Towpath Quilt Guild NQA Chapter NY 628

## Along the Towpath

## Letter from our Presidents

Hi Everyone,

Summer is half over. Barbara and I hope you have all experienced the benefits of warmth and sunshine. First of all, we would like to thank everyone for the work and support which make the quilt show a success. The show committee deserves a round of applause for the work they did to organize and guide us.

Ann and Ann have been very helpful in getting us started for our term as presidents. We look forward to a good year with lots of fun and informative programs as well as new classes and of course all of the food we can eat. We will all learn along the way as everyone does and enjoy the company and knowledge of those who went before us. The website is open for everyone to view. Thanks to Berta and Robin and the committee for the time spent. They were always open for suggestions and guidance when we met challenges.

We will do our best to make this year a good one. Arlene and Barbara

PS: Something new!!! Open sew will be offered after the September guild meeting until 3:30 - 4:00pm



2019-2020 Co Presidents, Barbara Western and Arlene King



## 2019 Towpath Monthly Programs

## October 2019: Heather Kojan

Heather has been sewing since her teens & quilting for more than 25 years. Her first quilt was an Eleanor Burns Quilt in a Day. Since she had a king sized bed, it made sense to make a king sized quilt!

She is a modern quilter, with traditional roots. She is the founder of the Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild.

## October 8: Lecture: Traditional to Modern, her quilting journey

Towpath with be sharing the lecture with Plank Rd. Quilt Guild, meeting @ Fayetteville Methodist Church





October 10: Workshop @ Plank Rd: Modern Strings Towpath is invited to attend.

## November 12,2019: The Quilt Lady, Cathleen Koons Wiggs

The Quit Lady will be joining us in costume, to share her unique historically accurate happenings with fictional characters to tell the story of each quilt in the trunk show which accompanies the tale.











**PAT MATTESSICH** 

Pat moved here from Long Island 30 years ago when her husband's job changed. She learned to sew clothing in 4H when she was ten. About 18 years ago she went to a quilt show in Baldwinsville and was hooked. A beginner quilt class at BOCES taught her some basics and she continued learning through quilting books and by joining the Candlelight Quilt Guild in Baldwinsville. Two of her quilting loves are landscapes and crazy quilts.

Two years ago Pat had an embarrassing moment that turned out well; at the Toronto consortium show she admired a knit shawl at a yarn booth and talked to the vendor about it. She bought a clear bag with what she thought contained a shawl but no, it was the yarn to knit the shawl. Unfortunately, she does not knit or crochet. The women on the bus enjoyed a good laugh at her expense and the story even surfaced at the Ottawa consortium trip. The happy ending is that at the end of the day, the vendor sold Pat the shawl!

Pat's biggest challenge was a quilt reproducing her husband's Indian motorcycle from a photo 4 inches square, requiring her to always think ahead as she build the bike from fabric. The project took 9 months but Pat enjoyed it. In the Guild, Pat finds herself among warm and friendly people and enjoys the presentations at meetings.



## **NEW WEBSITE**

Members of the Towpath Quilt Guild I hope you have taken some time to take a look at our new website. Just put "Towpath Quilt Guild" in a search engine such ss Google and you will be amazed at the new site. We had the help of a professional web designer and the skills of Berta Keeler to make the site as wonderful as it is. You will be able to see the quilt show winners, what programs and events are coming up this year, and even the agendas for up coming member meetings. Have you ever thought about attending a Board meeting? All members are welcome to attend and you can find the dates, times and places listed on the site. Did you forget what you signed up to bring to the Holiday party- well it will be available on the website under the members only tab. Forgot to get a picture of the supply list for that workshop you signed up for? That will also be on the website. Are you interested in joining a committee, but forgot who to contact- check out the site. There will be members quilts featured on the site and they will change through the year. Another benefit- under the members only tab you will find the meeting minutes of the annual meeting so that you may vote on accepting it June 2020.

On another note- the webmaster will have an updated list of those of you who choose to not have their picture on the website- please when showing something for "show and tell" ask that any picture will only be taken of your quilt-not you. We are working out details to not include you in group pictures that might be taken. We greatly respect your right to privacy and will do everything to make sure your wishes are followed.

All items put on the website must be sent to Robin Brennan at rab121954@hotmail.com. for consideration, we do not accept any articles that include advertising, political or religious affiliations. Advertising may be done through the newsletter.

We will be telling you the new password for the site at the September member meeting.

Thank you, Robin Brennan



Jeannine Lloyd, who has faithfully served as the Towpath Guild's secretary for numerous years, states that in her free time she enjoys snowshoeing, kayaking, hiking and walking with Yak and WAQ (her canine companions, perhaps?), or her husband. In addition to her outside activities, she enjoys knitting, gardening, quilting, and cooking. Family and friends appreciate being the recipients of her work!

A surprise trip to Aruba, with her husband and best friends, tops the list of favorite travels. They became certified SCUBA divers, saw a shipwreck, a sea turtle, barracuda and many colorful, tropical fish. The seafood and bevrages were a hit also. Jeannine grew up vacationing at the Jersey Shore, and in her view, it is not a vacation if there isn't a beach!

She counts among her blessings a wonderful family, from grandparents on down with cousins, aunts and uncles included. Of course, the list also includes her husband, son and two step-sons with their families and a total of five grandchildren. They are able to be together several times a year and Jeannine is thankful for that.

She admits that she was a "major tomboy" while growing up. After one especially short haircut, while she and her sister were walking down the street, her neighbors thought her sister had a boyfriend! She still enjoys playing basketball, baseball and fishing. She admits to being a "little" competitive!

In high school Jeannine participated in winter and spring track, being a member of the team of first females from her high school to go to a State Track Competition. Their best finish was second in the State of Pennsylvania.

Her bucket list includes hiking some of the high peaks; going to Bosnia with her five girlfriends, one of whom is from there. Also, she includes a trip out west with her husband to explore Yellowstone, Grand and Bryce Canyons, Mt. Rushmore and whatever else! We will be looking for pictures from her trips.





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## S.C.R.A.P.S.

The SCRAPS display at the Quilt Show was a great success, and thank you to Alexa for coming up with the brilliant idea of including displays from various members who do service projects for groups outside the guild. The projects included School Supply Bags., Pet beds for animal shelters, Quilts for McMahon Ryan Center, Pillow cases for Elmcrest and Placemats for Meals on Wheels, Quilts for Ronald McDonald House, Bead Bags, Preemie hats and baby quilts, and Days for Girls pads Thank you to all the ladies who provided these projects for display, and to Cindy Griffin and Laura Smelski for help with the set up of the display and talking with the visitors who came by to inquire about the different projects.

I believe this expanded display of what SCRAPS can accomplish for many people was very well stated, was a good initiative for the visitors to go back to their groups and say "we can do this too". Thank you again to everyone who contributed in anyway to this wonderful part of our great Quilt Show.









## **Cindy Griffin**

Cindy Griffin, who was a Towpath member in the past and returned to the Guild a few years ago, keeps plenty busy in her free time. Favorite activities are gardening, reading mysteries, sewing (and quilting), singing in the Dewitt Choir and playing guitar.

She has a particular fondness for the State of Maine, and she and her husband travel to the Mid-Coast a few times a year, having done this for over 30 years. They find the coast always peaceful and relaxing.

Her husband of 31 years is considered Cindy's greatest blessing. They have enjoyed their years together and support each other in diverse interests.

Most of us may not be aware that Cindy follows a whole food plant based (WFBD) way of eating, having made that switch three years ago. Positive results are lowered cholesterol and blood pressure for both herself and her husband.

An embarrassing moment Cindy shared with us was the first time she cooked asparagus, and she trimmed and threw away the tops leaving the stalks for cooking. She stated that every time she now cooks that vegetable, her mind goes back 40 years to that day she became equaid with asparagus.

Cindy recalls being shy and a bookworm in high school. She earned the title of valedictorian and enjoyed playing several musical instruments in the band and singing in the choir.

Not surprisingly, she names owning a house on the coast of Maine at the top of her bucket list. Beyond that, she adheres to the state motto of Maine: "Life is the way it should be."



## **Barb Smith**

Barb Smith, who has become an active Towpath Guild member, echoes what many of us may feel, and that is that she prefers sewing to weeding the gardens!

Traveling has centered around vending at quilt shows, and unfortunately, that allows no time to enjoy the surroundings. Barb's last true vacation was time spent in New Orleans.

She grew up in Minnesota but has not lived there for forty years, so family—whether here or there—is the most important part of her life. She treasures those connections, knowing these are people she can count on.

When Barb lived in Jamestown, NY, she did sewing and alterations for a dry cleaners and made clothing for women. We are happy that this talent led her to quilting! She was unable to come up with a particular embarrassing moment stating that when you have siblings or kids, there are too many to choose from.

Barb said that accounting was her favorite course in high school and that led to her first career. Many friends and high school activities remain in her memories, but once she took an accounting class, she was "hooked".

Her bucket list includes traveling with her husband and dog. She stated that she can't go anywhere with her husband unless the dog is included! Also, she looks forward to going to Norway to visit relatives she has never met, buying a long-arm quilting machine (which means adding onto the house, and which in turn means she will probably never attain that one!) We hope that her dream will come true, home addition and all!

## **CAROL HOLLADAY**

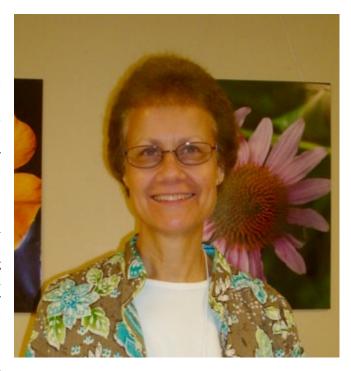
Carol taught French and Spanish, her dream job since she was 8. She took a year off to have a second child, and unable to find a job within commuting distance, went to school to become a school psychologist. In high school, Carol like math and science and might have gone into computer technology if she had realized how it would change the world.

She began to take classical violin lessons, beginning in fourth grade but stopping while in college. Last fall, she transformed this interest into taking fiddle lessons, learning some of the same pieces her great-great uncles played when her mother was small. These uncles were taught by their father, who named them all after Civil War Confederate generals.

Carol has been sewing and crafting many years. At age 7, her grandmother taught her to knit using pencils. As her father watched, he wanted to learn and made half a dozen sweaters. Carol's start in quilting was rocky as she chose a scrappy pineapple pattern with little knowledge about color, value, construction, bias edges, rulers or squaring up. That first quilt ended up as a baby, rather than a bed, quilt. Her second quilt was a double Irish chain for her daughter but again, she had problems. After time passed, she recognized the problem and finished the twin-sized quilt. She sent it to be hand quilted; when it came back a year later, Carol did not think it had enough quilting. Her daughter's response was that she now had a queen-sized bed. So Carol added more borders and quilting.

In 1995 Carol approached the other women in the school where she worked to see if they were interested in making a wall hanging quilt for two who were retiring. That idea developed into a 20-year activity of making quilts for events in the lives of those at the school, resulting in about 100 quilts, none of which used the same pattern.

Carol spent the year she was 15 traveling in Europe where her dad was teaching. They logged 20,000 miles visiting historical sites and museums. This heightened her interest in foreign languages and increased her tolerance of diversity.



Carol's retirement trip, suggested by her daughter, was a trip to Peru. Her bucket trip includes more travel and making an original art quilt and a landscape. Carol has an interesting story about an embarrassing moment the first time she wore nylons - ask her to tell you.





## **Leah Robinson**

When asked how she spends her free time, Leah Robinson replied that since she is retired all of her time feels like free time! That free time is filled with quilting, of course, reading, playing bridge, and volunteering at her church.

A memorable trip which Leah took was a cruise on the Mediterranean that included visits to Rome, Sicily, Malta, Santorini, Mykonos, and Athens. This was her first and so far only cruise.

Leah considers her greatest blessing her son, daughter, and two grandsons. She cherishes family get-togethers, we are sure.

The highlight of her high school years was being an exchange student during her junior year and living in Australia. Leah has not compiled a bucket list, but rather takes life daily as it comes and enjoys retirement.

## **Consortium News**

The Quilters Consortium of New York State (QCNYS) is made up of delegates from participating quilt guilds. All members of the Towpath Quilt Guild are also members of the Consortium, but only the delegate can vote at the meetings. The Consortium meets four times a year in various location across the state. There are quilting demonstrations as well as a business at each meeting, Business includes organizing and selling Passbooks, providing scholarships, and organizing the Quilt Retreat in

September at Watson Homestead, where a renowned leader in the quilting field will teach and speak.

You can access information on the Consortium web site at QCNYS.org. There is a lot of information on the site on scholarships, the Retreat and quilt show of the Best of Show quilts from the 2018 and 2019 quilt shows, and the September meeting. The date for the Retreat is September 20 – 22, at Watson Homestead in Painted Post, NY.

Kudos to Linda Chow on having her quilt, Fractures, chosen as the Consortium Best of Show, at our Quilt Show, which will be at the Best of Show quilt show at the Consortium Retreat at Watson Homestead in September. Also, showing there will be Noel Keith's quilt, in the Still Crazy About All These Years Challenge. Congratulations Linda and Noel!

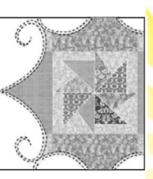
Consortium Delegate, Cathy Lee

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## 2019-2020 Service Project

Our service project recipient for the upcoming year will be the YMCA Downtown Men's' Residence. They house 109 men currently, with plans to add 9 more beds this year. These men are gentlemen of all ages, from young men to seniors, including a number of veterans. There are 30 beds designated specifically for seniors.

The need is for quilts and fleece blankets, size TWIN XL, which is the width of a standard twin, but 5" longer. The fleece should be serged or hemmed, not tied, for ease in bed making.

This is an excellent opportunity to use your browns, greens, and burgundies, but don't forget some bright colors to cheer the rooms for these formerly homeless gentlemen!

The January meeting will be a work day for this project.

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## **LOIS WESTON**

Lois enjoys spending her free time like many Towpath members – traveling, reading, quilting and walking. Her travels included 3 trips to Alaska, which she loved. Her bucket list includes a trip to Australia, walking some of the Appalachian Trail and completing all her UFOs. Lois feels blessed to have been married for 42 years before her husband died; they enjoyed camping, hiking and fishing in the eastern part of the U.S. They had one son who is also deceased.

In high school, Lois enjoyed the Select Choir, being the Home Economic teacher's favorite student and belonging to the music club, Tri-M, through which she ushered at the Convention and Concert Hall and was able to see wonderful plays and concerts. Lois feels her dry sense of humor is often misinterpreted, which leads to many embarrassing moments.

Lois thinks that many of us at Towpath do not know about her career as an architect, which came about in an unorthodox way. She didn't give any details so you will have to find out about that from Lois.



#### **Towpath Quilt Guild 2019 Quilt Show Awards**

#### **Traditional Small Quilt**

1stDonita WhelanOh the Green2ndTerri FeolaOut and About3rdShirley RobinsonBatiks Go to Baltimore

#### **Traditional Medium Quilt**

1stSally BeckwithBlue Celticism2ndPat MessinaWinter Wonderland3rdSuzy TankersleySurprise Packages

#### **Traditional Large Quilt**

1stApril LazarusBali Wedding Star2ndSandra ZieglerBalipops Pineapple3rdGail BrennanMissouri Star

#### **Art Quilt**

1stDonita WhelanPeaceful Abyss2ndBerta KeelerNature's Beauty3rdGaynell DorranceElegant Lady

#### **Hand Quilted**

1stDorothea LaddSerenity2ndDorothea LaddSleeping Porch3rdAlexa CarterPeripatetic Patchwork

#### "Other" (wearable, home dec, etc)

1stSally BeckwithFigure Flattering Quiltware2ndNancy SellersA Tuffet3rdAnn LampreyStormy Seas Table Runner

#### **Mystery Quilt**

1stBarbara WesternEnchantment2ndDebbie BenderChallenging Times3rdPat MessinaMerry Mayhem's Mystery Quilt

Best in Show Sally Beckwith Blue Celticism

<u>Chairmen's Choice</u> Arlene King Ready for a Night Out

#### **<u>Challenge Quilt</u>** Awards given at June Towpath Quilt Guild Meeting:

Most HumorousSuzy TankersleyBloom(er)s on the TowpathBest Use of Recycled FabricCathy LeeChallenge QuiltMost CreativeDonita WhelanFine Feathered Friend

Guild Favorite Jeannine Lloyd May Flowers





To see great pictures of all these winners go to:

https://towpathquiltguild.org/

## A Perspective from a First Time Participant of a Quilt Show Setup

This was my first year to be helping at a Quilt Show and it is A LOT OF WORK. Alexa and her team put in timeless hours to make sure everything was in place. The hanging of the quilts was amazing. I had no idea how this process happened and how many people it took. Husbands, sons, sisters, etc. volunteered to make sure each quilt was hung straight and securely. Then when the Quilt Show was over lots of volunteers helped take down the quilts and sorted for their owners. It was amazing. I have to admit I am exhausted but excited that all went so well.

I am impressed with how well each area of the Quilt Show was set up and ran – boutique, bed-turning, ticket takers, silent auction, gift baskets, S.C.R.A.P.S., Café 119, etc.

I want around to each of our vendors and they each seemed very pleased to be vending and it looked like they had good business. I know I had a good time looking at everything and making some purchases.

Each quilt was beautiful. I probably made twenty-five trips around the gym and each time I saw a different quilt or a new view of a quilt. Something of interest popped each time. I am in awe of each quilter and their gifted talent. This Quilt Guild is wonderful.

Lastly, what a surprise it was to realize I was the first place winner of the Mystery Quilt category. I am thrilled as it is also the first time I have entered a quilt in a Quilt Show. I talked to many people about the quilt. Several people said it reminded them of a "John Deer" project. I laugh at this. Yellow and green are not my colors, I was working outside my box. Thank you, Thank you.

Barbara Western



Donta Whelan and another successful raffle basket money maker



April Lazarus, head f raffle ticket sales, with winner and Towpath member, Barbara Smith



Brisk sales of books, fabric, and boutique items thanks to Ann Lamprey and Robin Brennan



Carol Long and Suzy Tankersley in front of a raffle quilt from the past.

To quilt is to live.

Quilt until you wilt!

Itching to be stitching

Put your foot down and QUILT.

Quilting forever... housework never!

Quilting is my passion ... chocolate comes in a close second.

Behind every quilter is a big pile of fabric.

A messy house is the sign of a happy quilter.

Creative clutter is more blessed than tidy idleness.

Dull women have neat sewing rooms.

Every quilter has a masterpiece inside.

Quilting is a scrap of happiness.

Quilts are like friends, a great source of comfort.

Quilting is like love... do it with abandon.

"There is a very fine line between hobby and mental illness." – Dave Barry

## Fat Quarter Colors for Towpath Quilt Guild 2019-2020

September Anything Goes
October Earthtones-

oranges, golds, browns

November Greys December Blues

March Ugly Fabric April Pastels May Polka

Dots

# Inspiration for Our Retired Co Presidents: Batik Quilts





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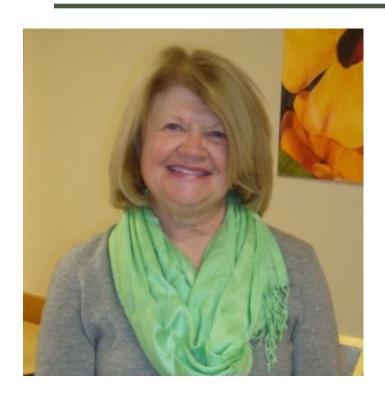
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## KAREN GREEN

While being an active member of Towpath, Karen is serving her third term as a town councilor for the Town of Manlius and feels honored to do so. As a native of Manlius, she finds great pleasure in working with so many to keep Manlius running smoothly. Karen enjoys local history and loves spending free time with family and friends at the majestic St. Lawrence River with all its many "River" stories.

Even though she has traveled to Europe and across the USA, she finds Central New York the most beautiful place and enjoys traveling the country side, through its towns and villages and thinking about the people who live there. She especially enjoys exploring the green hillsides and deep blues of the Finger Lakes.

Karen's greatest blessing is that while her oldest son at age 37 required a heart transplant three years ago, he continues to do very well. She never imagined that this would happen and she is grateful for the gift of life and the outstanding heart transplant program at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. With such a blessing, Karen does not have a bucket list but intends to live life in the best way she can by giving to the community and sharing time with family and friends.

## **BARB CHRISTEN**

Barb's greatest blessing is that she has had the privilege to travel; she loves what Mark Twain said, "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow mindedness... ". In 2001 she and her husband enjoyed a 5 week trip to New Zealand and Australia where she found plants and animals different from any she had ever seen. Barb bought fabric (of course) and after 18 years finally made a couple of throws using those fabrics. Her bucket list includes the travel destinations of Alaska and garden tours of England and living a healthy lifestyle.

Barb spends free time sewing and reading. She liked her teachers in high school and enjoyed learning. Barb says that as a child she was a picky eater and that drove her mother nuts.

#### 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.

The guild newsletter, Along the Towpath, is published four times a year and is included in the annual dues. Non-members may subscribe to the newsletter for \$5.00 per year by contacting the editor. Cut off dates for receiving new material are, Jan. 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15.

Ads will be published at the following per issue rates:

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