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Along the Towpath

Letter from our Presidents

Hi fellow Towpath Quilters! Pam and I want to thank you for voting us to be your new co-presidents for the upcoming 2017-2018 year. We both appreciate that you elected us to this office. It will be a great pleasure to serve with the rest of our officers and we look forward to a productive and happy term.

Our next year looks exciting with the varied presenters and workshops coming to Towpath. They are so varied and accomplished that I'm sure there is something for everyone. Don't procrastinate to sign up as spots, for the workshops will go quickly as we have kept the fees so very low.

Summer is here, or is it? The weather has been unpredictable and downright horrible at times. The only good thing I can say about it is, that it sure does make good days for quilting. Instead of sitting in the sun and getting Vitamin D, this year we can see a lot of green. I always try to have an upside to everything.

April and I went to Toronto to the Canadian National Quilt Show. We had a great time together and I met and talked to so many quilters and their husbands from Canada. All were very sad to hear that AQS was not having a show in Syracuse this year. Some of the vendors were quite unusual and we gained a lot of knowledge and information. The one thing I had not anticipated was learning so much about my "roomie". She is an amazing woman! I think we should make it our business to talk to our fellow quilters at Towpath and get to know them better. I think you will be surprised.

Robin, Ann, Pam and myself met at my camp for a working lunch to pave the way for a smooth year. We hope we have it all under control, but if not, don't hesitate to tell either of us. It's much better to work through an issue than to have to fix it. We are looking forward to a great year! Hope to see you all in September.

Cathy and Pam



Pam Copan



Cathy DiBernardo

Towpath Quilt Guild 2017-2018 Programs

Your program committee has worked hard to bring you some amazing programs for this year! Due to the hard work of our guild with the quilt show we are able to keep the fee for all workshops at \$30 members (\$35 non members). All next day workshops will be 9:30am to 3pm.

September 12: Lecture with Lu Corts of Tiger Lily Quilt shop, Utica

Lecture only, no workshop

October 10: Please note we've had a change! Kathleen Barden will be sharing!

Lecture only

As one of our distinguished members, we felt we needed to have her speak before she moves away!

November 14 & 15: Terry Kramzar Workshop next day, Nov. 15.

Terry Kramzar is an art quilter living in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. She exhibits widely in juried and invitational shows. Terry's quilts can be seen in numerous publications including 500 Art Quilts by Lark Books and she was recently featured in The QuiltLife Magazine. She has garnered many awards and recognitions and her work is in private and corporate collections in the U.S. and Europe. Terry maintains a studio in the beautiful Wyeth country of the Brandywine Valley.

Talking about her quilts, Terry says, "I work in fiber because I enjoy the process of joining fabric, using a variety of techniques. I often mix traditional quilt designs or contemporary abstraction with images of flowers or birds. I love that people feel a connection between quilts past and a modern work of art. My art contemplates my deep connection with nature and illustrates my journey pieced in fabric."

www.Terrykramzar.com

March 13: Sue Pritt

Workshop same day as guild meeting.

Back by popular demand! Sue will bring more of her patterns, fused onto fabric, and her wit!

Take a look at her patterns at <http://sweetseasonquilts.com/>



Right: Terry Kramzar

Left: Sue Pritt



April 10 & 11: Julie Berger

Workshop next day, April 11.

Julie is a certified Judy Neimeyer instructor from Oswego, NY. This is a very popular paper piecing technique that produces stunning results. So if you have been wanting to try this technique now is the time. Take a look at the many different patterns here <http://www.quiltworx.com/patterns/fractured-paint-box/>

May 8: TBD

June 11&12: Gyleen Fitzgerald

Workshop on MONDAY before guild meeting. Lecture on Tuesday June 11 with a short picnic to follow. Gyleen Fitzgerald makes quilts that blend color, pattern, and texture to provide a contemporary essence in traditional quilting. Her strength as a quilter is demonstrated by the infusion of engineering tools and innovative techniques to simplify visually complex quilts. She shares her enthusiasm for quilting through interactive lectures and workshops. As a writer, Gyleen centers on haiku poetry, quilt project books, magazine articles and children's books.

An avid quilter, Gyleen has earned Best of Show honors and as a publisher, she is a Gold Medal winner for *Quilts: Unfinished Stories with New Endings*. She is best known for inspiring *Trash to Treasure Pineapple Quilts* and the creation of the Pineapple Tool by Gyleen.

Gyleen has appeared on The Quilt Show and Lifetime TV promoting a contemporary spirit in traditional quilting.

For Gyleen, dreams hold no limits. Ray, her husband, is her shining light and quilting is her passion; together they color her world in a very special way.

Gyleen is a Philadelphia, PA native, who spent her formative years in Taiwan and Japan.



Gyleen Fitzgerald



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Presidents' Gift

Ann and I want to thank you very much for your generosity in the donations for Ronald McDonald House. As you can see by the picture, there were plenty of items to deliver. Along with these items there were \$100 in gift cards and checks. Ann and I had fun loading Ann's car and then delivering them to the House. Once again the guild answers the call for helping others.

Robin and Ann



Editor's note:

Whenever I start to put together the August issue of *Along the Towpath*, the first typing I do is to change the volume number. This year it is "37", which means four issues of this newsletter have come out to the membership for thirty-six years. That means 144 President's letters have been published: 288 times a president has organized a monthly meeting and stood in front of the membership, and a president has lead at least 324 board meetings. This issue salutes a few of our past presidents who have done so much for our guild.

**Past President****Dolly Monteleone**

Past-President Dolly Monteleone has been a familiar face to all of us in the Guild, having served the term 2001-2002, and we have appreciated her work in other areas as well. We know about her extensive quilting, so we have asked her to respond to questions of another nature. She enjoys spending her time—in addition to quilting—reading mysteries, historical novels and biographies. Other past-times she enjoys include golfing with her husband (of 60 years!) and shopping. Her USA travels have been extensive, including Hawaii, her favorite for all of the memories made there. International visits have spanned the British Isles to Spain and Italy. Dolly considers her greatest blessings to be her 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She admits to being a gambler—sometimes winning/sometimes losing, but always enjoying it! She has fond memories of her high school cheerleading days and club memberships. She is thankful for the friendships that have endured during the last 63 years. Her response to the query regarding a bucket list was that she... “would fill it with time. There are so many quilts and so little time.”

Mystery Quilts

We worked really hard on our last quilt show and it was great to see all the Mystery Quilts in the show. They were all so different, it was hard to tell they were all the same pattern. Why don't we start another one?? At the September meeting I will take the names of all who wish to participate and we will start sewing in October. I'll search for one this summer that looks like fun and takes **at** least 6 months to complete, although more is more fun. So, get ready to start solving the mystery beginning in October!

Bonnie Haaland

A Quilter's Gift

Sometime before the fall of 2002 I took a February workshop on Victorian crazy quilt embroidery from Lillian Card, who we all miss very much. She dumped a giant pile of gorgeous fancy fragments in the middle of the table and told us to help ourselves. I took out my needle and thread and put a piece of my own in an embroidery hoop. Lillian hooted loudly saying she had never heard of using a hoop on a crazy quilt. So I put my head down and made my spider and web without a hoop.

Later I was having some difficulty getting my needle through some stiff brocade. She gave me a large milliners needle and told me I could keep it. That needle lives in my top sewing drawer, and I have used it a number of times: once when I couldn't get any other needle to go through a quilt I was entering in the Schweinfurth show, and this summer when I was repairing that same quilt. Each time I use it, nothing else will work and the needle saves the day—a truly wonderful gift.

Noel Keith





**Past President
Sue Ellen Romanowski**

Sue Ellen Romanowski served as President during the Guild year 2002-2003. She has also made other contributions to the Guild, such as Newsletter Editor, during her membership. One could recognize her passion for flowers from her wonderful presentation at our 2017 June Picnic. She states her favorite ways to spend free time, other than quilting, are gardening, reading and biking. She maintains beautiful gardens and does superb quilting. Several of her quilted pieces have been selected for various juried shows—she represents our Guild very well. Some years back, Sue Ellen spent a summer in Wyoming on a Dude Ranch as the cook. She describes the ranch as a “beautiful place in the mountains, with a stream.” At the end of her summer there, she backpacked in the Teton National Forest by herself for two weeks!

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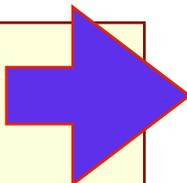
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August Workshops

I hope everyone is having a good summer, as usual it is going by rather quickly.

Our August workshops are rapidly approaching and I know that some of you were hesitant to sign up for one because your summer schedule was not set. Since we are getting closer I thought that I would let you know that there are still some openings in the Needle Tatting and Rope Bowls classes. If either of these interests you the registration form can be found on the guild's website. You just have to complete it and send to me with the course fee. If you need a supply list you can contact me or the instructor and we will see that you get one.

Now for those of you that might wake up August 8th and wish you had something fun to do and nice people to talk to--Open Sew (Sit and Sew) will be available. All you have to do is bring a project you want to work on and your wish can be answered. If you haven't already registered but know you are coming it would be helpful if you could let me know but if not just come that day and join the fun.

Just a reminder the fee for Needle Tatting and Rope Bowls is \$20 and for Open Sew \$10.

Hope to see you on the 8th.

Ann Rowland

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Quilt Shows This Fall



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September 29-30

Mexicali Quilters - Oswego
September 29-30

Tug Hill Quilters - Lowville
September 30th

Candlelight Quilters - Clay
October 21-22

QAQ - Schweinfurth Museum - Auburn
October 28, 2017 - January 7, 2018

Report from the Service Project

Our project for the year 2016-2017 was the McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center in Syracuse. They serve youth from infants to teens and we provided a total of 110 quilts and 127 fleece throws for their use. Three employees of the center joined us for the June picnic to receive the quilts and speak about their work.

At the meeting in April Gail Brennan passed out fabric and instructions for adding hand prints to make blocks for a quilt to be presented to McMahon/Ryan. We turned the blocks in to Gail in May and she created a lovely quilt for the organization to keep and hang in their offices as a reminder of all the helping hands from our group.

A big thank you to all those who provided a quilt to comfort a frightened child.

Barbara Christen

A graphic with a green background. At the top, a white musical staff with a treble clef has four buttons (blue, black, red, black) placed on the lines. A needle is positioned to the right. Below the staff is a yellow sign with the text "There's a song in my little quilting heart...". At the bottom, a blue banner contains the text "because Calico Gals has beautiful new fabrics!". Below the banner, contact information is listed: "Calico Gals • 3906 New Court Ave Syracuse • 13206 315-445-0617 • www.calicogals.com".



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Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

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or \$25.00 per year if paid **after** September 1st.

Make checks payable to: Towpath Quilt Guild.

Send completed form and check to:

Carol Long

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Our guild operates on the volunteer work of many. Please consider volunteering for at least one of the following committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly meeting - set up tables & chairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly meeting clean up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle Quilt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters for the Meetings |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Party | <input type="checkbox"/> National Quilting Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> August Workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> June Picnic meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <input type="checkbox"/> January Service Project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NYS Quilter's Consortium | |

1. Please share your roles in any past work/volunteer experience.

2. Please list any particular quilting interests for future programs or workshops:

3. What Guild project would you be willing to chair / co-chair?

4. Please list quilt-related skills that you enjoy and would be willing to teach for our Guild workshops.

Along the Towpath...

Towpath Quilt Guild meets at 9:30 AM on the second Tuesday of the month at United Methodist Church of Fayetteville, Genesee Street, Fayetteville, NY. In the event of bad weather, we follow the Fayetteville-Manlius school closings.

Annual dues are \$25.00 payable at the September meeting. Members save \$5.00 by registering by mail before September 1st. Guests are welcome to attend a maximum of two meetings at \$3.00 per meeting. After that time the fees may be applied to the annual dues.

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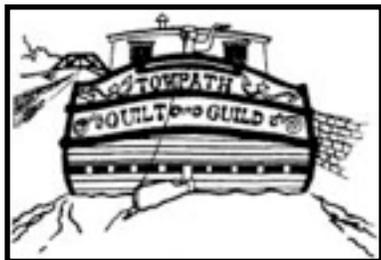
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