

The Comforter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope that you all have been enjoying these lazy days of summer which seems to be passing all too quickly. Soon it will be time for the Crosstown Quilters to gather for our first meeting at the Pond Plain Improvement Association hall in South Weymouth. (Directions to the hall may be found elsewhere in this newsletter.) Our special thanks to Patty Cross and her group for finding this location which will be perfect for our meetings.

We have an exciting year ahead! Clare Corbett and Edith Neil have arranged a full and varied schedule of programs for us, and I know that we are all looking forward to our quilt show in October. With that in mind, it would be wonderful if everyone could make one or two items for the boutique table. Now, wouldn't that put a big smile on Anne MacDonald's face!!!

The Crosstown Quilters Guild is a wonderful group of friendly, creative, and talented ladies. It will be a joy and an honor to be your president for the next two years.

See you in September!

Janice



FROM OUR IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

First of all I'd like to thank the membership for allowing me to get to know you better over the past two years. You've shown that Crosstown is a friendly and welcoming group that is more than happy to share their knowledge.

Best wishes to Janice Smith, her Executive Board and committees in the next two years. No doubt we're in for an exciting fun filled adventure of quilting.

Janice

HISTORIAN



Natalie Lambros wrote that there is nothing new to report on the historical information for our guild. She did want all to know that we have a great collection of pictures stored in albums if anyone would like to look at them.



PROGRAMS – 2018/2019

Edith Neil & Clare Corbett

September 11 - Guild Meeting

September 25 – Speaker/Lecture

Tina Craig – “25 Years and Counting”

October 9 – Guild Meeting & Quilt Show Prep

Update on the Quilt Show and opportunities to volunteer/help with show.
Quilt Show Bag distribution.

October 23 – Speaker/Lecture/Vendor

Nancy Hooper – “Four Decades of My Mother’s Quilts”

November 13 – Guild Meeting & Speaker/Lecture

David Sirota – “What Makes a Quilter Tick?”

December 11 – Annual Holiday Party and Raffle

January 8 – Guild Meeting & Q101 (TBD)

January 22 – Guild Meeting – Speaker (TBD)

February 12 – Guild Meeting & Q101 (TBD)

February 26 – Comfort Quilts Workshop

March 12 – Guild Meeting & Q101 (TBD)

March 26 – Guild Meeting & Speaker/Quilt Game

Terri Sontra – “Quilt Block Party”

April 9 – Guild Meeting & Q101 (TBD)

April 23 – Guild Meeting & Workshop

Mary Cannizzaro – Scrap Quilt Class

May 14 – Guild Meeting & Q101 (TBD)

May 28 – Guild Meeting & Speaker/Lecture

Betty Habich – “The Joy of Fabric (and Thread)!”

June 11 – Annual Year End Party!





HOSPITALITY

Etta Forte and Marie Marecki

As we plan a move, we are flooded with memories of the place we leave. At the library we have shared much with one another and learned much from one another. We've made friends and lost friends, laughed a lot and shed some tears. That wonderful Crosstown spirit will be wherever we gather. It's the people not the place.

We are grateful to all the wonderful cooks who contributed delicious treats to all our meetings and parties.

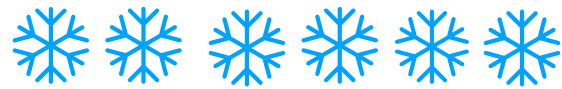
See you in September.

SHOW AND TELL 2018-2019

Tracey Mackenzie

I hope everyone can take part in Show-n-Tell. We love to see what our Crosstown Quilters have been working on....quits, wall hangings, charity projects, and tops. We love to hear your stories... This year we will be in a new room, so until we get used to it, we will wait on Decorating the Wall, but I thank everyone who has taken part in this during my time as Show-n-Tell leader.

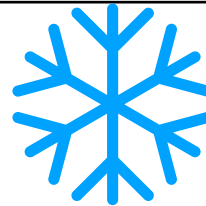
Thank you.



HOLIDAY RAFFLE DECEMBER 2018

Tracey Mackenzie

This will be my eleventh holiday raffle in December....and I ask you for help. I hope you will help me by donating an item for the table. I will speak about this at a meeting as we adjust to our new surroundings. Our holiday party will be exciting and fun to attend.



HOLIDAY BLOCK DECEMBER 2018

Tracey Mackenzie

I will have a new block for the holiday raffle party. This will be the fourth block. I will pass out directions in November and I will ask for something in return (a surprise - more details later). Remember for every block that you make, you enter in the drawing to win. Good luck and thank you.



HERRING RUN QUILTERS' GUILD SHOW

The Herring Run Quilters' Guild will hold its 15th biennial quilt show, "With These Hands - By the Sea," on Saturday and Sunday, September 29-30, from 10am to 4pm at the Norwell Middle School, Rt. 123 in Norwell, MA. There will be vendors, silent auction, boutique, and demos. The featured quilter will be Mary Ann Karpinski.

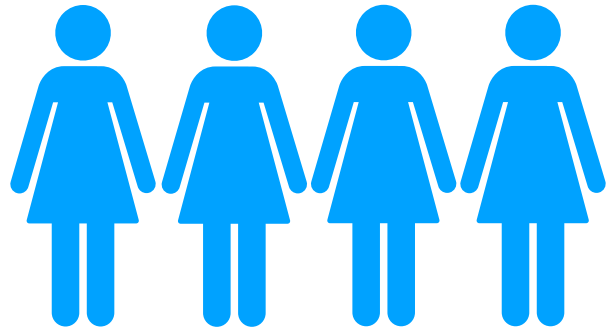
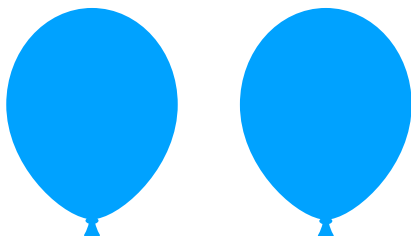


SUNSHINE

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.

Joanne Fruzzetti



**Crosstown Quilters
2018-2019**

Executive Board

- President:** Janice Smith
- Vice-President:** Laurel DeCastro
- Secretary/Clerk:** Susan Riley
- Treasurer:** Pam Kinsman
- Programs:** Edith Neil & Clare Corbett

Standing Committees

- Membership:** Linda Austin
- Sunshine:** Joanne Fruzzetti & Shirley MacLeod
- Hospitality:** Marie Marecki & Etta Forti
- 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:** Sandy Bates
- N.E. Quilt Museum Rep.:** Sharon Ducey
- Batting:** Etta Forti
- Show & Tell:** Tracey Mackenzie
- Monthly Raffle:** Katie Welch
- Photography:** Anne Marcin
- Get Away Weekend:** Patty Cross & Dot LeClair
- Blade Sharpening:** Joyce Daly
- Facebook:** Cyndi Meaney
- Guild Historian:** Pat Couper, Natalie Lambros & Marilyn Wessman

Directions to the Pond Plain Improvement Association Hall

The PPIA hall is located 330 Pond Street in South Weymouth, MA

From Weymouth Landing:

Continue straight on Washington Street passing by Broad Street where we used to meet and continue until you come to the fork and set of light with CVS on the left and Brewster Ambulance on the right. Bear right on to Rt. 18 and go through five sets of lights. You will eventually pass South Shore Hospital on your left. At the next set of lights bear right on to Pond Street. Walgreens will be on your right. Continue .9 miles until you reach the PPIA hall on the left.

From Rt.53 south:

Continue north until you get to the first set of lights upon entering Weymouth. There will be a large storage facility on your right. Turn left onto Pleasant Street and continue straight for 2.3 miles passing through Columbian Square. At the next set of lights, go straight across Rt. 18 onto Pond Street. Walgreens will be on the right. Continue on Pond Street for .9 miles until you reach the PPIA hall on the left. (There will be a cemetery on the right.)

From Rt.58 or 18 south:

Rt. 58 meets Rt. 18 in South Weymouth. At that intersection, the site of the old Factory Paint Store bear left onto Pond Street. The PPIA hall will be about a half mile down on the right. There will be a cemetery diagonally across from the PPIA hall.

From the Expressway

From the Cape or Plymouth direction . . . Take **Rt. 3 north to exit 15** in Hingham. At the end of the ramp, turn right on to Derby Street. Go straight .5miles. Continue onto Oak Street 0.1mile. Continue straight onto Ralph Talbot Street. 0.8 miles.

When you come to the next intersection, the parking lot for St. Francis Church will be on your left and the playing fields for Weymouth High School diagonally across. Take a **left** at this light onto Pleasant Street. Continue straight for 2.3 miles passing through Columbian Square. At the next set of lights, go straight across Rt. 18 onto Pond Street. Walgreens will be on the right. Continue on Pond Street for .9 miles until you reach the PPIA hall on the left.

From the Expressway / Rt. 3 South

Take **exit 16B** onto Rt.18 heading toward South Weymouth/Abington. Go straight through three intersections eventually passing by South Shore Hospital on your left. At the next set of lights bear right on to Pond Street. Walgreens will be on your right. Continue .9 miles on Pond Street until you reach the PPIA hall on the left.



MEMBERSHIP

In January we lost our friend, and lifetime Crosstown member Mary Connolly. Better known to us as Sis, she was an accomplished quilter, who always had a ready smile, a keen sense of humor, and a wonderful disposition. She will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

This year we say goodbye to Anne Doherty, Gwen Engdahl, Marilyn Grosbeck and Lea Paul. We will miss you.

We're happy to welcome seven new Crosstown members. They are: Stephanie Berlo, Elaine Cristoferi, Barbara Graceffa, Cindy King, Rachel Nguyen, Janice O'Gara and Jeanne Young. Please join me in making them all feel welcome!

Linda Austin

**MARSHFIELD****FAIR****WINNERS**

I am pleased to tell you that we had three winners from Crosstown in the Marshfield Fair Peggy Beals Quilt Block Contest.

They are: Lynn Annastos, Delores MacKenzie, & Susan Riley.

Congratulations to the winners. The PBQBC committee thanks all who participated. We wouldn't have a contest without you!



Next year's theme is Pilgrims' Progress to be sashed in cranberry. You can choose any pattern and make it any technique you like to fit the theme. We are preparing for Plymouth's 400th celebration in 2020! More information will be given during a meeting at a later date.
Laurel DeCastro

**FROM THE MONTHLY RAFFLE COMMITTEE**

Get ready! Plans have been made! Shopping has happened! There will be a basket full of fun and useful quilting related items raffled off during the first meeting each month. Tickets will be sold at a cost of one for \$2:00 or three for \$5:00. One winning ticket will be pulled at the end of the meeting. The next winner could be you!

Katie Welch

QUILT SHOW OCTOBER 20-21/2018

The 2018 Quilt Show preparations for 2017-2018 season has been busy and productive by all the committees and membership volunteers. Just when we thought the summer would bring a breathing space, our activities will be elevated to the next level of preparation. Finishing our quilt entries, getting out the bookmark advertisement to the local quilt shops, displaying the raffle quilt in our supporting quilt shops, working on the boutique projects, fine tuning our display space at the Abington Senior Center.

September will bring specific information for our committees to work with. The number of displayed quilts will be tallied and quilts passed on to Edith Neil, the raffle baskets will be completed and submitted to Coni Wessman, all boutique items will be given to Anne MacDonald, Cathy Baker, Maryann Wall, Charity Quilts to be displayed will be chosen by Etta Forti and Linda Nicholson, vendor space management by Anne Dutson and Sharon Ducey.

To ALL who have made this a terrific experience coordinating our Quilt Show 2018, I thank you for your time, patience and overwhelming support.

Supporting Quilt Shops displaying Raffle Quilt: July-Ann's Fabrics,

August-Emma's Quilt Shop, September- Homestead Quilt Shop

Update on tickets: Quilt Shop sales are exceeding expectations.

Boutique: Anne MacDonald, Cathy Baker, Maryann Wall, Linda Curran, Diane Willson

Signage: Janie Mathews and team

Raffle Quilt: Dot LeClair

Raffle Baskets: Coni Wessman

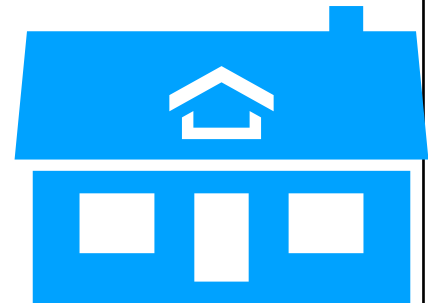
Publicity: Janice Smith

White Gloves: Ellie Atherton

Vendors: Sharon Ducey and Anne Dutson

Quilt Registration: Edith Neil and Claire Corbett

Submitted by: Sandy Bates

**CHARITY**

We have some charity quilts to give out with batting. Etta Forti

BATTING

The cost of batting is \$6.00 a yard. Etta Forti

FABRIC SALE FABRIC SALE

After our first business meeting under the direction of President Janice Smith, we will be holding a fabric sale that will be too good to miss. We have been given fabrics from two different quilters, who can no longer quilt, and have moved into assisted living. Their fabrics range from Asian, brights, pastels, the most beautiful florals and some "wackies". There are well over 100 fat quarters, many half yards, and up to four-yard pieces. All will be priced at \$2.00 per yard. No early sales, and it will be under the direction of our new President. Cash or check.

As we measured and sorted the fabrics, first consideration went to our charities: childrens' charity quilts, veterans' quilts, and breast cancer quilts and pillows. Appropriate fabrics were given to these chair ladies. The remainder of the fabric will be sold at our first meeting and will benefit our guild.

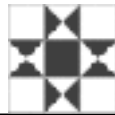


CROSTOWN WEBSITE

www.crostownquilters.org

The website contains a schedule for the upcoming year, a listing of the board members and committee chairs, job descriptions, directions for the current and some of the 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 member's quilts 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.

Laurie Gozzo

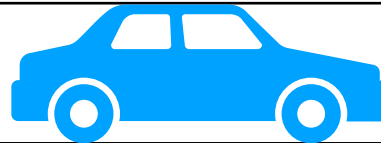


BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Last year we completed enough 12-inch blocks to make a nice twin-sized Americana Quilt. We finished off the year with a few different blocks that many of our members sewed (pretty purse block, magical 9-patch, and even a jar of happiness block).

For the upcoming year I am planning on a few favorite blocks, Tracey Mackenzie's December special block, and in the new year, 2019, we will do a Mystery Quilt. I have a couple of different mysteries I am considering using. There will be 5 parts to the Mystery. Instructions will be handed out from Jan till May 2019 at the first meeting in each month. This Mystery will take the place of the individual Block of the Months. For those who don't know what a Mystery Quilt is, every month you'll receive instructions for cutting and sewing various parts of the quilt. The first set of instructions tells you how much fabric you will need. You won't know till the very end what the actual design looks like. Every month you do a little more sewing/work on the quilt and then set it aside till the next month. When finished you will have a nice quilt top finished.

Laurie Gozzo



QUILTING GET-A-WAY WEEKEND

The Crosstown quilting weekend for 2019 is scheduled for March 8, 9. And 10th at the Bayside Resort Hotel, Route 28, in West Yarmouth, MA. For those new members, this weekend is something to look forward to, with a well-lighted function room that is set up for forty quilters. Each person has a half table. There are power outlets for all our needs, ironing boards and irons all around the room, three cutting stations, and an endless supply of coffee, tea and ice water. The cost will be based on double occupancy rate, and is very reasonable. Dot LeClair and I will have the prices finalized by the time we get closer to the end of the year, but it will include the room, dinner Friday evening, a continental breakfast in the breakfast room on both mornings, and a box lunch on Saturday. Everyone brings their projects, and something for our "goodie table". In the past we have sent out for pizza on Saturday evening, and then later on that night, we have, as one member calls it, an "adult swim" session (wine, cheese and crackers) . The session is open to all.

When we start taking reservations Crosstown members get first priority. If there are any spaces available, we will open it up to family and friends. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and see our wonderful quilters in action. Past attendees have always said that it is a great weekend.

Patty Cross and Dot LeClair

Meetings are held at the Pond Plain Improvement Association, 330 Pond Street, South 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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