

The Voice of the Turtle

Turtle Creek Quilters Guild
Established 1983

Next Guild Meeting November 17, 2024

Doors Open at **1:00 PM** -- Meeting Starts at **1:30 PM**

Location is Switlik

Program: Brita Nelson – The Questioning Quilter presents “Now You See it, Now You Don’t. The Magic of Disappearing Blocks” plus Block of the Month

President’s Message

What another great meeting! The Constellation Showcase was outstanding. All of the entries were deserving of a prize; it was very difficult for me to decide which quilts would get my vote. It always amazes me how color can make such a difference and how creative our members are with borders, layouts and background colors. Thanks again to Betty Kiss for presenting this program to us. I’m sure we will see several more Constellations in the near future since I know several members didn’t complete theirs in time for the Showcase. Keep working on them!

The November meeting with Brita Nelson should be a very enjoyable one. I personally love the magic of disappearing blocks. If you have never tried a disappearing block you should. Start small and maybe just make a Teddy Bear quilt. Brita also has a Zoom class that perhaps we can do in the winter when we don’t feel like going outside. I have heard many positive comments on her class and I for one would love to take it.

I have a couple of PSAs (public service announcement)... Sunday November 3rd at 2AM the clocks get turned back. It always saddens me when we have to change the time. Although we get that extra hour of sleep, I detest the shortened daylight hours. Don’t forget to set your clocks back.

Also we are entering into cold and flu season. You can order free Covid-19 tests at <https://special.usps.com/testkits> . You can also check expiration dates on older tests if you have them. The expiration on some of the tests have been extended so check them out. Please also consider getting your flu and Covid-19 vaccinations. I got mine and other than a sore arm I had no reaction.

Until next time,
Chris

Remember:
Friendship is sewn with love and measured by kindness

Turtle Creek Quilters Guild meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month (Sept. – June) at the Switlik Center in Yardville (Hamilton), NJ
October 2024

Meeting Dates for the Upcoming Year

	UFO SATURDAYS	GUILD MEETING	QOV SATURDAYS
	Hamilton Library	Switlik Pavilion	Switlik Pavilion
	9 am to 5 pm	1 pm to 4 pm	10 am to 5 pm
November	2	17	23
December	7	15	28

The following are the dates of the UFO at Hamilton Library for 2025. They are all the first Saturday of the month, except for June:

Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 21, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Chris called meeting to order at 1:35. Minutes from last meeting were approved by Maria and seconded by Alice.

Treasurer's report was approved by Ginger and seconded by Joanne.

35 members and 2 guests were present.

It was reported that the guild has 48 active members.

The teacup auction netted \$30. The raffle basket brought in \$67 and Joyce won. \$55 was raised on sales of fat quarters left over from the auction.

Mindy requested that any items for the newsletter be sent no later than October 25th .

The program committee counted votes for the constellation quilts and the following 5 winners were announced. \$72 was collected from voting.

- 5 th place – Jenny
- 4 th place - Barbara McDowell
- 3 rd place - Yoko
- 2 nd place - Joann
- 1 st place - Barbara Schock

Next month The Questioning Quilter will be presenting – the program will be held first (at 1:30) and then the meeting will start.

Chris stated that the by-laws will be reviewed in December.

The blocks from Block of the Month were won by Michelle Rockwell and Mindy. Next month’s block kits were handed out – and there are still more if you want them.

Sunshine and Shadows reported that Geri has been dealing with serious health issues and the guild’s thoughts are with her. There were also many birthdays – Donna C., Mindy, Barb McDowell, Debbie O, Margaret, Barbara S and Mary. Apologies if any were missed. Mary Soba thanked everyone for thoughts for her son and daughter-in-law who are doing better.

There was no old business.

In new business:

Barb McDowell and Barb Mitchell initiated a **monthly scrap exchange**. Participants should bring 8 fat 8ths (10”x18”) in a bag with their name on it to the next meeting. The 8ths will be sorted so that each participant will take home a bag of a variety of 8 different fat 8ths. The first month theme is **blue**. This program will start at the November meeting.

In December the Y2K charm square challenge will wrap up.

Since the September meeting, 30 teddy bear quilts have been given out.

The Charity committee reported donating:

20 quilts to Cancer Center at Capital Health, 60 Port Pillows to Capital Health, 11 quilts to foster children, and 17 quilts to Princeton Cancer Center

Gretchen announced the Newtown Quilt Guild show is coming up – November 9th and 10th .

Meeting was adjourned.

Treasurer’s Report – BJ Drews

	Oct-24		total
Beginning Balance	\$ 11,972.47		
Tea Cup/Year End Auction	\$ 30.00		\$ 58.00
Basket Raffle			\$ 120.00
Membership	\$ 400.00		\$ 2,000.00
Website	\$ (138.93)		\$ (138.93)
Program	\$ (100.00)	Prizes Constellation Ch	\$ (100.00)
Insurance			\$ (430.29)
Donations			\$ (50.00)

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*Miscellaneous	\$ 138.00		\$ 1,211.14
Balance in Treasury	\$ 12,301.54		

The **proposed budget** is here:

Proposed Budget 2024 -2025

	<u>Proposed 2023/2024</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed 2024/2025</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Dues/Membership	\$2,080.00	\$ 2,140.00	\$2,140.00
June Auction	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,583.00	\$2,000.00
Misc Fundraising	\$400.00	\$ 584.00	\$400.00
Name Tags/Guests	\$25.00	\$ 21.25	\$25.00
Tea Cup Auction **	\$200.00	\$ 250.00	\$200.00
Total Income	\$4,705.00	\$ 5,578.25	\$4,765.00
<u>Expenses</u>			
Website/Admin	\$250.00	\$208.89	\$250.00
Membership Supplies	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
Newsletter			
Charity	\$750.00	\$568.41	\$750.00
Teddy Bear	\$500.00		\$500.00
Historian	\$75.00		\$150.00
Hospitality	\$200.00	\$107.91	\$200.00
Insurance	\$429.00	\$429.00	\$431.00
Program	\$2,180.00	\$1,329.16	\$1,355.00
Sunshine & Shadows	\$50.00		\$50.00
Donations Made	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Miscellaneous	\$50.00		\$50.00
Bank Fees		\$29.95	\$50.00

Total Expenses	\$4,669.00	2,823.32	\$3,971.00
Income - Expenses	\$36.00	\$ 2,754.93	\$794.00

Program News – Pat Walker

Looking Ahead (Location - Switlik Pavilion):

November – **Brita Nelson** – The Questioning Quilter presents “Now You See it, Now You Don’t. The Magic of Disappearing Blocks” and she will have patterns for sale. Plus, Block of the Month.

December – Block of the Month, Viewer’s Choice of finished and quilted **Y2K Charm Pack Challenge**.

January - Annual **Holiday Tea Social**, Block of the Month and Viewer’s Choice of “2023-2024 Block of the Month” program. Please note the “2023-2024 Block of the Month” quilts must be “completed and ready to gift”.

Guidelines for Getting Your Quilts Long Armed:

If you want a nice job, you must give us a nice top and backing.

Backing and batting should only be 4” around each side of the quilt top.

If the backing is pieced, the seam should be 1/2 to 5/8” and pressed open.

Ideally all threads should be trimmed from the front and the back. Most important are the threads on the back since dark threads will show through a light colored top.

The edges of the backing must be even.

And here is the bio for our **November Speaker**, Brita Nelson:

“Brita Nelson is an award-winning quilt artist and teacher with over 35 years experience. She was a chemical engineer in her previous life and brought that passion for knowledge and improvement into her quilting endeavors. Since retiring from the corporate world she has devoted herself to sharing her love for quilting by writing, speaking, demonstrating and teaching. With her website: QuestioningQuilter.com she explores two of the most powerful words in the English language. “What If”. In this lecture, she does a deep dive into “What If” with a variety of disappearing blocks.”

You can find more detailed information on her website: <https://questioningquilter.com/about/>

Sunshine and Shadows

Happy birthday to those members who celebrate in November:
Ann Vannozzi, Anne LaBella, Barbara Mitchell, Carolyn Robinson, and Chris Crum.

Teddy Bear Quilts – Sally Ward

I received 32 Teddy Bear quilts at the last meeting! Thanks to all the ladies who donate the quilts. They are going to kids whose day might be a little brighter for having received them.

Photography

Photos can be viewed on Shutterfly in the link that gets sent via mail. Thanks to Jeanne Tharp, our photographer.

Please note, the position of **Historian** is still open! (We love our photographs, but there is other history that must be maintained as well.)

Membership – Joann Tarateta

We are pleased to welcome our newest members:

Sandi Schadt, Terry Chesnovitz, Elizabeth Trimble, Karla Rhodes, Robin Afrime and Bob Tilley, as well as our returning members to our 2024-2025 guild year.

Attached to this email, you will find our **latest membership list**.

We are missing a few members from last year but I hope to receive their membership renewals soon.

I for one look forward to attending the meetings when possible and always enjoy seeing everyone and participating in our guild events.

Thank you,

Joann

Turtle Creek Peacemakers Update – Submitted by Debbi Oriolo

In addition to our live QoV presentations on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at Greenbriar Horizons community in Bordentown and at Switlik Pavilion on Dec 28th, the Peacemakers are happy to report that we have some fundraisers coming up that we would appreciate anyone to support. They include the following events:

Sun, Dec 15 - Turtle Creek Guild meeting - \$65 gift basket from Dolce & Clemente for raffle to benefit QoV, Dec 3-15 - Facebook Giving Tuesday fundraiser (Debbi and other QoV members to launch on their Facebook page), Thurs, Dec 5, from 4-10 pm - Dine to

Donate Fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse in Hamilton. Present our flyer and 10% of your total food purchases will be donated to The Peacemakers at no additional cost to you.

Charity Committee Report (Judy, Louise, Mindy and Yoko)

Thanks as always to everyone for your generous donations of your beautiful work! All the recipients admire your talents and appreciate their quilts.

We are also glad that so many of you took fabrics at the recent meeting to be used as backings for your charity quilts. We will bring back the backing fabrics pile at next month's meeting.

The refugee group continues to accept donated sewing machines. There are many new arrivals who can sew or want to learn, and the husband of one of them repairs sewing machines, so if you have any machines you'd like to donate, please contact Mindy to be put in touch with the group's liaison. She says they are thrilled to receive machines. Anyone who is interested in teaching people to sew may contact Mindy as well.

Editor's Note:

The deadline for the December newsletter is **November 22** (trying to get it in before we all get busy with Thanksgiving). Please email any input to Mindy Langer, langer4581@gmail.com or mail to Mindy Langer, 67 Cranbury Rd., Princeton Jct, NJ 08550, or call or text her at 609-306-6211.

In Other News:

An upcoming quilt show submitted by Joann:

Pieceful Shores Quilters Guild
"Pointing the Way"

Quilt Show

November 8 & 9, 2024

Raffle Quilt		Country Market
Beautiful Quilt Displays		Fabric Sale
Raffle Baskets		Scissor/Knife Sharpening
Daily Demonstrations		While You Wait

Admission: \$8.00 Friday: 10:00am – 5:00pm
 Saturday: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Ocean Acres Community Center
 489 Nautilus Drive
 Manahawkin, New Jersey

And from Gretchen and Debbi, another show that same weekend...

The Newtown Quilters Guild has their 2024 quilt show Saturday and Sunday November 9/10 at Newtown Middle School, 116 Richboro Newtown Rd, Newtown, PA (next to Tyler State Park). The event will feature more than 150 quilts, some of which will be for sale, a boutique, raffle baskets and small quilts, a rummage sale and cafe. Lots of free parking.



Quilt Show
Brought to you by the
Newtown Quilters' Guild

Saturday, November 9, 2024, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 10, 2024, 10 am to 4 pm
at the
Newtown Middle School
116 Richboro Road (Route 332), Newtown, PA 18940

100+ Spectacular Quilts on Display

- * Fabulous Boutique with hundreds of hand-crafted items
perfect for unique holiday gifts
- * Aunt Sukie's Attic Treasures -
You never know what you'll find!
- * Raffle Baskets and Small Quilts * Raffle Quilts
- * Antique Quilts * Quilts for Sale
- * **PLUS** Enjoy lunch and a home-baked treat in our Cafe

Now Accepting Venmo
Donation: \$10.00 Children under 12 Free
\$1.00 off with donation of nonperishable food item
in support of Family Services of Bucks County

Find us on the web at: newtownquiltersguild.com
email: newtownquilters@gmail.com



Gretchen also offers some book suggestions:

The Rose Code by Kate Quinn, about the women of Bletchley Park codebreaking during WW2. It's a novel but based on several real people.

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman. If you are looking for a FUN murder mystery series this is the first (of 4) book and is delightful. It's about 4 friends in a retirement community in southern England who solve murders. Helen Mirren plays the lead in the new movie that's coming out based on the book.

****If you have anything you would like to share in future newsletters, just send an email to Mindy Langer. This includes book and movie recommendations too!****

A Reference Guide for Charity Projects

Project	Preferred Size	Finishing	Due Date	Guild Contact
Teddy Bear Quilt	Approximately 24 inches square And 25 by 30 and 28 by 28 (for Capital Health)	Quilted; NO embellishments!!	Ongoing project, quilts collected at all meetings	Sally Ward
Foster Children	Approximately 40 x 50"	Quilted. Bindings should be machine-sewn for durability	Ongoing project, quilts collected at all meetings	Charity committee
Capital Health Cancer Center and Princeton Medical Center	Approximately 40 x 60"	Can be quilted or tied	Ongoing project, quilts collected at all meetings	
Animal Beds Ongoing project	Approximately the size of a standard pillow case	Fill a pillow case-sized envelope with fabric and batting scraps; sew ends securely	Donate directly to Hamilton Animal Shelter, 2100 Sylvan Ave, Hamilton, or to the Trenton Animal Shelter	
Quilts of Valor	Finished size can be no smaller than 55" x 65" and no larger than 70" x 90. Ideal size approx. 60" x 80	Quilts should be washed prior to donation	Ongoing project	Debbi Oriolo and Margaret
Refugee families	Children's bed size or adult twin size or larger	May be quilted or tied	Ongoing project	Charity committee