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DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM Social time 6:30 – 7PM

FOOD PANTRY. DONATIONS ARE VERY SLIM. ANYTHING YOU CAN GIVE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi all,

The nominating committee has been hard at work. Their nominations for officers is posted below. We will also be accepting nominations from the floor. Voting will take place at the June meeting. Thanks to all.

A big thank you to David Sirota for changing from March meeting to May. I know you'll all be happy he did.

love ya,

Ida

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS 2018-2019

The nominating committee is happy to recommend Pat Wolf for President, Marlene Levesque for Vice President and Kathy Graham for Secretary. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the May meeting and elections will take place at the June meeting. Carol Calistro, Chairperson

REFRESHMENTS FOR MAY

Karen Mauriello, Deb McAndrews, Denise Miano, Maureen Mullen, Robin Murch, Linda Naugler, Ann Newton, Diana O'Toole, Cecile Paquin, Cindy Payne, Mary Pepin, Kristen Perry, Deborah Rauseo, Linda Reid, Mary Renn, Patricia Roberge and Pattie Rollka.

Teresa is away on vacation soooooo If you cannot bring a refreshment, please contact **Cheryle Laffey @ 978-604-4434 (voice and or text is fine) or meanswell@comcast.net**

I am also looking for someone to help with the refreshments at this meeting. I have all the supplies.

PROGRAMS

At this month's meeting, our speaker will be David Sirota. David will be presenting his talk "What Makes a Quilter Tick?" David, who is a quilter himself, describes this lecture as a "humorous look in the mirror, a fun-filled, interactive, eye-opening look at quilters and all the little quirks, passions and obsessions we all share".

DUES

It's getting to be that time. Dues are \$25.00 and are payable by June 30th. If you are 85 + (lucky you!) then you do not have to pay any dues.

I DO NOT need renewal forms. Simply give me your check at the MAY or JUNE meeting or mail me your check. Checks made out to Tewksbury Piecemakers and may be sent to Membership, PO Box 617, Tewksbury, MA 01876. If you have changed any of your info please let me know.

IMPORTANT! You must have attended at least one meeting to renew.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

13th, Kristin Perry; 17th, Mary Pepin; 21st, Marie Dube; 21st, Diana O'Toole; 27th, Dot LeBourdais; 29th, Della Walsh.

A very Happy Birthday to all!

DOOR PRIZE – will be for name badge

SECRETARYS REPORT

There was no Board meeting in April.

JUNE BANQUET

The June Banquet

It will be held at the Billerica Country Club on June 12th. 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.

FROM THE QUILT MUSEUM

April 24 – July 8, 2018

THE QUILTED CANVAS II

The New England Quilt Museum is proud to present, THE QUILTED CANVAS II, an exhibition of works from America's most innovative and influential contemporary quilt artists of the 1970s--Molly Upton, Susan Hoffman, Beth Gutcheon and Jeffrey Gutcheon. Rejecting traditional quilting patterns and motifs, these artists applied a fine arts perspective to their original quilt designs. Their work was groundbreaking in its complexity, graphic quality, and unique use of color that elevated quilt making to an art.

May 1 - July 15, 2018

BEYOND THE BORDER WALL

The Migrant Quilt Project

This thought-provoking exhibition is the collaborative effort of artists, quiltmakers, and activists to express compassion for migrants from Mexico and Central America who have died in Southern Arizona deserts on their way to create better lives for themselves and their families. Materials in the quilts were collected at sites used for rest and shelter along established trails in the Sonoran Desert.

Between 2004 and 2005, a record number of 282 migrants perished in the Tucson Sector, the border region between New Mexico and Yuma. The increase in deaths moved Jody Ipsen to take action to alleviate the tragic loss of life. As she hiked remote migrant trails with fellow humanitarians, Jody realized that the textile-based discards could be used to make quilts to communicate the reality of migrants' deaths. She reached out to quiltmakers to create quilts from the blue jeans, bandanas, work shirts and embroidered cloths she gathered in the desert. Quilts would represent deaths from each year since 2000 when the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office began documenting the names of deceased migrants.

Each Migrant Quilt lists the deaths for a specific federal fiscal year, coinciding with the U.S. government's record-keeping. The name of each individual who died that year is inscribed on the quilt, with the word "unknown" or "desconocido" used to designate an unidentified person's remains. Quiltmakers are free to design their quilts however they desire.

Adm \$9 for non-members.

NEQM, 18 Shattuck Street, Lowell MA 01852 PH 978-452-4207 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

KEEPSAKE QUILTING REVAMPED

A little long but thought I would share the good news!

Rick Kimelman, part of the family that purchased Keepsake Quilting earlier this week, said the goal of the new ownership will be simple: restore the business to the status described in its own slogan as "America's Favorite Quilt Shop."

Keepsake Quilting, which operates a retail shop in Center Harbor and has its operations headquarters three-quarters of a mile away in Moultonborough, was founded in 1986 by Russ and Judy Sabanek, who grew the business into a leading catalogue-order quilting supply company and established their retail storefront as a destination for quilters around New England.

Under the new ownership, Keepsake Quilting is going to reverse some of the business changes which occurred under previous management.

Firstly, the store, which stocks more than 12,000 bolts of fabric, will again be open every day of the week, every season

of the year. "Customer service is going back to number one, that is something that has been lacking," he said.

Quality has been another sore spot in recent years, he said, ever since the decision was made to outsource the quilting kits advertised in the company's catalogues. Steelcity will now have oversight of kit production, as it will use its facilities in North Carolina to supply Keepsake. "We're going to take full control of that back and manufacture them again in-house," he said.

Significant changes are planned for the storefront in Center Harbor. Keepsake's retail store will grow into that space. Kimelman said that the store will again offer gifts as well as fabrics. For years, it was known as a place to go for one-of-a-kind novelty items, such as socks, scarves, and locally made sundries, and those items will again be on display.

Keepsake's store will also make a point of stocking more of the most current quilting kits.

To further cement the store as a destination, Keepsake will increase opportunities for interaction: classes, bus trips, guild visits and guest speakers.

Most of the company's sales are from customers who select kits from the catalog, then place their order online. But, said Kimelman, it would be a mistake to undervalue the in-person, hands-on experience only possible at the store. "An important thing for Keepsake and the brand is to come to the store, see the fabrics," he said. "We want to make it a quilter's destination again." Drove of quilters will seek out Keepsake Quilting for its yearly summer sale, originally scheduled for June 1 and 2 of this year.

Kimelman said the sale will be expanded to three days under the new management and will be run May 31-June 2. Additional sales will be added throughout the year, he added. The company will hire a few more workers for the store, which will bring the total number of employees up to around 40. Keepsake ships 50,000 kits each year, to customers around the world.

A little humor – why seniors become confused!

