

# County Line Quilters News

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September 2022

Dear CLQ Members,

Welcome back! Hopefully your summer was better (or at least more normal) than last summer.

For those of you who haven't met me yet, my name is Bonnie Kane. The membership of County Line Quilters was generous enough to elect me to be your new president, and I am happy and excited to be serving in this new position. My previous position was Hospitality Chair, which I enjoyed very much.

For this new year of CLQ (September 2022 – June 2023), we will try to have as many meetings as possible at the church. Our goal, if possible, is to have September – December and April – June in person at the church. The Board of Directors has decided that due to the weather, the safety of our members, and other factors that may be beyond our control, that our January, February, and March meetings will be solely on Zoom.

For those members who are not local, or for whatever reason are unable to attend in person, we will continue to have the Zoom option available for every meeting. We would rather have you join us via Zoom, than miss out on the speakers and our quilting community. We hope that you will join us at the church as much as you are able, but keep the Zoom option available, just in case. We are all hoping that this will not be necessary and that we will have a fun and friendship filled year of County Line Quilters.

We have some wonderful speakers and guild activities lined up for this year. We are anticipating having some workshops being held at the church, separate from our meetings. Our new Vice-Presidents, Barb Miller and Liz Watson, have been working very hard to plan our high-quality programs through this year. Our activities chair, Joyce Helstrom, has lots of fun in store for us.

Our Philanthropy committee, Barb Gleason and Barb Lewis, have been dedicating much time into organizing and advocating for our Philanthropy projects. This is a wonderful way to get involved in the guild. You do not have to be an experienced quilter to participate in these projects. They are great for practicing new skills and learning new techniques. We encourage everyone to get involved in Philanthropy. The two Barbs have lots of kits already put together to make it easier to create these items. Barb Lewis has a wonderful story about meeting someone who had received some of our Philanthropy projects. Ask her!

Our guild is a unique community! Please join us and get involved. Invite your crafty friends. We are always happy to welcome new members. Most of us have become better quilters over time by our participation in the guild. Anyone who needs assistance with a new project or skill is welcome to ask for help. We encourage everyone to bring their Show and Tell to the meetings.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, September 12. The meeting starts at 7:00pm, but the members usually start arriving around 6:30 so that there is time for socializing before the meeting.

Yours Creatively,

Bonnie Kane  
President



## COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 6-13-2022



### Meeting Minutes

Forty-one members attended the meeting.

In lieu of a speaker this month, the guild was treated to some very exciting games to

celebrate the end of the year along with our traditional ice cream social.

There will be a workshop on October 22<sup>nd</sup> hosted by Running With Scissors to demonstrate using the Six in a Square Tool.

Running With Scissors will also be at our September meeting to present an activity.

**Treasury:** Suzette Trucksess

Starting balance	\$9,821.65
June Final balance	\$16,198.92

**Miscellaneous:** Joyce Helstrom

There was a motion to approve the new slate of officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022. The vote passed. The list of new officers can be found on the final page of the newsletter. Please note that there are open positions going into this year, and anyone interested in

filling one of these positions should contact Bonnie Kane.

**Hospitality:**

Looking forward to seeing you in September! Right now in the church meeting hall we have chairs in rows with no tables, so we will be offering water in bottles and a packaged snack during our break. You are welcome to bring your own beverage in a capped container that will not spill if accidental knocked.

Carol Cotter

**Show and Tell**

Kristen Kern, Pat Kennedy, Carol Cotter, Bonnie Kane, Pat Piasecki, Emily Sjogren and Joyce Helstrom showed lovely quilts they had made.

**Philanthropy:** Barbara Gleason

Kits are being sent home for over the summer. Regarding the sizing of NICU quilts, 40 inches by 44 inches is the appropriate size.

**Door Prizes:**

Congratulations to the June winners: Lynn Holtzman, Nancy Williams, Carol Cotter, and Gale Bromberger.

## PHILANTHROPY

We've had a busy year. For the year 2021-2022 we were able to give the following items to various charities:

- 121 NICU isolette covers
- 123 receiving blankets
- 201 knitted booties
- 281 burp cloths
- 3 small bags of clothing
- 61 quilts
- 5 knitted afgans
- 62 walker bags
- 29 wheelchair quilts

Our recipients this year were The Baby Bureau, Saint Christopher's Hospital for Children, Cradles to Crayons, Cradle of Hope and Neshaminy Manor.

We also gave placemats to area Meals on Wheels. 90 to Buxmont MoW in Hatboro, 135 to Montco SAAC in Ambler, 155 to Central Bucks MoW in Doylestown and 40 to Eastern Montco MoW in Abington. Our largest group ,in Souderton, has not been collecting any items since covid. They have 170 meal recipients, and hope to be be able to receive in the Fall.

We met over the summer to make fidgette quilts for dementia patients.

Our focus for the year continues to be babies and the elderly. If you have clean used baby clothes (newborn to 2 T) that you would like to donate from grandchildren or thrift shops, the Baby Bureau is a very worthwhile organization. If you have large pieces of baby flannel that you would like to donate we would be very grateful.

Thank you for continuing to support all of our philanthropic projects!

We will be meeting on the third Thursday of each month at New Britain Baptist Church from 10 to 3. Please bring your machine , sewing tools and lunch. We always have a great time and all are welcome. Text Barbara Lewis (215-601-7692) or Barb Gleason (267- 918-6577) if you are interested!

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs



## GUILD HAPPENINGS

### **September Meeting**

Running with Scissors will join us in person at our September meeting. They will present "A Designer's Journey". They will be speaking about the process they used to develop a new quilt pattern using the Six in a Square Tool.

In addition, they will have a workshop using the Six in Square Tool on October 22 from 10 AM to 4 PM. The workshop will teach us how to make a "Poinsettia Pine" quilt using the Six in a Square Tool. This workshop includes the RWS pattern.

The Running with Scissors ladies will present A Designer's Journey on September 12. They have developed an original pattern using the Six in a Square Tool. They will be teaching us to use that tool to make their new piece in a workshop on October 22nd. There is a fee for the workshop and a cost for the tool if you do not have it already.

Barbara Miller and Liz Watson

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### **Activities**

We will be doing the fat quarter drawing again. To enter you need to bring two fat quarters of quilting fabric of the designated color. One will be donated to the Raffle Baskets and the other will be raffled off at the end of the night. The lucky winner goes home with half of the collected fat quarters. Each month the color will change. A great way to jump start a project!

Our September speakers are our own Running with Scissors! They will be offering a workshop on October 22 called Poinsettia Pine. The cost is \$35 which includes the pattern and the workshop from 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. A Six in a Square tool is required which you can purchase at the class, if you don't have one. It will be offered for \$25, which is about 33% discount. Upon registration you will receive workshop details. Hope you can join us! If interested, please see Joyce Helstrom to reserve a spot.

December 4, 2022 Holiday Dinner at the Plumsteadville Inn. We did this last year, and all who attended really enjoyed it, so we will try it again. More details will come later.

March 26, 2023 we will go to Tillie Mint's Tea Room for High Tea. The cost is \$34 paid upon registration. This is non-refundable, unless you can replace someone in your spot. It is a limited seating, so if you are interested, please see Joyce Overberger to register tonight.

Upcoming Events: more Sit and Sews to be announce and guided learning on Kaleidoscope quilts. More details as it gets closer.

If there is something you would like to do, let me know.

Food Pantry is in need of toilet paper, napkins, and tooth paste. Gift cards to Giant are always welcomed. (\$ 10 increments) Please bring your donations to our general meeting.

Fat Quarter color for September is orange.

We will continue with our door prizes at the end of the meeting. You must be present to win.

Joyce Helstrom - Activities Chair

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### **Membership**

Please renew your CLQ membership for 2022-23 as soon as possible! Dues will remain \$30 and are payable to County Line Quilters by check or Venmo. If sending a check, please mail it along with your contact information to Carol Cotter at 222 Nicklaus Dr. Doylestown, PA 18901.

Carol has graciously offered to collect membership dues as Diane Foos, who had volunteered for this position, will be moving to NH in the near future. If any member is interested in assuming the role of Membership coordinator, please contact Bonnie Kane.

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### **Executive Board Openings**

We currently have openings on the executive board of our Guild and we are looking for members to fill these positions! If you are interested in filling the position of Publicity Chair, Membership Chair, or (2024) Quilt Show Co-Chair, please contact Bonnie Kane.

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### **Raffle Quilt 2024**

It's time to start working on our 2024 raffle quilt. The queen size quilt is another original design by our own Gina Gempesaw. Traditionally, County Line Quilters' raffle quilts have been group efforts. So in keeping with tradition, kits to make blocks for our new quilt will be available at our October meeting. We are very excited about our new quilt and look forward to having you participate. Completed blocks are due by the November meeting.

Joyce Overberger and Betsy Penzone

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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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## **CHALLENGE QUILT 2022!**

The Guild is very excited to announce our 2022 challenge quilt, Don't Be Square! The main rule is that there should be no square patches in your quilt. Submissions will be due and voted on at the November meeting (11/14/2022). Contact Gina Gempesaw with any questions.

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## UPCOMING LOCAL QUILT SHOWS

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza at the Greater Phila. Expo Center, September 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Admission \$15.

Keystone Quilters 2022 Quilt Show at the Finland Mennonite Church in Pennsburg, PA, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 6 and October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10-4. Admission \$8.

Berks Quilters Quilt Show: Quilts from the Heart of Berks at the Leesport Farmers Market, October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Admission \$8.

Berry Basket Quilters Inc. A Splash of Color Quilt Show at Kirby's Mill Elementary School in Medford, NJ. October 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 4, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 to 3.

Valley Forge Quilt Show at the Good Shepard Church in King of Prussia, October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.



*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