

# County Line Quilters News

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September 2021

Dear Ladies of CLQ,

Welcome back! I hope your summer has been full of all the things you love to do. It has been an unusual summer, a mix of feelings a bit free from the restrictions of COVID to the beginning of new variants and a slow return to masks and the thoughts of a booster vaccine.

With that being said, I must tell you upfront that the Board of Directors has voted unanimously to continue our meetings virtually on Zoom. We will reconsider if things seem to be safe for everyone. We are signing a contract for the church with hope that we will eventually be able to return. In this contract presently, we would have to wipe down all spaces and items that we may touch with disinfectant as we enter and as we leave. While I understand their reservations about securing the safety of all members' health, that is an overwhelming request. There would also be a restriction on how many members could attend at one time. Let's hope that our world conquers this horrible disease.

We have a wonderful line-up of speakers already to entertain and inspire you. Philanthropy is continuing with the initiative for St. Christopher's NICU. If you would rather make placemats, walker bags, receiving blankets or any item that you believe would be appropriate for philanthropy, please feel free. We will find a home for them. We will be including a list of the size requirements or patterns for this assortment of projects. There are many bags of material that would make a top for the NICU with maybe a little help from you. I am going to ask you if you can use your scraps to make these projects. We have not had our show, so we need to be frugal about spending money. I'm sure that the generosity of our members will support Philanthropy by supplementing with their own scraps. Ladies, thank you ahead of time. Don't forget that Philanthropy is still meeting in the church parking lot monthly, and you are welcome to come and socialize a bit with other guild members.

Ellen has graciously offered to continue with the virtual Show and Tell, so please send her pictures of your quilts. We will also have another Mystery Quilt this year! The clues will begin in October. These are so much fun and also create a beautiful Show and Tell at the end of the year.

We have an exciting year planned, so please ask a friend if she would like to join. With Zoom meetings, members can live anywhere and meet with us. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on the 13th. You can join around 6:30, but the meeting won't actually begin until 7:00 P.M.

Yours in stitches,

Joyce Helstrom



## COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 6-14-2021

Attendees: Forty-eight members attended the meeting.

Joyce Helstrom mentioned that the church may not allow us to use their room for in-person meetings next year. Zoom Meetings have been planned until March 2022.

The presenter for the evening was Mary Tabor from San Diego, California. Zoom meetings have enabled us to have presenters from so far away.

Mary presented nine embellishment techniques for quilts. The techniques shown were fabric collage, stenciling, machine appliqué, Swarovski crystals, crayons, inks and fabric markers, appliqué silk flowers, photo printing, discharge dyeing, machine embroidery, and free motion.

### Committee Reports

#### **Treasurer's Report** - Suzette Trucksess

Starting balance	\$9,272.13
Deposits:	
Donation	\$25
Workshop	\$300
Checks written:	
Deposit for October Speaker	\$150
Brita	\$175
Philanthropy	\$110
Stamps	\$11
Closing balance	\$9,051.13

Bonnie Kane and Kristin Kern have volunteered to audit the account.

#### **Programs** - Marianne Grey and Kristin Kern

Joyce thanked Marianne for planning and organizing the speakers for this year.

Kristin has scheduled presenters for next year to do as zoom meetings. The presenters will be Amy Friend (paper pieced floral designs), Margaret Willingham (reverse appliqué), Nina Clotfelter (free motion quilting on a domestic sewing machine), Ann Turkey (behind the scenes of quilt judging), Little. Pup designs, (Dresden plates), and Ana Buzzalino (surface design).

Joyce thanked Kristin for her planning for next year.

#### **Philanthropy** - Barbara Gleason and Barbara Lewis

We will have a new volunteer opportunity to provide isolette covers (quilts) for St. Christophers. Some kits are available. Parents will be able to take the quilts home with them when they leave the hospital. The quilt size information is in the newsletter. Iron-on labels are available for the quilts donated. Please send a self-addressed envelope to receive labels.

Remember placemats, burb cloths, and booties can still be made, Give and Take will still occur this summer in June, July, and August.

Please wait until September to donate receiving blankets.

Thanks for your support for our philanthropy efforts this year.

**Sunshine** – Sue Edelman  
Barbara Harrison's brother passed away and a card has been sent.

**Activities** – Rosanna Wirth  
The Food Larder has changed their name to Food Pantry. In June they are

requesting salad dressing, mustard, and condiments. Also, disinfectant wipes.

Wednesday June 16th from 12-1 is "Give and Take." Please remember to wear masks.

We will continue the Food Pantry along with "Give and Take."

We will continue to have drawings for gift cards from Stitch Central and Byrnes at our meetings next year.

**Quilt Show** – Kathy Acker and Sue Clark  
The board has decided to postpone the show until Spring 2022. It will allow us to have more time to organize the show. We will plan schedule the show in March.

Thanked Pat Kennedy and Rosemarie Malizia for storing items for the show at their homes.

**Membership** – Carol Cotter  
Carol will be sending an email for membership for next year. Anyone without email will get a letter mailed.

**Newsletter** – Kathy Acker  
Please copy Joyce and Kathy if you have information that you want to get to the members this summer.

**Show and Tell** - Ellen Cicak

The Mystery quilts were featured for show and tell this month. Diane Foos, Lois Moore, Jeanne Malone, Dot Fabian, Carol Cotter (2), Kathy Acker, Barbara Miller, and Sharon Moran (2) showed their quilts.

Nancy Williams and Dot Fabian also had other quilts to show.

**Challenge Quilt** - Gina Gempesaw  
The 2021 challenge quilt guidelines are:

- Strips 2 inches or less
- Sashing can be wider
- Need a title
- Description in 5 sentences or less when finished

Due in November's meeting.

Jacob Kane will be leaving for Penn State shortly and we thank him for his dedication to the guild.

There are spots available for the Brita workshop on June 26th. Contact Marianne if interested.

**Door Prizes** - Carol Cotter  
Stitch Central: Beryl Stein

Byrne: Betsy Penzone, Dee Carr, and Mary Finley

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## **PHILANTHROPY**

Thank you to everyone who came and took kits and returned quilts and blankets on our Give & Take Wednesdays over the summer . We are so very grateful. We made deliveries to The Baby Bureau, Cradles to Crayons, Neshaminy Manor and St. Christopher's Hospital NICU unit. We look forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday, September 15 from noon to one. (G&T is always the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the back Church parking lot of New Britain Baptist.)

We will begin to give out our lovely placemats to the 4 senior centers in October. I currently have 38 placemats from our summer G&T days, so we will need lots more in the days to come. We have traditionally given all 350 Meals on Wheels senior members two placemats a year. That's adds up to 700 placemats. The seniors love the mats and are so very happy to receive them. We do have a few kits, but we hope you can make some on your own.

### \*\*\*NICU Isolette Quilt Covers Instructions\*\*\*

The NICU quilts cover the top of the babies' isolettes (incubators). The nurses have requested that the quilts be a minimum of 40 inches by 44 inches (this is a new measurement). The backs should be a dark fabric. We have several kits available. In the kit you will receive an assortment of compatible children's fabrics. You can use any design that you like. You will also receive a dark fabric for the back. If by chance your back is too small to meet the size requirements please add a border. Don't forget to add a CLQ label to the back of your quilt. These quilts go home with the babies when they are discharged.

I must thank Storm Evan's husband for the generous gift of yards and yards of dark fabric for the backs of our NICU quilts. Storm was a beloved teacher at the Round Bobbin for many years and recently passed away.

We hope to see lots of you on G&T Wednesdays, but for those who are unable to come, we would be happy to come to your house or meet you somewhere to pick up your philanthropic donations. Just give us a call!

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis

Philanthropy Chairs

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## GUILD HAPPENINGS

### September

September presenter Amy Friend she will show us paper pieced floral designs. This lecture will share the inspiration behind her latest book, *Petal + Stem*. You will leave inspired to sew your own fabric gardens with my modern, stylized, paper pieced floral designs. <https://duringquiettime.com/>

### October

October presenter is Margaret Brewer Willingham, she will show us reverse appliqué technique. Her Reverse Applique is FUN lecture will leave us empowered with a fun and easy 4 step method by hand or machine. <https://www.eobquilt.com/home>

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### **Membership**

Please if you have not already done so, submit your membership dues for 2021-2022 or send Carol a note if you have decided not to rejoin. We hope to see you soon either virtually or in person.

Membership for the September 2021-June 2022 will be \$30. Please make your check out to County Line Quilters (CLQ) and send them to:

Carol Cotter  
222 Nicklaus Drive  
Doylestown, PA 18901

Please include your Name, Address, Home phone number, Cell phone number, and Email address with your check.

## Activities

The New Britain Baptist Food Pantry is requesting peanut butter and jelly for this month. You can drop off your donations on Give & Take Wednesday or any Monday or Wednesday from 9 to 12.

This year Byrne Sewing Connection and Stitch Central will again be donating gift cards for us to give away at each meeting. We are very grateful for their continued generosity. Please support these lovely local shops.

Rosanna Wirth - Activities Chair

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## Show and Tell

Please remember to send pictures of your completed quilt projects to Ellen Cicak [ecicakquilt@gmail.com](mailto:ecicakquilt@gmail.com) 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 ? Quilt Show

The board has made the decision to postpone the show. Due to the current condition, we felt that it would be difficult to plan for the show not knowing what it would be like in the spring. Stay tuned for more details as they become available regarding the raffle quilt, minis, and attic treasures.

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## Mystery Quilt

Are you looking for a challenge? Are you stuck in a rut?

Well, your quilting world is about to be shaken up. Look for the next Mystery Quilt Challenge coming up in the October newsletter.

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

### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

2 – Kit Holmes  
7 – Marilyn Becker  
16 – Betsy Penzone

17 – Jacob Kane  
19 – Rosanna Wirth  
30 – Elizabeth Watson

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### **Quilt of Valor Presentation**

A Quilt of Valor was presented to Jeanne Malone's husband – William Malone on July 3rd. Pat Kennedy assisted me in the presentation. The Quilt of Valor mission is to honor our combat service members and veterans who have been touched by war with a Quilt of Valor. Since founded in 2003 over 273,353 quilts have been presented. We honored Mr. Malone for his many years of service in the United States Army Special Forces, Green Beret, and Special Forces A-Team. Bill was awarded 2 Bronze Stars for Valor, a Purple Heart and Air Medal (for numerous combat insertions plus various other rewards). We know that freedom is not free, and our quilts are meant to say Thank You for your choice to service this country.



I wanted to share this information with County Line Quilters. We had a sit and sew over a year ago to support our Veterans with Quilts of Valor. I hope and pray we will be able to continue to have these sit and sews to make more blocks and quilts. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the Fall.

Thank you for your support.  
Sharon Moran

Pictured are William (Bill) Malone,  
Sharon Moran and Pat Kennedy.