

Tompkins County Quilters' Guild

Newsletter

August 2017

President's Message

Happy August! Finally, a few days of sunshine!

The Show Committee has planning for the upcoming show well in hand. It was wonderful to get a bit of a preview in the two photo nights. It looks like the show will be spectacular! I am busily working to finish my entries.

Please continue to sign up to sit the quilt at different events, consider what you can do, and volunteer to help set up, work and take down the show. It can't happen without everyone helping...and it's very rewarding to hear comments from the public about our work!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic!

Kathy

Snippets of History

by Barbara Dimock, Guild Archivist



In the March 1996 newsletter guild members received an invitation to make a small quilt for a fundraiser to benefit the

Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance (now the Cancer Resource Center.) That nonprofit organization was only two years old and the only one of its kind offering assistance and support to women diagnosed with breast cancer. Organizing the event were three dedicated guild members, Brigid Hubberman (who hatched the idea), Casey Carr, and Brynne Sigg. Guild members and many quilters outside the guild responded. "Quilted With Care, The Gala Event" became a reality. From March until the November 9, 1996 date of the event, quilters and organizers were busy. For the month prior to the gala there was a display of quilts in store windows on the Commons. There was a silent auction of selected quilts at Wegmans with final bidding at a live auction at the gala. The day before, guild members hung the quilts in the auditorium of the Women's Community Building. That evening there was a special reception and preview hosted by IBCA for quilters who had donated a quilt. Shown here are quilts by Cyndi Slothower, "Celebration" on the left and by Jessica Drennan, "Stars in the Sky" on the right.

On the day of the event there was a \$3 admission charge. Local musicians donated their talents to provide entertainment and local caterers and restaurants provided a dessert showcase for the public to enjoy while they viewed the display of quilts. In all 122 quilts were donated, many in honor or memory of a friend or family member. Local celebrity Peggy Haines injected humor and seriousness as auctioneer.



At the end of the auction “Floral Splendor,” a quilt designed by Elsie Dentes and created by nine guild members was raffled. The spirit of the entire community shown from merchants, musicians, and artists who donated time, talent and space, to those who purchased the little gems. In all Quilted With Care raised \$27,000.



[Note: If anyone has pictures or quilts from this first IBCA event, I would love to have pictures for the archives.]

June Silberman will be exhibiting her hand dyed, gel printed greenery from her garden at the Ithaca Artist Market the second Friday in August, August 11, 2017 at the Farmers Market location in Ithaca. from 2 PM to 8 PM. She will have both framed and ready-to-frame prints for sale, introducing her new work Stone Wall and Brick Wall series. Her booth is # 62 close to the jazz band semi circle. Visit the Artist Market and have food , drinks, and enjoy the extraordinary art exhibited by artists in our community. The show is on , rain or shine. The show quilt will also have a booth there . Drop by and say hello .

ARTISTS MARKET AT THE FARMER’S MARKET - June Silberman

This year’s Artists Market will be held the second Friday in August, August 11, 2017 at the Farmer’s Market. I will have a booth #62 down near the semi-circle where the band usually performs. I will be displaying my hand dyed, garden printed gel prints, my sunglass cases, and my mini quilt greeting cards.

The guild’s show quilt will also be there . The market has the most amazing art, great food , and hopefully, good weather. Nevertheless, we are protected from the rain. So drop by, see the outstanding variety of art on display and say hello. Hope to see some of you there.

New Requirements for Making and Donating ABC/Lap Quilts

1. Before sewing, all fabric should be washed with **non-scented soap** and **non-scented drying sheets** if anyone uses those as well, otherwise do not use dryer sheets. This prevents a recipient with allergies from having a reaction.

2. Completed, clean quilt should be placed in a clean plastic bag for delivery.

This is a slightly edited version of a letter Ann Seymour sent me 7/19/2017. I had to call her right away when I got the letter, what a fun quilt!

Dear Aafke and Guild members,
Thank you again for having the idea of squares and then doing it. It has given and do while I am here at St. Ann's. This complaints that way. When the squares evenings/nights sorting colors, etc. Then use them and arrange them. The quilt is ready to be tied or stitched. There are looking for another use. Thanks again for Seymour



sending me fabric me a lot to think about is a nice place to be; no first came I sat many the next thing was how to all put together and over 100 blocks left over your partlove Ann

Membership

As of the last meeting in June we now have 116 members. Please welcome new members:

Marcella Cox

Janet Ingraffea

Jayne Port

DAYSFORGIRLS

We are planning another working DaysforGirls sewing/assembling/and much more event to make kits Friday September 22 and Saturday September 23. We got a request to make 100 post partum kits for women at a fistula clinic in Uganda. As usual we will use the large meeting room at All Saints Church 347 Rich Road in Lansing. As the date gets closer I'll send out reminders, but in the meanwhile mark your calendars now. 'Hope you can join us.

Aafke Steenhuis

SUNSHINE/SOCIAL

Please let me know if you know a Guild member who needs some cheering up, getting a phone call, sending a card. Also, if one of our members has an illness, lost a relative, I can send them a card and keep all of you informed.

Aafke Steenhuis aafrike@yahoo.com

BAGS FOR CANCER PATIENTS A big thank you goes to everyone who brought in a bag made for the folks that go through chemo. The staff at the Cancer Resource Center is so happy every time I show up with more beautiful bags. I am taking a break making kits for the months of August and September, but I will have the bag bottoms with me at every meeting.

Aafke Steenhuis

NO Raffle tickets exchanges at the Stewart Park picnic

You will be unable to hand in your ticket subs and money at our picnic in Stewart park, August 8th. Please save the ticket stub returns to our second meeting at Lifelong August 22. If you need more tickets to sell before the 22nd, please contact Amy Truman:

TrumaA@tompkinscortland.edu. Aafke Steenhuis

We're having a party, and you're invited!

TCQG will be participating in Gallery Night, Friday, September 1, as part of the first Friday art event in Ithaca. Our beautiful small quilts will be displayed at Lifelong during the month of September, to advertise our quilt show. An opening will be held at Lifelong from 5-8, and you and all of your friends and relatives are invited. Please share this with all of your contacts, we would like to have a crowd! We will display the raffle quilt during the opening, but will not be able to sell raffle tickets.

But wait, there's more!! As the small quilts will be taken down to be bid on at our show, we will need to fill the gallery space for the month of October. I am hoping guild members will loan some of your smaller quilts to be displayed during October. These quilts can be for sale, Lifelong gets 20% commission. Please let me know if you have a quilt to share, or if you would like to help to hang the display.

This should be fun, hope you can join in!!! Thanks, Cheryl Moore

UPDATE FOR QUILTS TO BE SOLD THROUGH SECOND HAND ROSE BOUTIQUE

Quilts for the boutique include hand or machine pieced, hand or machine quilted, or tied, or whole cloth. Quilts that have been manufactured, or commercially made, or imported are not acceptable. The quilts may have been made by someone other than the seller as in antique quilts. All garments, quilts and large wall hangings must be owned by guild members and must be clean and free of odors. If you have any questions do feel free to contact me by email, phone or in person.

Remember the submission deadline for SHRB is the end of August so I can plan on what and how much there will be for sale in the boutique. I will be away for the first guild meeting in August but will be back for the last guild meeting in August. So far I have not received many forms.

Alyce Anderson

Upcoming Programs

August 8 Annual Picnic: Stewart Park Pavilion, 6:30 PM

August 22 – Ice Cream Social

September 12 – show countdown

September 26 – show countdown

October 7 and 8 – Traditions and Beyond Quilt Show

November 14 - John Kubinieć lecture – topic to be determined

November 28 – UFO exchange return party

December 12 – Holiday Party: Food, Prizes, Games, Dancing, Fun for Everyone!