

Pondering

I sit here pondering about the many things that are going on and two words keep coming to mind: procrastination and optimism - two things that I have practiced since I was 6 years old. If my teacher wanted 40 cupcakes the next day, my hand would be the first one up. "My mom will do it," I would proclaim proudly, not giving one thought to the fact that mom worked outside the home plus took care of my 2 brothers and me. With one day's notice, I volunteered her to bake 40 cupcakes by the next morning! God bless her, she always came through for me.



As I have gotten older my optimism has not wavered. I am constantly coming up with ideas for Shirley, Susan and Doreen to ya or nay. For example, Quilter's Holiday-I am so optimistic that everyone is going to love it! We found a nationally acclaimed speaker, "Ami Simms," who is funny, talented, and available in May. Without hesitation, we signed her up. Everything was coming together. Rolling Pines Golf Course was

available on May 13 and 14, 2016. My brain was about to short circuit with all the positive energy, my optimistic nature ratcheted into high gear. Meg Geffkin is the perfect addition to our program because of the Dear Jane workshop we do twice a month. Then add a "High Tea" to highlight the day. Everyone is going to flock to our door or website to get that very special ticket for only \$55. How perfect is that! How can it not be the most perfect weekend ever?



However, this is where that word procrastination comes into play. I'm

a procrastinator too! I procrastinate for many reasons: I don't want to spend money until I absolutely have to and I put off filing my paperwork until I can't see the top of my desk anymore. I understand procrastination only too well and have too much optimism for my own good and those around me.

Well now that you know my conflicting habits that drive Susan, Shirley, Doreen and my husband Gary, crazy I hope you will follow my optimistic nature and come to the Quilter's Holiday, May 14, 2016 and perhaps the workshop on the 13th.

Will you be joining us?

Girtie



April - May Classes

Ladybug Table Runner	\$30	U.F.O. Day	\$10
Fri. Apr 1, 1 to 5 pm		Thurs. Apr. 21, 10 am to 8 pm	
Basic Hand Quilting	\$10	Machine Quilting, III	\$37.75
Tues. Apr 5, 1 to 3 pm		Sat, Apr. 23, 9 am to 1 pm	
The Purple Garden Jack	\$60	Dear Jane Work Session	Free
Wed. Apr 6, 13, 20, 27,		Thurs. Apr. 28, 9 am to noon	
9 am to noon		Dear Jane Work Session	Free
Dear Jane Work Session	Free	Thurs. May 5, 6 to 9 pm	
Thurs. Apr. 7, 6 to 9 pm		Waltzing Matilde	\$36.50
Vinyl Mesh Bag	\$34	Tues, May 17 and 24, 1 to 4 pm	
Mon. Apr. 11, 9 am to 3:30 pm		Mini Sewing Box	\$21.50
Machine Quilting, I	\$20	Wed. May 18, 9 am to noon	
Sat. Apr 9, 9 am to 1 pm		U.F.O. Day	\$10
Sew you want to Quilt?	\$60	Thurs. May 19, 10 am to 8 pm	
Tues. Apr 12, 19, 26 & May 10,		Watercolor Wreath	\$30
6 to 9 pm		Sat. May 21, 9 am to 3:30 pm	
Served with a Twist Runner	\$22	Watercolor Wreath	\$30
Thurs. Apr. 14, 1 to 4 pm		Mon. May 23, 9 am to 3:30 pm	
Machine Quilting, II	\$20	Dear Jane Work Session	Free
Sat. Apr 16, 9 am to 1 pm		Thurs. May 26, 9 am to noon	
Fun with Trapunto	\$15		
Mon. Apr. 18, 9 am to noon			

More About Quilter's Holiday

How NOT To Make A Prize-Winning Quilt



Ami Simms, a 30-year veteran quilt teacher, will share all in this hilarious, tongue-in-cheek guide to quilting disasters. You won't feel intimidated by perfect quilts any more. Ami confesses to every mistake you can think of, and then some, proving there's hope for us all. Giggling encouraged!

High Tea Menu

Corn & Butternut Squash Soup
Roast Beef, Caramelized Onion & Horseradish Sandwich
Roasted Vegetable with Pesto Cream Cheese Tartlet
White Chocolate Cranberry Scone
Toffee Crunch Caramel Cheesecake
Raspberries & Cream Napoleon

Meg Geffkin as Jane Stickle & Sylvia Bergstrom



A retired educator, Meg has combined her passion for history and theater into character portrayals of famous people. She researches

their history and magically becomes the person in front of an audience. Jane Stickle is the creator of the famous Civil War quilt known as Dear Jane, while Sylvia Bergstrom is Jennifer Chiaverini's fictional character in the Elm Creek quilting novel series.

Quilt Appraisals

Karen Powers, a certified AQS appraiser of quilted textiles, will appraise new or vintage quilts while you participate in this event. A deposit of 1/2 the \$50 fee and pre-registration is required to secure a time. Contact Girtie for a reservation.

Quilter's Companion

Be sure and come by to see all the unique items Gary is "turning" out. His Mason jar lids are so unbelievably cute! You will want them for your coffee, tea, buttons, candy, and collectibles in all kinds of exotic woods in a variety of colors.

Gary has also been working on perfecting his ruler holders for walls or table tops. He loves working with exotic woods so, if you don't see what you want, just ask. I am sure he will try to get you exactly what will match your room décor. He continues to turn out all colors of seam rippers, styluses, pens and needle cases.

APRIL SPECIAL



25% OFF

Books & Patterns

Central PA Machine
Quilters Guild Meetings
April 5 and May 3 at 6:30 PM
Penn State Extension
702 Sawmill Road, Bloomsburg

We're on the Web at
www.girties.com

Girtie's Studio and classroom is
located at:

69 McDowell Hill Road
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Phone 570-380-9672



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NOW!

April 20 ticket deadline is fast approaching
\$55 all inclusive fee can be paid on line at
girties.com or in person at the shop.

Sierra's Favorite Cinnamon Roll Casserole

This recipe is great for any holiday as it is made in a slow cooker.

2 packs (12 oz.) refrigerated
cinnamon rolls (Reserve frosting
packs)
5 eggs
¾ cup whipping cream
4 tsp maple syrup
3 tsp vanilla
1 tsp cinnamon
¼ tsp nutmeg

Coat your slow cooker with cooking spray. Cut cinnamon rolls in quarters and place a layer on bottom of slow cooker. Beat eggs, cream and syrup, add vanilla and spices. Blend well. Pour evenly over rolls in the slow cooker then place remaining roll pieces on top. Spoon one packet of frosting over rolls evenly. Cover and cook on low for 2 ½ to 3 hours or until sides are golden and rolls are set. Drizzle remaining icing over top and serve warm.