

County Line Quilters News

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November 2024

Dear Friends,

I want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for all thoughtfulness, love, and comforting wishes expressed through hugs, cards, texts, emails, and prayers in the loss of my dad. Thank you also for the thoughtful gift card. I feel blessed to having such wonderfully supportive friends surround me during this difficult time.

We are planning and looking forward to moving to our new venue, the Doylestown Mennonite Church next year. A huge thank you to Denise Beck and Vickie Detweiler for organizing, cataloguing, and packing up our hall closet. Another big thank you to Liz Watson and Stella Bredin for storing the quilt show and other items, as well as Barbara Lewis and Barb Gleason for packing up the philanthropy closet.

I am looking forward to our November award winning presenter, Bethanne Nemesh, who is an amazing designer, piecer, and quilter. She constantly astounds me with her ideas and quickly she produces it in a matter of days!

Our Vice Presidents, events, hospitality, and challenge quilt committees have been collaborating to make our December Holiday party meeting a special celebration for all of us. I cannot wait!

Remember to put the finishing touches on your Sew-Re-Mi challenge quilt due at our December celebration.

Do not forget that our sister guild, Newtown Guild is having their quilt show Saturday and Sunday, November 9th and 10th.

We continue to need help reorganizing the chairs and tables at the end of our meeting. Thank you to all that have helped us in this endeavor.

Our lives are like quilts – bits and pieces, joy and sorrow, stitched together with love.

Thank you,
Carol

COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 10-14-2024



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Cotter at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Grace Church, Doylestown.

President Carol Cotter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Vice President Denise Beck introduced the speaker, Andi Metz, a fabric designer for Benartex.

Marilyn Lopez announced that there was a fabric sale in the back of the room and invited members to check out the fabrics.

Vice Presidents – Denise Beck – We have speakers booked through February. The newsletter will list upcoming speakers. For March through May we have lots of options but we would like to do a guild member technique showcase similar to what we had last year. If anyone would like to do a demonstration, please let her or Stella Bredin know.

Secretary – Carol introduced the guild's new Secretary, Vickie Detwiler, who was away on vacation during last month's meeting. A Motion to accept the Minutes of the September 9, 2024 meeting was made by Liz Watson and seconded by Suzie Sergeant. The Motion passed.

Treasurer – Carol stated that Merrie Keller had called her prior to the meeting. Due to circumstances beyond her control, she has limited time to give to this position; therefore, she has to resign immediately. We are now in need

of a Treasurer. In the interim, Denise and Carol will work on this. A Motion to accept was made by Pat Kohne and seconded by Dee Carr. The Motion passed.

Communications – Jeanne Malone – The deadline is the Wednesday prior to our meeting.

Events – Joyce Helstrom – Now that we have our venue, we are waiting for a callback regarding our holiday dinner. Also, if you would like to do a workshop, please let her know.

Historian/Ambassador – Nancy Williams – If you would like a scrapbook from last year, please let her know. There is a sign-up sheet circulating.

Hospitality – Barb Bailey – Thanked everyone who brought treats for this evening.

Membership – Helen Haun/Lois Moore – There were 61 people in attendance at this meeting. Also, we have a new member and two guests.

Newsletter – Jacob Kane – The newsletter deadline is the 25th

Facebook – Kathy Webb – If there is anything you have for Facebook, it should go to Kathy.

Philanthropy – Barb Lewis/Barb Gleason – Barb Lewis thanked everyone who brought completed projects to be delivered. She requested members to take remaining kits so we don't have to move them. She explained some of the projects that Philanthropy does. Most of the patterns are on the

website. Philanthropy meets the third Thursday of each month. This month the project is fabric Christmas trees.

Publicity/Crafts – Liz Watson – We made \$320+ at the craft show but still have four bins, so we are looking for other craft shows. Please send her information by email if you know of any other shows. Also, she listed our meetings in some free newspapers.

Raffle & Challenge Quilt – Ellen Cicak – She has had a great response to the Challenge Quilt. We will be doing the Challenge Quilt at the December meeting.

Sunshine – Dee Carr – If you know of anyone that could use a card, please contact Dee.

Website – Marilyn Malik is traveling this month but send things to her and she will take care of them.

Technology – Emily Kane – We will not be on Zoom in December since we are having the holiday party. If you have any suggestions regarding the Zoom meetings, please send them to Carol. We are trying to make it a better experience

Venue – Carol Cotter – We visited 23 venues. She thanked everyone who helped with this in any way. We have decided on Doylestown Mennonite Church, which is very close to the current location. Carol explained what they have and said they are very welcoming. We still start meeting there in March for our regular meetings and in January and February for Philanthropy

New Business – None.

Show and Tell – There were eight members who showed their quilts. Sue Edelman said that this meeting and next month's meeting are on holidays where the food pantry is closed. For the remaining meetings that we have at this location, please bring gift cards or see Lynn Holtzman to buy one. They also have online donation ability. The link will be in the newsletter.

Drawings – Fat Quarters: Linda Pickett
Next month's color will be pink.

Gift Cards: Dee Carr – Byrnes
Pat Clayton – Stitch Central

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Detwiler, Secretary

GUILD HAPPENINGS

Programs

November Meeting:

"Walking the Creative Path" by Bethanne Nemesh

Bethanne has been a quilter for over 25 years and a Longarm quilter since 2008. She uses an innovative approach to create secondary designs in traditional quilts as well as unique free hand style quilting

designs. Bethanne will discuss her journey as a quilter which started with traditional techniques and now extends to pictographic, whole cloth and yarn couched pieces. Bethanne has exhibited award winning quilts in national and international shows and will bring some of them for display during her presentation. Her true passion is teaching others how to use their own voice in creative expression.

For more about Bethanne and her digital class offerings, visit:
www.whitearborquilting.com



December Meeting:

Holiday Party

We are bringing back the Pot Luck Dinner for this meeting. Be prepared to sign up for this at the November meeting.

We will also enjoy games, prizes and the challenge quilt contest!

Philanthropy

Thank you to the ladies who came out to charity sew day to work on the Christmas trees. Jeanne Malone did an amazing job preparing for this event . The trees are absolutely adorable and I'm sure the nursing home recipients will be so happy . Many thanks, Jeanne.

Our next charity sew day is the third Thursday, November 21 . So far we'll still be in New Britain and we'll be making wheelchair quilts and burp cloths. Its a wonderful group of ladies, so please come and join in the fun.

Thank you to everyone who brought back placemats. I'm only short 37 for the Fall delivery. Thanks also to everyone who took kits in October. We ask if you are finished to please bring them back to the November meeting. If you're not finished we won't be able to collect anything until March. We will not be accepting any projects in December.

We're still hoping that folks will get on board with Ellen Cicak's great idea to buy baby flannel when its on sale. Either to make a receiving blanket or to give the fabric to philanthropy if you can't make it. (you need a 30 inch piece and a 40inch piece.) Baby clothes are greatly in need. Perhaps you can buy some at a thrift store , or donate your grandchildren's hand me downs?

We're very excited about our new home at Doylestown Mennonite Church. The secretary, pastor and assistant pastor couldn't be more welcoming. They are graciously giving us space in their hall to store our fabric, so we can continue with all our great philanthropy projects. Check back in December newsletter for more information. Thanks for all you do for charity!

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

Activities

The fat quarter color in November will be PINK. Please bring two PINK fat quarters to be eligible for a drawing to win one set of those received; see Sue Edelman at the Activities Table. Also see Sue to be entered into a members only drawing at meeting's end for gift cards to Byrnes and Stitch Central.

Food Pantry donations - instead of food donations, bring \$10 gift cards to Giant (or buy them at the meeting from Lynn Holtzmann) They will be forwarded to the New Britain Food Pantry.

Event Committee

Sign ups will be this month for The CLQ Holiday Dinner at the Plumsteadville Inn on Monday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM.

We will order from the main menu and receive individual checks. I'm having a sign- up so I can provide an approximate number to the restaurant..

Please join us!

Hospitality

Thank you to the refreshment volunteers for the November meeting on Monday, 11/11: Bagged snacks: Mary Beth Hoff, Mary Finley, Joanne D'Allura, Barb Miller, Pat Piasecki, and Janet Liples Water Bottles: Joan Fauser, and Valerie Rudan.

The December meeting, 12/9 will be different than in the past years. It has been decided to have a pot luck dinner for the Dec. meeting. We will be asking members to sign up at the November meeting to bring food. We will have three categories: Main dish (hot or cold) serving 8, salad or side dish serving 8, or dessert serving 8. The guild will provide water bottles for drinks but if you want something hot or different from water you will have to bring your own beverage in a closed container. Remember that we have no way of keeping food hot but we will be eating the main courses and salads/sides first with the desserts later in the evening.

Membership

Please find the updated CLQ membership list attached to this newsletter.

Website

There has been a new page added for the challenge quilts with a printable PDF of the instructions.

Once we do the challenge, the pictures will be added in a scrolling scene.

On the Philanthropy page, the link to Shabby Fabrics for the Self Binding Receiving Blanket has been added (under the directions for Moontime Bags)

Food Donations for New Britain Baptist Church's Food Pantry

As our time at the former New Britain Baptist Church winds down, we will NOT be collecting food items for the Food Pantry. Instead, please bring \$10 gift cards in November and December, which will be donated to the pantry for their clients' use. You can purchase gift cards at our meeting from Lynn Holtzmann. Bring them to Sue Edelman at the Activities Table for collection.

If you still would like to make donations of food items to the pantry, you can do so DIRECTLY by bringing them to the pantry's entrance in the lower level of the parking lot. There is a rectangular locker on the ground to the left of the pantry door where you can leave non-perishable donations on days when the pantry is not open. (They are usually open on Mondays and Wednesdays) A list of "always needed items" appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

You can also now make direction financial donations to them through this link:

<http://app.autobooks.co/pay/new-britain-food-pantry>

Thank you, guild members for your years of commitment and support of this important ministry. The Food Pantry has often expressed their deep appreciation of the amount of help provided them by County Line Quilters.

NOTES FROM OUR COMMUNITY

We received two notes this month thanking us for our philanthropy in the community – one from Beds for Kids, and another from Bux-Mont Meals on Wheels. Thanks to everyone for contributing to philanthropy!



BUX-MONT MEALS ON WHEELS
414 South York Road
Hatboro, PA 19040-4799
(215) 443-9784

Dear Barb,

I wanted to send a quick note to say thank you so much for your generous donation of 23 handmade quilts and 86 fun pillowcases from the County Line Quilters! I really can't tell you how much we appreciate your support.

The goal of the Beds for Kids program is to make sure that no child in our area ever has to sleep on the floor. While we served over 2100 children aged 2-20 in 2023 the sad fact is that over 6,000 kids in our area still went to sleep on a makeshift bed using blankets, cushions, boxes and whatever else they could find most nights last year. Your generous donation will go a long way to help us end child bedlessness in Greater Philadelphia. In fact, with your gift, we will be able to provide a bedding package including a memory foam mattress, steel bed frame, blankets, sheets, pillows, a toothbrush, bedtime books, and a stuffed animal to more children living in poverty in our community.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of the Beds for Kids program! You have made a real difference in the lives of the kids we serve.

Thanks to you, children will go to bed, looking forward to a restful night's sleep, some for the first time in their lives, and better off than the night before. Thank you once again for your donation. It means the world to us!

[Click here to view a video of children opening up their bedtime bags!](#)

Sincerely,



Sara Baumgardner
Operations & Volunteer Coordinator

County Line Quilters
c/o Barb Gleason
BobDad123@aol.com

Nov. 1, 2024

Re: Donation of 50 quilted placemats

Dear Barb and our Friends at County Line Quilters,

Thank you so much! We truly appreciate your amazing quilting work- our clients love the placemats. My favorite is when I go to check in on them and they have it on the table and use it every day!

We have reached new levels of gratitude this year and I am in awe of the outpouring of support!

With the help of our dedicated volunteers and incredible community we have continued to deliver meals every day without fail! Our homebound clients still have the peace and comfort of knowing someone will be at their door every day with a meal, a smile, and making sure they are okay!

Sincerely grateful,

Jeannine

Jeannine P McKeogh,
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Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday dear ...

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Stella Bredin - 11/1
Valerie Rudan - 11/1
Gloria Tafel - 11/17
Ellen Cicak - 11/23

Pat Kennedy - 11/23
Sue Britt - 11/24
Katherine Acker - 11/28

LONGARM QUILTERS IN OUR GUILD

Many people ask about finding a longarm quilter who quilts as a business. Here are two names and contact information. If you are also longarmer and would like us to share your information, please contact me, Carol Cotter 215-802-8904, cacotter@yahoo.com.

Bonnie Kane -Bonnie does edge to edge quilting on an Innova longarm 267-673-8444; 610-304-8022 abk102995@msn.com

Joanne D'Allura – Joanne does pantograph edge to edge quilting, custom free motion, and ruler work.
917-750-3371 jdalldesignss@gmail.com