

County Line Quilters News

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January 2021

Dear Ladies of CLQ,

I hope you enjoyed the holidays in whatever form it took for you this year. I know so many couldn't wait for the new year to begin. Let's hope that 2021 will prove to be our dream come true. We certainly are so fortunate to have our sewing to keep us busy; so many made hundreds of masks for others, and many continued to contribute to our various philanthropy projects. Please know that your generosity is truly appreciated. While we couldn't donate to the Larder at New Britain Baptist Church, many donated gift cards to the Bucks County Opportunity Council. Thank you, Ellen Cicak, for the information about this option and the assistance in getting our cards equaling \$230 to the organization. In the spirit of giving, we made a cash donation to the Laurel House and the Woman's Place. A cash gift was also sent to New Britain Baptist Church.

We will kick off the new year with a lecture about raw edge quilting by Jane Haworth; hopefully you will join her for her workshop on January 30th. One of the advantages of virtual meetings is the ability to enjoy a speaker of her caliber from California.

Please remember to send pictures of your quilting and sewing projects to Ellen Cicak for our Show 'n Tell at the end of our meeting. It's really so much fun to enjoy the work of your fellow quilters. This is one of the joys that enriches our experience.

I'd like to encourage you to preorder your copy of Marie Bostwick's book, *The Restoration of Celia Fairchild*, so we can enjoy her free guild presentation in April. Please contact Marianne Grey.

Let's hope the vaccines that are being administered will be successful in ending the pandemic. I hope, as many of you, that 2021 will bring good health, good fortune, and much happiness to all.

Hope to see you on Monday, January 11, 2021 for the first meeting of the year. I'll include the Zoom info, so you can join us.

Yours in stitches,

Joyce Helstrom



COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 12-14-2020

Fifty-six members and 2 guests were in attendance.

The presenter for the evening was Terry Sontra from "Purple Moose Designs". She spoke about the history and intrigue about the creation of the sewing machine. On December 12 she also gave a class on using Zoom for meetings. She offered a discount to Guild members on items purchased from her website www.purplemoose.com and in order to get the discount members need to put "countyline20".

After the presentation, the general meeting was called to order.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report - Suzette Trucksess
As of November 25th, the balance was \$11,000.

The new insurance policy will run from December 6, 2020 to December 6, 2021. Donations were made to Women's Place (\$100), Laurel House (\$100) and to the church (\$200).

The current Treasury is \$10,782.

The treasurer's report was accepted, seconded and approved by the members.

Secretary - Gloria Tafel
Minutes were accepted, seconded, and approved by the members.

Programs - Marianne Grey
If interested in Marie Bostwick book "*The Restoration of Celia Fairchild*" contact Marianne. If 25 books are ordered she will offer a workshop for us. The cost of the book is \$16.99.

January Presenter - Jane Haworth
Jane is a professional quilter who specializes in nature inspired raw edge collages. On January 30th she will hold a zoom on raw edge quilt workshop. The workshop will be from 1-4pm. The cost of the workshop is \$20 and kits will be available for \$34. Kits will include fabric, and foundation but will need other materials. Please contact Marianne. If you are interested in class and/or kits. The deadline for members is December 31st. After that we could open it to other guilds. The finished square is 15"X15".

February Presenter - Kathy. Wylie
Kathy will be presenting "Beauty all Around". She specializes in circular and radiating quilt patterns.

March Presenter - Trudy Cleveland
The topic she will be presenting is "Modernizing Quilting Tool Box"

April Presenter - Marie Bostwick
Marie will be discussing her new book, "*The Restoration of Celia Fairchild*"

Activities – Rosanna Wirth
Due to the approaching snowstorm the Give and Take will be cancelled on Wednesday Dec 16th. It is rescheduled for December 18th 12-1pm.

The Food Larder is now closed until further notice.

We can now donate gift card to the Opportunity Council. Ellen Cicak will collect the cards at the Friday December 18th Give and Take for the Opportunity Council.

Librarian – Diane Foos

Diane sent Ellen the excel sheet with the library book list so Ellen can include it on the website.

Historian – Karen Adams

Nothing to report.

Hospitality - Bonnie Kane

Nothing to report.

Membership - Carol Cotter

56 members attended the meeting and two guests also attended.

Newsletter - Kathy Acker

Please send news for the newsletter by the 25th of December.

Philanthropy - Barbara Lewis and Barb Gleason

The Give and Take will be December 18th.

Ellen sent photos of the donations. 24 wheelchair quilts, 31 walker bags and 25 Christmas trees were donated in Doylestown to Neshaminy Manor. Note: there are 5 extra trees and other items available to donate.

60 Placemats were donated to Ambler Meals on Wheels

55 Placemats were donated to Doylestown Meals on Wheels

18 walker bags were donated to VA.

A donation of \$50 was made to philanthropy.

Yarn can also be donated to Philanthropy.

A thank you note came from Baby Bureau.

Ellen sent instructions and Barb. Will send them for the different projects.

Sunshine - Sue Edelman

Please contact Sue if a member needs encouragement.

Website - Ellen Cicak

The website is www.countylinequilters.org. She is making corrections to the site.

Challenge Quilts - Gina Gempesaw

Home Sweet Home Challenge Quilt Best Interpretation of theme winner is Jeanne Malone

Best in Show winner is Rosemarie Wert

Do Not Touch Quilts Challenge

Best in Show was Sue Miesnik

Gina says we could use more Do Not Touch quilts for our coming quilt shows.

Quilt Show - Sue Clark

We are planning on the October dates. After the holidays she will contact the committee members and will start meetings.

Raffle Quilts - Dee Carr

Many thanks to Gina for her design. Three quilts were raffled.

- 1st Prize- Bed size Quilt- Bozarth Smith from Ewing, NJ
- 2nd Prize-Bed runner quilt- Ellen Cicak
- 3rd Prize-Small Wall quilt- Gale Bromberger

The overflow class from Running with Scissors will be January 23rd.

Meeting drawings:
Kathy Acker - Byrnes Gift card
Marilyn Lopez - Stitch Central gift card
Susan Grazner - Byrnes Gift card

Show and Tell - Ellen Cicak
Photos from the philanthropy donations
"Sticks and Stones" Quilt made by Sue Edelman

New Business

Red tickets are for mini quilts that will be raffled at the Quilt show.

If you have something for Show and Tell, please email to Ellen at ecicakquilt@gmail.com.

PHILANTHROPY

Dear Fellow CLQ Members,

We are now looking forward to a new year, after going through what has been a most challenging 2020.

We, at Philanthropy are also looking ahead to reaching out to our continuing recipients as well as new prospective locations. Deliveries in December included Neshaminy Manor, the Visiting Nurses Association, and the Baby Bureau.

Our last "Give and Take" day was very successful. Our members provided 22 receiving blankets, 5 quilts, 8 walker bags, 42 placemats, 2 wheel chair quilts, 6 burp cloths and 14 knitted booties. We were very pleased and surprised by so many of you who came and returned your completed kits. Our next "Give and Take" day will be Wednesday January 20, 2021, from 12-1 p.m. at the New Britain Baptist Church. We hope that you come out and join us again.

We will continue to deliver your donated projects in a timely manner and keep all of our options open.

So fellow members, while 2020 has given us many twists and turns, we will continue to remain united, and we'll keep on quilting onward in 2021!

Many thanks to those of you that have kept Philanthropy in your hearts and have continued to support our community. Barbara Lewis and Barb Gleason

Philanthropy Projects

Members have requested instructions for our Philanthropy projects to do at home. Please feel free to use these at your own convenience. Any questions contact Barbara Lewis or Barb Gleason.

RECEIVING BLANKETS

Google Shabby Fabrics Receiving Blankets You Tube Video.

PLACEMATS

Use any design of your choosing. Add batting, quilt, envelope or bind. Size 14" by 18"

WHEEL CHAIR QUILT

Use any design of your choice. Size should be 27" across and 36" down. Lower corners must be cut at an angle, measure 9" up and 9" across and cut the corner off. The backing must be flannel or polar fleece, flannel backed quilts must have batting, polar fleeced backed do not need batting. Quilt and either envelope or bind.

BABY QUILT SMALL

Use any design with juvenile fabric. Size should be approximately 36" by 36". The backing must be flannel or polar fleece, flannel backed quilts must have batting, polar fleece backed do not need batting. Quilt and either envelope or bind.

WALKER BAGS AND WHEEL CHAIR BAGS

Our directions for both bags are the same, just the sizes are different. Directions are included in the email.

EASY WALKER BAG

These directions were provided by a member. Directions are included in the email. For Walker and Wheel Chair Bags ribbon is needed. We can provide ribbon.

GUILD HAPPENINGS

January



This month, on January 11, 2021, we will be welcoming Jane Haworth, an award-winning professional quilter from Northern California who specializes in nature inspired raw edge fabric collage quilts. In "Living a Creative Life", Jane will talk about her journey as a quilter, techniques that she uses and her desire to get other quilters to work out of their comfort zone and to play with fabric. On Saturday January 30, 2021, Jane will hold a three-hour sunflower workshop from 1 to 4 pm EST at a cost of \$20. Space in the workshop is limited.

February



Kathy Wylie will be presenting "BEAUTY IS ALL AROUND", a lecture that focuses on circular and radiating quilt designs, from wreaths to clamshells, papercut-appliqué snowflakes to medallions.

Kathy is a multiple international-award winning quilter specializing in appliqué, quilt design, domestic machine quilting and English Paper Piecing techniques. Kathy's quilt designs have received recognition in Canada as well as internationally. Her quilt Instruments of Praise earned the 2011 Bernina Machine Workmanship Award from the American Quilter's Society and now resides in the U.S. National Quilt Museum as part of its permanent collection. She was honored to receive the 2011 Founders Award from the International

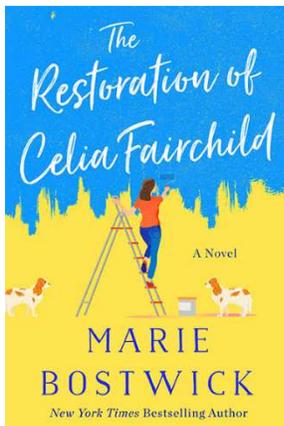
Quilt Association and the 2013 Best of Show from the Canadian Quilters Association for her quilt Flourish on the Vine. Her most recent quilt For Such a Time as This has received multiple awards, including the AQS Best of Show at 2018 Fall Paducah QuiltWeek and the CQA/ACC Best of Show at Quilt Canada 2019. The quilt has inspired a block-of-the-month series of patterns and her first fabric line with Northcott. <https://kathykwylie.com/>.

March



In "Modernize Your Quilting Tool Box," Trudy Cleveland will help us unlock the secret features in our smartphone, tablet, and printers that will take our quilting skills to the next level. Trudy's lecture will demonstrate how to (1) take professional photographs with a smartphone; (2) edit photographs; (3) transform photographs into line drawings to use as patterns; (4) manage photo organization; (5) share photographs; and (6) photograph for entry into quilt shows, and will conclude with a trunkshow of the quilts that were featured in the presentation. <https://trudycleveland.com/newsite/>

April



Marie Bostwick will discuss her new book, *The Restoration of Celia Fairchild*. Marie is a NY Times and USA Today bestselling author who has written 18 books of historical and contemporary fiction, including the popular Cobbled Court Quilt series. *The Restoration of Celia Fairchild* is the story of a fired advice columnist who discovers friends and family while renovating a house left to her by her recently deceased aunt. Deb Tucker, who is a friend of Marie Bostwick, will be releasing a table runner pattern to accompany the book. <https://mariebostwick.com/>

Marie will waive her speaking fees if guild members purchase 25 of her books. The book will be released in March and, I believe, will sell for \$16.99 (\$18.01 with tax). While we can't get autographed copies of the book, Marie will send us autographed bookplates for each book that the guild orders.

Activities

The food larder is not open at this time. We will let you know when they do. Thank you to those who brought gift cards for the Bucks County Larder. Please continue to support Byrne's Sewing Connection and Stitch Central. Remember that Stitch Central has a new home. They are in the same parking lot, but the store faces Huntingdon Pike.

Rosanna Wirth. Activities Chair

Bucks County Opportunity Council

Thanks to the generosity of our guild members, today we were able to donate \$210 in Giant Gift Cards and a \$20 Visa gift card to the Bucks County Opportunity Council to

be used to aid the hungry in our community. Below is a link that shows how your donation assists members of our community.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3TTfWW_sKU&t=373s

If you were unable to meet on "Philanthropy Day" and would still like to help, you can send a donation of either gift cards or a check to:

BCOC
100 Doyle Street
Doylestown, PA 18901

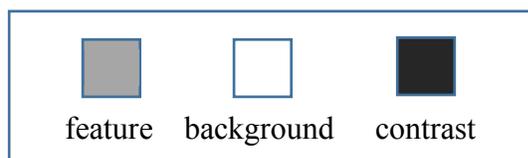
When making a donation, please let the Opportunity Council know that you're affiliated with the County Line Quilters. The generous spirit of our quilting community is truly the tie that binds us together.

The Bucks County Opportunity Council helps low-income residents of Bucks County remove obstacles and achieve their goals and become self-sufficient. We provide counseling and financial assistance to move homeless individuals and families into permanent safe housing or prevent eviction as well as preventing utility shutoff. We manage 60 food distribution sites throughout Bucks County made up of local food pantries and provide free tax preparation for moderate and low-income people through our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

Fons & Porter Love of Quilting Magazine

Please subscribe or renew your subscriptions through the guild. For \$20.00 per year, (which is often less than the individual renewal amount), County Line Quilters makes \$5.00. If you have a renewal form or address label, please bring that along with your check made out to the Guild for \$20 and Susan Clark will send in your order.

Secret in the Bureau Drawer Mystery Quilt Clue #4



Clue 4:

1. Gather eight 9 1/2" x 9 1/2" feature squares and 12 Nine-Patch blocks completed in clue 3.
2. Assemble four rows as shown. Alternate the blocks beginning and ending with a Nin-Patch block. Be sure the 3 1/2" feature squares meet the large feature squares at each seam. Press the seam allowances towards the large feature squares. This is row X.

Clue 4. Row X. Make 4.

