worcester employs dozens of people who do this. Even zippers and buttons are captured and recycled. Shredded polyester is granulated and spun into new fabric.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Bedding, Comforters, Sheets, Pillows, Blankets, Hats, Jackets, Jerseys, Gloves, Scarfs, Slacks, Blazers, Sweaters, Shirts, Vests, Belts, Coats, Ties, Purses, Duffle bags, Totes, Sweatpants, Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Curtains, Draperies, Table Cloths, Placemats, Shoes, Boots, Flip Flops, Slippers, Undergarments, Bras, Socks, Pajama's, Stuffed Animals, Towels, Bathrobes, Skirts, Dresses, Capri's, Shorts, Pants, Jeans, Fabric

"Everything should be DRY, but we accept the GOOD- gently used clothing, the BAD -those ripped jeans with the broken zipper, and the UGLY, that sweater Auntie gave you in 1978".

Nearest drop off from library:

Frederick Murphy Elementary School
417 Front Street
Weymouth, MA

CROSSTOWN ELECTION YEAR

Please consider taking on a small role to help the guild. Find a friend and run a committee together.

Please contact
Cyndi Meaney
if you are interested.



NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

January 6 - May 1, 2016
QUILTS JAPAN
The 12th Quilt Nihon

May 4 - July 10, 2016
BUTTERFLY WHIRL
Contemporary Quilt Art

July 14 - October 16, 2016
CONFLUENCE
Water's Beauty, Use and Misuse

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

I would like to thank all of you who donated an item for the Holiday Raffle. This year we had 53 items and 10 bonus prizes to Joann Fabrics, which made for some great excitement at our party. We raised \$541.00 from the ticket sales and \$68.00 from the pantry jar, for a total of \$609.00. This money will help feed Massachusetts families this holiday season. Thank you.

This was the eighth Holiday Raffle I have run and I would like to thank my elves, my ticket seller Arlene Reyenger and my helper Elizabeth Romeo. We had a lot of fun entertaining you with our laughter. I hope you enjoyed the party.

Finally, I would like to say I really enjoyed running the 2015 Holiday Raffle and look forward to next year. My Santa hat is ready and waiting. Thank you.

Tracey MacKenzie
Holiday Raffle 2015

REINDEER BLOCK

Thanks for taking part in this "fun block to make". We had 49 red and green reindeer blocks and we had one winner, Anne Marcin – congratulations to you. During Show 'n Tell we had a reindeer quilt all finished by Marilyn Wessman. "There's no slowing down our fast sewing quilter." Very inspiring. I have an idea for next year.

Tracey MacKenzie
Carol Siegel
Block Designers

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Clare Corbett has come up with some fun blocks for us to make. Each block is a different color of the rainbow combined with blacks and whites. Make a second block each month and you will have enough to make your own quilt at the end of the year.

HOSPITALITY

Pam Kinsman and Cathy Baker continue to make sure we are properly feed at each meeting. Be sure to sign up to bring a dish more than once during the year. Voluntary donations are welcome and can be dropped in the basket on the table.

We are looking for someone to take over Hospitality next year. The job can be shared.

Pam Kinsman & Cathy Baker

GOODBYE TO DEAR FRIENDS

It is with great sadness that we have lost two of our dear members in 2015. Both Joanne Mantia and Bette Marinelli were talented quilters and wonderful people. Our hearts are filled with grief in the loss of our fellow quilters.

Cyndi Meaney

*Meetings are held at the Tufts Library,
46 Broad Street, Weymouth, on the
second and fourth Tuesday of the month
at 9:30 am.*

*Meetings will not be held when the
Library or schools are closed due to
inclement weather.*

Don't Forget!!!

- * Your Name Tag
- * Newsletter
- * Current Block of the Month
- * Show & Tell
- * Current UFO
- * Decorate the Walls
- * Coffee Mug
- * Smile :)



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