

County Line Quilters News

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October 2022

Dear CLQ Members,

Happy October and for those who celebrate the Jewish holidays, Happy New Year! Our wish for the entire guild is a happy, healthy year, and may God bestow good health and long life on all our CLQ community.

Our October speaker will be Eleanor Levie and her topic is "Rock Your Quilt". She will be speaking in person. Elly will be speaking about injecting originality and the maker's individual style into their quilts. She also will be speaking about creative uses of unusual materials, techniques, and embellishments in order to make your quilts one of a kind and reflective of your own style. Elly has presented to the guild before, but that was in 2013, so most of us have probably not seen her presentation and I would guess that it will be very different than her previous presentation.

You still have a month to finish your Challenge Quilts and we hope that many of you will enter. This year's challenge is to make a quilt that has no squares in it, either pieces, blocks, or total shape. This should stretch our creativity.

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 the October meeting. We would rather have you join us via Zoom, than miss out on the speakers and our quilting community. If you are not feeling well, we want you to rest and feel better, but in the meantime, please join us on Zoom rather than miss the meeting.

Our Philanthropy chairs, Barb Gleason and Barb Lewis, are requesting that people continue to make placemats. They are short 54 placemats for their fall delivery. They have kits for NICU isolette covers and baby blankets available to take home.

Barbara also wants to point out that the 2022-2023 Mystery Quilt fabric requirements are in this newsletter.

Our guild is a great family. We are here for friendship and to, hopefully, help each other improve our quilting skills. I can certainly attest to improving as a result of attending the meetings and making friends. Anyone who needs assistance with a new project or skill is always welcome to ask for help. We encourage everyone to bring their Show and Tell to the meetings. We are always happy to welcome new members.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, October 10. 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.

Happy Quilting!

Bonnie Kane, President



COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 9-12-2022



Meeting Minutes

Attendance: 44 in person, 4 Zoom Meeting
Called to order by Joyce Helstrom filling in for Bonnie Kane, President. Presentation and trunk show by Running with Scissors. The theme was "A Designer's Journey" and discussed the processes, inspirations, frustrations and satisfactions in pattern development. Encouraged members to try designing their own patterns or make patterns you are using your own by putting your personal touches into them. Some ideas were to adjust size, mix and match blocks and color combinations. There will be a workshop by RWS on October 22, 2022 called "Poinsettia Pine" from 10am to 4pm and will teach how to use the Six in a Square tool. Workshop will be \$35 and includes the pattern and session and the tool will be available in class, at a discount, for \$25.

Business Meeting

- Meetings will be presented only via Zoom in January, February and March. The rest of the year there is an option to attend in person or by Zoom.
- Dec. 5, 2022 will be an optional dinner at the Plumsteadville Inn. Check with Activities if interested.
- The budget was reviewed by Suzette Trucksess and approved.
- The Vice-Presidents discussed what they have planned so far and reminded everyone that they welcome suggestions for speakers.
- Joyce Helstrom introduced the new officers. There are a few offices that need filling. Please check official list of officers and consider serving.
- Carol Cotter, Hospitality, discussed snack protocol with no tables. Be mindful of crumbs. Drinks, whether brought from home or provided at meeting, must be in a spill proof container.
- Quilt show at Oaks will be September 15-18.
- Philanthropy thanked all who have contributed through these stressful times. Many opportunities to participate. Recipients of our handiwork are very grateful. The third Thursday of the month will be a project day from 10am to 3pm for whoever chooses to participate.
- Activities will be continuing the Fat Quarter raffle. Bring in 2 FQs and if you win raffle, you will receive half of those donated and half will be

included in the raffle basket(s). The color of the FQs will be announced each month. There will be raffle basket(s) that will be drawn in June, 2023.

- Sit and Sew social gatherings will be held on Saturdays from 10am to 4pm for those who would like to continue the fellowship of the past couple of years. Dates will be announced.
- The Baptist Church's food larder is grateful for our donations and needs will be announced.
- Sunshine Club appreciates a heads up if someone in the Guild has a situation that requires a card or note.
- There is a need for someone to help with the website.
- There is a need for a tech person to manage Zoom issues.
- We need 2 Co-chairs for our next Quilt Show. Discussions on pros and cons of quilt show vs. a bazaar will be considered over the next several months.

- Linda Pickett will lead a session to make Breast Cancer Tote Bags on October 20, 2022 from 10am to 4pm. These are kits that just need to be sewn.
- A new Mystery Quilt pattern will be started at the October meeting. Directions will be included in the Newsletter as in the past.
- It's time to start assembling our newest raffle quilt. Once again we thank Gina Gempesaw for designing the quilt and all who assist her in preparing it for the membership to sew the blocks. The packets of instructions and fabrics will be available at the October meeting. Please take a block to assemble and return it at the November meeting.
- Remember to support Byrne Sewing and Stitch Central in appreciation for their generosity toward our Guild.

Respectfully submitted by Rosemarie Malizia, Secretary

Pickles



PHILANTHROPY

Thank you for your generous contribution of placemats in September. I was able to make a very large donation to Meals on Wheels in Souderton and smaller deliveries to two other groups. I am still short 54 placemats for a complete Fall delivery. I hope we can make that up in October.

Thank you for the NICU quilts, burp cloths, baby blankets and booties. We were able to make deliveries to Saint Christopher's Hospital and the Baby Bureau. We have NICU and baby blanket kits available each month, so you don't need to use your own fabric. I must mention Sharon Moran who makes 6 to 8 NICU quilts for us, every single month. We are so very grateful.

Charity Sew Day

This month the third Thursday is October 20th. Our sew day is from 10 to 3. Come out and meet some members and have a fun day sewing for charity. Unfortunately this month our sew day happens to be the same day as Reach for Recovery. Linda Pickett and Lynn Holtzman have graciously told us to have our charity sew day as planned at the church. Since our last charity sew day coincided with Oaks we only had 2 people in September, so we are really hoping for a good turn out in October. New Britain Baptist Church gives us a closet and a room to meet for free because of all of our philanthropic work.

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

GUILD HAPPENINGS

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Activities

Fat Quarters: winner for September, Stella Bredin, color for October- Blue

Bring 2: one for the drawing and one for the Raffle Basket

Running With Scissors Workshop \$35, October 22 10 A.M. – 4 P.M. contact Joyce Helstrom 215-512-3220

Tillie Mint Tea March 26, 2023 \$34 contact Joyce Overberger (overjoy25@gmail.com)

Holiday Dinner Plumsteadville Inn Monday December 5, 2022 6:30 P.M. order from the menu and receive a private check contact Joyce Helstrom to sign -up

Newtown Guild Quilt Show October 8, 2022 10 A.M.- 5 P.M. & October 9 from 10 A.M. -4 P.M. at Newtown Middle School, Newtown, PA

Mystery Quilt begins this month, look for instructions; they will be viewed in May

Challenge Quilts are going to be viewed in November

Shop Hop tickets available at Byrnes and Stitch Central; begins October 7 goes through October 16th

Thanks for your generous donations to the Food Larder: October- pasta, sauce, Cereal, \$10 Giant gift cards

Door Prize Winners: Rosanna Wirth,Byrnes; Mary Finley, Stitch Central; other prizes from Bazzar : Margaret Wheaton, Pat Kennedy, Arlene Franklin, Carol Cotter, and Joyce Overberger

Membership

Helen Haun and Lois Moore have graciously volunteered to succeed Carol Cotter as membership chairs. The entire guild greatly appreciates their efforts.

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 either Helen Haun or Lois Moore at their addresses listed in the guild's contact list.

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, or (2024) Quilt Show Co-Chair, please contact Bonnie Kane.

Raffle Quilt 2024

Just a quick reminder that quilt block kits will be available at our October meeting. There are over 40 kits, each with the required fabrics, foundation paper and directions for paper piecing. We will have a picture of the quilt design at the meeting. So be sure to stop by the table at our October 10th meeting to pick up your block. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask us.

Thanks for making our raffle quilt a true quilt guild project.

Gina Gempesaw, Joyce Overberger, and Betsy Penzone

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.

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.

Middletown Grange Fair

Intrepid Reporter "Sunbonnet Sue" reports from the Middletown Grange Fair:

County Line Quilters was well represented in the handcrafts division of this summer's Middletown Grange Fair, with prize ribbons issued to members Carol Cotter, Rosemarie Malizia, Suzie Sergeant, Rosemary Wert, and Alicia Wydro. Congratulations to our winners and thanks for showcasing the incredible talents of County Line Quilters!

William Morris lecture by Zoom

The Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center will be holding a series of Zoom lectures in their "Tea and Textiles" series. Although all the lectures look intriguing, the last one of the day is focused on the Arts and Crafts movement of the 19th century and the designs of William Morris. If you love reproduction William Morris fabrics, you might want to check this out! Cost is \$20 per lecture and they will be presented by Zoom format on Saturday November 5. For more information and registration, check the Schwenkfelder website: www.schwenkfelder.org

UPCOMING LOCAL QUILT SHOWS

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

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

PRESENTATIONS FOR QUILTS OF VALOR!

Jeanne Malone presented QOV (Quilt of Valor) to Howard T. Cashatt. Pat Kennedy presented to Terry Hersh and Sharon Moran presented to Douglas Clemmer and well as speaking the presentation to all three Veterans. The 3 veterans grew up together as friends around Green Lane, PA. All three served in Viet Nam during the 1960's. Douglas Clemmer served in the US Army. Terry Hersh and Howard T. Cashatt served in the US Marines.

