

# County Line Quilters News

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December 2021

Dear Ladies of CLQ,

I hope you all had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving with family and friends. Such a change from last year! I'm sure many of you have started celebrating Hanukkah, and others are preparing for Christmas. It is a very busy time of year for all of us. We are gathering at Plumsteadville Inn for dinner on December 6th at 6:30. If you have a change of heart and want to join us, just show up, there is plenty of room. The more the merrier!

We have started our craft days at the church. Liz Watson led us in a class for adorable travel jewelry cases. Stuffed Christmas trees with Jeanne Malone this Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and many more to come. Please join us; it's really fun to get together, and you learn a new item for free with friends. What could be better?

Philanthropy is going strong. Give and Take the third Wednesday of the month from 12:00 – 1:00 at the church in the lower parking lot. It is also a great time to remember the Food Pantry with donations. It is the time of year where we are so busy with family traditions, and we typically think more about helping the less fortunate. Gift cards in \$10 denominations and food are always welcome.

I'd like to wish all of you a very happy, healthy, joyous holiday season and a very Happy New Year! May the new year bring happiness, safety, and good health to our families, communities, and our world.

I look forward to seeing you at our Zoom meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Yours in Stitches,

Joyce Helstrom





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

Fifty-five members attended the general meeting.

The speaker for the evening was Nina Clotfelter and her presentation was titled "Threads! What's the Big Deal?" Her email contact is [www.ninaquilts.com](http://www.ninaquilts.com).

### **Committee Reports**

**Challenge Quilt** – Gina Gempesaw  
Nine Challenge quilts were made. An email was sent during the meeting to vote on the "Best in Show" and "Best Interpretation of Theme."

**Treasurer's Report** - Suzette Trucksess

Beginning Balance	\$8304.29
Deposit (Fons and Porter)	\$20
Check to Fons and Porter	\$15
Speaker	\$150
Reimburse Joyce	\$158.90
Memberships (18 members)	\$540

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

**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

December Ann Turley - Quilt Judge

January Little Pup Designs - Dresden Plate

February Anne Brazza "The Fiber artist in me"

March Ally McCathren

April Sherrie McConnell Sunday Best, Quilting Fabric

May Brita Nelson

**Survey Results** – Gina Gempesaw  
Members wanted to continue Zoom meetings through the winter and revisit returning to the building in February.

Holiday Dinner results

Approximately 20 members were interested in having a dinner in December. The date would be Dec 6<sup>th</sup> and there would be no Board meeting in December.

The location will be determined.

**Spring Bazaar** – Kathy Acker and Sue Clark

### **Craft Booth and Workshops**

Travel Jewelry pouch workshop  
November 11<sup>th</sup> 10-3, the workshop was held at the church. If you were unable to attend contact Liz for directions.

Christmas Trees workshop - TBD – Jeanne Malone will be instructor.

Other ideas for the craft booth - Pot holders, Microwave bowls, Baby hats, embroidered pillows, little jars, cookie and soup mixes, Handmade candles and other crafts may be donated.

Dates for Bazaar April 30, 2022, with a rain date of May 14 2022

**Philanthropy** - Barbara Gleason and Barbara Lewis

There is a need for more placemats.

Twenty-two new NICU Quilts were delivered to ST Christopher's, total quilts donated currently is 75.

Give and Take is November 17<sup>th</sup> 12-1.

Give and Take will occur in December but may not meet in January.

Receiving Blankets and Burb clothes are needed. Also, Placemats are needed.

**Hospitality** – Bonnie Kane/Ellen Cicak  
Please send recipes to Ellen Cicak.

**Librarian/Historian** – Karen Adams and Diane Foos

They found all programs from the quilt shows and some slides of a quilt show in an old house in the Highlands.

**Activities** – Rosanna Wirth

Thanksgiving items are needed. \$10 gift certificates would be appreciated. The Pantry is open Monday and Wednesday 8-12.

**Show and Tell** - Ellen Cicak

**Hospitality**- Tomato Salad - Susie Sergeant and Blueberry Buckle – Marilyn Malik

### **Quilts**

Nancy Williams showed 2 quilts

Bonnie Kane also showed 2 quilts

Jacob's quilt

Sue Edelman showed 1 quilt.

Marilyn Malik showed 1 quilt.

In December, Square scramble Table runner is the prize pattern for entering a quilt.

**Door Prizes** - Carol Cotter

Byrnes- Beryl Stone

Stitch Central- Kathy Acker

RWS Fat quarters – Jeanne Malone

## **PHILANTHROPY**

Thank you to all the ladies who came out to our Give & Take day. We received 18 baby blankets, 18 NICU quilts, 23 burp cloths, 3 bags of baby clothes, 64 booties, 20 hats, 3 baby sweaters, 32 Christmas trees for the Neshamony Manor nursing home and 6 walker bags. We previously gave 42 walker and wheelchair bags, 8 wheelchair quilts and 5 crocheted lapquilts. We are so grateful for your generosity. We made deliveries to The Baby Bureau, St. Christopher's Hospital and Cradles to Crayons. We also received 23 placemats. I have delivered placemats to Meals on Wheels in Hatboro, Doylestown, and Ambler. I hope to be able to donate 175 to the MoW in Souderton soon.

Our next Give & Take day is Wednesday, December 15 from 12:00 to 1:00. Since it will likely be cold ,the church is allowing us to distribute our kits inside the big hall where we used to meet. You will need to be masked . Please park on the street side of the parking lot. The church side is to be left open for the food pantry guests. We are all busy during the holiday season, but a simple place mat brings such joy , and it only takes a half hour to make. Thank you !

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis Co-chairs

## **GUILD HAPPENINGS**

### **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/>

## February



Ana Buzzalino will present **The Fibre Artist in Me – Trunk Show** at our February meeting. This presentation covers her story of how she started quilting and the progress from traditional quilting to art quilting and surface design. While showing different examples of her work, she will talk about the importance – to her – of having a passion, and feeding that passion with constant experimentation and play in the hopes of influencing participants to add some of the techniques she talks about to their own repertoire. She will describe the techniques used to make a specific piece and some of the things that went wrong and how she fixed them. Funny stories about the art pieces are shared throughout the talk. [www.anabuzzalino.com](http://www.anabuzzalino.com)

## March



Allie McCathren joins us at our March meeting with her presentation, The Exhausted Octopus. Allie is a Marine Biologist and a mother to three boys. Her love of science and the ocean finds its way into her work in interesting and beautiful ways. She is all about using up scraps whenever possible and loves to play with texture and color to create interesting art pieces.

<https://exhaustedoctopus.com/>

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## Activities

This month the food pantry is in need of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and pancake mix. Ten dollar gift cards to Giant are also appreciated. You can donate at the pantry any Monday or Wednesday from 9 to 12 or during our Give & Take days.

Thank you to Byrne's Sewing Connection, Stitch Central and Running with Scissors for their donations to our guild. Please support these groups. Thank you.

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.

## **MYSTERY QUILT 2021 – THE UNEXPECTED PLAYGROUND**

### **Clue #3**



Feature



Light Background



Dark Contrast

Gather 9 light and 9 dark strips. Sew 1 light and 1 dark strip together, 9 times, for a total of 9 strip sets.

Subcut each strip set by  $6 \frac{1}{2}$ "

Make 49 rectangle pair sets.



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*County Line Quilters' Guild meets on the second Monday of every month at 7PM at the New Britain Baptist Church, 22 East Butler Avenue, New Britain, PA 18901.  
Visitors are welcome! There is a \$5.00 charge for each visitor.*

**Check out our vendors and see what's new!**

Byrne Sewing Connection in Chalfont – 215-230-9411

Stitch Central in Huntingdon Valley – 267-277-4148

Sew It Is Quilt Shop – [sewitis.com](http://sewitis.com)



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