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Celebrating Thirty Years - A Look Back At Past Presidents

PPQG is celebrating 30 years so we're asking our past presidents to share their memories of when they held office. Lois Bates served as President June 1999-May 2001. Here's what she had to say:

How many members? By the end of my term there were almost 300 members.

How long a member? Joined at the first day chapter meeting, September 1995

Big event during my term? Quilt show "A Quilt Odyssey" in May 2001

Favorite memory during my term? Celebrating National Quilting Day in 2001 at Patrick Henry Mall. We worked on service projects, sold raffle tickets, publicized the upcoming quilt show, and spread our love of quilting to the shoppers.

Fabric challenge? M&M candy was the candy of the Millennium. Each participant purchased a set of fat quarters in M&M colors to use in the M&M Challenge.

Service project? We made 84 lap quilts which were distributed by Peninsula Agency on Aging to their Meals on Wheels clients.

How long quilting & favorite kind of quilting? Although I had dabbled in quilting I didn't get serious about it until I joined the guild 20 years ago. I like bright, happy fabrics and batiks. I don't do much handwork and am happiest when I'm sitting at my sewing machine. I'm recently attracted to the Modern quilting aesthetic and its clean look.

Hope for future of PPQG? I have made some very wonderful friends in this guild. I hope it continues to be a place of inspiration, friendship, learning, and support for the quilting community.



March Birthdays

Debbie Martin	3/1
Andrea Kondor	3/2
Wanda Thomas	3/7
Jane Sundberg	3/9
Anne Jones	3/10
Patty Swan	3/11
Sharon Potter	3/14
Cathey Stanley	3/15
Dana Michaud	3/17
Allison Twilley	3/23
Joyce Robbins	3/23
Yelena Kireeva	3/25
Susan Waddles	3/26
Barbara Hass	3/28
Barbara Weatherford	3/29

From Your Nominating Committee

It is that time of the year to select a new board for the Guild. This is an opportunity to serve your Guild, and to make new friendships and provide new ideas. The Guild's success is yours to make happen so please say YES when you are called.

**Nominating Committee,
Lois Bates, Pat Brazzale, Patricia Winters
and Susan Waddles**

GUILD BOARD AND VOLUNTEERS

Board Members 2014-2015

President	Tricia Lent	238-9976
Vice President	Yvette Cienski	234-0232
Executive Secretary	Toni Wood	439-5990
Executive Treasurer	Mona Hendrickson	353-0991
Night Coordinator	Allison Twilley	851-4325
Night Treasurer	Lorraine Meadows	868-4110
Night Secretary	Theresa Baker	851-4325
Day Coordinator	Kitty Tully	851-8726
Day Treasurer	Gail Damato	872-6823
Day Secretary	Susan Waddles	886-0728

Volunteers 2015

Membership	Debbie Moore	874-4323
Newsletter	Donna D'Amelio	826-1031
Circulation	Debbie Moore	874-4323
Property Management	Natalie Hutchinson	867-6761
Sunshine	Susan Carmean	269-0354
Service Projects	Paul Elmore	286-4349
Patriotic Service Quilts	Sherry Behun	850-2222
Challenge 2014	Michelle Rives	763-8074
Webmistress	Donna D'Amelio	826-1031
Workshops	Sharon Ahmed and Joanne Paryz	969-1538 890-0946
E-tree	Donna D'Amelio	826-1031
Winter Mystery	Susan Virden	277-9343
Fall Festival	Susan Waddles	886-0728
2015 Symposium	Kitty Tully Raquelle Hill	851-8726 223-1232

Day Chapter

Day Monthly Minis	Susan Virden	277-9443
Day Block of the Month	Trishia Madrid Raquelle Hill	240-5944 223-1232
	Janice Bougard	766-1978
Day Hospitality	Pat Sappenfield	224-0427
	Janice Ward	877-3198
Day Programs	Debra Stebbins	369-4021
Day Parliamentarian	Pat Winters	877-8824
Day Historian	Georgene Huggett	868-9785
Day Librarian	Claire Arsenault	(603)978-3154

Night Chapter

Night Monthly Minis	Joy Duke	838-1043
	Nancy Garnett	838-1716
Night Block Drawing	Jeanne Surber	719-6676
Night Greeter	Sandy Barnes	833-8233
Night Hospitality	Goldie Fields	766-8503
Night Parliamentarian	Susan Kopczyk	766-9294
Night Librarian	Norma Sims	596-0548
	Theresa Baker	851-4325
Night Historian	Cyndi Hefner	826-2768
Night Programs	Kitty Tully	851-8726
Scrappy Therapy	Gail Lockheart	356-0830
Border Exchange	Janet Dyer	868-6247

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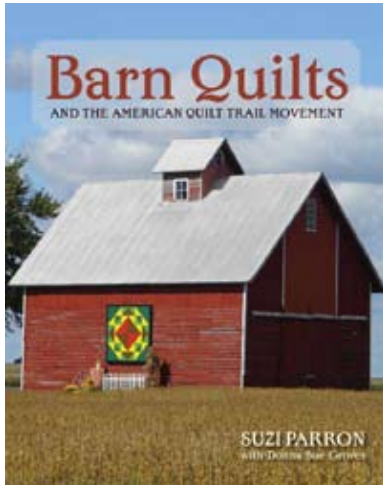
Night Chapter Speaker for March

Suzi Parron discovered barn quilts on a trip through Kentucky in 2008. She documented over one thousand barn quilts in the process of writing her 2012 book, "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement;" her second book, "Following the Barn Quilt Trail," will be published in 2016.

In her talk, Suzi will take us on a journey along the quilt trail, beginning with the very first barn quilt, which stemmed from Donna Sue Groves and her wish to honor her mother's quilting art. Suzi's hour-long presentation features over one hundred stunning photographs of barn quilts, some of which rival cloth quilts in their intricacy. You will hear stories of some of the individuals who have painted quilt blocks to honor loved ones or their local culture, along with a few humorous anecdotes.

The program is both informative and entertaining, as Suzi explores the way in which our quilting heritage takes on new meaning as this movement continues to expand.

Suzi will have books on hand for sale and signing—be sure to bring your checkbook!



Ironing Board

Natalie Hutchinson found a couple of links for anyone who is interested in making an ironing board. The main link is listed below:

- <https://wildonionstudio.wordpress.com/2008/08/26/how-to-make-an-ironing-board-topper/>

These two sites use the Wild Onion site above as a reference:

- <https://mulberrypatchquilts.wordpress.com/tag/diy-ironing-board-extension/>
- <http://www.minneapolismqg.com/2013/10/the-big-ironing-board.html>

I also posted the links above on our website. You can find them under links.

Small Service Project Update

What a generous bunch of quilters we have in PPQG! At the February meetings we had 26 bereavement quilts completed. The Sewing Sisters Bee made about 18 of them in one day. We had many quilts turned in for NATASHA House, too. We collected 4 throws for mothers living at the house and 7 quilts for the children. A wall hanging was donated for the house. Carolyn Evanoff made 9 personalized pillowcases which will be used to deliver the quilts to the children. Thank you all so much for your generosity and sharing your quilts and talents with the community.

Gala Damato

Upcoming Guild Workshops! Save the Dates for the following:

- Nancy Strout
Stars & Flying Geese
12 March 2015
- Bonnie Timm
Paper Piecing
24 March 2015
- Gretchen Martin
Machine Appliqué
16 April 2015

Contact: Sharon Ahmed @ 969-1538 to sign-up!

Night Library Request

The position of Night Librarian has been jointly filled by Norma Sims and Theresa Baker. There are several books missing from the library and they request that all members check their homes for any PPQG books. Please return any overdue books at the next meeting. Since there was no Librarian at several meetings, there will be no late fee for the next two meetings, March and April.



PPQG Day Chapter Minutes for February 2015

The Day Chapter meeting for February 13, 2015 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Day Coordinator, Kitty Tully. She explained how the room was set up when we arrived and thanked all members who arrived early to help set up for the meeting.

There were 70 attendees at the meeting which included guests and new members. The guests were Joann Garver, Gina Vivian, Judy Marlow and Joyce Onisty. The new members were Kimberly Miller, Missy McKenna and Vera Lee.

A motion was made by Susan Virden and seconded by Trish Madrid to approve the January minutes.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report in the January minutes was made by Nancy Shrout seconded by Jenny Ballou; the treasurer's report was approved for audit.

Announcements

- Member Carol Darby from Tshirt Express passed out flyers for members to get a free photo printed on a 9.5 X 9.5 square fabric panel to use in a quilt. Members should send her a jpeg photo via e-mail to info.tshirtexpress@gmail.com, and place "PPQG photo panel (your quilt guild member number)" in the subject line of your e-mail. If you want a smaller size, give her the dimensions you are requesting in the body of the email.
- Food bank donations of food or money will be collected today.
- The speaker for the night chapter meeting in March will be Suzie Parron, author of a Barn Quilts book.
- The speaker for the night chapter in May will be Aby Dolinger, the next day, there will be a class at Grafton Christian Church (15 open spaces). Aby is known for making quilts with layer cake squares.
- Monthly Mini-Susan Virden: Today's Monthly Mini's were donated by Susan Virden (2 items), Pat Winters and Yvette Cienski.
- Block of the Month—Trish Madrid: Today's block is a 14 inch block. Cost is \$2.00 each.
- Mona Hendrickson—Executive Treasurer: There was a motion made by Nancy Shrout and seconded by Jenny Ballou to accept the 2015 budget for the Guild. 43 Yes, 0 Opposed and 0 Abstain. Budget for 2015 passed.
- Nominating Committee: Pat Winters, Susan Waddles and Pat Brazzale have volunteered to be on the committee, Pat B. will chair. The following positions need to be filled: President, Vice President, Executive Treasurer, Executive Secretary, Day Coordinator, Night Coordinator, and Night Secretary.
- Debra Stebbins has agreed to be the Day Program Chairman. Thanks Debra!
- 2015 Challenge—Yvette Cienski: The 30 X 30 Challenge is due in June. The requirements for the 2015 Challenge are: the quilt can be no larger than 30" X 30" and must use 30's reproduction fabric plus one background. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival will be held at the Hampton Convention Center from February 26 thru March 1.
- Pat McGough—Patriotic Quilts: The next workshop is March 26. New labels are needed, be sure that they do not have "Quilts of Valor" on the labels. She also has two quilts that need to be quilted.
- Workshops—Sharon Ahmed: The following workshops are scheduled: Feb 17 45 and 60 degree angles; March 12 Flying Geese; March 24 Foundation Paper Piecing and April 16 Machine Appliqué. Contact Sharon if you have any questions.
- 2014 Challenge—Jenny Ballou (Janet Dyer): Please turn in your 2014 Ugly Fabric Challenge quilt to Jenny for display at Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival. Quilts can be picked up on Sunday after the Mid-Atlantic has ended. If someone is picking up your quilt for you, please give the Committee a letter indicating who is picking up your quilt for you.
- Raquelle Hill—Symposium: The Symposium will be April 9, 2016 at Thomas Nelson Community College. There will be classes, vendors and speakers. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around the meeting.
- PPQG 30th Anniversary Celebration—Lorraine Meadows is taking orders for T-shirts, please see her at a guild meeting to order your shirt. The Anniversary Celebration will be Saturday, April 25th. The shirts will be available at the April meeting just in time for members to wear them to the Celebration.
- Pat Winters has the name of a lady that has two family quilts that need repair. Get in touch with Pat if you are interested in getting paid to repair these family heirlooms.
- Birthdays for the month were acknowledged and fat quarters were distributed
- Debra Stebbins—Program Chairman: All members received a brightly colored sticker on their name tag. The color correlates with how many years they have been quilting; Yellow 1-10 years, 17 members; Green 11-20 years, 21 members; Red 21-30 years, 13 members; Blue 31+ years, 16 members. All members with Blue stickers were given a handmade gift from the Committee. Some of the possible programs Debra has arranged for us for the 2015 year are: Isobel Meekins; Paula. H., T-Shirt Quilts; Angela Armstrong, Dying Fabric; Barbara Cline, Table Runner; Joyce Jameson; Pat Delaney, Mystery Quilt.
- Break
- For the program today, we had sit-and-sew interspersed with Quilt Bingo.
- Block of the Month Winner was Sharon Ahmed
- Door prizes were drawn.
- After Show and Tell, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Waddles

PPQG Night Chapter Minutes for February 10, 2015

Meeting of February 10, 2015 was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Allison Twilley, Night Coordinator, called the meeting to order. Allison welcomed 53 members and 1 visitor. Allison presented the minutes of the January meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Pat Sappenfield and seconded by Carol Pittman. The motion passed. A motion to approve January's treasurer's report was made by Brenda West and seconded by Trish Madrid; the motion passed.

February Birthdays were acknowledged and fat quarter gifts were distributed.

Announcements :

- The 2015 Budget: The membership voted to accept the 2015 Budget. A motion was made by Pat Winters to accept the budget and seconded by Yvette Cienski. The Budget will be presented to the day chapter and will be voted on at their meeting.
- Tricia Lent, Guild President: Tricia reminds us that February is Women's Health Month and we should evaluate our personal health. She also notified us of the date for the PPQG Symposium on April 9, 2016 at Thomas Nelson Community College. She thanked Debra Stebbins for taking the Day Programs Chair position. She also asked for members to sign up for the nominating committee to fill the board positions.
- The 2015 Challenge will be "30x30" in honor of our 30th year Anniversary. The requirements will be 30's fabric and no larger than 30". Be thinking about your project! It is due at the June meetings. Check your newsletter for more info.
- Membership: Debbie Moore will continue the 2015 membership drive at the March meeting. Dues are \$25.00 per year. The deadline to be included in the membership roster was January. Hard copies of the roster are now available.
- T-Shirts: In honor of our 30th Anniversary as a Guild in 2015, the Guild will be selling a commemorative t-shirt in various colors and sizes. The cost is \$15.84 per shirt. Please buy a t-shirt and wear it to our Anniversary Party and to the upcoming Symposium.
- Service Quilts: Sherry Behun announced that there will be a workshop March 26 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Nancy's Calico Patch.
- The Block of the Month: The Night membership voted to suspend the BOM program until a future date.
- Symposium 2016: The Symposium Chairs, Kitty Tully and Raquelle Hill need helpers. They encouraged members to sign up to help work the Symposium. The date is April 9, 2016 at Thomas Nelson and they need your help to make it a success.
- Night Librarian: This position was filled by Norma Sims and Theresa Baker. Please bring your overdue books to the next meeting to turn in.
- Program: The program, entitled, "Quilting Around the World" was a trunk show and lecture by Alice Ridge. She was a lively and humorous speaker and had a variety of projects in many types of fibers found all around the world as she moved from country to country. She now lives at Ft. Eustis.
- Show and Tell: Many beautiful projects were displayed and were inspiring.
- The Monthly Minis : Two items were made by Norma Sims and won by Theresa Baker and Summer Baker.
- Door Prizes were given out.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted – Theresa Baker

March Night Program Suzi Parron, Barn Quilts

Suzi will take us on a journey along the quilt trail in Kentucky.

Celebrating Thirty Years - A Look Back At Past Presidents

Natalie Hutchinson had this to say about her presidency:

I became a member of PPQG in 1994, and almost immediately volunteered to co-chair the newsletter! My membership number is 320! I served as President from 1995 to 1997, two terms. Back then there were about 150 members. I was new to the guild and there was quite a steep learning curve. I had to learn members' names, our different activities, and how things got done in the guild. Fortunately, I followed Jean Knowlton into the presidency. She was always there when I needed guidance, help or answers. I also had members on the board who had been long-time members and could offer guidance.

During my two years of service as president, the guild had one major event, one milestone, and one large growth spurt. The major event was a quilt symposium in 1996. Back then, we had our events at CNU! Times have changed.

The milestone was the Guild's 10th Anniversary in 1995. I remember Carole King, a member and shop owner, purchasing and delivering to our meeting a large sheet cake to celebrate!

The large growth spurt was changing our guild from a one-meeting to a two-meeting a month organization. This has to be one of the most important changes our guild has ever experienced. Yes, at one time we had one meeting a month, a night meeting at the Northampton Community Center in Hampton. We did not have as many officers on the board then. You might say times were simpler then.

There was a request from people who either did not drive at night and/or lived further up the Peninsula to explore having a second monthly meeting BUT during the day! The board formed an ad-hoc committee to look into the details. That committee had to do a lot of research. We contacted Tidewater Quilt Guild and the Richmond guild. We ended up modeling our new structure on how TQG was organized. We had to change the Constitution/By-laws and the vocabulary! In order to instill the new vocabulary in people's minds, we had to repeat "we are one guild with two chapters". To this day, when someone erroneously says "Day Guild" or "Night

Guild", I cringe and say aloud "Day Chapter" or "Night Chapter"! If you sit next to me and someone uses the wrong vocabulary, you will hear me utter the correction!

I do remember when we finally had our first day chapter meeting. It was September 1995. The first Day Coordinator was the late Margaret Wood. We did not know how many people would show up! She and I spoke on the phone that night and she told me 60+ people showed up! We deemed that a success and there has been no going back!

At the end of my term as President, I volunteered to be the Property Manager. The Property Manager is responsible for the contents of the storage shed. Yes, I have been doing that job since Summer 1997!

As for my quilting experience: I have been sewing since my teen years, making mostly clothes. Then in 1990, I took a county-sponsored quilting class in Omaha, Nebraska. I have been quilting ever since. I started out by learning to cut templates, hand-piece and hand-quilt. Since then I have learned to love the rotary cutting tools, and enjoy the speed of using the sewing machine for piecing and quilting. I now also "quilt by check", that means pay someone else to machine quilt for you. I get quilts finished sooner that way! My favorite part of quilt-making is piecing the top. I am now trying my hand at hand-appliqué (needle-turn). Unfortunately, I only seem to work on it when I am at a guild meeting or at my bee.

I hope PPQG continues to grow in membership. New members bring fresh ideas and fresh ways of doing things. Nothing is wrong with the old ways but change can be good. It has been a pleasure to be a member of PPQG for so long. I cherish the friendships I have made and the experiences this organization has given me.

Natalie Hutchinson

New Members

- Kimberly Miller
- Missy McKenna
- Vera Lee



Patriotic Quilt Update

My thanks to all who showed up and worked so diligently at our last workshop in January. We had our best showing of helpers since I have been coordinating this effort. In attendance were Gala Damato, Yvette Cienski, Pat McGough, Pat Brazzelle, Carol Pittman, Susan Waddles, Marianna Harris, Monica Chapman, Marianne Martin, Ella Mitchell, Trisha Madrid and myself. Near the end of the day, an employee at Nancy's Calico took our photo and posted it to their web page on Facebook. They have expressed an interest in doing so for future workshops as well. Be sure to check it out when you get a chance. Our next workshop will be held at Nancy's on Thursday, March 26 beginning at 10 am. We hope to see you there.

In addition to these ladies, I would like to thank all of the members who work on these quilts at other times, whether it be piecing, binding, or sewing on labels. I especially want to thank our long-arm quilters, without whom this would not be possible at all. These dedicated ladies keep this effort up and running, consistently taking our pieced tops to turn into beautiful quilts.

Please keep in mind that we used the QOV donations up entirely on yardage and quilt batting prior to the first of this year. We had a personal donation at the workshop in January of \$100, which was spent on yardage for quilt backs. I have one and a half rolls of batting and multiple quilt tops to use them on. We will need additional donations in a few months in order to purchase more batting. Please get the word out on our efforts so we can continue this worthy cause. If anyone has a connection to the media for publicizing this project, let me know so I can pursue that.

At our March meetings we will hear from Pat Winters on the work of the committee that volunteered to work out a new name and guidelines for this effort. Until then, keep on quilting.

Sherry Behun
Patriotic Quilt Coordinator

PPQG 30th Anniversary T-Shirts

Orders will be taken at meetings in February and March. Shirts will be distributed at the April meetings.

S-XL - \$14.95 + tax. Other sizes available.

Peninsula Piecemakers Quilt Guild Treasurer's Report February 2015

CHAPTER ACCOUNTS				DAY CHAPTER	DAY YTD TOTALS	DAY BUDGET	NIGHT CHAPTER	NIGHT YTD TOTALS	NIGHT BUDGET
Chapter Beginning Balance				2446.18	505.77		2230.64	591.05	
Income:	Block of the Month	82.00	158.00	\$950.00	0.00	0.00	\$550.00		
	Executive Transfer	0.00	1,925.00	\$1,925.00	0.00	2,225.00	\$2,225.00		
	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	\$25.00	0.00	0.00	\$25.00		
	Monthly Mini	58.00	117.00	\$700.00	35.00	65.00	\$400.00		
	Programs	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00		
	Total Income:	140.00	2,200.00	\$3,600.00	35.00	2,290.00	\$3,200.00		
Expenses:	Block of the Month	171.08	240.67	\$950.00	0.00	0.00	\$550.00		
	Door Prizes/B'day Ft Qtrs (correction)	69.11	69.11	\$500.00	86.68	86.98	\$500.00		
	Historian	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00		
	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	\$150.00	0.00	0.00	\$150.00		
	Programs	0.00	50.00	\$2,000.00	233.30	848.41	\$2,000.00		
	Total Expenses:	240.19	359.78	3,600.00	319.98	935.39	3,200.00		
	Chapter Ending Balance	2,345.99	2,345.99		1,945.66	1,945.66			
EXECUTIVE ACCOUNT				EXEC TOTALS	EXEC YTD TOTALS	EXEC BUDGET			
Executive Beginning Balance				\$11,730.08	\$15,257.76				
Exec Income:	Advertising	0.00	0.00	\$150.00					
	Challenge	0.00	0.00	\$0.00					
	Community Service	0.00	0.00	\$400.00					
	Guild Programs/Workshops	0.00	0.00	\$1,000.00					
	Library-fines	0.00	0.00	\$50.00					
	Local Workshops	50.00	80.00	\$1,000.00					
	Membership-dues	225.00	1975.00	\$5,800.00					
	Miscellaneous (t's for Anniversary)	49.68	49.68	\$145.00					
	Mystery	0.00	0.00	\$0.00					
	PPQG Honor Quilts	100.00	100.00	**					
	Quilt Show	0.00	0.00	**					
	Raffle Quilt	0.00	0.00	\$1,500.00					
	Sales	0.00	0.00	\$100.00					
	UFO	0.00	0.00	\$0.00					
	Total Executive Income	424.68	2,204.68	\$10,145.00					
Exec Expense:	Challenge (Artist State. For Mid Atlantic)	0.00	15.88	\$0.00					
	Community Service	0.00	0.00	\$25.00					
	Facilities	0.00	0.00	\$750.00					
	Guild Programs/Workshops	0.00	0.00	\$1,600.00					
	Library-book	0.00	0.00	\$100.00					
	Local Workshops	90.00	90.00	\$400.00					
	Membership	126.18	126.18	\$200.00					
	Miscellaneous (Anniversary Party)	50.58	960.74	\$100.00					
	Mystery	0.00	0.00	\$160.00					
	Newsletter	0.00	0.00	\$200.00					
	PO Box Rental	0.00	0.00	\$128.00					
	PPQG Honor Quilts	108.12	339.76	**					
	Quilt Organization Memberships	0.00	0.00	\$120.00					
	Quilt Show/Symposium	0.00	0.00	**					
	Raffle Quilt	0.00	0.00	\$150.00					
	Storage Unit	0.00	0.00	\$1,512.00					
	Sales	0.00	0.00	\$550.00					
	UFO	0.00	0.00	\$0.00					
	Transfer to Day/Night	0.00	4,150.00	\$4,150.00					
	Total Executive Expense	374.88	5,682.56	\$10,145.00					
	Executive Ending Balance	11,779.88	11,779.88						

**As of 17 February 2015, 5,133.21 belongs to Show/Symposium and 19.30 belongs to Patriotic Service Quilts, of the \$11,779.88 in the Executive Account. These monies are to be used specifically for these activities. Respectfully submitted by Mona Hendrickson, Executive Treasurer.

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