



Helping Hands Newsletter

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President's Message

Bittersweet is the first word I think of as I sit down to write this message. The past two years have been memorable for me. I've had the best team of leaders in Helping Hands to work with during my term as your President. We've enjoyed a never-ending line up of sensational speakers and workshops, the Guild has grown in membership, and we have had very successful fund raisers...I know that won't end. Everyone truly served with energy and dedication with the goals of Helping Hands Quilt Guild uppermost in their minds. I've had the joy of getting to know our members and giving to others. There is not a better feeling than to be able to share my talents with each of you...now it is time to look forward to the next team of leaders going forward. I know you will give Mary Dawn and her officers the same dedication going forward. Next year's calendar has already been filled with wonderful speakers and workshops...I'm looking forward to what lies ahead! Thank you for sharing your love of quilting and fiber arts.

Our **Helping Hands' auction** in October was a huge success. Thank you to Rose Ann Battista and her committee for their enthusiasm in getting the job done. It took many people and organization to put it all together. A job well done!

The **Wooly Tree workshop** was great fun!!! Who ever knew that strips of wool, fringed would turn into a tree! Thank you, Mary Dawn, for organizing this and every workshop and speaker the past two years. Every month we had a new concept to look forward to learning.

Raffle Quilt 2017 sales are coming to an end at our next meeting. Winners (we have two quilts!) will be drawn at our November meeting, and Barb has some appreciation gifts to share with her volunteers. Barb Austin has done an outstanding job with our raffle quilts over the past several years...she never ceases to amaze me! Barb is taking a well-deserved rest from this project to concentrate on other projects. Thank you for all you have done!

Vice President's Message

Mary Dawn Ditty

Ann Holte visits Helping Hands

Ann Holte learned about and became fascinated with a small group of similar quilts found in Lancaster County, PA. They were stitched in the mid-1800's by a group of quilters who call themselves the "girl cousins." Who were the makers? (Evidently, they were related.) They likely worked together to stitch similar quilts. The result was a Lancaster Diamond Sampler Quilt. It's similar to "Dear Jane" because the blocks are small and each is unique. However, in this quilt, each small block was sewn in the middle of a diamond!



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Sue Hoecker

Membership campaign for 2018 ends at our November meeting. \$25 pays your dues for an entire year of meetings, workshops, and special discounts to quilt shops. Members age 75+ paying membership past five years, free. New this year: Student Membership \$5, if you qualify. Roster will be published in January.

Florida Quilt Challenge quilts are due at November meeting. I am challenging EVERY member of Helping Hands to make at least one quilt to send to Florida hurricane victims. Thank you to Geri Sentman for spearheading this project

Holiday Dinner scheduled for December 5th promises to be a great evening of fellowship for all of us. Tickets (\$18) will be available at our November meeting...no door ticket sales. Games, door prizes, and every guest may bring one show 'n tell item to share.

Raffle Quilt 2018 is complete and a "Name The Quilt" contest will take place at our November meeting. Thank you to Lucinda, ML, and all who have worked on this quilt....it's a beauty!!! Tickets will go on sale in January.

Food Bank at First Baptist - the table at the door as we enter for our meeting is designated for Food Bank...you may leave your items there. The end of year holidays present significant shortages for food banks. This is one small way we can give back to the church and food bank where we meet. Thank you to Geri Headley for leading this effort.

UFO #6 is due this month. This ends another round of keeping us focused on self-selected unfinished projects! Thank you, Kate, for leading us in this project.

I look forward to seeing you November 27th...enjoy a bit of holiday cheer! Say hello to someone you haven't met before and give them a big Helping Hand's welcome!

Sue Hoecker

My Soul is Fed by Needle and Thread

Refreshments

Robin Aschenberg

Hello Ladies of Helping Hands.

The members responsible for the Nov. meeting are letters P-Z.

If you are responsible for refreshments and are not going to attend that month, it would help if you contact another member to take refreshments for you.

Thanks, your refreshment chair, Robin Aschenberg

Any questions? Please feel free to call or e-mail me at:

[302-670-2535](tel:302-670-2535), and robinaschenberg@comcast.net.

Please join us every 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. First Baptist Church of Dover, located at 301 Walker Rd. Our membership fee is \$25.00 per year.

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Come hear the background on these exceptional quilts. Ann wrote a book called "Making the Lancaster Diamond Sampler". One day in the future, I wonder if historians will be trying to trace the origin of our quilts?

Workshops

There will be no workshop this month.

Our next workshop will be in January. All our members are invited with a special invitation for those who joined in 2017. It will be a good day of sharing tips, learning, making name tags, etc. Put it on your calendar and come join the fellowship. This is our chance to forge friendships and learn from one another.

Look Ahead to 2018 Programs

We have a great line-up of speakers. Pat Sloan is coming due to requests from our members. Cheryl Lynch has developed unique techniques for curves.

David Sirota has been very popular at quilt shows and will visit us with his humor and his "no tears" Storm at Sea. I am looking forward to his simplified methods for this traditional, beautiful pattern. Pat Delaney will be our presenter for a September multi-guild event. She is an award-winning quilter from Massachusetts, who will teach two workshops for us including a half day color workshop. Her quilt colors just glow and I can't wait to learn her tips.

Suzi Parron travels the country telling guilds about barn quilts. She will lead us to make our own barn quilts.

We will also host some more local presenters including Diane Califano whose first quilting book was published by AQS as well as Polly Mello who will show us her unusual "Bump in the Night" quilts.

You won't want to miss any of these informative, challenging programs! Mark your calendars!

Helping Hand's Holiday Dinner Nancy Roberts

December 5th, 5:30 pm
Wyoming Methodist Church

Reminder - if you don't have this date on your calendar, please do so now. It promises to be a great evening of fun for all of us.

Tickets (\$18) will be sold at our November meeting....no door ticket sales.

Games, door prizes, and every guest may bring one show 'n tell item to share. "Ugly Sweater" optional!

Please Call Nancy Roberts at 538-5594. For any questions, or to register a special dietary need, please feel free to contact Nancy Roberts at [\(302\) 538-5594](tel:3025385594). If I am not at home, please leave a message and your phone number. Your call will be returned.

Raffle Quilt 2018

Lucinda Mercier

Name the quilt contest will be at our November meeting, and tickets will go on sale in January.

Membership

Kate Ruper

Our Helping Hands Annual Membership Drive is continuing through the November meeting. The dues remain \$25.

If you are not able to attend the meeting, you can mail me a check payable to Helping Hands Quilt Guild. I will gladly mail your card to you.

You can text, phone, or email me with questions, but remember I am one of those people who rarely reads email. ruperk1@yahoo.com, 302 697-7274, 302 359-5615 cell, Kate Ruper 388 Sedgewick Dr. Magnolia, DE 19962

Auction Was A Success!

RoseAnn Battista



The auction generated \$2626.70 For Helping Hands Quilt Guild last month!

Thanks to all the Committee members for their organizational skills and hard work.

Thanks to all of you who donated items. And thanks to all the winning bidders who spent their hard-earned money on the items. It was a fun night!

I would be interested in any comments or constructive criticism or ideas that you could share with me regarding the auction. I will add your thoughts to my notes for next year. Email me at: rabbattista@comcast.net. Thanks!



A sampling of the auctioned items.

Helping Hands Website:

PLEASE REFER TO THE HELPING HANDS WEBSITE <http://www.helpinghandsquiltguild.com/> FOR CHANGES AND DETAILS ON OUR MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS.

Workshop Fees:

Fees for all-day workshops are \$40 payable to the guild when you sign up. Half day is \$25. Member led workshops are \$15 to cover guild costs.

Quilting For Others News Ann Fischer

Quilting for Others will next meet on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 at 6pm at the Simpson Center in Camden. We will have our usual pinning to do, and we will rest on our laurels a bit and celebrate another good year. I expect we will have completed 250 quilts by the end of the year. So please come and join us, we need some new members, and it is a great way to feel a part of the group and get to know more people.

Please don't hesitate to take a kit and make the top for us. It really is a big help to know we will have work to be pinned at our next meeting. And of course you are welcome to pitch in and do other "home work", machine quilting and binding, too.

Since there will be no December newsletter, I am telling you right now...get it on your calendar...the January meeting will be on TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, same time, same station. In the Winter, if you are planning to come and are not a "regular", and there is any question about cancellation due to the weather, please call me to be sure.

Kits for making our tops are always available at the meetings, and please don't hesitate to contact me for any work or any questions regarding the work of QFO.

Thank you, Ladies. Ann Fischer, Coordinator, QFO
302-744-9786 fischersfarm@verizon.net

Quilts of Valor Update: Peg Gilson & Betty Rigo

The Quilts of Valor project is on-going. We presented 6 quilts at our August meeting and hope to present even more this year.

There are sample patterns on our web site or you may make a red/white/blue block of your choice that is 9-1/2 inches before trimming. We have lots of fabric available for your use. Please see one of us at the next Helping Hands meeting, or give us a call.

Questions? Call Betty Rigo or Peg Gilson - QOV co-chair

Florida Quilt Challenge

Sue Hoecker

Florida Quilt Challenge is in full swing. I am challenging EVERY member of Helping Hands to make at least one quilt to send to Florida hurricane victims. Hope this note finds you working on yours! These quilts are due at our November meeting.

The "Quilting For Others" bargello pattern has been posted on our website for your convenience. Large, small, men's, women's, children...you name the theme and size. Remember Florida weather and consider a lighter batting, i.e. muslin, flannel to be used.

Thank you to Geri Sentman for spearheading this project.

FYI:

Helping Hands wants to be a FRIENDLY, WELCOMING guild. We are so happy to encourage visitors, new members, and those who want to try us out.

In an effort to be "fair" to our dues-paying members, the board has set the following fees:

- \$5 visitor fee for meetings with speakers. Dues will become \$20 (instead of \$25) if visitors join at the next meeting.
- \$10 extra VISITOR charge for workshops (Normally \$40 workshops become \$50 to non-dues paying attendees.)

Raffle Quilt News

Barbara Austin

Two winners will be drawn for the raffle quilts at the November guild meeting. Prior to the raffle quilt drawing, a few of the raffle quilt volunteers throughout the year will be recognized with small door prizes for making this a successful and profitable year. These will be purchased by me and will not come from the guild funds. We sincerely thank all volunteers in the guild throughout the year.

Quilt Retreat

Mary Kokoszka

Save the Date!

The Helping Hands first annual quilt retreat at Camp Pecometh was a huge success! If you missed out this year, don't worry, we are holding our second annual quilt retreat at beautiful Camp Pecometh from August 16th thru 19th 2018. All are invited, but space is limited. The 2018 registration form is located on the Helping Hands Quilt Guild website. Please save the date!

Information about Programs and Events

Please, see newsletters (linked on website) or website for all workshop info. There is a calendar for the year (under "Calendar") as well as "Programs" **organized** by the month.

At each guild meeting, please, take the time to watch the scrolling announcements (with pictures) that is on the front wall of the stage. You will learn about guild news, workshops, upcoming speakers, etc.

There will also be brief reminders about meetings and events through email a few days before our fourth Monday guild meetings. **WE WANT YOU TO BE INFORMED ABOUT ALL OUR OPPORTUNITIES AND FUN!**



The Food Bank committee is very grateful for all we do to assist in making their efforts to support the community needs and their ministry of hope and comfort because we care enough to help those struggling to feed their families and our seniors on limited and fixed incomes during the year and holiday season.

Holiday traditional things and those needed for everyday meals that might include things like fruit cocktail. apple sauce. cranberry sauce. mayonnaise. stuffing mix. cake mix. yello. rice. macaroni.

pie filling, can milk, can vegetables and fruits, baking goods, cereals, pasta, soups, sauces.

Anything you think could be used to create a wonderful holiday meal for Thanksgiving and Christmas for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you, ladies, for the tote bags and the different bags you have donated through our guild to the food bank ministry. Our creative design contributions from September to October were 25 and 50 of the bags we all recycled by donating them to this very worthy cause and community service

For those interested I will have fabric kits available during our meeting in November and at our Christmas Dinner in December. Any style tote you wish to create is greatly appreciated. The Food Bank is open all year therefore you can create and donate a bag as often as you are able to complete one. Thank you and please continue to be the awesome giving membership we all have come to love.

**Please remember to bring a food bank donation to Guild each month if possible but especially this month that begins the holiday season. Place your food donations on the table or bench at the front door when you come to guild on Monday. If you have created a tote bring it to me so that I can report the number of bags we have contributed.

Thank you!!

Thanks from Quilts of Valor Recipients

Dear Mrs. Hoosier, 10/01/17
 A belated thank you to you and your hard working group. The quilt is lovely and I feel honored to have been presented it. I will treasure it always.
 Sincerely,
 Steve Bungle

Dear Sue,
 What a special evening Helping Hands gave to my father and our family! The Quilts of Valor presentation was such a inspiring and moving experience. I will always be grateful for all the kindness and work that went into that quilt and evening - of our guild!
 Please use this small gift to continue this amazing tradition.
 Sharon

Upcoming Quilt Events:

If you know of any events in the area, please let us know. You can send any information to: Barbara Sansone
 Phone: 302-730-4169 or E-mail b.sansone19@gmail.com

Minutes for the Helping Hands Quilt Guild and Members October 23, 2017 Meeting Delores Burns

The meeting opened with a prayer read by our President, Sue Hoecker, followed by the introduction of our guests. Sue shared Quilts of Valor thank you notes from Steve Ruggles and Sharon Noone.

Program:

The annual Helping Hands Quilt Guild auction took place, which included a silent and live auction, and a yard sale.

Business:

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for September were approved.

The Member ship drive continues through December 2017. The Board approved a student membership and the cost will be \$5.00. Sue encouraged members to participate in the FL hurricane relief project. She challenged members to bring a quilt to the November meeting which will be donated to victims of the hurricane in Florida. Sue presented the following nominees for 2018 - 2019: President - Mary Dawn Ditty, Vice-President - Mary Kokoszka, Recording Secretary - Rosalie Collins, Corresponding Secretary - Beth Flaherty, and Treasurer - Carol Johannsen. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to elect the proposed slate of officers.

Committee Reports:

- Workshops - There are openings for the Wooly Tree workshop. In January there will be a New Member Workshop, free to all members.
- QFO - The next meeting will take place on November 13th.
- Holiday Dinner - Tickets are available through the November meeting. The cost is \$18.00. Members may bring one Show & Tell and wear "Ugly Sweaters."
- Auction - RoseAnn thanked her committee members for all their hard work.
- Raffle Sales- Barbara recognized members who sold tickets at Big Thursday on Sunday, Sam's Club in Salisbury, and the Apple Scapple Festival. The total in sales is \$3444. The winning ticket for the raffle quilt will be drawn at the November meeting.

UFO #6 is due at the November meeting which will take place on November 27th.

Respectfully submitted, Delores Burns

Treasurers Report for October 2017

Mary Kokoszka

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ACCOUNT</u> | <u>BALANCE</u> |
|---|--|--------------------|
| 9/30/17 | Citizens Bank checking account Statement balance: | \$ 17444.59 |
| Checks Cleared: | | |
| Sandi Blackwell | Sept Speaker/Workshop Fee | \$ 1620.56 |
| Mary Dawn Ditty | Speaker meal reimbursement | \$ 27.48 |
| Wooly Pines | Oct 2017 Workshop Fees | \$ 265.00 |
| Mary Dawn Ditty | 2018 Raffle Quilt Backing Fabric | \$ 20.96 |
| Barbara Austin | Purchase raffle quilt tickets, bungee cords | \$ 99.43 |
| | | \$ 2033.43 |
| Deposits Cleared: | | |
| Membership | | \$ 1250.00 |
| Fundraiser Petty Cash Return | | \$ 50.00 |
| Workshops | | \$ 200.00 |
| Retreat Payment | 2018 Camp Penometh | \$ 643.00 |
| QOV Donation | | \$ 50.00 |
| Holiday Dinner | | \$ 576.00 |
| Sept. Guest Fees | | \$ 10.00 |
| Guild Raffle Quilt | | \$ 1439.75 |
| Auction | | \$ 2626.70 |
| | | \$ 6845.45 |
| 10/31/2017 | Citizens Bank checking account Register balance: | \$ 22256.61 |
| Uncleared Deposits: | | |
| None | | \$ 0.00 |
| | | \$ 0.00 |
| Uncleared Checks: | | |
| Nancy Roberts | Holiday Dinner Decorations | \$ 100.00 |
| Joyce Sinclair | Refund due to overpayment | \$ 20.00 |
| Peg Gilson | QOV Supplies | \$ 145.83 |
| | | \$ 265.43 |
| 10/31/2017 | Citizens Bank checking account Register balance | \$ 21990.78 |
| Respectfully Submitted, Mary Kokoszka (All records are available for review upon request unaudited - for management purposes only) | | |

| <u>First Name</u> | <u>Last Name</u> | <u>Birthday</u> |
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| Delores | Burns | Nov 1 |
| Grace | Cohens | Nov 6 |
| Peggy | Decker | Nov 9 |
| Sharon | Cook | Nov 11 |
| Linda | Barlow | Nov 18 |
| Kay | Butler | Nov 18 |
| Sara E. | Short | Nov 25 |
| Elaine | Morris | Nov 26 |
| Carrie | Dobos | Nov 28 |
| ML | Kaczka | Nov 30 |
| Salina | Yoder | Dec 1 |
| Ann | Fischer | Dec 2 |
| Rose Ann | Battista | Dec 3 |
| Mary | Kokoszka | Dec 3 |
| Tracey | Vaughn | Dec 8 |
| Betty | Bevans | Dec 12 |
| Dolores | McShea | Dec 16 |
| Peg | Gilson | Dec 17 |
| Julie | Brown | Dec 19 |
| Mary | Berman | Dec 24 |
| Rosalie | Collins | Dec 26 |
| Patricia | Audy | Dec 30 |
| Barbara | Austin | Dec 30 |

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| Corresponding Secretary: | Ellen Malenfant.....492-8715 |
| Treasurer: | Mary Kokoszka.....242-6253 |
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| 50/50: | Shirley Smith678-2026 |
| Block of the Month: | Linda Barlow.....653-0650 |
| | Cindy King..... 632-7818 |
| Fund Raising: | Ellen Malenfant.....492-8715 |
| Raffle Quilt Sales | Barbara Austin.....632-1028 |
| Raffle Quilt Construction | Lucinda Mercier..... 495-7163 |
| Meeting Sales | Elaine Morris..... 670-7402 |
| Greeters/New Member: | Rose Ann Battista.....423-5415 |
| Holiday Event | Nancy Roberts.....538-5594 |
| Membership: | Kate Ruper.....697-7274 |
| | Fern Weaner..... 736-6707 |
| Newsletter: | Barbara Sansone..... 730-4169 |
| Quilting for Others: | Ann Fischer.....744-9786 |
| Quilts of Valor: | Betty Rigo.....531-5585 |
| | Peg Gilson.....697-7639 |
| Refreshments: | Robin Aschenberg.....335-0175 |
| Sit 'n Sew/ Workshop | |
| Coordinator: | Shirley Smith.....678-2026 |
| Show 'n Tell | Sharon Noone.....443-928-7179 |
| Skills Forum: | |
| Sunshine: | Sharon Cook.....734-7196 |
| Website/Facebook: | Cindy King.....632-7818 |

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The Magic Table

The long table as you walk into the Helping Hands meeting room.

- Membership services (renewal dues, new members and visitors)
- Sign-in sheet (Please, try to sign in so we can get an accurate count of attendance.)
- Sign-up for those who wear name tag.
(There is a drawing each month for those who wear a tag. It is encouraged so that we can all know who we are talking to and sitting with.)
- 50/ 50 raffle ticket sale. (This is a fund raiser for the guild.)
- Class registration
- Quilting for Others (Pick up a kit)•

Sunshine Committee Report

Please continue to keep us informed of any of our members that are ill, having surgery, or have lost a loved one.
Respectfully submitted, Connie Quarnaccio and Sharon Cook



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Newsletter submissions are due, excluding exceptions, by or before the 2nd Saturday of the month.
Please email them to Barbara Sansone at b.sansone19@gmail.com

Addicted to Quilting

She learned to quilt on MONDAY.
Her stitches all were fine.
She forgot to make us dinner
So we all went out to dine.

She quilted miniatures on TUESDAY;
she says they are a must.
They really were quite lovely
But SHE forgot to dust.

On WEDNESDAY, it was a sampler.
She says stippling's fun.
What highlights! What shadows!
But the laundry wasn't done.

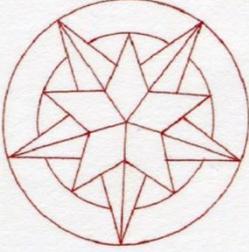
Nine Patches were on THURSDAY -
Green, yellow, blue and red.
I guess she really was engrossed;
She never made the bed.

It was wall hangings on FRIDAY,
In colors she adores.
It never bothered her at all
That crumbs were on the floor.

I found a maid on SATURDAY.
My week is now complete.
My wife can quilt the hours away;
The house will still be neat.

Well, now its only SUNDAY.
I think I'm about to wilt.
I cursed, I raved, I ranted
Cuz the maid has learned to QUILT!





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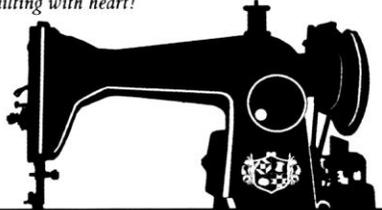
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3 for 2 Dates

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| Jan 13-16 | May 8-11 | Sept 11-14 |
| Feb 16-19 | June 15-18 | Oct 6-9 |
| Mar 27-30 | July 17-20 | Nov 9-12 |
| Apr 20-23 | Aug 17-20 | Dec 4-7 |

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