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**DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM**

**Social time 6:30 – 7PM**

**FOOD PANTRY.** DONATIONS ARE VERY SLIM THIS TIME OF YEAR. ANYTHING YOU CAN GIVE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Hi All

Hope everyone is okay after our 3 nor'easter's.

I'm sure most of you have heard we have canceled the craft sale, after much discussion at the board meeting due to the last 2 storms that left us with no meeting in March, more information to come at the April meeting.

We have much to discuss at the April meeting. First and foremost, we need a nominating committee for next year's officers.

The committee must consist of 2 board members and 3 members of the general public.

- Ida

**RAFFLE BASKETS...** The craft sale has been cancelled, however we will have Raffle Baskets in 2019 with the Quilt Show, so if you can put your ideas and any purchases on hold, we will be ahead of the game for next year.

Thanks, Roberta See

**REFRESHMENTS FOR APRIL**

Marilyn Ivas, Dianne Judd, Roberta Kane, Nancy Kelley, Kathleen Kinsella, Carol Kobelski, Ann LeBourdais, Pat Lebourdais, Deb Leroux, Jo-Ann Lightfoot, Joyce Lloyd and Linda Loder, Mary Mahoney and Terry Maimone.

If you cannot bring a refreshment, please contact Teresa Grignon @ 978-656-8323

**PROGRAMS**

March speaker, David Sirota, has been rescheduled to come to the May meeting.

## **MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTS for KIDS**

Thank you for your participation whether you took a kit to sew or dropped off a quilt top. All is helpful and very much appreciated. I will bring kits to the April meeting if you would like to take one. If you wish to make a quilt on your own from your favorite pattern we can quilt it. Sizes that are good are 36X44 perfect for toddlers, and older children (pre-teens) and 46x54 perfect for teenagers.

Some of our quilts will go to Project Linus to help organizations locally in partnership with the Middlesex District Attorneys office helping children in need in our surrounding communities.

So, if you would like to help email me at [merrimackvalleyqfk@gmail.com](mailto:merrimackvalleyqfk@gmail.com) or contact me at 978 455 6193.

Lynda Harrington

## **BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL**

1<sup>st</sup>, Jane Crane; 1<sup>st</sup>, Ruth Russo; 7<sup>th</sup>, Pam Dougherty; 11<sup>th</sup>, Debbie Grund; 13<sup>th</sup>, Pat Tanguoso; 13<sup>th</sup>, Roberta Waldrip; 18<sup>th</sup>, Kathy Graham; 19<sup>th</sup>, Lee Colbert; 19<sup>th</sup>, Nan Davidson; 21<sup>st</sup>, Claire Crowley; 24<sup>th</sup>, Maureen Colby; 24<sup>th</sup>, Maryann Rossetti; 27<sup>th</sup>, Elda Sanborn; 29<sup>th</sup>, Joan Blanchard; 29<sup>th</sup>, Carol Kobelski. A very Happy Birthday to all!

**DOOR PRIZE** – wear green

## **SECRETARYS REPORT**

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM. Ida Morrison, Roberta See, Teresa Grignon, Sue Doherty, Marlene Levesque, Ann LeBourdais, Cam Michallyszyn and Cheryle Laffey attended.

After much discussion it was decided to cancel the craft fair for April 2018 and possibly combine it with the quilt show projected for April 2019. The workshop scheduled in March had to be canceled due to lack of participants. Our speaker, Dave Sirota, scheduled for March, has been rescheduled for May. The tentative date for next years quilt show is April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> with April 26<sup>th</sup> for set up. Someone or several someones need to step up to chair this event! The raffle quilt, publicity, and other needs will be discussed at the April meeting. Nominations for officers should have been presented at the March meeting and published in the April newsletter for voting in May. However, the weather has not cooperated with us and it will be presented that nominations will be published in May and voted on at the June meeting. The June banquet will be held at the Billerica Country Club. Family style meal of roast beef and chicken will be served. The cost will be \$30.00 per person and the guild will be asked to pick up the extra costs.

Cheryle Laffey

## **JUNE BANQUET**

The June Banquet

It will be held at the Billerica Country Club on June 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a regular meeting night. The cost will be \$30.00 per member with the Guild picking up the cost for the incidentals (room fee, tax and tip....). Sign up sheets will be available at the April and May meetings. Payment MUST be received no later than the May meeting. Please notify myself or Kathy Graham if you have any food allergies or diet restrictions at the time of payment. The meal has not been officially set yet but it will be a chicken and beef entree served family style. Sue Doherty

## **SUNSHINE**

When we are hurting, either from an illness, the stress of caring for or the loss of a loved one, it is nice to get a card to know we are not alone. That we, as a group, care. Unfortunately, very few of you let Maureen Cohen know who could use a hug. I know a card is not a physical hug, but it is a hug of sorts from all of us in the guild. It makes us feel good inside and maybe, for a moment, a smile. If you cannot reach Maureen, her phone number is on the side banner, then let me know. I will make sure she gets the info.

## **2018 – FALL WEEKEND**

Billerica Marriott

Thursday - Sunday November 8 -11

Looking forward to having a wonderful fall quilt weekend to get those projects wrapped up before the holidays. This years weekend will be at the Billerica Courtyard Marriott off Concord Road in Billerica.

Included this year on Friday night, will be a soup and salad dinner with dessert - you will not be disappointed. Saturday evening includes dinner. Menu's will be announced at a later date. Please notify us of any food allergies before. The pricing will include the quilt room rental and these dinners. The pricing for this weekend will be posted once we get an idea of how many will attend.

Lodging is separate, and our special rate is \$99 per night share with a friend and split the cost. I will send out the link to you to reserve your room.

Quilt room will be available Thursday after 9 am up until 2p.m. on Sunday

Please let me know if you will be attending- I need a count for the hotel.

Thanks – looking forward to it already!

Lynda Harrington

Please email me at [harry241@verizon.net](mailto:harry241@verizon.net) or call: 978 455 6193

## **FROM THE QUILT MUSEUM**

On view thru April 21, 2018 – Quilts Japan: The 13th Quilt Nihon Exhibition from Tokyo. For more than 45 years the Japanese Handicraft Instructors Association (JHIA) has promoted handcrafted arts in Japan by educating and training instructors in 8 specialties: quilt making, knitting, embroidery, lace making, painting, weaving, leatherwork, and flower art. The JHIA boasts 7,000 certified quilt instructors among its 12,000 members.

Saturday, March 3 at 1 PM; Guest Lecture by Allison Wilbur; Japan: Tradition and Inspiration

Japan is home to the world's largest quilt making community and honors a rich history of textile traditions like shibori dyeing and sashiko stitching. This informative and entertaining lecture is offered by award winning quilt artist, Allison Wilbur, who has lived and taught in Japan.

Also on display are the Hand Quilted works of Gladi Porshe.

Adm \$9 for non-members.

NEQM, 18 Shattuck Street, Lowell MA 01852 PH 978-452-4207 [NEQuiltMuseum.org](http://NEQuiltMuseum.org)

Hours Tues – Sat 10 to 4; parking behind bldg. Sat only, free gated parking in Visitor Center lot with validated ticket at Visitor Center.

## **QUILT SHOWS**

Hannah Dustin - Save the date for the 2018 show! (Friday, April 27th from noon-7PM and Saturday, April 28th from 9AM-4PM) at the Hudson Community Center located at 12 Lions Ave. in Hudson NH. General Admission is \$8.00 and free for children under 12. The Hudson Community Building is air conditioned and wheel chair accessible.

CHELMSFORD QUILTER'S GUILD - Biennial Quilt Show 2018

Friday, May 11: 10am - 7pm

Saturday, May 12: 9am - 4pm

Grace Community Church

275 Billerica Road

Chelmsford, MA

## **Essex County Needlecraft Guild**

**45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Needlecraft  
Exhibit & Afternoon Tea**

**Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Hellenic Center of Ipswich**

117 County Road

Ipswich, Massachusetts

**Free Admission**

**Light Refreshments Served**

**Members' needlecrafts will be on  
display including quilts,  
hooked rugs, knitting, felting,  
embroidery and more.**

**Members will also be on hand to  
demonstrate their crafts  
throughout the day.**

**[www.essexcountyneedlecraft.com](http://www.essexcountyneedlecraft.com)**