

# County Line Quilters News

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November 2021

I can't believe another month has zipped by! Is it just me, or is it hard to believe it's time to think about our November meeting?

Hopefully, you saw the survey that went out asking questions about a December Guild Dinner, at a local restaurant, and opinions about returning to the church for our meetings. The dominant sentiment about meetings is to remain on Zoom. We will reconsider this in late February. So far, it looks like 17 – 22 out of 40 people would like to meet for dinner on December 6<sup>th</sup>. More info will be coming. If you have not yet responded, you still can.

I'm very happy to announce that our **first craft meeting** will be on November 11<sup>th</sup> at the New Britain Baptist Church. Liz Watson will demonstrate how to make a Travel Jewelry Pouch. This will be the first of many craft meetings to produce crafts to sell at our Spring Bazaar. You will need to bring your sewing machine, thread, scissors, rotary cutter, and anything else that you usually need. We will have a cutting board, irons and some material. It would be helpful if you brought coordinating fat quarters to use along with our fabrics.

Let's meet around 10A.M. where we usually meet for our evening meetings. Feel free to bring a lunch and a beverage, if you like. The church does require us to wear a mask while in the building, except for eating lunch. I'm looking forward to our first official craft endeavor. If you have an item that you make that you think would sell well at the bazaar, please contact me so we can set-up a day to make your craft.

We can use the church on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, or Saturdays. They are being very flexible to try to help us out. Let's make this a united guild effort. Please remember that any items you make at home and want to donate are also very much appreciated. I know it's about to become that busy time of year again, but please don't forget our Philanthropy projects and our new craft efforts to boost the proceeds at our Spring Bazaar. Together we make a difference!

Hope to see you all for our guild meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>,

Joyce Helstrom





## COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 10-14-2021

Forty-three members joined the meeting. Lisamarie Ritty, a new member, joined us for the meeting.

Our presenter for the evening was Margaret Willingham. Her topic for the evening was Reverse Appliqué - Revealing Beauty. Her website is [www.eobquiltdesign.com](http://www.eobquiltdesign.com).

### **Committee Reports**

**Membership** – Carol Cotter  
Lisamarie Ritty is a new member who just joined our guild.

**Budget** – Joyce Helstrom  
The budget for 2021-2022 year needed approval. The proposed budget was sent in the last newsletter. Rosemarie Malizia motioned to approve the budget. It was seconded and the budget was passed by the members.

**Challenge Quilt** – Gina Gempesaw  
Anyone who has done the challenge quilt should bring them to the Give and Take on October 20<sup>th</sup> so Gina can take uniform photos of each quilt. Please contact Gina if you are not able to attend the Give and Take. Any entries need to be photographed prior to Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. The quilts will be voted on for the prizes.

Prizes for the challenge quilts will be awarded at the general meeting. The prizes will be Best in Show and Best Interpretation of the Theme.

If a person submits more than one quilt, they are able to win one prize only.

**Mystery Quilt** - Barbara Lewis  
The fabric requirements were sent in the September Newsletter. The first clue will be in the October newsletter.

**Programs** - Marianne Grey and Kristin Kern  
November – Nina Clotfelter “Threads-What's The Big deal?”

December - Ann Turley - What judges look for in quilts to pick quilt show winners.

January – Little Pup Designs - Dresden Plates, traditional and modern

February – Ana Buzzalino – “The Fiber Artist in Me”

March – Ally McCathren

April – No presenter

May - Brita Nelson

June - No Presenter

**Treasurer's Report** - Suzette Trucksess

Starting budget	\$8865.29
Stamps	\$11
September Presenter	\$400
Church Rent	\$750
Membership	\$20
October Speaker Deposit	\$150
Ending Balance	\$8159.29

**Librarian/Historian** – Karen Adams and Diane Foos  
Joyce will contact Patty about entering the building to obtain items stored in our supply closet.

**Hospitality** – Bonnie Kane/Ellen Cicak  
Send recipes to Bonnie for Ellen to include in the “Show and Tell” presentation for evening it also will be

placed into the newsletter in the hospitality section.

**Newsletter** – Kathy Acker

Newsletter information must be sent to Kathy Acker by the 25<sup>th</sup> of October to be in the next newsletter.

**Spring Bazaar** - Since we are not going to hold a quilt show this year it was decided that we would have a Spring Bazaar. The Church has offered the field at no cost to the guild for the sale. We are planning on selling boutique items, Mini quilts, and raffle quilts. It was also suggested that a craft booth would be a good idea. All proceeds from the crafts would go to the guild. Some Zoom classes may be set up to demonstrate some crafts members could do.

**Philanthropy** - Barbara Gleason and Barbara Lewis

Give and Take is October 20<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm. Placemats are needed 14 in X18 in. The placemats go to meals on wheels.

NICU Quilts must be at least 40 in X 44 in to cover the isolette. The backing must be a dark color to prevent light from entering isolette. Some kits are available. Currently 53 isolette quilts have been delivered to St Christopher's. They are very grateful to get the quilts.

Send Ellen a photo of any donations you are making.

**Activities** – Rosanna Wirth

The food pantry is collecting cereal this month. The food items may be dropped off during the Give and Take, or any Monday or Wednesday at the church.

Grocery store gift cards for \$10 will be accepted also.

**Sunshine** – Sue Edelman and Jeanne Malone

Ellen and Pat thanked the Sunshine committee and members for the cards that were sent to them.

**Website** – Ellen Cicak

The web site was updated. The directions and clues for the mystery quilt will be placed on the website. Kathy will be adding clues into the Newsletters in the coming months.

**New items**

Diane Foos heard from a previous member, Nancy Black, she will pick up and store the fabric and the quilts that are being donated.

Lois Moore asked if we would sell books, patterns, and quilts at the bazaar? Donated books will be sold.

If members can't find their tickets for the mini quilts Sue Edelman has a record of what tickets were sold. Contact her if you can't find your tickets.

**Show and Tell** - Ellen Cicak

Carol Cotter, Margaret Wheaton, Marybeth Hoff, and Merrie Keller submitted quilts for Show and Tell. Send photos to Ellen to include in Show and Tell for November's General Meeting.

**Door Prizes** - Carol Cotter

Suzette Trucksess - Running With Scissors  
Fat Quarters  
Diane Foos - Stitch Central Gift Card  
Please use your gift cards from the shops.

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## **PHILANTHROPY**

Philanthropy is going strong. We made deliveries to Baby Bureau, Cradles to Crayons and Saint Christopher's NICU. Please continue to remember these groups when you are sewing. Our next Give & Take day is Wednesday, November 17 from 12 to 1.

We are in need of placemats. We donate to 4 senior centers. Three of them support 50 seniors each, and one supports 150 seniors. Next week, I will be starting to donate to the smaller centers, but I need a lot more placemats for the large center. Don't forget the men !

Thank you for everything you do. We hope to see you at our next Give&Take.

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis Co-chairs

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## GUILD HAPPENINGS

### 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](http://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](http://www.annturley.info)

### January



Michelle Banton will present **Looking Great, Dresden Plate** at our January meeting. We will look at the history of the nearly 100 year old Dresden Plate quilt block. What inspired it? How is it being kept current? Something old is still new. We'll see traditional designs and more modern variations. <https://www.littlepupdesigns.com/>

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### **Activities**

In November the Food Pantry is asking for holiday food. They are very grateful for all our donations. You can drop off food any Monday or Wednesday from 10 to 12, or on our Give & Take day.

Please continue to support Byrne's Sewing Connection and Stitch Central. These stores donate gift certificates to the guild. Thank you also to Running With Scissors for their monthly donation of fat quarters.

Rosanna Wirth - Activities Chair

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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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### HOSPITALITY - RECIPES

#### **Gram's Banana Bread** - Joyce Helstrom

##### **Ingredients:**

3 large or 4 small VERY ripe bananas mashed to a thin pulp	2 cups sifted flour
1 unbeaten egg	1 tsp. baking soda
3 tbsp. melted butter	1 tsp. baking powder
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup coarsely chopped walnuts

##### **Directions:**

Mash bananas to a thin pulp, add melted butter, then sugar, then dry ingredients and stir until mixed. Add nuts.

Pour into a greased loaf pan and place in a COLD oven. Then turn oven to 350 and bake 1 hour, or until a cake tester placed in the center comes out clean.

This freezes well. Hope you enjoy it as much as my family!

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### MYSTERY QUILT 2021 – THE UNEXPECTED PLAYGROUND

#### **Clue #2**



Feature



Light Background



Dark Contrast

Gather 4 light and 4 dark 2 ½" strips. Sew 1 light and 1 dark strip together, 4 times, for a total of 4 strip sets. You must use the dark and light strips you previously cut off the 2 ½" squares from clue #1 for 2 of your strip sets.

Subcut each strip set by 2 ½"



Make 58 pair sets.

Gather 40 pair units. Sew 2 units together to make a 4-patch unit.

Make 20 4-patch units.

