

# County Line Quilters News

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December 2024

Happy December,

I hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving! We have two opportunities to celebrate the holiday season with one another. First, we get to socialize and order a dinner of your choice off the menu at the Plumsteadville Inn on Monday, December 2nd. There will be a brief executive board meeting at 6PM before our get together starts at 6:30.

Our Vice presidents have been working in concert with our hospitality, events, and challenge quilt committees to make our last meeting at the New Britain/Grace Church on December 9th a wonderful time to have by all! It was voted by the guild members at our last meeting not to have Pollyanna's this year. I am looking forward to sampling many of the delicious foods supplied by our members. Remember we cannot use the oven or stove to heat anything. We will not be having Show and Tell this month, but I cannot wait to see all the challenge quilts!

During the months of January and February, we will be conducting our meetings on Zoom. This gives us opportunities to have speakers that are not local. Our Philanthropy sewing days on January 17th and February 21st will be at our new venue – the Doylestown Mennonite Church, 590 N Broad St., Doylestown from 10AM to 2PM. March will be our first guild meeting there.

Please consider helping us sell our crafts at the Keneseth Israel Synagogue on Sunday December 8th or 15th from 8:30AM to 12:30PM. If you can help us in this endeavor, please contact Liz Watson.

Don't forget our new winter challenge – Weigh to Go! After the busy holidays, use the indoor days of January and February to create some projects for our "Weigh to Go" initiative.

This month's fat quarter color is yellow. Please consider bringing in a gift card for the Food Larder.

Deadline for the newsletter is Friday, December 20th, please email Jacob.

The deadline for the Blast is Wednesday, January 8th, please email Jeanne.

We will need help again putting away tables and chairs into the other room at the end of our guild meeting.

Quilting is a scrap of happiness !

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season! Enjoy spending this time with friends and/or family!

Carol

## COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 11-11-2024



### 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.

The speaker for the evening was Bethanne Nemesh.

**Secretary** – Vickie Detwiler – A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes of the October 14, 2024 meeting. The Motion passed.

**Treasurer** – Kathy Webb – A Motion to accept was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion passed.

**Activities** – Sue Edelman – Sue spoke later in the meeting.

**Communications** – Jeanne Malone – The blast deadline will be on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice Presidents** – Denise Beck/Stella Bredin – Denise said that there was not much response to the request for the members showcase to do workshops. Please let her or Stella know if you are interested. They would like to do this in March or April. Stella said that she made plans for a holiday party at our next meeting. We will be having a potluck dinner and will start at 6:30 p.m. There will be prizes and games. She asked if members still want to do a Pollyanna. The members voted against it.

**Events** – Joyce Helstrom – Our holiday dinner will be held at the Plumsteadville

Inn on December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. There will be a short Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. Each person will pick off the menu and will receive a separate check.

Joyce said that she would like to have a sew event, such as a workshop, at our new meeting venue on the last Saturday of January. We have secured Tilly's Tea Room in Souderton for May 18th at noon. More details to follow.

We would like to have a Saturday event where people teach a craft. If there is something you would like to teach, please let her know.

**Historian/Ambassador** – Nancy Williams – Last call for a copy of last year's scrapbook. She will call the company to find out the price.

**Hospitality** – Barb Bailey – If you haven't signed up for the potluck, the sign-up sheet is being circulated.

**Membership** – Helen Haun/Lois Moore – There were 59 members in attendance, as well as two guests and five members on Zoom.

**Newsletter** – Jacob Kane – The newsletter deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Facebook** – Kathy Acker – No report.

**Philanthropy** – Barb Lewis/Barb Gleason – Barb Gleason reported that December 19th will be charity sew day. We will be tying quilts with the Mennonite ladies; six people are signed up. On November 21st, we will have our regular charity sew day at Grace Church. If anyone else wants to tie quilts with the Mennonite ladies, she can arrange an additional day.

**Publicity/Crafts** – Liz Watson – Carol said that we will be selling crafts at KI on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet in the back. Raffle & Challenge Quilt – Ellen Cicak – Carol said that we have all the blocks for the raffle quilt. The Sew-Re-Mi challenge will take place at our December meeting and we will be voting on them.

**Weigh to Go Philanthropy Challenge** – Carol said that there were fabrics in the back of the room to be used in this challenge. She encouraged members to take some. The fabrics will be weighed when they are taken and again when we receive the completed projects. There will be several prizes awarded in various categories. This will take place at the March meeting. Please see Kathy Webb or Ellen Cicak with questions.

**Sunshine** – Dee Carr – One card was sent out this month.

**Technology** – Emily Kane – Carol advised that we will not be doing Zoom at the December meeting. If you have any ideas about what we can do to improve the Zoom meetings, please let Carol know.

**Quilt Show** – Sylvia O'Neill – Sylvia will be heading the quilt show and has two people to help her, Marilyn Malik and Liz Watson. We are looking at various locations for the show, which is to be held in April of 2026.

**New Business** – Denise Beck said that we have a metal cabinet that we cannot take to the new meeting location. It is up for grabs if anyone would like it.

**Old Business** – Carol informed the members that we have chosen a new venue for our meetings, which is the Doylestown Mennonite Church.

**Show and Tell** – Four members showed their quilts.

Sue Edelman reminded members that we are not collecting food for the pantry but members can buy gift cards or can donate to the pantry electronically.

**Drawings** – Sue Edelman said that we received 22 fat quarters.

The winners of the drawings were as follows:

Fat Quarters: Sue Edelman – Next month's color will be yellow.

Gift Cards: Margaret Wheaton – Byrnes

Pat Kohne– Stitch Central

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Detwiler, Secretary

## GUILD HAPPENINGS

### **Programs**

**December 9:** Holiday party, Pot Luck Dinner and Challenge Quilts

***\*Meeting will start at 6:30***

**January 13:** Meeting via Zoom

Mel Beach, "Let's Get Rolling on your Creativity and Quilting Goals"

[www.melbeachquilts.com](http://www.melbeachquilts.com)

Mel Beach is a San Jose, CA based quilt artist, teacher and lecturer, who breaks away from tradition by adding her own modern, beautifully textured, and colorful twists. She loves to have fun stretching her creativity through her completion of six 100-Day Projects involving dice, daily carves as part of two #CarveDecember challenges, and participation in 100+ quilt challenges at the local and international level.

Mel is passionate about teaching/lecturing, with a focus on quilting on a domestic machine, modern, and art quilting techniques. Starting in 2016, Mel has taught for quilt shops, guilds and quilt shows around the world including several large venues: Empty Spools Seminars, Road to California, Pacific International Quilt Festival, Virtual Quilt Show, Online Quilt Festivals, Virtual Quilt Festival, QUILT 2024, and Craft Napa.

Her quilts have been juried into national quilt shows and traveling exhibits, published in books/magazines, earned awards/ribbons, and selected as Finalists. Mel has been featured on Quilting Arts TV (series 2500 and 2600) and The Quilt Show with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims (episode 2112 and 2808), in addition to having articles published with Quilting Arts Magazine, Curated Quilts, and The Craft Industry Alliance. From 2022-2024, Mel Beach served as President of Studio Art Quilt Associates, a global organization dedicated to promoting the art quilt.

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### **Philanthropy**

Thank you to everyone who brought back their projects. We won't be collecting anything in December, so keep everything until our March meeting. I made placemat deliveries to Doylestown Seniors, Ambler Seniors, Hatboro-Horsham Seniors, and Manna in Lansdale. Total of 235 placemats for Meals on Wheels recipients. I have 11 left to start our Spring collection. Please continue to make place mats over the winter.

We will be meeting on November 21 at New Britain to make wheelchair quilts for our charity sew day. Its a lot of fun, so come and join us!

There will not be a charity sew day in December. A few of us will be working with the Mennonite ladies to tie quilts. If you and a few friends would like to help the ladies please contact Barb Gleason or Barbara Lewis and we can arrange another day. We are very excited to be able to have our Charity Sew day on January 16 at our new location! Remember its always the third Thursday.

Here's hoping you have lots of fun making projects during the winter. If you have any questions about how to complete a specific project please reach out to one of us. Thanks for all you do to make County Line Quilters the most generous guild!

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

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### **Activities**

The Fat Quarter color for December is YELLOW. Bring TWO yellow fat quarters to be entered into a drawing to win one set of what's received. If you don't have two yellow fat quarters, you can easily make them by purchasing ½ yard of a yellow fabric and separating it on the fold line to yield two 18 X 22 inch fat quarters (and generally doing it this way is less expensive than buying two prepared fat quarters)

Bring \$10 gift cards to Giant supermarket for donation to the New Britain Food Pantry - or purchase one for donation from Lynn Holtzman at our meeting. Don't bring food items for donation as they can no longer be left in our meeting room.

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You can also now make direct donations to the Food Pantry using this link:

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

And don't forget to see Sue Edelman when coming into the meeting to put your name into a members only drawing to win one of two gift cards from our local fabric stores (Byrnes and Stitch Central) Your entry is not automatic, you must see Sue to enter.

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### **Hospitality**

Well our big holiday celebration is upon us! Please remember that we will be providing water as the beverage that night. Any beverage that you bring must be in a closed container so that there are no spills on the carpeting in the room.

Looking forward to celebrating with all of you and thanks to all of those who will be bringing food to share!

Main course - hot or cold but we have no way of heating anything in the kitchen but it will still be good!

Lynn Holtzman  
Marilyn Malik  
Betsy Penzone  
Bev Smith  
Suzie Sergante  
Margaret Wheaton  
Kristin Kern  
Joyce Helstrom  
Rosemarie Malizia  
Bonnie Kane

Side Dish or Salad

Pat Piasecki  
Ellen Matter  
Sylvia O' Neill  
Marilyn Lopez  
Linda Pickett  
Gina Gempesaw  
Judy LaSpino  
Patricia Clayton  
Nancy Williams  
Kit Holmes  
Anita Lehman

Desserts

Jeanne Malone  
Gloria Tafel  
Rose Marie Wert  
Joan Fauser  
Marianne Grey  
Joyce Overberger  
Dee Carr  
MaryBeth Hoff  
Mary Finley  
Vicke Detwiler  
Carol Cotter  
Sharon Mour  
Joanne D'Allura  
Barbara Lewis

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### **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.

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### **Holiday Craft Sale**

CLQ is participating in Keneseth Israel's annual craft sale once again this year as a fundraiser for the guild!

The craft sale is at Keneseth Israel  
Sunday December 8, 9 - 12  
Sunday December 15, 9 - 12

We have reserved two tables. If members would like to help, please send an email to me at [ewatson14@aol.com](mailto:ewatson14@aol.com).



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### **NOTES FROM OUR COMMUNITY**

We received two notes this month thanking us for our philanthropy in the community. Thanks to everyone for contributing to philanthropy!

There is also some information regarding a former guild member who is selling her longarm. See below.

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I see the County Line Quilters have been busy in the last few months! Sharon Moran delivered 75 lovingly made placemats to Manna. I am so grateful for all the hard work and love that goes into making these beautiful mats. We are going to be distributing them with our winter holiday baskets in December. We have a table of gifts that clients may choose one item from when picking up their holiday food. We pair two mats together with ribbon. They are always a favorite pick for our clients. Thanks you so much for continuing to support Manna with your beautiful quilted items.

Blessing to All,  
Susan O'Neil  
Director of Market Operations, Manna on Main Street

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Dear Barb & the County Line Quilters,

Thank you so much for the 50 placemats!  
They really brighten the day of our seniors.  
Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Take Care,  
Trish Vogel  
Ambler Meals on Wheels Coordinator, Montco SAAC

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Former guild member Anne Cowan is helping (another former guild member) Grace Katz's family with the sale of a Sit Down LongArm Machine. It is a BabyLock Tiara and it comes with the table, an extension table and a bobbin winder. It is not stitch regulated and has had very little use.

If any guildmember is interested and need more information (including pricing), please email Anne Cowan at [annelongarm@gmail.com](mailto:annelongarm@gmail.com).

*'Twas the night before Christmas,  
And the quilts were not made.  
The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.  
The stockings weren't hung, the pantry was bare.  
The poor weary Quilter, was tearing her hair.  
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams,  
Visions of Log Cabins, had turned into dreams.*

*When what to her wondering eyes should appear,  
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.  
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,  
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.  
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,  
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.  
Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear Tracks  
Each Quilt was a beauty – even the backs.*

*Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they glowed.  
The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewed.  
Their work was all done, so they folded their frames,  
And packed up their needles, without giving their names.  
They boarded the bus, and checked the next address.  
More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.*

*She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight,  
Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!  
-Author Unknown*





*Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday dear ...*

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Emily Kane - 12/1  
Dee Carr - 12/7  
Beryl Stine - 12/17  
Suzie Sergeant - 12/27

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**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 jdalldesigns@gmail.com