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2014 Programs

December 16, 2014 – Holiday

Important: The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

- For the dinner, members with last names beginning A to J should bring a dessert; those with last name beginning K to Z should bring an appetizer; and beverages will be provided by the board
- Please label what you bring with ingredients that might cause an allergic reaction.
- If you wish to participate in the Pollyanna exchange, please bring a wrapped \$15 gift.

November 18, 2014 – We will learn which quilts won Viewer's Choice in our quilt show and hear the story of how they were made.

October 21, 2014 – Check in quilts for the guild's Quilt Show.

September 16, 2014 – The annual [Challenge](#) Revealed! Please bring your challenge quilt in a paper bag to the meeting before 6:30 so we can "secretly" hang them.



August 19, 2014 – Bob DeCarli will be our speaker. His background as a math professor and engineer has led him to designing over 1,000 quilts and blocks. His new book, [Remarkable Rectangles: Deceptively Simple Strip-Pieced Quilts](#), will be the basis of his talk. He will also have items to sell.



July 15, 2014 – Icecream Social. Refreshments will be provided by the Board. We will be making wreaths. Styrofoam wreaths and pins will be provided. Other necessary supplies will be included in the July newsletter.



June 17, 2014 – Our Picnic! Our speaker will be Barbara Dann of [Alley Cat Quiltworks](#). Diva Detectives! – Become a quilt detective. How is that block made? How can I make it in a different size? How can I make small changes to my quilts for big impact?

Answers to these questions and many more during this fun, lively and informative lecture and trunk show!

Reminder: The meeting starts at 6 p.m.



May 20, 2014 – Jenny from [Steve's Sewing Vacuum & Quilting](#) will inform us about threads and all we can do with them.

Reminder: The meeting is at the Upper Merion Township building at 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia (kitty corner from our normal meeting location). We must park in the rear of the building and enter through that door. The meeting will be on the second floor in Freedom Hall and there is an elevator available for use.

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April 15, 2014 – [Deb Karasik](#) will present our program. Deb thinks outside the box in creating her contemporary quilts. She has written two books, *Quilt Mavens Perfect Paper Piecing* and *Quilts with Attitude*.



March 18, 2014 – [Lonni Rossi](#) will be our speaker. Lonni has been a graphic designer for many years and has a new line of fabric to show us.



February 18, 2014 – Fabric Sale by members



January 21, 2014 – Cancelled due to snow

2013 Programs

December 17, 2013 – Holiday dinner and there will be a surprise guest!

Important Note: Based on current weather conditions and forecasts we are going to have tonight's meeting and holiday party at **6 pm** as planned.

As always your personal safety is the highest priority. Please evaluate your route and local travel conditions when making your personal decision whether to come tonight.

If you decide not to come tonight and have already purchased a gift, please bring it in January and there will be an opportunity to exchange gifts then. Also your gift from the guild will be saved for you in January.

- For the dinner, members with last names beginning A to I should bring an hors d'oeuvre; those with last name beginning J to V should bring a dessert; and those with last name beginning with W please bring a beverage.
- Please label what you bring with ingredients that might cause an allergic reaction.
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November 19, 2013 – Dawn Heefner presents "Color Me Red". Dawn will discuss why red is so appealing, how it has been used in quilts, and red dyes through the centuries. She will share photos from Joanna Rose's famed Red and White exhibit in New York City. She will also discuss quilt care.



October 15, 2013 – [Teresa Fusco](#) presents A Quilter's Journey, 50 and Older, Better Than Ever art quilts. Teresa is a busy outgoing artist with a passion for quilting and creating. She is an exceptionally talented, award winning quilter and a well-known teacher in the quilting industry. Teresa was born in Long Island, NY and now resides in Berks County, Pa. She has traveled and taught at quilt shows, quilt guilds, and quilt gatherings as well as other quilting events on the East Coast and Canada. She brings a fresh outlook to her classes and techniques and she encourages students to be progressive and innovative.

September 17, 2013 – Challenge

August 20, 2013 – Shannon Strain demos Sashiko



July 16, 2013 – Christmas in July: Ice Cream Social and a snowflake ornament project



June 18, 2013 – Annual picnic and Debbie Butler Miller from Heartsdesire Quilts.

Reminder: The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

[Debbie Butler Miller](#), Fiber Artist and instructor will offer a trunk show of some of her quilts. She will highlight her "Best Friend" Portraits. These are quilts that have been made from her patterns based on pictures of her animals.

May 21, 2013 – Our program will feature two of our members. Mary Molettieri will share her secrets for successful binding. Gina Shevchenko will tell us how to get our quilts ready to take to our favorite longarm quilter. Come with your questions.

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April 16, 2013 – [Sue Reno](#) is an award winning fiber artist who lives and works in Lancaster County, PA. Her rich and intricate art quilts featuring landscape images, botanical subjects and local wildlife are inspired by her surroundings, incorporating plants from her extensive organic garden and from the fringes of cultivation. She also works with architectural subjects, focusing on historical buildings that are in the process of renovation. Sue will be showing her quilts and describing the process she used to make them.

March 19, 2013 – [Donna Lynn Thomas](#) presents the Patchwork Palette lecture. After a review of some basic principles on how to combine prints, Donna will share with you her three fabric recipes that make it as simple as pie to plan beautiful fabric palettes to make into glorious quilts that are nothing like your traditional scrap quilt. Donna will bring lots of quilts to see and to illustrate her concepts. In addition to her lecture and workshop, Donna will bring her new Omnigrip On-Point ruler and associated quilts for a quick show and tell as well. There is nothing like this ruler out there and it enables us to accomplish so many things we have not been able to do with rotary cutting up until now.



February 19, 2013 – Members' Fabric Sale with a Twist run by Donna Raymond and Chris Candello.



January 15, 2013 – [Lisa O'Neill](#), a good friend of Jackie Gauker, will be presenting on Sliver Quilts. She is the author of the book "Sliver Quilts: 11 Projects Easy Technique for Dynamic Results".



2012 Programs

December 2012 – Holiday dinner and gift exchange.

Reminder: The meeting starts at 6 p.m.



November 2012 – Did you see all the fabulous quilts at the quilt show? Do you know which ones won? Tonight we'll recap the highlights of the 2012 Quilt Show.

October 2012 – Check in quilts for the guild's Quilt Show.

September 2012 – Silver Anniversary Celebration: You won't want to miss this delightful evening of celebration. A superb dinner, enchanting entertainment, our Silver Challenge reveal, and special gifts will await our pleasure. Reservations and payment will be taken at our May through August guild meetings as a firm number is required for catering.

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August 2012 – Designer [Jackie Paton, of Red Rooster fabric](#), who will talk about being a fabric designer. This is the newest chapter of her creative career. She's still discovering how to turn an idea into a collection of fabrics. Look for a trunk show featuring her quilts. She'll also be selling items including fabric from her new line.

Jackie mentioned that she uses Shiva paintstiks and they never dry out. Here are a few links about Shiva Paintstiks:

- [Jack Richeson & Co](#) - company that makes Shiva paintstiks
- [Shiva Paintstiks YouTube Demonstration](#)
- [How to Paint a Finished Quilt with Shiva Paintstiks YouTube demonstration](#)
- Shiva Paintsticks can be purchased at:
 - [Dharma Trading Co](#)
 - [Steve's Sewing Vacuum and Quilting](#)



July 2012 – Ice Cream Social and wool project with Jackie, Judy, and Beth.



June 2012 – Annual Picnic and lecture by [Pat Sloan](#). Pat runs her own design business called Pat Sloan & Company located in Fairfax County, Virginia. In addition to publishing her own patterns, she designs patterns for McCall's Quilting, McCall's Quick Quilts, American Patchwork & Quilting, Quilters World, Create & Decorate, and the Fons and Porter magazines. She also designed several fabric lines with P&B Textiles and Moda.

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May 2012 – [Meg Cox](#), veteran journalist and author whose writing career includes 17 years on staff at the Wall Street Journal, will present a journalist's look at today's quilt world. Her book, "The Quilter's Catalog: A Comprehensive Resource Guide", is a look at the modern quilt world and all its tools, techniques, teachers and trends.

Below are links to some of the resources that Meg shared with us

- [The Alliance for American Quilts](#)
- [Ami Simms website](#)
- [Why Quilts Matter documentary](#)



April 2012 – Ruler Mania: Do you love to quilt but find all the new rulers intimidating? If so, this presentation is for you. Jan and Cynthia will showcase their favorite rulers that make creating and quilting a snap.

Over four years ago, Jan and Cynthia decided it might just be a good idea to open a quilt shop in the Exton area and that dream was fulfilled in August of 2007. Their boutique quilt shop, [The Quilt Block](#), is filled with a variety of fabrics from traditional to modern.

Here is a link to the [Creative Grids video demos](#) for using rulers that Jan and Cynthia shared with us.



March 2012 – "Quilt As Desired..." Using lots of quilts, Michelle Scott will show the many ways you can machine quilt your completed tops. She is an award winning quilt artist who specializes in teaching, lecturing, designing and one-of-a-kind hand painted fabrics. She is also a faculty member of Quilt University, the online quilting community. Check out her website at www.piecefulquilter.com.

Below are links to the free quilt patterns that Michelle shared with us

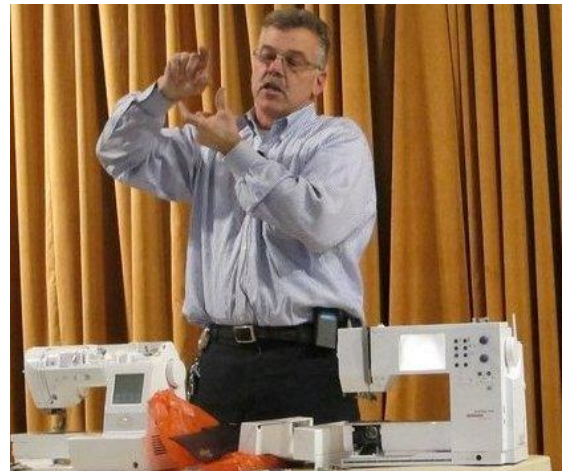
- [Pieceful Quilter - Free Patterns](#)
- [Fairfield - Free Pattern](#) (To download the pattern, click the Download PDF button on the left)



February 2012 – Members' Fabric Sale with a Twist run by Donna Raymond and Chris Candello.



January 2012 – Our favorite, Steve Chubin, from [Steve's Sewing Vacuum and Quilting](#), will talk about maintaining your machine and answer any questions. Are you wondering if your sewing machine could use a little cleaning before starting that next project? Not sure where to begin or have a couple of questions about technique?



2011 Programs

December 2011 – This year's holiday party and gift exchange will begin at 6 p.m. This is an evening of fun and prizes and tasty food!

- For our Christmas holiday spread, members with last names beginning A to H should bring an hors d'oeuvres; those with last name beginning J to Z should bring a dessert. Please include a label of ingredients with your item
- Bring your quilting/sewing related gift (limit \$15) tonight. There will be a surprise entertainer to help us pass our holiday gift.



November 2011 – Round Robin of quilting skills: Sandy Darlington explains how to prepare a quilt for the longarm quilter. Jackie Gauker has a wonderful wool surprise demo...great for gift giving. Donna LaBlanc demonstrates paper piecing. Try this technique during the meeting if you wish!

See Sandy's handout [Working with Your Longarm Quilter to Obtain the Best Results for Your Quilt](#).



October 2011 – Susan Shively will be our speaker for the evening. Susan started quilting about 15 years ago. She loves to design her own patterns and can often be found doodling designs and wondering what they would look like in a quilt. She enjoys buying fabrics and loves to see which fabrics would express her designs best. To achieve the look she wants, of course, she has to buy a lot of fabric. Some fabrics and designs work, and some do not. Perhaps this would explain her large stash and UFO's. As you know, Susan has designed a special pattern for our guild members. At her [workshop](#) on October 22nd you may make any size quilt, from a table runner to a throw to a bed quilt.



September 2011 – The [2010/2011 Annual Challenge Quilts](#) will be displayed, members will vote, and ribbons will be presented.

August 2011 – Pat and Arlan Christ will be the guest speakers at our August meeting. Their topic for the evening is "Pennsylvania Quilts – Folklore and Superstitions". Even if you saw Pat and Arlan Christ's quilts at Quilt Odyssey in Hershey last year, you haven't seen them all. At our guild they will show their quilts from Pennsylvania which highlight our state's folklore and superstitions.



July 2011 – Ice Cream Social with Gail Kessler. Gail will explain the whole process of creating her beautiful and unique Andover fabrics from conceiving the idea to producing it on cloth. As you know, she is the owner of [Ladyfingers Sewing Studio](#) where we have spent many happy hours browsing and buying. Don't forget to bring your buying power, i.e. money, so that you may once again this month add to your shrinking stash. Ice Cream Sundaes are the treat of the evening as well, come and enjoy!



June 2011 – Enjoy our wonderful annual picnic while [Nancy Bills](#) provides a trunk show of her quilts, as well as selling fabric and patterns.

Reminder: The meeting starts at 6 p.m.



May 2011 – Fitting Techniques and Remaking Your "Too Big, Too Boxy" Art-To-Wear and Quilted Garments with [Pamela Leggett](#) of [Steve's Sewing Vacuum and Quilting](#). Come and learn what changes need to be made to your patterns before you make your next art-to-wear or quilted garment. Let Pamela give you the courage and knowledge to remake them into something more fitted and wearable! If you are taking the Quilted Jacket workshop, you will be measured for your custom made pattern after the lecture. We will also have the introductions of the candidates for the guild officers for 2011-2013.

Remember due to Primaries, our meeting will be in the Sanctuary of the Church.



April 2011 – Need a new project? We will have a follow-up to our yo-yo demo. Chris Candello, with yo-yo expert Beth Quigley, will work with us to create a table runner using yo-yos. So bring an assortment of fabric scraps ranging from 5" to 8", needle, thread, scissors, and yo-yo makers if you have them. There will be demos of making yo-yos with a template and template plastic will be available to make the size circle needed for a yo-yo. We will have yo-yo makers for sale, so bring your cash, if interested in purchasing.

March 2011 – Cheryl Lynch began to quilt in earnest after a corporate career and some child rearing. It didn't take long before she started to design her own quilts. At the request of her students, she developed her own line of Judaic quilt pattern. She was fascinated by the color and texture of fabric and discovered that she could create art and folk art without knowing how to paint with a brush. Inspiration for her quilts comes from the emotions she feels for her family as well as her love of nature and cycling. Visit [Cheryl's website](#) to see some of her quilts.

February 2011 – Get ready to enjoy a special evening featuring our yearly fabric/book/pattern sale spearheaded by Sally Rapp. As with many of the things we do in our guild, Sally also suggested having this sale, and it has been quite popular. You may sell all those fabrics, kits, etc., that you have concluded you will not use. Someone else may love the very fabric you no longer want. We also welcome our own Beth Quigley, resident yo-yo queen. Beth will teach you the technique to make easy and perfect yo-yos using Clover yo-yo templates.



January 2011 – Nancy Cosmos' love of quilts began at an early age. In seventh grade, she pieced her first quilt, a log cabin, using all sorts of fabrics, including polyester double knits and used clothing. In 1992 she took up quilting again. Today, the Malvern resident's quilts include not only traditional bedcovers but one-of-a-kind pieces reflecting her artistic expression, embodying bold colors and textures and visual illusion. By the way, her quilts are for sale, all but the yellow log cabin quilt with rounded edges that she made with her mom in seventh grade. You will enjoy seeing this quilt artist's stunning array of quilts.



2010 Programs

December 2010 - Holiday Party. Our annual holiday party includes a gift exchange, loads of terrific food, gifts, surprises, and great fun for all.

November 2010 – [Anna Faustino](#) – Woven Quilts

Anna Faustino moved to the U.S. about 10 years ago and became interested in quilting. With two degrees in art history, she once taught and designed stage backgrounds and costumes. Within the past few years she has become well-known for a technique she developed based on traditional and innovative quilting, which she calls “shredded blocks.” It is a woven technique. Anna will sell her books, etc. at our guild meeting. You may see her quilts on her website: www.newtechquilts.com (See Barb Jones’ Peacock quilt based on Anna’s technique.)



October 2010 - Quilt show preparation - Quilts collected for show. Members bring your quilt entries (which you will have previously registered by August 15th). Each quilt should be contained in a separate cloth bag (e.g., pillow case) with a label securely taped on which includes your name, and other info which will be specified a little later.

September 2010 - Challenge and Annual Fabric/Book Sale. On this night, the entries for the quilt challenge will be exhibited and voted upon; and the next challenge will be announced. In addition, our fabric and book sale will offer members an opportunity to sell fabric and quilt books they no longer want and for other members to find fabric and books they’d like to have.

August 2010 – [Linda Pool](#) – Applique

If you think you know every appliqué technique there is, here’s still another one. Linda poole, who has taught at many quilt shows, locally (Lancaster and Oaks), throughout the U.S., and internationally, will show us many quilts which demonstrate her unique appliqué technique. Her books, etc., will be sold at both her lecture and appliqué class the following day. Don’t miss learning this appliqué technique from the International Outreach Coordinator for the Applique Society. You may view Linda’s quilts on her website: www.lindampoole.com (See Patti Fulton’s wallhanging entitled Water Lilies made in Linda’s class at the AQS quilt show in Lancaster.)

July 2010 – Linda Hamel – Wool Pincushion

Did you know that if pins and needles are in a wool pin cushion, they maintain their sharpness longer? This is your chance to make one in an evening. Bring basic sewing tools: needle for embroidery thread, scissors, etc. The guild will provide the wool fabric, the stuffing, and embroidery thread.

June 2010 - Polly Mello - Quilts That Go Bump In the Night. This is not about Halloween quilts. It's a trunk show of quilts representing unusual events, including historical disasters. Recommended by Dawn Heefner and all of us who met Polly at Quilt Odyssey I understand there will be a rather unique, humorous presentation by Polly and Dawn.

May 2010 - This Quilt, That's Me or This Quilt, That's Not me. Member participation. Members will bring in a quilt that they feel is most like them or not like them. We all have them, Quilters. (Because of Primary Elections we will meet in the Sanctuary this night.)

April 2010 - [Didi Salvatierra](#) - All About the Baskets. This is a trunk show featuring a variety of vintage basket quilts and blocks as well as Didi's new basket quilts. Tips and inspiration for making baskets easy.
Recommended by Sally Rapp.

March 2010 - [Linda Hahn](#) - Margarita Madness and Other Cool Quilting Techniques. This is a machine quilting class without a machine. Using a unique technique to audition designs, attendees will draw and design along with Linda as she demonstrates numerous background, block, sashing, and border quilting designs.
Recommended by Gail Dovalofsky.

February 2010 - Jackie Gauker, of Quilters' Palette, inherited many antique quilts from her family members. She will present these to us and offer many goodies for us to purchase. She titles her lecture "Antique Family Quilts."

January 2010 - [Terry Kramza](#), fiber artist - trunk show of her contemporary quilts and a demonstration of her unique method of assembling finished blocks to make a quilt.
Recommended by Jean Hayden and Gloria Clark.