



Loose Threads News

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January 2016

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show and Tell

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments &
socializing

10:00 String Piecing
Lenore Clarke

President's Message

Happy New Year everybody! Wishing you a healthy, happy and prosperous 2016. We have a great opportunity before us to have a fabulous quilting year. Our resolutions can encompass finishing all those UFO's, doing an outstanding quilt for the Tea show, attempting the Block of the Month and/or the Challenge, making a few extra charity quilts or walker bags, paring down the fabric stash that's taking up half of the sewing space, going on a Field Trip or Retreat, or just being an active participant in our regular guild meetings and Tea. The New Year beckons, what are you going to do?

See you all in the New Year!

Betty Ann



At December's show-n-tell Jean, Betty Ann, Stephanie and Rosemary brought their Kelly Meanix 'tree' projects begun at Kelly's October workshop.



December Minutes

Betty Ann Dawson called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

Items of Note:

- Raffle Quilt for the Tea is finished. Pat Leiter will be in charge of the quilt. Lenore Clarke will put a picture and information about the raffle quilt on the web site. Tickets for the raffle quilt are \$2.00 a piece or \$5.00 for three.
- Mary Larkin won the 'Field trip prize' (Byer's Choice jigsaw puzzle) as her birthday was the closest to Christmas.
- Christmas gifts for the Church were donated on Wednesday. Our gifts were very much appreciated.

Business Meeting Raffle: The raffle was won by Jane Russell.

Basting: There is no basting this month. The next basting sessions will be at the end of March and June.

Block of the Month: The next block is the most complicated of blocks so far.

Challenge: The next challenge will be announced in the business meeting in January.

Charity: 20 quilts and 20 books are going to St. Mary's Shelter in Phoenixville. 9 large wheelchair bags went to the veterans. Kits are available for kids and adults.

Fabric Exchange: January will be animal prints.

Field Trip: Lancaster Quilt Show will be held March 16-19. The Guild bus trip will be on Thursday, the 17th. The entrance fee is \$10. The total cost will be ~\$30. Does anybody have any idea for fieldtrips?

Historian: Kathy Neiman had suggested we make up Tea blocks from through the years to display at the Tea. Lenore Clarke will look electronically for Tea blocks from the past. Block patterns could be sold at the tea.

Hospitality: The sign-up sheet was passed around

and all spaces are filled through April.

Library: When borrowing a book, remember to sign the card from the book and put it in the box on the cart. Two new books will be added to the cart next month. Don't forget the guild novels in the Maple Room.

Newsletter: Linda Hamel is always looking for information to add to the newsletter.

Program: Deadline for the 2" bingo blocks is the business meeting in January. The colors and categories will be listed in the January Newsletter. Silvia Homa showed a completed Bingo sample. Information about colors and supplies needed for the January 20th String class will be in the Newsletter.

Retreat: The next retreat is at Camp Innabah in Pughtown on February 8-10. There will be a fee of \$135.00. A deposit of \$40.00 needs to be paid in January. The Mackinaw Island trip is in May.

Secret Pal: Secret Pal gifts should be placed on the small table by the window.

Sunshine: We wish Susan Glaser a full and healthy recovery.

TEA: Toni Hughes said there are 115 registrations to date for the TEA. She reminded members to bring in the Tea Block, the 2 fat quarters, sewing or knitting supplies and books they might have.

Treasury: Mary Lou Boryta gave an account of the Guild's expenses and income.

Other items:

- 4 members showed their Kelly Meanix trees. There were a number of impressive projects. Clem Dupont's 10 year project was very handsome.
- Kiti Willams showed us an idea for a pin cushion in a small container.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10.

Mary Lou Boryta gave a mini lesson on how to sew on binding around the edge of a quilt.

Sally Ater - Secretary

January Program

We will be building string blocks in three groups. Your strings can be the same width, or varying widths. We will have an AccuQuilt cutter if desired. Remember the triangular strips cut off your yardage when squaring it up. Those "scraps" that are usually thrown out are perfect for this use. For best results, strip should be at least 1 inch wide.

Group 1--please bring red, white and blue strips.

Group 2--bring green, purple and orange strips

Group 3-- bring black, white, and lime green strips

Group 4--bring brown, tan, and cream strips

Group 5- multi

We will have sewers, rippers, and trimmers for each group. There are 5 folks bringing sewing machines. Please bring any color thread, basic sewing supplies, rotary cutter, mats, straight ruler at least 12 inches long. Whatever color strips you bring, will decide your group. They can be 30's, batiks, floral, tone-on-tone, solids, whatever is "scrap" in your stash. If you have some strips that just don't fit in your stash, bring them and share with the pile. Strips should be at least 7 inches long.

If you prefer to build your blocks at home, sew strips onto a piece of telephone book paper that is 7 inches square. Use a "flip and sew" technique. For this exercise we will be sewing horizontally, not at a diagonal.



Thank you for the flowers, cards and words of comfort in our time of sorrow. It is truly a bright light in the darkness to know that so many wonderful people took the time to let us know they care.

Judy & Ted Peters

Evening Bee



Since attendance and enthusiasm remain high, the evening bee will continue into the new year. The church has been reserved on the 2nd Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:30. The weather can become iffy through the winter months, so check your email for a cancellation notice. Nancy Miller will send out an email notice by 4 o'clock in the afternoon if the bee is cancelled. If the winter doldrums are setting in, perhaps an evening out among friendly quilters is just the ticket; please join us! Any questions, contact Nancy Miller at 610-970-6260 or nancymiller922@comcast.net.



WHAT IF IT SNOWS?

In the event of winter storms, check the Springford school district website <http://www.spring-ford.net/>. On the banner across the top, click on *For Parents* and the third listing down is *Closing-Emergency Information*. If the district schools are closed, the guild meeting will be cancelled. If there is a 2 hour delay, the guild meeting will begin at 10:30.

Holiday Brunch



Takako Pike is planning a major move in 2016 – to Japan! In an attempt to show her just how much we will all miss her, each guild member made a unique signed 6 ½” block. Clem Dupont headed up the committee that assembled all the friendship blocks into a beautiful quilt top and provided Takako with the backing and binding material. All that remains is for Takako to work her long-arm quilting magic!

The unofficial start of the holiday season is always the Loose Threads Holiday Brunch. Our meeting room was beautifully decorated which set the festive tone for all the members in attendance. The party was busy from start to finish with the 2015 challenge, gift exchange, BOM show-n-tell, secret pal reveal, and of course, all that delicious food. This year the Brunch committee changed the menu to luncheon items, seemingly much to the delight of those in the buffet line. Smiles all around...it was a wonderful event!



Melinda Novatnak and Pat Leiter showed their quilts made from last year's BOM patterns.

Clem, guardian of the gift exchange!

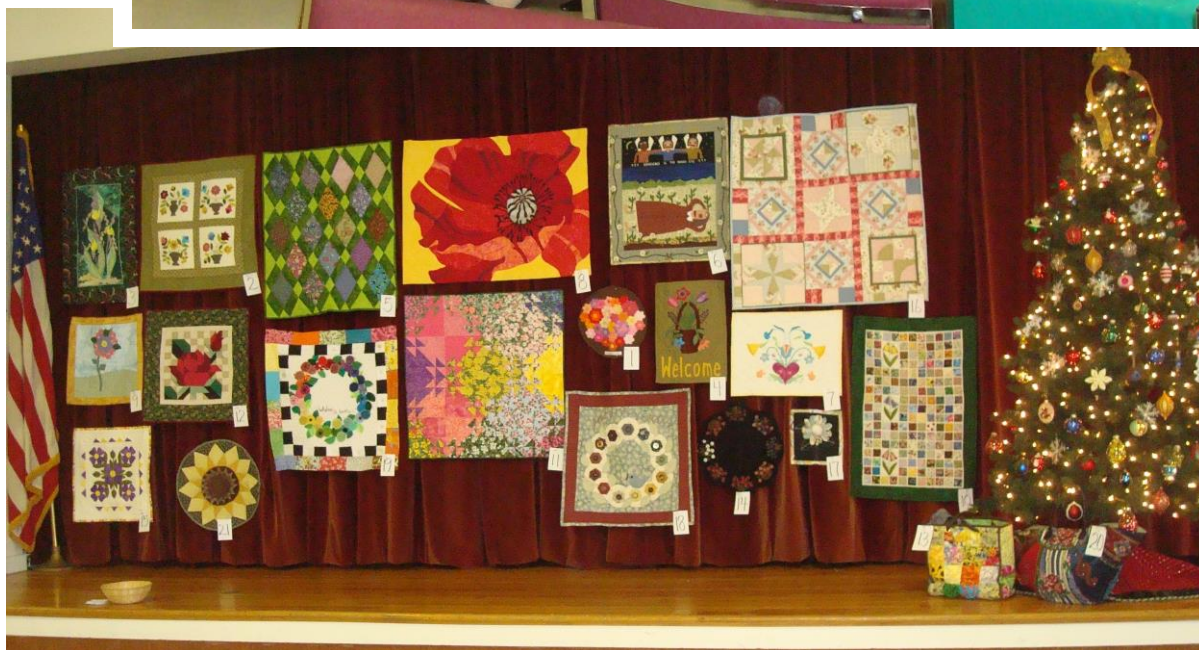


2015 Challenge

Say It With Flowers



The Loose Threads Challenge was, yet again, the highlight of our Holiday Brunch. The 19 participants showed an amazing range of imagination with projects using flower patterns and floral fabric in traditional and contemporary designs. There were wall hangings made with wool, three dimensional additions and hexies. And Lenore Clarke and Joanne Gardner thought out of the box and submitted tote bags as their entries. Tied at the top of the viewer's choice list were Betty Ann Dawson and Linda Garthe, with Linda Hamel our third place winner. Even the prizes kept to the 'floral' theme with all participants receiving flowers seeds and the viewer's choice winners taking home amaryllis bulbs.



Getting to Know You

Lenore Clarke

Born near Buffalo, NY, Lenore remembers plenty of snow and even playing field hockey with a green ball in *October* because of the light snow on the ground... not this year! She attended Nursing school at Pitt, went back to work at Buffalo Children's hospital, then on to Strong Memorial in Rochester. While here she earned a Master's at the Univ. of Rochester and became a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, then as an NP in Primary Care.

As a child she was taught to sew by her mother who had been handed down this skill from several generations. At age 8, Lenore was assigned the task of embroidering "Alabama, cotton state" on a state applique quilt. Her mother finished most of the quilt while Lenore labored over the pink embroidery (yes, she still harbors an aversion to the color pink)! As an adult, Lenore was still finishing some of her grandmother's quilts.

With two sisters, all of the girls' clothes were made by Lenore's Mom and she recalls her very first "store-bought" dress fondly. They had "sister dresses" and she wore all three.

Everyone in the Clark family has a strong connection to the field of pharmaceuticals with husband AJ (38 years) formulating drugs at GSK, twin son #1, a post-doc who wants to do pharma research, twin son #2 a programmer for a pharma research organization and son #3 an architectural engineer specializing in pharmaceutical building construction and retrofitting. Lenore also spent some time working in Pharmacovigilance/Drug Safety here in PA.

Formerly with the Penn Oaks and Main Line guilds, Lenore heard about Loose Threads, a day-time guild that fit her schedule well. Her friend, Janneke, our former member from the Netherlands, brought her along to LT where she has served in many roles. Among them are as committee chair for Membership, Charity, Webmaster, Retreats, serving as President and responsible for the Henrietta Hankin quilt display.

Lenore's interests beyond sewing and quilting are many. She's an avid knitter, addicted to sock knitting, who loves that "Purls of Wisdom" shop in Kimberton. She



is also an active volunteer, sharing her time in many areas of the Hankin library, also with the Spring Mill Senior Living home in their library. Recently she added the Red Cross Disaster Health Services to her volunteer list and in the past she was very active with the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, traveling to central Alaska, Honduras, and Ghana as well as doing projects in the continental US.

Singing is also an important part of Lenore's life as she joins the Concordia Choral Arts group weekly. Her 3 sons and husband are also active singers. Commercial: Her next concert with the Concordia group is January 16 and 17 in the Paoli/West Chester area.

Lenore tells us that she still hates the color pink (but can we believe that when we picture her cuddling her two small granddaughters?). She is also convinced that applique is a 4-letter word!

Joanne Cantwell



Fabric Exchange

January –animal prints, paw prints, animals

Bring **12** rectangles measuring 3 ½" x 6 ½" and place in a ziplock bag with your name on it.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:

If you've missed any months since the exchange began, the New Year is a great time to get up to date! Package up those rectangles into baggies, label with the month and your name and get them to Jo Quaglia.

Bingo

Don't forget to give Judy Snook your 10-12 2 ½" squares for Bingo. The **design categories** are batik, polka dot, floral, geometric, hearts, holiday, leafy, metallic, a novelty fabric, paisley, plaid, solid color, stars, stripes, or a 30s print. This month's color is **RED**.

If you need to catch up...previous colors have been blue, yellow, purple, and green.



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January Birthdays

1 Takako Pike
14 Lil Evans



2016 Loose Threads Challenge

Details for the 2016 Challenge will be announced by the committee, Eileen Frankil and Carolyn Thompson, at the January business meeting. We know you are all curious, and can't wait to get started. Be sure to attend the meeting to get the scoop.

A full article containing all the details will be printed in the February newsletter.

Here is a hint: B & W

Hospitality

January 6

Snack:

Barb Painter

Snack:

Betty Ann Dawson

Fruit/Veggies:

Mary Larkin

Cold Drink:

Clem Dupont

January 20

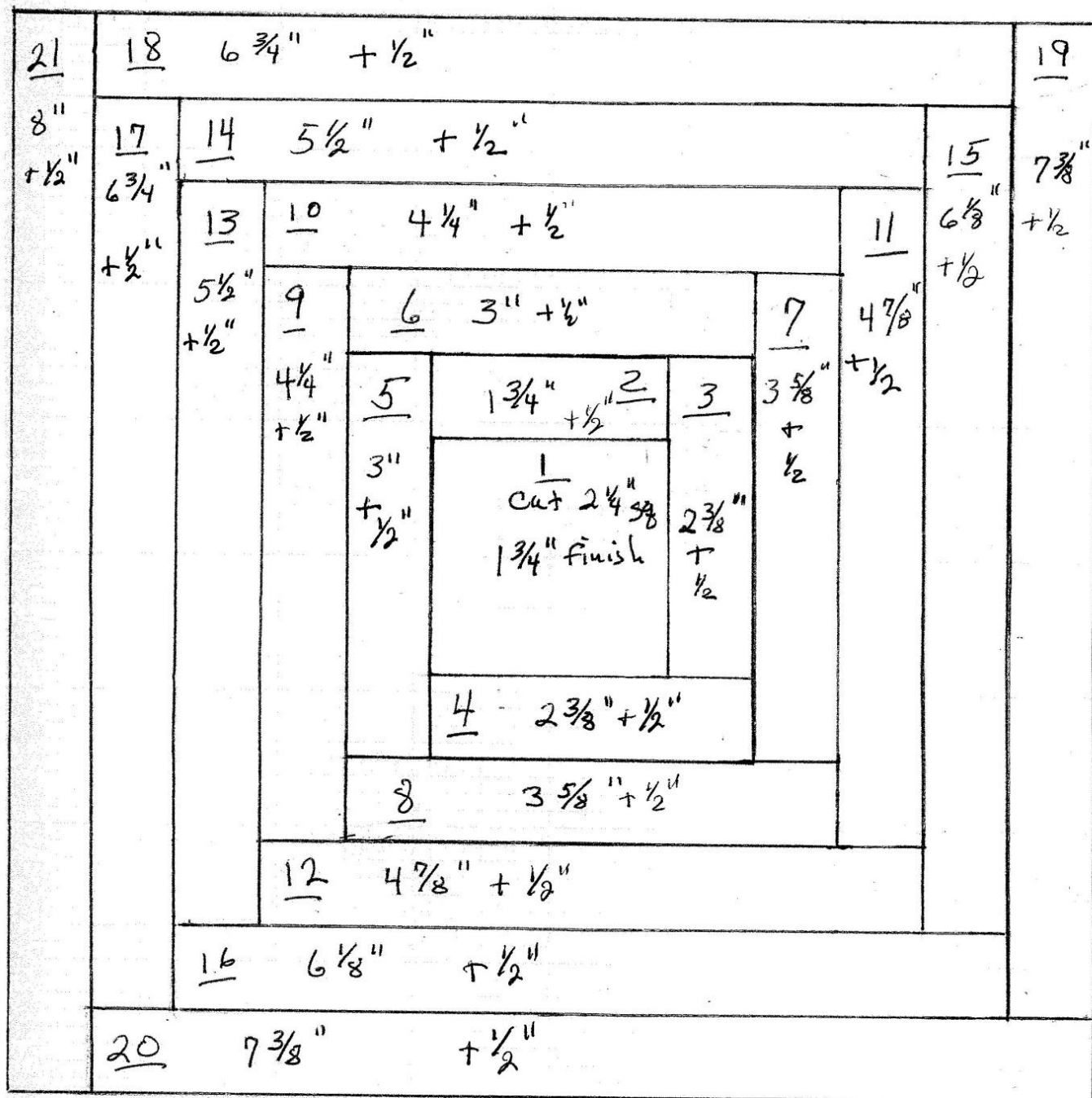
Carolyn Thompson

Debby O'Keefe

Judy Quintas-Gorman

Judy Shafer

January Block of the Month



$8\frac{1}{2}"$ (8" finish) make 1



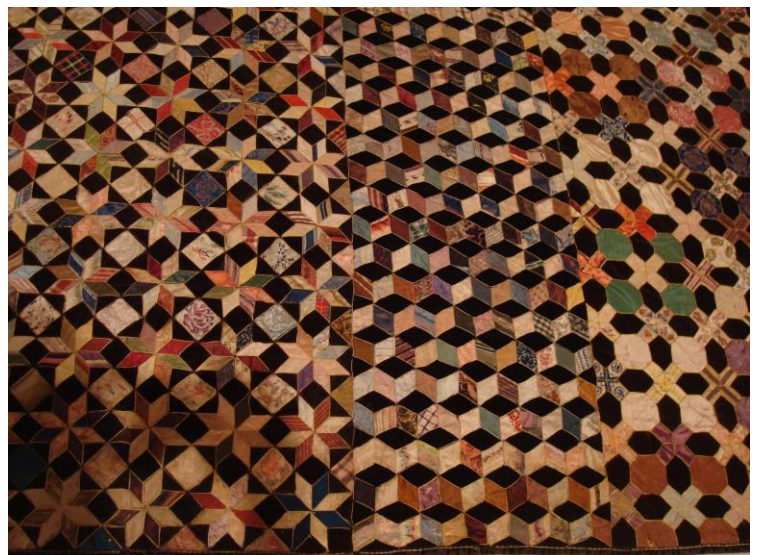
This block could be paper pieced if desired.

Road Trip

Michener Museum



The road trip gang in the gardens at Byer's Choice: Sue Kehl, Judy Snook, Geri Dulis, Marylou Boryta, Betty Ann Dawson, Mary Larkin, Rosemary Geisler, Cathy Nelson, Sally Ater, Bonnie Strickland, Lil Evans, Pat Philion Top Row: Christine Fallon, Carolyn Ferrandino, Eileen Frankil, Linda Hamel
Great trip, thanks Cathy and Betty Ann!



Close-up of two of the antique quilts, a beautiful applique quilt and on the right, a stunning silk and velvet quilt reminiscent of a crazy quilt.

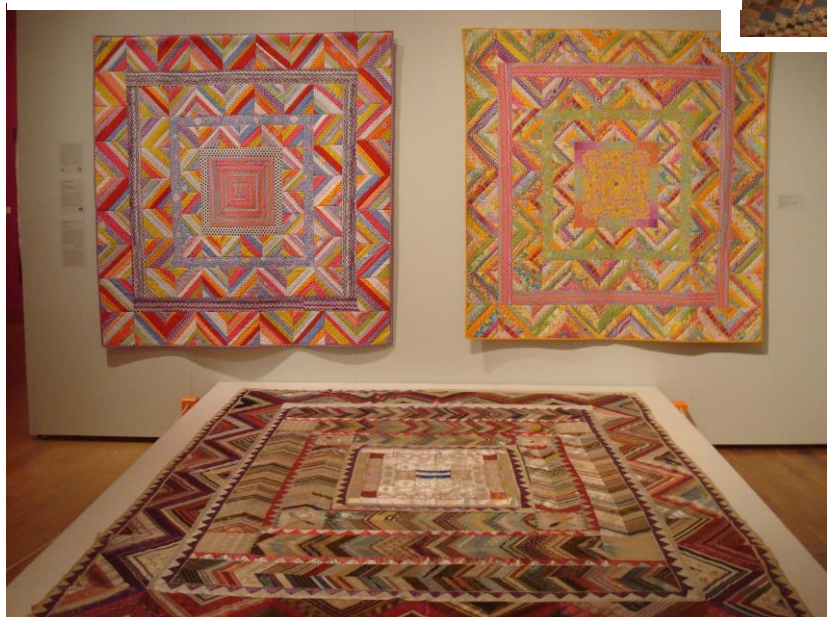
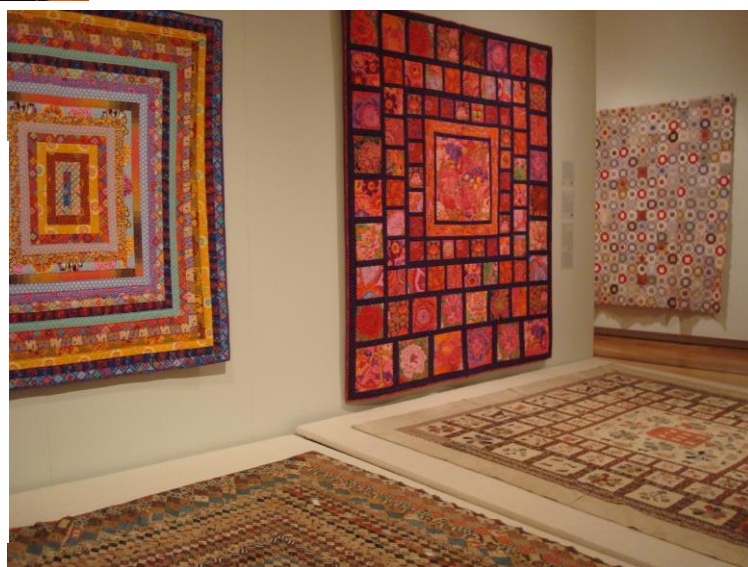
Road Trip, continued



Sixteen guild members recently made a trip to the Michener Museum in Doylestown to see a quilt exhibit featuring 15 new quilts by the American-born, internationally-known textile artist Kaffe Fassett. Fassett designed interpretations of fifteen historical quilts, dating from 1780 to 1949, that he selected from the collection of the Quilt Museum and Gallery, York, UK. The antique quilts that stirred his imagination are displayed alongside

his creations or on plinths because they don't have backing and are too fragile to be wall-hung. The exhibit will be on display through Feb 21, 2016.

The accompanying book, *Heritage Quilts*, was purchased for our library and includes stunning photographs and detailed descriptions of the quilts on display, together with patterns and instructions for each of Kaffe's quilts.



Exquisite antique quilt made entirely of silk ribbons and Kaffe Fassett's interpretations of that quilt hanging above it.



Bonnie, Rosemary, Lil and Betty Ann surrounded by beautiful quilts.

Congratulations

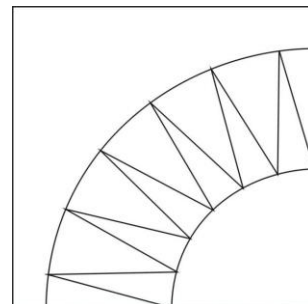
The National Quilt Museum sponsors an annual contest called 'New Quilts from Old Favorites'. The museum describes their contest in this way: "Created to acknowledge our quilting heritage and to recognize innovation, creativity, and excellence, the contest challenges today's quilters to interpret a single traditional quilt block in a new and exciting work of their own design." The featured quilt block for the 2016 contest was New York Beauty. Laurie Kelly and Linda Hamel worked together throughout this past year on their entry. They were thrilled when notified in December that they finished 12th of 18 finalists. As finalists their quilt, *New York's Beauty*, will be exhibited at AQS quilt shows over the next two years, beginning with Paducah's National Quilt Museum exhibit from March 2 – May 16, 2016. In addition, they will be included in the book featuring the 18 finalists of the 2016 contest to be released later this year.

Retreats

Our next retreat will be at Camp Innabah February 8-10. This is a Monday through Wednesday. The cost is \$135, which includes meals. Camp Innabah is located at 712 Pughtown Road, Spring City, PA 19475. We can arrive at 10 a.m., please bring your own lunch; dinner will be provided. We will leave at 4 on Wednesday before dinner.

We need to provide a 25% deposit before we arrive. Please bring or send a check made out for \$40 to Lenore Clarke on or before the first business meeting in January. Innabah has handicap accessible housing.

Next retreat: The [Needleart Seminar](#) at the Grand Hotel in Mackinac Island, Michigan from May 6 - 11, 2016. Registration for the Seminar starts after January 4. This includes gourmet meals.



New York Beauty Quilt Block

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Meets at 9:30 AM on the
1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month,
with a special basting meeting on the 5th
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Annual dues are \$20 per year and guests
are always welcome

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This is the raffle quilt which was
donated by Jo Quaglia and quilted
by Takako Pike. The raffle will
take place at the Tea on March
12, 2016 and the chances will be
sold for \$2 for one or three for \$5.
The proceeds will go to the
American Porphyria Foundation.
Pat Leiter is coordinating ticket
sales.