

# County Line Quilters News

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April 2021

Dear Ladies of CLQ,

Hello! I hope you have been sewing and quilting and staying safe. The flowers are blooming, trees are budding and the red, red, robin is a bob, bob, bobbing! If you recognize that, I know how old you may be!

Seriously, I hope you are working on your quilts for our Quilt Show this fall. Plans are moving forward as more and more people are vaccinated. Things are more hopeful than ever before. More information will be forthcoming. Kathy and Sue are energized and pushing things along, so – be ready.

Philanthropy remains active and collecting beautiful items for Baby Bureau, placemats for Meals on Wheels, and walker bags and wheelchair quilts for nursing homes and other charitable organizations. Just a reminder of my challenge to you to submit at least one placemat this year. I know you can do it! These are being collected at the church on the third Wednesday of the month usually between 12-1; we encourage you to stop by. We wear masks and hang in the parking lot to talk a bit. If you are bored from being shut-in, come visit!

Please remember to send pictures of your latest projects to Ellen Cicak at [ecicakquilt@gmail.com](mailto:ecicakquilt@gmail.com). It is exactly what we need for inspiration! Everyone enjoys the beautiful work of others.

Remember to join us on Monday, April 12 for our general meeting. Until then, enjoy the nice weather, send pictures of your projects, and remember to enjoy each new day!

Yours in stitches,

Joyce Helstrom





## **COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 3-08-2021**

Attendees: 56 members attended

Trudy Cleveland was the presenter, and her topic was "Modernizing Your Quilt Toolbox". She gave tips on getting better images of your quilts using your phone camera. Also, how to organize quilt photos in a folder so they are easily found in the photos. She suggested how to edit photos so that they are very sharp in order to use them to create a pattern for a quilt.

She gave some suggestions for getting ideas for quilts from Evernote App, Etsy, and Pinterest. For collage applications Pic Stitch or Pic Joiner are apps that can be used.

### **Committee Reports**

**Show and Tell** - Ellen Cicak

Bonnie Rice- Maple Leaves and a pumpkin table runner.

Pat Piasecki- Showed a winter mantel scarf with embroidered snowflakes and also a quilt. Also, showed Red, White and Boom quilt.

Lois Moore- showed a cardinal wall hanging.

Barb Miller -showed her Red Sunflower from the workshop.

Sandy Rotenberg made her red sunflower a pillow. She also showed a sea turtle with raw edge quilting.

Ellen Cicak mentioned that the free pattern for anyone contributing a show and tell in April would receive a pattern for a shopping tote.

**Treasurer's Report** - Suzette Trucksess  
The report was in the newsletter and the balance for this month is \$10,873.98.

The report was accepted and approved by the members.

Sue Clark had the Fons and Porter subscriptions returned not deliverable and members may need to be reimbursed for their payment.

**Membership** - Carol Cotter  
56 members attended the meeting. Please check the current contact list for any mistakes or if you have had changes in your contact information, let Carol know.

**Programs** - Marianne Grey and Kristin Kern  
Marie Bostwick will be our presenter for April and will discuss her recently released book. The first chapter is on her website [mariebostwick.com](http://mariebostwick.com) blog. Books have been received. A free pattern for a table runner is available on Marie's website.

Many thanks to Marianne for organizing the Jane Haworth workshop.

Brita Nelson will be presenting in May "Now you see it, Now you Don't" There may be a workshop in June.

June's presenter is May Tabor showing quilts from Art Quilts to Traditional.

Kristin is planning workshops and lectures for next year.

**Newsletter** - Kathy Acker

Articles for the April Newsletter should be sent to Kathy before the 25th of the month.

**Quilt Show** – Kathy Acker

A meeting will be held March 10<sup>th</sup> for committee leaders. A survey will be sent out about holding the quilt show in 2021.

The Raffle quilt will be a Stone Soup #4. A group of members will meet outside at Ellen's home on May 15<sup>th</sup> to make the squares and complete the quilt top. Lunch will be provided. Please send an email to Ellen if interested. (Ecicakquilt@gmail.com)

**Sunshine** – Sue Edelman

A card was sent to Carol Duke because her father passed away.

Also, Steve from Sew and Vac has lost his wife and a card was sent.

**Philanthropy** - Barbara Gleason and Barbara Lewis

A thank you card was received from Garden Spring in Willow Grove. For the walker bags and lap quilts that had been donated.

More quilts and placemats are needed.

A large delivery was made to Baby Bureau

Give and Take will be on March 17<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm

Walker. Bags were delivered to the VA also.

Many thanks to all those members that donate their time making the items that we are able to donate to those in need. Please forward a copy of the thank you notes to Karen Adams.

Running with Scissors group has made another donation of flannel for more baby blankets.

Joyce Helstrom has fleece and business cards that can be given when donations are made.

If unable to make the "Give and Take" please contact Barbara. Lewis for other arrangements.

Joyce has presented a challenge to make for members to make a 14" X 17" placemat to donate.

**Activities** – Rosanna Wirth

The Food Larder needs kitchen goods like cleaning supplies, wraps, baggies, etc. Drop off these items between 12-1 on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Drawings** - Carol Cotter

Gift Cards

- 1) Karen Sauk- Byrnes Gift Card
- 2) Sharon Moran- Byrnes Gift Card
- 3) Rosanna Wirth- Stitch Central

Fabric

- 1) Sandy Rotenberg
- 2) Ellen Cicak
- 3) Stella Bredin

## PHILANTHROPY

Thank you for your generous donations at our March Give & Take day. We received 12 quilts, 5 walker bags, 6 wheelchair quilts, 23 baby blankets, 25 pairs of booties, 2 big bags of baby clothes, 2 bags of batting scraps, some male fabric and baby flannel. In addition we received 83 placemats. We are so very grateful. Barbara and I will be delivering our guild donations in the coming weeks. We are still in need of placemats, especially male ones.

Our next G&T day is Wednesday, April 21 from 12 to 1. We are keeping to the schedule of the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If the ground seems firm we will meet in the lower back lot at the church. Look for a blast the day before.

Remember if you can't make it, please contact one of us and we will make plans to meet you somewhere socially distant.  
Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis

PS : The G&T day is not gin & tonics! 😊

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## GUILD HAPPENINGS

### 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 for supporting the New Britain Baptist Food Larder. This month the larder is in need of peanut butter and jelly (regular size not giant size) and disposable razors. On Give & Take day they will wheel a bin near the path to the back parking lot. There was some concern about people dropping off at their back door. They don't want anyone

to be hit by all the cars.

Please continue to support Byrne's Sewing Connections, Stitch Central and the online shop [sewifis.com](http://sewifis.com)

Thank you, Rosanna Wirth - Activities Chair

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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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### **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.

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### ***Secret in the Bureau Drawer Mystery Quilt Clue #7***

Are you ready? Are you ready? Are you ready for the mystery quilt reveal clue?

Since last October you have been doing some fine detective quilting. Each month you have received a clue for the "Secret in the Bureau Drawer" quilt.

Now you can flip your switches and get ready to wrap up this mystery quilt. As an added bonus, CLQ will present an online "Show and Tell", which will be on Monday June 14, 2021, at the general meeting at 7:00pm. Send your pix to Ellen Cicak by June 7<sup>th</sup>.

So here it is... Clue #7. The last clue are your border instructions.

Good luck and happy quilting!

<b>BORDER fabric IDs and finishing requirements</b>		
<b>Fabric ID</b>	<b>Yardage</b>	<b>Cut</b>
Inner Border: Contrast	¾ yd.	6 strips 3 ½" x 40"
Outer Border: Feature	1 ¼ yd.	7 strips 5 ½" x 40"
Batting	One package twin-size batting	
Backing	4 7/8 yd.	
Binding	2/3 yd.	

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

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

1 – Kim Pope  
4 – Gale Bromberger  
4 – Donna Delaney  
5 – Barbara Harrison  
12 – Ellen Matter

15 – Diane Foos  
22 – Bonnie Rice  
23 – Nancy Wilkinson  
25 – Jeanne Malone

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### **Quilt themed programs through the Schwenkfelder Museum's Penn Dry Goods Market!**

Great news! Although COVID restrictions prevent the Penn Dry Goods Market from happening in person, it will be held VIRTUALLY from June 4 -6 --- and has some terrific quilt-related lectures planned through Zoom.

Among others, noted quilt historian Barbara Brackman will be speaking on Civil War quilts! (One of the great things about Zoom is we can learn from noted people in the quilt world without having to travel)

Most lectures are 1 hour in length and cost \$15. As they are being recorded, they will be available for you to watch for several weeks after the event ends, so if you can't do the published date and time, you can still attend at your later convenience.

To see the full list of topics, and to register, visit the Schwenkfelder Heritage Center's website --[www.schwenkfelder.com](http://www.schwenkfelder.com). Click the link for the Penn Dry Goods market and you'll be taken to the schedule page and able to register for each lecture from there.