

The Comforter

From The President..

Greetings to all the Crosstown Members.

I'm beginning to agree with an older Cape Cod friend when she says " When the Fourth of July comes and goes the summer season is over". I truly don't know where these past few months have gone and I must confess that my devotion to my quilting projects has been limited.

Once again the first Crosstown Guild meeting is right around the corner and my mission continues to be #1 enjoying the art of quilting and #2 meeting and introducing members within the Crosstown Guild. Therefore I'm planning to continue my campaign regarding "Getting to know YOU". There are some truly talented women within our guild who would love to get to know each other better. Reach out to one another and learn the true meaning of friendship and the love of quilting.

As I reflect back upon this past year I can't help but thank my lucky stars that I've had an absolutely wonderful group of fellow quilters to work with on my Executive Board, Standing and Ad Hoc committees and I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation and thanks to each and every one of them.

September 12th starts the beginning of my second year and promises to be filled with fun filled programs/presentations, a weekend getaway, and charity quilt projects to mention a few. Also beginning this year Sandy Bates will be taking on the chairmanship of the next Crosstown Quilt Show to be held at the Abington Senior Center on October 20 & 21, 2018. Both she and her committee will be putting together their future plans and assignments. They need and are looking forward to a full membership participation. I hope that everyone will volunteer their time and talents to make this endeavor a success.

Remember - our goal is simple. To provide an atmosphere which nurtures us as quilt makers.

Janie

New England Quilt Museum

Premiere and Gallery Talk on Saturday,
July 15 at 11 am

Threads of Resistance

Presented by The Artist's Circle

This public program is free of charge to members and included in the price of admission for nonmembers.

On view at NEQM July 11 through September 9, 2017, this juried exhibition features 64 contemporary quilts, art quilts, and works of fiber art designed to protest the actions and policies of the Trump administration. Inspired by the words of Martin Luther King, Jr, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter," organizers created this platform for artists to make their voices heard. In response, they received 550 submissions from 45 states and 7 countries. The works selected express a range of emotions from anger and sadness to hope and empowerment. Visitors with children are encouraged to read gallery signage indicating works with images and words that may be deemed inappropriate for young children.

Also, from the New England Quilt Museum: Crosstown Quilters had one quilt in their "Summer Celebration of New England Quilts" exhibit in August. It was pieced, machine quilted, entered and delivered by Sandy Bates. This quilt, "Vintage Rouge" was done as a BOM project - taught by Claire Corbett at Heart and Hands. It included English paper piecing and embroidery.



QUILT SHOW - ABINGTON SENIOR CENTER

441 Summer Street
Abington, MA 02351

DATES: October 20 & 21, 2018

Current Volunteers For the Quilt Show

Chairperson: Sandy Bates

Boutique: Cathy Baker, Anne MacDonald, Maryann Wall

Signage: Janie Mathews

Raffle Quilt: Dot LeClair

Raffle Baskets: Coni Wessman

Publicity: Janice Smith

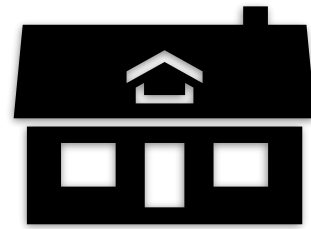
Vendors: Sharon Ducey, Ann Dutson

Labels: Carol Siegel

White Gloves: Ellie Atherton

To Date: The Abington Senior Center has been viewed by Sharon Ducey and Ann Dutson, along with other Crosstown members. The site has been measured and is currently being plotted by Bill Mathews for vendor locations.

Dot LeClair has been diligently perusing the fabric for our raffle quilt. Her wish for the perfect border was granted after a trip to Tumbleweeds. Dot is continuing on with her plans to engage many quilters to join her in creating a wonderful Christmas Quilt!



MARSHFIELD FAIR 2017



A big "Thank You" goes out to all of you who entered the Peggy Beals Quilt Block Contest this year. After a bit of a panic, 63 Hawaiian blocks were entered. There was a snag with the Post Office not delivering a few blocks but that finally got straightened out. Hard to believe it took 4-6 weeks to mail a package from Braintree or Duxbury to Marshfield. But you never know.

With that in mind, it is never too early to plan for your entry to the Peggy Beals Quilt Block Contest 2018 at the Marshfield Fair. As you know, time sneaks up on you. But then, we all know how quilters work to a deadline, which is June 1st. The information for **next years'** block and entry can be found at www.marshfieldfair.org in the exhibitor's handbook.

The theme for 2018 is Wild Goose Chase. If you are interested in entering a quilt, wall hanging or other quilted item, not just a block for the contest, the information can be found in the Fair Handbook on line. Go to www.marshfieldfair.org, find the menu at the top, go to Exhibitors' Handbook, click, hold and scroll down to find the Country Arts and Crafts, click and scroll to find quilt entry descriptions and the form. Bring your item(s) to the Intake Day. Judging is during the week before the fair. If you are interested in selling items made by you at the Craft Shop, there is a form there as well. We are always looking for our return participants and welcome new ones, as well.

Lauren DeCastro
Co-Chair
Peggy Beals Quilt Block Contest

MEMBERSHIP

As of August 1, 2017 we have six new members: Karen Hand, Donna Shiner, and Ellen Donnolly, all from Weymouth, Joan Keating of East Bridgewater, Anne Newton of Brockton and Florence Spyker of Bridgewater. Welcome to all of you !

Current Membership - as of the printing of this newsletter....

87 Full Members
9 Associate Members
1 Life Time Member

Members Who Did Not Renew

Theresa Cepero
Cyd Chaisson
Nancy DeAngelis
Maryann Karpinski
Janet McMorro
Cheryl Psoros
Veronica Walsh
Mary Labonte - Associate Member
Marion Vaitkus - Associate Member

SUNSHINE

I will continue to hang balloons on the wall with the member's names for birthdays each month.

Please contact me if you know of a guild member who is ill or has had a death in the family.

My email is: featherwtqueen@comcast.net

My phone is: (781) 337-3440
Joanne Fruzzetti

BLADE SHARPENING

Crosstown Quilters offers rotary blade sharpening for our members at \$1.00 per blade.

Three blade sized can be sharpened. Blades should be brought to meeting in a strong plastic container with your name on the container. (You could place them between yogurt covers and tape them closed.) I will enter them on a list to keep tabs on them, take them home to sharpen, and return them to you the following meeting.

Joyce Daly

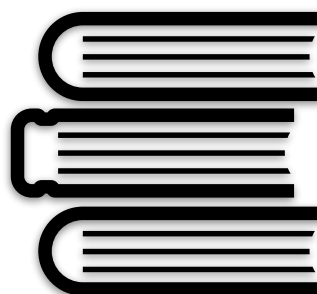
CHARITY QUILTS

Ladies, pat yourselves on the back! Once again, Crosstown has had a successful year making quilts and other items for those in need. Most of the items that Etta and Linda collect go to the Department of Children and Families. We give them quilts of all sizes, fleece tied quilts, drawstring bags, pillow cases, taggies, knitted hats and new born sets and blankets and head bands. This year we added Christmas stockings! Elaine Thurburg is always happy to see us coming and loves to show off your work to the people who work at DCF.

The winter weather did not cooperate with us and so we had to cancel 2 charity workshops. However, we did have a very productive "Kit-A-Thon" day on an alternate Tuesday. There were 18 quilters who arrived at various times during the day. The task was to sort fabric and match up fabric to make kits members could take home and work on. Hollis Turnbow, one of our speakers, brought us 5 boxes of fabric he wanted to donate to us. We cut and packaged quilts and pillow cases and more. We hope to have another "Kit-A-Thon" in the fall.

If you have any patterns to suggest, please let us know. We will have some new ones in the fall also.

Etta Forti and Linda Nicholson



MONTHLY RAFFLE

Katy Welch writes that she had a lot of fun during the summer shopping for the raffle baskets for the 2017-2018 Crosstown meetings.

Katy also asks that if you have any new quilting items that you are willing to donate for the baskets, please bring them to the first September meeting.

Thanks! Katy Welch

DECORATE THE WALL - FIRST MEETING OF THE MONTH

September - Apples [Sept. 12]
October - Pumpkins/Halloween [Oct. 10]
November - Thanksgiving/Fall [Nov. 14]
December - Christmas [Dec. 12]
January - Winter [Jan. 23]
February - Hearts [Feb. 13]
March - Green [March 13]
April - Bunnies [April 10]
May - Spring Flowers [May 8]
June - Patriotic/Flags [June 12]

Tracey Mackenzie



SHOW AND TELL 2017 - 2018

I hope that everyone can take part in this activity. We love to see your quilts, wall hangings, charity projects and tops. We love to hear your stories! Tracey Mackenzie

HOLIDAY RAFFLE - DECEMBER 2017

I hope to run the raffle with your help of donating an item. We will talk more about this during the months to come... Tracey Mackenzie

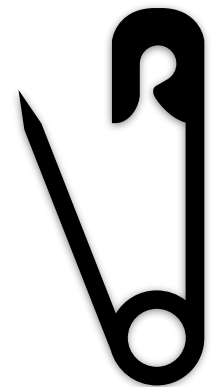
HOLIDAY BLOCK - DECEMBER 2017

I will have a new block for the holiday raffle party. I will pass out directions in November and I hope you will take part. TraceyMackenzie

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of you who sent us condolence cards in our time of loss. Every card was thoughtful and caring and we are amazed at how quilters show their support.

Thank you and sincerely,
Delores and Tracey Mackenzie



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Thank you all for your feedback, input and encouragement. We're looking forward to the upcoming year!!
Pam Kinsman & Linda Austin

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Linda Austin and Pam Kinsman

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A solid black silhouette of a teapot, positioned on the left side of the page. The teapot has a rounded body, a curved handle on the left, and a spout on the right. It is set against a white background.

They thank everyone for their gracious offerings.
Marie Marecki
πEtta Forti

TREASURER'S REPORT

If you have income or an expense to report, please fill out the correct form. Attach a receipt to each expense form and give to our treasurer, Sharon Ducey. Forms are available from the treasurer at meetings or on the website.



Get Away Weekend

Crosstown's GetAway weekend will be on March 2-4, 2018. It will be at the Bayside Resort in West Yarmouth. We hope to keep the cost the same as last year. A deposit of \$50.00 will start being collected at the first meeting in October. Please make the checks out to: Crosstown Quilters.

Marilyn Baker and Pat Smith

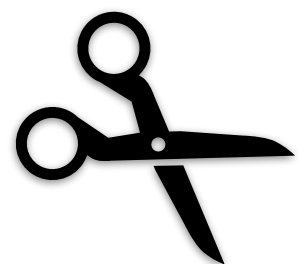
Batting and Muslin

Batting is available to members at \$6.00 per yard. Call or see Etta Forti.

Barbara Greland has muslin for sale at \$3.00 per yard.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Anne Marcin will be the photographer for our guild for the coming year. Thank you, Anne!



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

We had a great start for the Block of the Month program. It also doubles as an Americana Quilt once you have 12 different 12-inch blocks. A sample quilt is shown on the guild website along with PDF files of instructions for all blocks distributed to date.

A summary of blocks so far, the number submitted for the raffle and winners follows:

Friendship Star, 36. Marilyn Wessman, Anne MacDonald

Road to the White House, 21, Patty Olsen

Liberty Bell, 9, Anne Dutson

Scrappy Heart, 12, Clare Corbett

Patriotic Party Hats, 10, Judy Linscott

Spools, 12, Etta Forti

Pinwheels, 11, Nancy Hunt

Eagle, 8, Marylyn Wessman

We took a little break for the holidays and Tracey Mackenzie handed out a BOM for lovely appliquéd red/green holiday trees. 62 tree blocks were won by Pat Lydon and Sheila Berry. I have heard rumors that another appliqué block many occur in November.

Once we finish there 12 blocks that comprise the Americana Quilt, I have some other fun things planned such as a Valentine grab bag swap and a quilt block challenge.

Lori Gozzo

Crosstown Website

The website contains a schedule for the upcoming year, a listing of board members and committee chairs, job descriptions, directions for the current and past Blocks of the Month, and instructions along with patterns for charity quilts. There is a link to our Facebook page. You do not need to belong to Facebook to look at our website. There are pictures of guild members throughout the website pages as well. Pictures are swapped out periodically. If anyone wants to email me a few good photos (jpeg format) from our meetings, I will be glad to post them.

Lori Gozzo

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President - Jane Matthews

Vice-President - Janice Smith

Secretary - Susan Riley

Treasurer - Sharon Ducey

Standing Committees

Membership - Carol Fisher

Sunshine - Joanne Fruzzetti

Hospitality - Etta Forti & Marie Marecki

Block of the Month - Laurie Gozzo

Newsletter - Anne MacDonald

Charity - Etta Forti & Linda Nicholson

Website - Laurie Gozzo

Members-at-Large - Patty Cross & Shirley MacLeod

Ad Hoc Committees

Quilt Show Chair - Sandy Bates

N.E.Q.M. Liaison - Barbara Greland

Sale of Batting - Etta Forti

Sale of Muslin - Barbara Greland

Show and Tell - Tracey Mackenzie

Monthly Raffle - Katie Welch

Photography - Anne Marcin

GetAway Weekend - Marilyn Baker & Pat Smith

Guild Historians - Pat Couper & Natalie Lambros & Marilyn
Wessman

Blade Sharpening - Joyce Daly

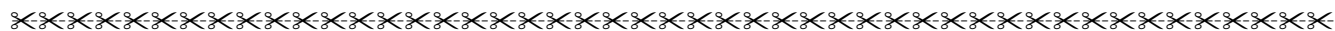
Facebook Page - Cyndi Meaney

Past President - Maureen Anderson

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 Weymouth schools are closed due to inclement weather.

DON'T FORGET:

- Your name tag
- Newsletter
- Show and Tell
- Decorate the Walls
- Coffee Mug
- Smile :)



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