

County Line Quilters News

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October 2021

Dear Ladies of CLQ,

I hope you have been enjoying this delightful Fall weather we have been gifted. This is, by far, is my favorite season. Bring on the chill in the air, beautiful colors, and pumpkin everything!

You still have a month to add the finishing touches on your Challenge Quilts which will be presented in November. Procedures for entering your quilts will be provided. I can't wait to see your creative projects!

If you attended the last guild meeting, you are aware that the Quilt Show has been canceled but is being replaced with a Spring Bazaar/ Sale. I received some very exciting news on this subject. New Britain Baptist Church has offered us the huge field for our event at no additional charge. They are able to double book the church while we are virtual, so I'm sure this is a reflection of their appreciation. There will be more discussion on the topic. We have some very creative suggestions for earning money for the Guild. We are open to your ideas and suggestions for more money-making ventures; just speak up. Details will be forthcoming.

We have many places for any of the charity contributions you have to donate. We are moving forward with the NICU quilts, but that does not exclude your other small quilts for kids, walker bags, wheelchair quilts, and we certainly have a continued need for placemats. Our Philanthropy meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month provide time to visit and catch-up with other members. Join us!

We have another wonderful presenter this month, and from what I hear most of our members have returned and a few new ones too. Spread the news that we are alive and well! The Zoom meeting opens at 6:30 P.M., but the official meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. that half hour is an opportunity for you to chat with other members. Feel free to join early.

Hopefully, I will see you on October 11th for our meeting.

Yours in stitches,

Joyce Helstrom





COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 9-13-2021

Forty-eight CLQ Members attended the meeting and we welcomed Nancy DeMaria, a new member.

General Information: Joyce Helstrom
We have an agreement for the year with the church for use of the building for our meetings however, there are limits on the number of people in the room and the cleaning required to do when the meeting is done. The officers have decided that with Covid limitations we should continue with Zoom Meetings until the pandemic status changes. This will be reviewed periodically.

Kristin introduced the presenter for the evening, Amy Friend, she discussed modern paper piecing and her new book "Petal and Stem." Amy's website is www.duringquiettime.com. She is offering us a 15% discount and please use the code countyline15 to obtain the discount on purchases.

Committee Reports

Membership – Carol Cotter
Dues for membership is \$30/member. Currently 58 members have paid the dues for the year. If you are a member and haven't paid your dues yet, please send a check written to "County Line Quilters" to Carol Cotter, 222 Nicklaus Drive Doylestown, PA 18901. Please

include your current address, current phone numbers cell and home, and your current email address.

Programs - Marianne Grey and Kristin Kern

October: Presenter Margaret Brewer Willingham, she will be presenting reverse appliqué in her discussion called "Revealing Beauty."

November: Presenter Nina Clotfelter, will be giving a talk on "Threads-What's The Big Deal?"

December: Presenter Ann Turley, will talk about the quilt judging process at quilt shows.

January: Presenter Little Pup Designs, will discuss the history and variations of Dresden plate quilting.

February: Presenter Ana Buzzalino, her presentation will be "The Fiber Artist in Me."

Possible Workshops: Ann Buzzalino and Brita Nelson. Dates have yet to be determined.

Historians – Karen Adams and Diane Foos

Currently work is on hold until it's possible to get the items stored at the church.

Hospitality – Bonnie Kane

Ellen Cicak has suggested sending recipes to share with guild members to be included in the Show and Tell each month until we are able to attend meetings in person. Email recipes to Ellen Cicak.

Newsletter – Kathy Acker

Please email any information to go in the newsletter by September 25th to Kathy. The challenge quilt information will be resent in the next newsletter.

Philanthropy - Barbara Gleason and Barbara Lewis

NICU quilts can be made at least 40 in X 44 in rectangular, any design may be used, but must have a dark backing. These quilts will be donated to St Christopher's hospital. The dark backing will keep light from the isolet and disturbing the infant. There will be dark fabric and batting available at the Give and Take. The parents are able to take the quilts home when the infant is released from the hospital.

Forty-five NICU quilts have been donated.

Placemats are also needed; we would like to have 350 donated this year. Some walker bag and burp cloth kits are available.

Labels are available for any donations made.

2021-2 Budget for Philanthropy is \$500.

Activities – Rosanna Wirth

For the monthly drawings Byrnes and Stitch Central gift cards will be available. Also, Running with Scissors has donated 5 fat quarters for each monthly drawing.

Food Pantry is requesting peanut butter and jelly donations in September. These may be dropped off at the church

Mondays or Wednesdays throughout the month.

Sunshine – Sue Edelman

Jeanne will help Sue with sending sunshine to members. Sue will send cards and Jeanne will be sending emails.

Website – Ellen Cicak

The website was updated to include what's happening and the presenters for our meetings. The website is www.countylinequilters.org. Information about what the food pantry is collecting each month and the newsletters will be posted.

Treasurer's Report - Suzette Trucksess

The previous budget and the current proposed budget were included in the last newsletter. The tax return was filed in August after Bonnie and Kristin audited and verified the treasury. Balance currently \$8,865.29.

Quilt Show – Kathy Acker and Sue Clark

The show will be postponed in the spring of 2022. We hope to be able hold the show in March of 2023.

We will be selling the attic treasures several members have been storing. It was suggested that we hold a Yard Sale/Bazaar at Bonnie Kane's office parking lot in the spring. No date has been chosen. The raffle quilt will be finished Oct 2nd. Kathy will check if we still have tickets available to the raffle quilt.

Show and Tell - Ellen Cicak

Stella Bredin had two quilts to show this month.

Email photos of your quilts you'd like to show to Ellen before the next meeting. The Mason jar pattern will be the free pattern for submitting Show and Tell in October.

Door Prizes - Carol Cotter
Stitch Central: Sandy Rotenberg
Byrne: Merry Keller

Running with Scissors fat quarters - Susan
Grasman

PHILANTHROPY

As we approach this fall season, we can see many changes around us, as nature puts on a beautiful show. Fall is a perfect time for us at Philanthropy to plan for upcoming projects with the winter season around the corner.

Our "Give and Take" days have given our members a chance to take on individual projects, while we have continued to donate them to several facilities, including St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Senior Centers, and the Baby Bureau.

We will continue our "Give and Take" days on the third Wednesday of each month. So, mark your calendar, now, for our next one, which will be on October 20th, from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

We are also in need of placemats, which should be sized at 14" X 19". Another needed item are NICU Isolette covers which need to be specifically sized at 40" X 44" rectangular with a dark backing, to keep the light out. There will be kits available.

We always appreciate all of your time, effort, and materials when you help make these projects to help others.

We all hope to be together in person again soon, but until then, we'll keep working towards the common goal of helping others.

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis

Philanthropy Chairs

GUILD HAPPENINGS

October



October presenter is Margaret Brewer Willingham, and will present **Reverse Applique: Revealing Beauty** - What is reverse appliqué? What is the difference between appliqué and reverse appliqué? When was it developed and by who? How do you quilt reverse appliqué? What is hidden will be revealed! The beauty of reverse appliqué is revealed as you stitch, adding dimensional beauty to your quilts by playing with positive and negative space, fabric layering, and color value and contrast. Expand your creative possibilities and be empowered by the thorough, step-by-step, how-to demonstration of Eye of the Beholder Quilt Design's easy Trace, Baste, Snip & Stitch methods of reverse appliqué. <https://www.eobquiltedesign.com/home>

November



Our November presenter is Nina Clotfelter. She will present **Threads – What's the BIG Deal?** This is a FUN lecture on all the things you didn't know you needed to know about thread! As an educator for WonderFil Specialty Threads, Nina has learned a lot and she wants to share! Thread is like candy! Sometimes you just can't get enough...LOL!

When we purchase thread it's usually the color we buy, or the thread the shop carries. In this lecture you'll learn about the different weights of thread and why they make a difference. Ply, why is that important? Specialty threads like metallic, monofilament, tinsel threads, how do we work with them? Why do metallics give us issues? This lecture is FULL of information you'll be thrilled you know now! www.ninaquilts.com

December

Ann Turley will present **Confessions of the Quilt Police** at our December meeting. As a trained judge, Ann has seen it all on the judging floor. If you've ever wondered what happens behind those closed doors, Ann answers your questions as you sit in on a mock judging process. www.annturley.info

Activities

Thank you for continuing to support the New Britain Baptist Food Pantry. This month they are in need of cereal. We are lucky that Byrnes Sewing Connection and Stitch Central continue to give us gift certificates each month. Please patronize these fine stores.

Rosanna Wirth - Activities Chair

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.

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.

Membership dues are \$30. Please make your check out to County Line Quilters (CLQ) and send them to:

Carol Cotter
222 Nicklaus Drive
Doylestown, PA 18901

MYSTERY QUILT 2021

Fabric Requirements for Quilt Top

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| Feature Fabric | 1 1/8 yard |
| Light Background | 1 1/8 yard |
| Dark Contrast | 1 1/8 yard |

Pieced Top Size 50" x 60"



Feature

Light Background

Dark Contrast



Fabric Requirements for Borders

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| Feature Fabric | Inner Border | 5/8 yard |
| Feature Fabric | Outer Border | 1 yard |
| Light Background | Middle Border | 3/8 yard |
| Dark Contrast | Cornerstone Scraps | |

Cutting instructions for borders will be provided with the last clue.

Finishing Requirements

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| Batting | Twin Size |
| Backing | 4 3/4 yard |
| Binding | 2/3 yard |

Completed Quilt Size 66" x 76"

Okay, quilt detectives! It's time to get your quilt tools ready for your first clue. The title of this year's mystery quilt is ... "THE UNEXPECTED PLAYGROUND". That will get your wheels turning right?

CLUE #1

Feature Fabric:



Cut 5 strips 6 1/2" by width of fabric (WOF)

Sub cut each strip 6 1/2"

30, 6 1/2" squares total

Light Background:



Cut 15 strips 2 1/2" by WOF

From 2 separate strips cut 1 - 2 1/2" square from each strip for 2 squares

Using 2 new strips, sub cut each 6 1/2" for a total of 12 - 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles

Dark Contrast:



Cut 15 strips 2 1/2" by WOF

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Using 2 new strips, sub cut each 6 1/2" for a total of 12 - 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles