

The Comforter

Crosstown Quilters

September 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit in my "Babe Cave" writing this missive I can't help but think of all the wonderful people of Crosstown. I think of all of you as friends. I've learned so much from you, both quilting-wise and personally. We truly are a unique group.

Now looking ahead. This is my last year as President. Hopefully this year will go a lot smoother (no canceling 5 meetings in a row.) The results from our survey are part of this newsletter. Not many surprises but we will discuss them at the Annual Meeting. I want to remind everyone to get involved. "Many hands make light work." Job sharing can be fun; let's you bounce ideas off each other and helps if you can't make every meeting. We all have busy lives but obviously Crosstown is important to you -- otherwise why join! So let's pull together and make our future great!

Maureen Anderson

CROSSTOWN PINS

If you are interested in purchasing an enameled club pin featuring the Crosstown Quilters logo, please contact Cyndi Meaney.

Pins are \$5.00 each.



MONTHLY RAFFLE

The guild has a raffle the second meeting of each month. I will show the item(s) that will be raffled before the tickets are purchased. The tickets are for sale during the break by me and they cost \$2.00 for one or 3 for \$5.00.

I am open to any and all suggestions for future raffles.

Dot LeClair

DECORATE THE WALLS

First meeting of the month -
I hope everyone will take part - sometime through out the year!!

September - apples
October - pumpkins/fall/Halloween
November - Thanksgiving
December - Christmas/Holiday
January - Winter
February - Hearts
March - Green
April - Bunnies
May - Spring/Flowers
June - Favorite small quilt

Tracy MacKenzie

BATTING AND MUSLIN

Did you know Crosstown has good quality muslin and batting for sale at a discounted price?

Rocon muslin is available in either white or natural for \$3.00/yard. Fabric width is 45". Some precut pieces will be available at meetings, or arrange to have a specific length cut. For muslin sales, contact.

Batting is available for \$6.00/yard. The batting is Warm & Natural, 90" wide. For batting sales, contact **Etta Forti**.

Kindly pay by cash (exact amount) or check payable to Crosstown Quilters.



CROSSTOWN GETAWAY WEEKEND

The getaway weekend will be held at the Bayside Resort Hotel in West Yarmouth on March 11-13, 2016. Be sure to save the date. Come join us for a weekend of non-stop sewing and shopping and *no cooking*. We will begin taking \$50 deposits at the first meeting in October.

Hotel Website:
<http://www.baysideresort.com/>

Make checks payable to: Crosstown Quilters

Pat Smith & Marilyn Baker

SUNSHINE

I will continue to hang balloons on the wall with the guild member's name 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

BLADE SHARPENING

Our guild has purchased a rotary blade sharpener and is offering to sharpen blades for our members for \$1.00 per blade.

Three blade sizes can be sharpened. Blades should be brought to meetings 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.

Patty Cross

CHARITY QUILTS

During the 2014 - 2015 year, Crosstown members have been generous with their time, their fabric, and their talent. Many members have enjoyed making the new projects suggested: preemie quilts, more pillowcases, and "I Spy" quilts. Aren't we all so lucky to see these varied projects at Show and Tell made by a group of talented women who sew to bring comfort to others?

17 preemie quilts were given to Floating Hospital in Boston.

Over 60 dog/cat beds were made from scraps. These scraps are from both Crosstown and Herring Run. Please do not ask Linda to separate guild scraps! These comfy beds have gone to Quincy, Scituate, Bridgewater, Holbrook, and Whitman.

4 Veterans quilts for Fisher House in Roxbury

All of the following items were given to DCF.

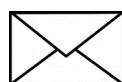
- 6 knitted sweater sets for babies
- 6 crocheted afghans
- 6 edge-tied fleece quilts
- 34 pillowcases
- 18 taggies
- 88 quilts for children and teens

Here are the names of people who acknowledged giving charity quilts. Sheila Berry, Pat Cooper, Claire Corbett, Joyce Daley, Betty DeVeau, Etta Forti, Joanne Fruzzetti, Nancy Hunt, Pam Kinsman, Dot Le Claire, Judy Linscott, Joann Manta, Marie Marecki, Tracy MacKenzie, Nancy McLain, Cyndi Meaney, Wendy Moore, Linda Nicholson, Janet Norris, Patty Olson, Betty Potter, Marty Post, Ann Reilly, Judy Rolt, and anyone we may have missed.

Etta Forti and Linda Nicholson

CROSSTOWN EMAILS

To ensure you receive updates from Crosstown Quilters, please add the guild Secretary's email address: **ctquilters@hotmail.com** to your email safe list. Don't have access to a computer or an email account?? Get a fellow guild member to be your "email buddy".



Judy Linscott

PROGRAMS *PROGRAMS* *PROGRAMS* *PROGRAMS* *PROGRAMS*

September 8, 2015 **Business Meeting**
~ meet our new members ~ Show 'N Tell from summer ~ Bring your newsletters

September 22, 2015 **Crosstown Charity Sale**
~ the late Paula Neville donated fabric to Crosstown that we will selling and donating the proceeds.

October 13, 2015 **Charity Bag Workshop – Etta Forti and Linda Nicholson**
~ DCF is in need of bags for the kids. When the kids are taken from their homes, they often collect their belongings in paper bags. Let's make some age appropriate bags for the kids.

October 27, 2015 **Beth Helfter Lecture ~ "Perfection is Overrated"**
~ This popular lecture is a lively and amusing presentation of my quilt making journey, from my first frighteningly awful attempt at self taught quilting to eventually founding EvaPaige Quilt Designs and how my patterns go from an abstract idea for a design into actual fabric. Included are thoughts on the design process as it unfolds in 20 minute increments in the midst of the chaos of running a home and raising three small children, how a quilt can be a thing of beauty even without matching seams and perfect points, and the many joys of bringing my designs to the masses and discovering that they often can become converts to the freeing idea that "perfection is overrated". Lots of quilts, no slides.

November 10, 2015 **TBD**

November 24, 2015 **NO MEETING**

December 8, 2015 **Holiday Luncheon**
~ "Fun Block Due" ~ bring a holiday raffle item ~ bring a dish to share ~ bring something festive to decorate the walls

You know you're a quilter: www.1yearofquilts.weebly.com
~ there's more fabric in the house than food ~ "fat quarters" are not the heaviest part of you body
~ your ironing board is always set up but you never iron clothes ~ "featherweight" doesn't mean boxer

MEMBERSHIP

We are sorry to say goodbye to some members who have decided not to renew their membership with Crosstown: Pat Clemons, Patricia Greenwood, Janet Gorman, Barbara Hutchinson, Patricia O'Leary and Joan Rotondo. You will be missed.

A few members have changed their membership status. Judy Rolt, Marion Vaitkus and Kathleen Young have opted for an Associate Membership.

We welcome our new members to Crosstown.
Laurel DeCastro, Nancy Hunt, Peggy Kelley, Mary Labonte, Nancy Landreville, Shirley MacLeod, Wendy Morgan and Cheryl Psaros. We look forward to meeting each of you.

Current Standing of Membership:

90 Full Members
11 Associate Members
 1 Lifetime Member
102 Total Members Two names remain on the waiting list

Janet Norris

From One Fat Quarter:
(18" x 22")
You can Cut:

- 99 – 2" squares
 - 56 – 2.5" squares
 - 42 – 3" squares
 - 30 – 3.5" squares
 - 20 – 4" squares
 - 16 – 4.5" squares
 - 12 – 5" squares
 - 12 – 5.5" squares
 - 9 – 6" squares
 - 6 – 6.5" squares
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- 11 strips – 1.5" x 21"
 - 7 strips – 2.5" x 21"
 - 5 strips – 3.5" x 21"
 - 3 strips – 4.5" x 21"
 - 3 strips – 5.5" x 21"
 - 2 strips – 6.5" x 21"

SHOW 'N TELL

2014 – 2015

I would like to thank everyone who took part in Show 'N Tell. I think it's the best part of the meeting; to see what everyone is working on and what you have finished. We have an average of 12 quilters showing a quilt and sometimes more. So we see about 16 quilts per meeting – that's great!!

Decorating the Wall – we have about 10-15 quilts - "let's get more". I think it adds to the room for a quilt meeting.

Thanks for you all wanting me to be in charge of Show 'N Tell....and thanks to you for showing your quilts.

Tracey MacKenzie
Show 'n Tell 2015-2016



UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

September 19-20, 2015

Silver City Quilt Guild
Friedman Middle School
Oakland Educational Complex
500 Norton Avenue, Taunton, MA 02780
www.silvercityquiltguild.org

October 2-3, 2015

Rising Star Quilters Annual Quilt Show
St. Brigid Church
1995 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington, MA 02421
web@risingstarquilters.org
www.risingstarquilters.org

October 10-11, 2015

Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild Biennial Quilt Show
Bridgewater Senior Center
10 Wally Kruger Way (Off route 18/28),
Bridgewater, MA 02324
www.thimblesandfriends.org

October 16-17, 2015

Concord Piecemakers Quilt Guild Biennial Quilt Show
St. Matthews United Methodist Church
435 Central St, Acton, MA
www.concordpiecemakers.org

October 24-25, 2015

Burlington Quilters Annual Quilt Show
Middlesex Community College Campus Center
591 Springs Rd, Bedford, MA
www.burlingtonquiltersguild.org
email@burlingtonquiltersguild.org

October 2015 TBD

Tewksbury Piecemakers Annual Quilt Show
Tewksbury Senior Center
175 Chandler St, Tewksbury, MA
tewksburypiecemakers.com/wordpress
Denise Sawyer 978-761-7415
dgsawyer1@yahoo.com

November 6-8, 2015

Proper Bostonian Quilters Quilt Show
Monsignor Donahue Hall, St Theresa School
40 St Theresa Ave, W Roxbury, MA 02132
pbquilters@yahoo.com
www.properbostonianquilters.org

“150th Marshfield Fair” Peggy Beals Quilt Block Contest

Chairperson Sue Selvitelle

A quilt containing the 20 winning blocks will be hand quilted by volunteers during the 2016 Marshfield Fair. The finished quilt will be raffled off in the year 2017. All entrants' names are included in the raffle. The sashing, batting, and backing are donated by Tumbleweed Quilt Shop of Barnstable, MA offering quilting classes, bolts and bolts of beautiful cottons plus mail order service for fabric, supplies, and books - an irresistible store! Many thanks to Tumbleweed.

Pattern: 150th Marshfield Fair **Sashing:** Fabric to be decided later

Method: Using an original design or traditional block, themed fabrics or applique, make a block by hand or machine to reflect the theme. Do not back the block.

Size: Block should be 12 ½” unfinished.

Prizes: 1st prize: \$50.00, 19 Runners-up: \$15.00, Quilt pin for the 25th block entered.

Mail To: PBQBC, Marshfield Fair, Box 5, Marshfield, MA 02050

Deadline: June 1, 2016

Marshfield Fair cannot be responsible for the blocks, but we've never lost one yet.

To Submit:

1. Attach entry form to back of each block with safety pin. You may submit any number of blocks; only one can win.
 2. Photograph your block before you send it!
 3. Enclose your email address and indicate if you want to know your block got here safely and on time.
 4. For winners and next year's information after judging, enclose a stamped, self-addressed long envelope marked "winners" in lower left hand corner.
 5. For judges' comments, add "comments" on that corner.
 6. For return of non donated block, enclose self addressed 6x9 envelope with adequate postage attached.
 7. Blocks donated, unspecified or without return envelope as described above are made into quilts for charities.
 8. The junior competition is for youth ages 5 – 18.
- All the above rules and entry dates apply.

For complete information, email your request to exhibitors@marshfieldfair.org

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ENTRY FORM 2016

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Return Block

Donate Block

Executive Board

President – Maureen Anderson

Vice-President – Cyndi Meaney

Secretary – Judy Linscott

Treasurer – Linda Austin

Programs Coordinator – Etta Forti

Standing Committees

Membership – Janet Norris

Sunshine – Joanne Fruzzetti

Hospitality – Pam Kinsman & Cathy Baker

Block of the Month – Clare Corbett

Newsletter – Cyndi Meaney

Charity – Etta Forti & Linda Nicholson

Website – Laurie Gozzo

Members-at-Large – Jane Matthews & Ann Reilly

Ad Hoc Committees

N.E. Quilt Museum Liaison – Ellie Atherton

H.O.M.E. - Jean Healy & Etta Forti

Sale of Batting – Etta Forti

Sale of Muslin – Susan Riley

Show & Tell – Tracey Mackenzie

Monthly Raffle – Dot LeClair

Photography – Elizabeth Romeo & Anne Marcin

Getaway Weekend – Pat Smith & Marilyn Baker

Guild Historian – Marilyn Wessman

Blade Sharpening – Patty Cross

Facebook Page – Cyndi Meaney

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

A Small Miracle of a Southern Island: Quilts of Caohagan

July 10 - October 13

How did quilt making become a means of expression on an island in the Philippines? Discover the miracle for yourself with these joyous quilts.

To Honor and Comfort: Quilts of Valor

August 20 - November 11

The quilts in this exhibit have been made to honor those who have served our country. These quilts will be awarded to veterans and service members touched by war in a ceremony the final day of the exhibit, Veteran's Day.

Red, White and Quilted

October 16, 2015 - January 12, 2016

Red and white quilts have always been popular. Combining contemporary and antique quilts, this exhibit reveals why.

The Eleventh Hour: Quilts of World War I

November 13, 2015 - February 9, 2016

Go back in time to high-buttoned shoes and find out what our great-grandmothers were stitching. Curated by Sue Reich, this exhibit documents the quilts of World War I.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Each month I'll come up with some fun blocks that are easy and quick so that they fit into your schedule. Instructions are given out at meetings as well as posted on the website. A drawing determines the winner of the blocks. The blocks are due the first meeting of each month. This year I will explain how an extra block with fabric of your choosing will make a complete quilt at the end of the year.

It's great to see the board covered with BOMs. Let's try to make enough each month so the winner can make a complete quilt. You can make as many blocks as you like, but you can only enter your name once.

Clare Corbett

UFO CHALLENGE

How many Unfinished Projects do you have?? Bring in your finished projects for all to see and inspire others to finish a project hiding in the closet. Number 8 of your projects. Each month we choose a number. Work on the project with that number and you could win a prize at the end of the year. You don't have to finish the entire quilt, it may just be to make a binding or a block. It makes for an interesting Show 'N Tell.

Clare Corbett

“FUN BLOCK TO MAKE”

Get ready for a Special Block that Carol Siegel and Tracey MacKenzie will show to you at an upcoming meeting. The block will be on display and will be due at our Christmas luncheon!!

Here's a clue – remember the Bunny Block??; how simple and easy it was to make, and how the bunnies seemed to multiply?? Well we have a great idea for a new block that's fun and simple and we should have no problem finding them!!

So get ready.....

Tracey MacKenzie

PHOTOGRAGHY

For years it has been my pleasure to photograph the wonderful quilts and sewing projects shown at the Crosstown meetings I have attended. Thanks to Linda Austin who opened our Crosstown Quilters Facebook page many of these photographs, beginning with our quilt show in 2011, can be viewed and enjoyed by members and other interested visitors. Facebook membership is not a requirement to view our page.

At this time I have more than 1,000 photographs in my files. These include members' show and tell items, charity donations and documentation of the trunk show presentations by visiting speakers.

I have been constantly awed by the outstanding talent and generosity of our members and know I shall continue to be amazed.

Thank you Linda and now Cyndi and Laurie for presenting photographs from our meetings on the Facebook page and our website.

www.facebook.com/pages/Crosstown-Quilters/361121523904399

Thanks also to Anne Marcin who takes photographs in my absence.

Elizabeth Romeo

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

As I am getting ready to attend the next send-off ceremony for the Massachusetts National Guard, I cannot help but reflect on all the support the members of Crosstown and Herring Run Quilters Guilds have given me. All this would not have been possible without all your help in piecing, quilting, binding and your generosity in sharing your stash and talent!

This all started in March of 2011 as Sue Hart mentioned "QUILTING AT FENWAY PARK!!" An invitation I could NOT refuse~~

As of August 2015, ONE HUNDRED people have worked on this project! You have helped me make 350 quilts and 310 pillowcases to donate to the children of our military! There is nothing like the smile of a child or an adult as you let them choose which one they will take, and when they leave hugging their new possession or wrapping it around their shoulders.

I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH!

Anne Marcin



HOSPITALITY

Because several years of having members choose when they wish to bring food to share have proven so successful, we're planning no major changes to hospitality this year. We'll continue to have sign up sheets (placed in a prominent location on the table!), asking for 6 people to sign up for the following meeting, we'll continue to have coffee and tea at the far end of the table, and will continue to have the little donation basket for those who wish to drop in a dollar or two every so often. (This actually did defray costs!)

As always, please bring whatever serving pieces you may need (and remember to take them home! Storage space is a challenge.) Cleanup help always welcome! As are any suggestions at any time!

The executive board will be bringing goodies for our first meeting in September; the happy little signup sheet will be waiting at the table for offerings for the second meeting.

We hope your summer was lovely!! It will be wonderful to see everyone.

Pam Kinsman & Cathy Baker

Make a child smile, make a charity quilt.

CROSTOWN WEBSITE

Crosstown has a website:

www.crosstownquilters.org

The website contains the upcoming schedule of events, the current BOM (Block of the Month) instructions along with patterns for charity quilts. There is also a section with the names of the board members and chairpersons for each committee. There is also a link to our Facebook page where pictures from meetings are posted. There are pictures of guild member's quilts throughout the website pages as well. Pictures are swapped out periodically.

Laurie Gozzo

SURVEY RESULTS

The survey members took in June show the following:

- ~ most members want the meeting to end by 11:30am or 12:30 pm
- ~ most members want workshops from fellow Crosstown members
- ~ 40 members want the bus trip; 0 want to organize it
- ~ favorite part of meeting: Show 'N Tell and trunk shows; followed by coffee time and fellow member workshops
- ~ a majority of members like traditional quilting the best
- ~ a majority of members are willing to make charity quilts and pillowcases

Cyndi Meaney

If you have income or an expense to report, please fill out the correct forms. Attached a receipt to each expense and give it to our treasurer, Linda Austin. Forms are available from the treasurer at meetings, or on the website: www.crosstownquilters.org

H.O.M.E. stands for Homeowners Organized for More Employment, was organized in 1970 as a grassroots organization to assist families who had been dispossessed of living and land. In an interview (1987) of Lucy Poulin, founder, she stated that Hancock County (Bucksport, Me.) resembles the Third World. Seven out of state paper companies owned 88% of the land. Only six per cent is owned by year round residents. One third of the populations lives in poverty; 30% are drop outs and 25% are illiterate.

At the time, Lucy was a nun at the "Hermitage" when a local woman knocked on the door and asked if she (Lucy) could help her sell quilts. That simple question was the beginning of a cooperative and a community. People brought crafts to sell, volunteers from different social groups, e.g., students, graduates, local farmers and crafters, worked together and grew the organization. As needs were recognized, people found an answer to problems. A famous management consultant attended the group for several days. At the end, he concluded that if the government or a philanthropy ran H.O.M.E. it would cost millions of dollars.

The group reminds me of Dorothy Day's Catholic Worker movement.

In the two sided simple Spring Appeal Letter written by Ms. Lucy Poulin, she lists the numbers in the various programs they support: Goodness Sake Food Pantry-294 food boxes for 850 individuals; Shelters-11,778 bed nights; Emergency Food Truck-325 individuals from 143 families received boxes. Soup kitchen- 6,480 hot lunches. More than a dozen more programs plus volunteer hours are noted.

Many thanks to Kathy Baker and husband for their time and love shown to this remarkable community. Kathy said they need bedding,sheets, blankets, towels for the seven shelters they are now providing. She plans to visit in late September. The newsletter will advise you. Meanwhile HOME address is P.O.Box 10, Orland, Maine. Phone: 207-469-7961 or Fax: 207-469-1023. They publish a newsletter, too. <http://www.homemmausa.org/HOME.html>

Jean B. Healey

*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
Library or schools are closed due to
inclement weather.*

Don't Forget!!!

- * Your Name Tag
- * Newsletter
- * Current Block of the Month
- * Show & Tell
- * Current UFO
- * Decorate the Walls
- * Coffee Mug
- * Smile :)



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