

# County Line Quilters News

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March 2021

Dear Ladies of CLQ,

Snow, ice, rain, and a glimmer of sunshine describes the last few weeks. How lucky are we that sewing and quilting can be accomplished in any climate! It is nearly a year now since the Pandemic hit, but as so many more people become vaccinated daily, the outlook seems to brighten a bit for our future. We are proceeding with our plans for a Quilt Show in October, in hopes that we will be able to hold our show.

Our Philanthropy meetings are continuing with great success! Not only are completed projects being collected and kits distributed for charity, but those attending can visit in person and chat for a while. It's so good to see members in person! On behalf of Philanthropy, I'd like to present a challenge to guild members. Could you please make a placemat, or two from your scraps? Remember, make it pretty or masculine, as I'm sure you will. Something that would make you smile if you received it. I'm sure we can do it! Imagine over 100 new placemats for Meals on Wheels! What a great way to approach Spring! The average placemat is approximately 14 x 18 or 20," so it works really well with fat quarters. We can collect them at the Wednesday get together, and if you can't attend that, I'm sure there are members who will collect them for you. Let's band together ladies! This is a small project that will help consume your scraps and will brighten someone else's day!

The Larder is collecting items again, and the new person is quite nice and very appreciative of our donations. I told her there was no need to tell us how many pounds we donate. I figure they have enough to do without weighing our contributions.

This Saturday will be the on-line class with Jane Haworth. Around 20 members will be enjoying this class on raw edge quilting. Stay tune for their results.

Remember to send pictures of your quilts and other projects to Ellen Cicak. It's so nice to view other people's work. It can be something you sew, quilt, wool work, or yarn projects. We truly enjoy seeing it all, send those pictures to Ellen at: [jpcicak@verizon.net](mailto:jpcicak@verizon.net)

Kathy and Sue are still working as our Quilt Show chairs and proceeding with plans for October. Of course, there will be alternative plans in case we are not all back together by then, but we remain hopeful that October will be a GO!

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you March 8th for our next meeting. Remember the Zoom meeting opens at 6:30, but the meeting doesn't begin until 7:00 P.M.

Stay safe and be well!

Yours in stitches,

Joyce Helstrom



## **COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 2-08-2021**

Fifty-two members joined in the Zoom meeting.

Kathy Wylie was the presenter. Her presentation was Named "Beauty All Around" she presented her radiating designs which she used appliqué and English paper piecing. She showed a number of her prize-winning quilts. Kathywylie.com-shop is her website and her shop. She offered 10% discount code for purchases.

She suggested using invisible thread and water-soluble glue for paper cut appliqué.

### **Committee Reports**

**Treasurer's Report** - Suzette Trucksess  
Deposited \$126.07 for the Bostwick books ordered.

Payments were made to the December (\$250) and January presenters (\$350)  
Balance currently \$10,262.89

Treasurer's report was accepted and seconded.

**Secretary** - Gloria Tafel  
The minutes were accepted and seconded.

**Programs** - Marianne Grey and Kristin Kern

February 27 Is the Jane Haworth Sunflower workshop. The Zoom workshop will be from 1-4pm.  
March presenter is Trudy Cleveland will offer tips on taking photos of your quilts with you Cell phone and editing your photos.

Marie Bostwick books have been ordered and have not been received yet. Twenty-seven books have been ordered.

**Library** – Diane Foos  
Suzie Sergeant donated 10 Marie Bostwick books to the library.

**Membership** - Carol Cotter  
There are five new members who have joined. Their contact information has been added to the members spreadsheet included in January's newsletter.

**Activities** – Rosanna Wirth  
Cindi Field is taking over the management of the Food Larder. The larder is open for donations 8-12 Monday through Wednesday. They are requesting Canned meals or boxed such as Spaghetti Os and Mac and cheese.

**Newsletter** - Kathy Acker  
Articles for the March Newsletter should be sent to Kathy before the 25th of the month.

**Philanthropy** - Barbara Gleason and Barbara Lewis

The Give and Take will be February 17th 12-1.

Handmade items were donated to the Baby Bureau.

The instructions for the philanthropy projects were in the January Newsletter and the newsletter will be sent to the new members.

**Website** - Ellen Cicak

Ellen added 2 pages to the website, one for the Quilt Show and one for Philanthropy.

**Publicity** - Karen Adams

Karen will try to get a photo of the raffle quilt winner with the quilt. The raffle quilt winner was from Newtown guild, Betsy

met with her to give her the quilt. She sent us a thank you note.

**Quilt Show** - Sue Clark

Chairwomen are needed for signs, front desk, and publicity. Contact Sue if interested.

Barbara Gleason is organizing the volunteers for the show.

**Show and Tell** - Ellen Cicak

Joyce showed a "Mickey Quilt" for her grandson.

Kathy Acker showed her finished quilt from the Crossroads class.

**Gift card drawing** - Carol Cotter

Jeanne Malone - Byrnes  
Nancy Philips - Stitch Central  
Barbara Gleason - Byrnes

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## **PHILANTHROPY**

Thank you to everyone who came to our Give & Take day last month. Our next date is Wednesday, March 17 from 12 to 1. We are trying to be consistent with meeting on the third Wednesday of each month. If the snow is still on the ground we will meet on the left side (street side) of the church parking lot. If the snow has cleared we will go back to meeting in the lower parking lot.

In February we received 41 baby blankets, 9 quilts, 43 placemats, 17 walker bags, 1 wheelchair quilt, and 47 burp cloths. In addition we had an extremely generous donation of two huge bags of baby clothes and a large bag of new baby books. We also received 30 baby booties and a very kind monetary donation.

These items go to The Baby Bureau, local nursing homes, the VA Center in Horsham, the Laurel House and Women's Place shelters, and four area Meals on Wheels centers. I am hoping to deliver a second set of placemats to all 4 MoW in April or May. We are still in need of placemats. If you are not able to come on Give & Take day please contact Barbara Lewis (215-635-3040 ) or Barb Gleason ( 267-918-6577) and we will meet you somewhere socially distant. If you have any baby flannel to donate we would be very grateful.

A word of thanks to Liz Watson who kindly offered to put together squares and strips to make placemats kits for us. We hope to see lots of you at our next Give & Take day.  
Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis

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## GUILD HAPPENINGS

### 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/>

### May

Brita Nelson will present "Now You See It, Now You Don't. The Magic of Disappearing Blocks." In this lecture, Brita will show us how easy it is to turn simple blocks into beautiful complex patterns and how different blocks can be enhanced by color choices or slight modifications. Included with the newsletter is more information about the presentation and a 6-hour workshop that she is offering our guild. Stay tuned for more information, including fee and supply list. <https://questioningquilter.com/>

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### Activities

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Larder last month. They were very grateful. This month the Larder is in dire need of diswashing liquid, spray disinfectant, saran wrap, and tin foil. You can drop your donations off during Give & Take Wednesday or any Monday or Wednesday from 9am to 12pm.

Please continue to support Byrne's Sewing Connection, Stitch Central, and Sew It Is [sewitis.com](http://sewitis.com). We thank thank all for their generous support of our guild.

Rosanna Wirth. Activities Chair

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## Library

Do you save your fabric selvages? If so, you may want to borrow the book "*Modern Selvage Quilting; Easy-Sew Methods: 17 Projects Small to Large*" by Riel Nason and published in 2016. Thank you to Sue Edelman for recently donating this book to our library. Contact Diane Foos (dianemfoos@gmail.com) if you would like to borrow the book.).

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## Show and Tell

Please remember to send pictures of your completed quilt projects to Ellen Cicak for our Show and Tell. Ellen will put them into a presentation to share with the guild at the end of our membership meetings. It's so much fun and inspirational to see each other's work.

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## 2020 2021 Coming Together Quilt Show!



Well, here we are, planning our quilt show, again or still depending on how you look at it! We are hoping to have our quilt show in just 8 short months! We have secured Saturday and Sunday, October 16 & 17, 2021 as our new dates. We hope that we will be able to Come Together!

If you were a previous committee chair, you received an email asking if you would like to keep your chair position. Thank you to all who responded. We do have a few positions open. Please email Sue Clark or Kathy Acker and let us know if you are interested in chairing one of the following show committees: Front Desk, Publicity, Sign and Door Prizes. A lot of the legwork is done already for these committees. There will be a show committee meeting on Wednesday evening, March 10 via Zoom. If you signed up for a committee, stay tuned for an email with the meeting information.

After much thought and consideration of all our options, we have decided to move forward with a raffle quilt designed by Running with Scissors. It will be one of their Stone Soup designs. Just like the stone soup story, this will be a project in which everyone can come together, contributing what they can, so the greater good can be achieved. Stay tuned for more details on this quilt and possible other raffle pieces.

And we would be remiss to not thank Gina Gempesaw for her work on the 2020 raffle quilt. It was absolutely perfect and a true one of a kind! The raffle quilt winner was genuinely happy and pleased to be the winner! We can't wait to see what Gina will come up with for our next show, whether that will be 2022 or 2023.

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## Fons & Porter Love of Quilting Magazine

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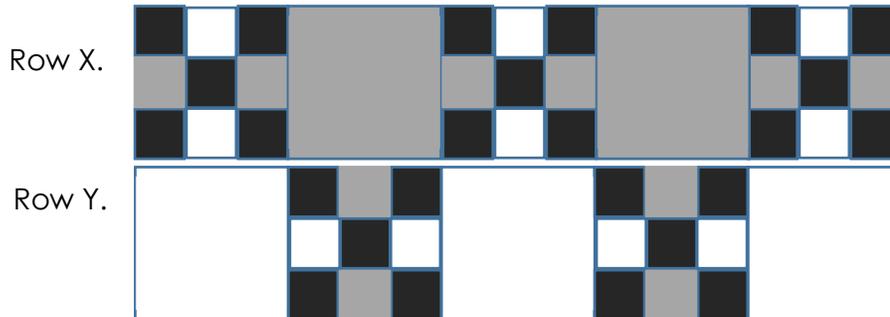
\$5.00. If you have a renewal form or address label, please bring that along with your check made out to the Guild for \$20 and Susan Clark will send in your order.

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### **Secret in the Bureau Drawer Mystery Quilt Clue #6**

#### **Clue 6:**

1. Gather rows X, from clue #4 (4) and rows Y from clue #5 (3).
2. Lay out the X and Y rows, alternating the rows, beginning and ending with an X row. Sew the rows together and press well.



***Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday dear ...***

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

10 – Arlene Franklin  
12 – Barbara Lewis  
15 – Sue Clark

28 – Bonnie Kane  
30 – Mary Beth Hoff  
30 – Sue Meisnik