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**MEETING SITE CHANGED. MEETING NIGHT Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.**

WE WILL BE MEETING AT THE TEWKSBURY LIBRARY, Chandler St., Tewksbury.

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Hi All,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. My pool is open and if the weather stays nice I'll keep on swimmin'.

I worked on my (UFO's). I'm looking forward to seeing all of your quilts for show & tell.

We'll be working on some fun things this year, 1st one is a quilt challenge, A 20 inch square maximum and no smaller than 14 inch square.

You must use your stash. No fabric bought after 2016, no UFOS and no kits.

We'll be having a craft and fabric sale in April. I will have more Information at the meeting.

Don't forget -

- Your show & Tell
- Bring a Friend
- Have Fun!

love ya

Ida

**REFRESHMENTS**

Officers and committee chairs are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies each for this meeting. Please do not forget to bring your own drinks as the library does not have a vending machine.

**FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON FOR SEPTEMBERS MEETING**

For our September meeting, we would like to have a Super Sized Show and Tell. We are asking members to bring a quilt to share with the group. It can be something you just finished this summer, or something you have done in the past. It can be something you've shared already. It can be something that was sewn by someone else. Big, small, bed sized, miniature, totebag or wearable. It's all good. We'd just like to let our members get to know each other better by sharing a quilted item with the rest of the group. There will be a random drawing with a prize for anyone who participates. What will you bring? Thank you, Marlene Levesque

## **FALL GETAWAY**

LaQuinta Hotel, Andover, MA

Nov 16-20 (Thurs-Sun) - \$100 per person covers sewing room and Saturday dinner at Chateau (excludes alcohol). Room available from Thursday 8am to Sunday night.

Guest rooms are \$95/ per nite - per room - max 4 per room (2 queen beds so if 4 in room you need to share a bed). All guest rooms are renovated

Make checks available to Tewksbury Piecemakers for \$100

Any questions email me at [kmauri@standardelectric.com](mailto:kmauri@standardelectric.com) or call my cell 978-604-9476

## **BIRTHDAYS**

August – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Catherine Flowers; 17<sup>th</sup>, Beverly Collins; 17<sup>th</sup>, Lillian Ferreira; 18<sup>th</sup>, Rosemary Bray; 19<sup>th</sup>, Linda Loder.

September – 4<sup>th</sup>, Laurie Jean Brown; 6<sup>th</sup>, Cheryl Hanlin; 13<sup>th</sup>, Deb Borden; 13<sup>th</sup>, Schubel Cook; 17<sup>th</sup>, Cam Michallyszyn; 18<sup>th</sup>, Terry Maimone; 24<sup>th</sup>, Mary Renn; 28<sup>th</sup>, Elaine Fubel; 28<sup>th</sup>, Louise Kelley; 29<sup>th</sup>, Janet Giunta. A very happy birthday to all.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **Tewksbury Piecemakers Treasurer Report July 12-Aug.11**

Prior Month Balance \$13,071.19

**Deposits 0**

**Total Deposits 0**

**Check # Withdrawals & Checks**

July 11 660 Marie Durgan Memorial to Sr. Ctr. \$50.00

Aug. 11 Bank Fee \$1.00

**Total Withdrawals & Checks**

\$51.00

**Total Deposits 0**

**Checking Account Balance**

\$13,020.19

Cam Michallyszyn, Treasurer

## **ANOTHER ANGEL AMONG US**

### **Jonathan Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Was established by our family in 2008 as a legacy and tribute to Jon's life and his strength of personal character.

The fund recognizes the positive spirit that enabled Jon to overcome challenges and serve as a role model for his peers and family members. Each year we grant several scholarships to local students furthering their education.

Money raised for this fund is through an Annual Fundraiser with multiple donated raffles, a quilt, and sewn items sold throughout the year. I am proud to announce that we have allocated over \$16,000 to date. All this is possible through the generosity of many people.

Every year the Tewksbury Piecemakers do a charity night, where we stuff and sew together comfort Heart pillows

to donate to MGH ICU (critical cardiac care unit). These pillows are used for post-surgical patients and are well received.

I feel that it is a way of giving back to the community and supportive team at MGH.

Jonathan is gone from our vision but his spirit remains positive on this earth helping students who are following in his footsteps (tire tracks) ...

If you are interested in acquiring a scholarship for a high school student. Please get in touch with me.

Pat Wolf

### **SECRETARY REPORT** Notes from August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting

Attendance: Ida Morrison , Cheryle Laffey, Dianne Judd, Carol Calistro, Ann LeBourdais, Roberta See, Cam Michallysyn, Teresa Grignon, Sue Doherty, Marlene Levesque & Gina Maniscalco

Maybe doing a yard / craft sale. Possible date April 28<sup>th</sup>. Tables will be available for \$25.00.

The guild will have a table, maybe two, and members will be asked to bring in cleaned and ironed fabric. The goal would be to make up gallon bags of like stuff, all the same size, colors or shapes would be put together. Hopefully this would make up 1 lb bags. Also any tools you just had to have but never will use (I think we all have a few of those). Basically anything related to quilting EXCEPT books or magazines, that you would like to donate.

Members may purchase a table (or 2) to sell their own crafts at their own tables. All items must be hand or machine crafted only.

Members who have their own stores could sell their stuff.

Since raffle baskets are always a hit, Roberta See would like to do raffle baskets at the yard sale. Roberta would be the chair person for this.

Ida will be looking for a chair person to oversee this endeavor.

Challenge quilt: 20 x 20 wall hanging. Must use scraps from your stash. Nothing bought after 2016 and no kits. 14 x 14 is the smallest it could be. Even though the directions say a square, any shape would work as long as it fell inside the dimensions. Example: an oval could be no bigger than 20 inches at its largest point nor any smaller than 14 inches at its smallest point.

Pat Wolf will be selling raffle tickets for a quilt at the September meeting. This is to benefit the Jonathan wolf scholarship fund.

Meetings:

September – show and tell. The quilt must tell a story. You will get a raffle if you bring one in.

October – Francie Quins

November – Modern Quilter / Jen Sorenson

December - Christmas theme

January – Charity

February – Sweet and Great ??

March - ?

April – Market (yard sale)

May - ?

June – Banquet

September and October meeting will be in the Tewksbury Public Library

Programs committee is looking to do some workshops. Maybe Pup Designs and Zentangle.

Gina Maniscalco, Secretary

### **YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN DOING THIS**

Dear Quilt Guild President

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Cathy Carroll and I am one of the chairs of the Quilt Department at the Topsfield Fair. I hope you had the chance to visit the fair this past year and enjoyed the quilt exhibit.

2018 will be the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Topsfield Fair and for that fair, we are planning to tie the quilt exhibit to the history of quilting in New England by showcasing both antique quilts and sewing machines. We hope you will encourage your members to look ahead and be a part of this exciting journey with us. One way is by entering a quilt. Another is by volunteering at the fair. But you don't have to wait until 2018, we'd love to see your members at this year's fair. The Exhibitor's Handbook is published to the Topsfield Fair website – [www.topsfieldfair.org](http://www.topsfieldfair.org) – in August. That's where you'll find the entry form as well as the entry deadlines and other information. To volunteer, please have them contact us at [fairquilt2014@yahoo.com](mailto:fairquilt2014@yahoo.com)

Over the past few years we have made a number of changes to the quilt department that we'd like to share. For one, we have gone to a points system for judging. Quilts that are entered at the Topsfield Fair are judged solely on their own merit. A certified judge examines each quilt and shares their thoughts with the quilt maker on the judging form that the quilter receives when they pick their quilt up after the fair. We also encourage the quilt maker to share the story behind their quilts. With permission, we share those with the fair goers.

We know that, because of people like you who promote the art of quilting to both veteran and rookie quilters, that quilting is alive and well. We hope that you will promote the quilt exhibit at the Topsfield Fair to your members at your upcoming meetings.

Best to you and your members.

Cathy Carroll, Co-Chair Topsfield Fair Quilt Department

### **SOME INTERESTING VENUES TO VISIT**

#### **AUTUMN FESTIVAL OF QUILTS**

September 16 & 17, 2017 10 AM to 4 PM.

Hawthorne Brook Middle School, 64 Brookline St. (Rte 13), Townsend, MA. For more information go to:  
[squanicookquiltguild.com](http://squanicookquiltguild.com)

#### **BENNINGTON QUILTFEST**

September 16-17, 2017 Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 9-4

Mount Anthony Union Middle School, 747 East Road, Bennington, VT Presented by the Quiet Valley Quilters Guild  
Admission \$7.00 [Burlingtonquiltfest.com](http://Burlingtonquiltfest.com)

### **CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD**

Biennial Quilt Show, Basket of Quilts

Friday, October 13, 2017 10AM - 6PM

Saturday, October 14, 2017 10AM - 4PM

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

435 Central St. Acton, MA 01720

Exit #41 off Route 2

Admission: \$7, children under 12 free

Free parking and handicapped accessible

### **THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM**

Now through September 10<sup>th</sup> is The US Premiere of Threads of Resistance.

August 31 – December 30 - Gilding the Lily: Embroidery in Quilts, Past and Present

September 12 – October 29 – Favorites of the NEQM Permanent Collection

November 1 – December 30 – The Whimsical World of Vel Garrick

There are many activities ongoing at the museum. Go to their website, [nequiltmuseum.org](http://nequiltmuseum.org) for a complete update.

### **REMINDERS**

Have you checked our website out. Photos have been loaded.

[www.tewksburypiecemakers.com](http://www.tewksburypiecemakers.com)

Magnetic name tags can be ordered. I'm not sure of the price as it has gone up since last year.

I heard from the Senior Center about the floors. Our September and October meeting will be at the Tewksbury Library.

Don't forget your name tags, raffle money. Dianne has changed the price of the tickets and has some great prizes for the table. Most of all bring your smiling faces!

See you all soon.